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Congressman Frank Pallone (above) was a guest speaker in Patrick Murray's course "Sandy and the Political and Social Impact."

## Congressman Frank Pallone Speaks to University about Sandy Recovery

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United States Congressman Frank Pallone was the guest speaker in the class, "Sandy and the Political and Social Impact", to discuss his personal experiences regarding Sandy recovery and the aftermath on Thursday, Feb. 20.

Patrick Murray, Director of the Polling Institute and the professor of the class said that when he designed the course, he wanted to have guest speakers from multiple angles to share their Sandy related experience with the students.

"We have been talking about the role of officials at all levels of government and the students have already heard from the New Jersey Senate President, the Monmouth County Sheriff, local mayors, and leaders from the non-profit world. Rep. Pallone gave us the perspective of the federal official who acts

a conduit between his constituents and the federal bureaucracy," said Murray.

Timothy Tracey, research associate at the Polling Institute, worked with Pallone prior to coming to the University. In the direct aftermath, Tracey traveled with the Congressman surveying the damage and disaster response.

"Seeing these efforts first hand helped me obtain an enhanced understanding of some of the immediate needs that often accompany a disaster, and how disaster response efforts demand efficient and effective communication. Travelling with Congressman Pallone in the immediate aftermath of Sandy and in the months after the storm afforded me the opportunity to understand some the most pressing issues facing the state of New Jersey as it began its longer-term rebuilding and recovery efforts," said Tracey.

Pallone represents the sixth legis-

lative district which stretches from Woodbridge to Asbury Park. Pallone said he was elected on environmental issues and related how the environmental factors contributed to Sandy.

Pallone spoke at length about climate change response. He said prevention is the key. The Congressman addressed those he said in the Republican Party who "deny the science." He said the big question with climate change is, "How do you respond to climate change?"

Pallone spent time talking about how he was in awe of the humanitarian effort that followed the storm. "The volunteers help came on its own. It was neighbors or people in town, it was just overwhelming," said Pallone. The Congressman said he was also evacuated like many others in the shore area. He

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## The Outlook Celebrates 80 Years

ANGELA CIROALO  
NEWS EDITOR

The Outlook Student-Run Newspaper held their first alumni event in honor of their 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the Eyas Lounge of the Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC) during the St. Peter's basketball game on Saturday, Feb. 22.

Over 40 Outlook alumni guests from as early as 1965 attended the event with family and friends. During the event, alumni were joined by current Outlook staff members, professors and other faculty to enjoy hors d'oeuvres and cake while discussing the many memories and changes the newspaper has seen over the decades.

John Morano, Outlook advisor for the past 25 years and communication professor, said, "[The paper] changed in some of its design, the use of color, the web presence, the new facility in the Plangere Center. But really, it's what hasn't changed that's striking to me."

Morano added, though many

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## New Graduate Program Crosses the Leon Hess Business School and the School of Science

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A new graduate degree, Master of Science in Information Systems (MSIS), created to teach students how to process, manage and store data, was approved and will be offered to students in fall 2014. The program is the first cross-school program available to students in the School of Science and the Leon Hess Business School.

Dr. Michael Palladino, Dean of the School of Science, said 60 percent of courses for the program will be offered in computer science and software engineering and the remaining 40 percent will be offered in business courses.

According to Graduate Admissions, an information system is "a bridge between computing and business," and the technology used in information systems gives businesses a competitive edge in the marketplace. Information systems can benefit any business, ranging from healthcare to retail.

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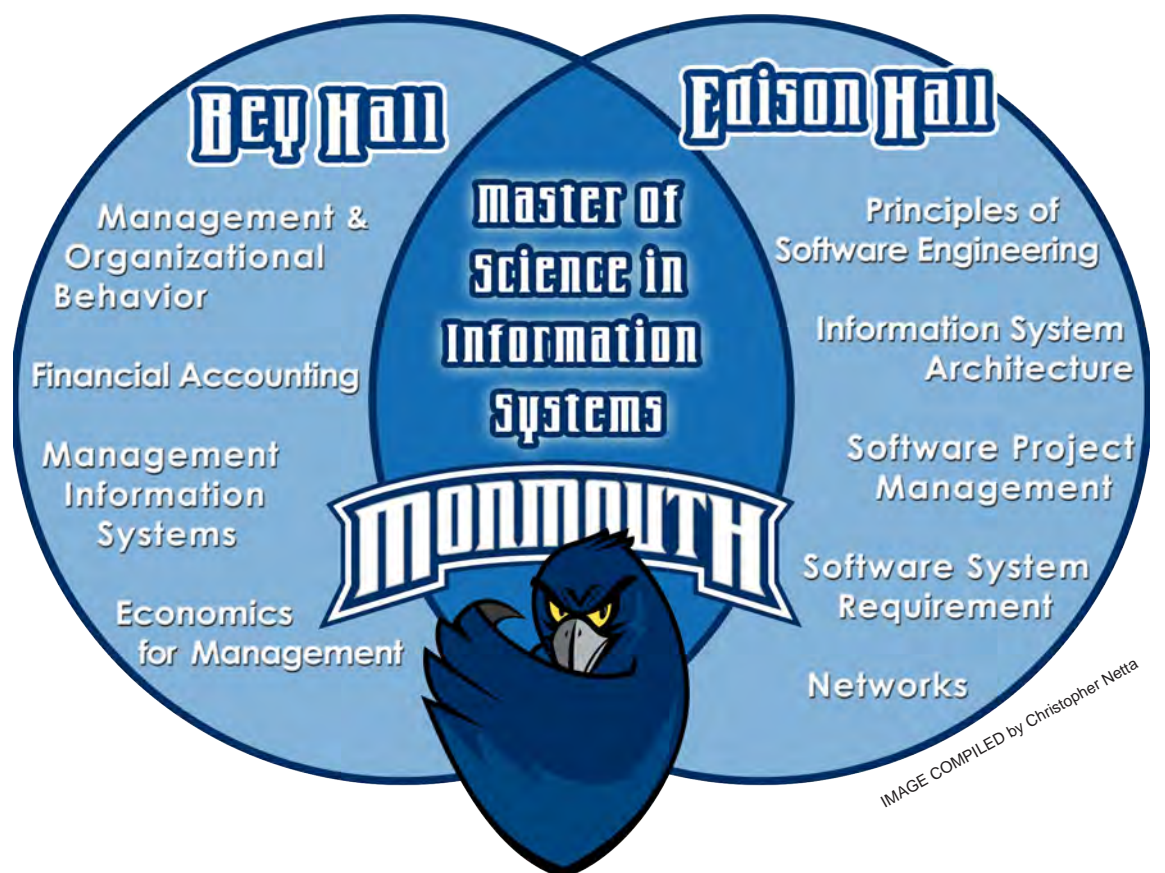


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# Alpha Phi Sigma Raises Money for Local K-9 Unit

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Alpha Phi Sigma, the University's Criminal Justice Honor Society, hosted their third annual "Paws for a Cause" fundraiser to raise money for bulletproof vests for the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit on Wednesday, Feb. 19.

This fundraiser, held in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center's Anacon Hall featured some of Monmouth County's police officers and their canine counterparts.

During the event, which ran from 2:30 to 4 pm, the Monmouth County Sheriff's Officers used the dogs to demonstrate basic obedience training, as well as the various drug and bomb locating skills that the canines use in real life crime situations.

The event also featured a bake sale and a paw-print coloring station where people who donated to the cause were able to decorate their very own paw-print. These illustrations will eventually be hung on the walls of the Sheriff's Office as a way to raise awareness for the county's need for canine bulletproof vests. Door prizes were also given to a number of lucky guests.

"I enjoyed the different demonstrations and seeing the different

things the dogs could do, like sniff out drugs and bombs and attack at the command of their trainer," said Eryn Siddall, a junior psychology major.

**"Just as human police officers are vital in protecting the welfare of the public, the canines are also officers that risk their lives to protect us."**

KATIE MUSA  
President of Alpha Phi Sigma

According to the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), most canines chosen to be police dogs are German Shepherds. "Chosen for their loyalty to one per-

son, intelligence and trainability, German Shepherds are noted for their ability to learn a number of tasks and perform them well," according to the DEC's website.

The dogs that are working in canine units across the country are exposed to just as much danger as the officers who train them.

"Just as human police officers are vital in protecting the welfare of the public, the canines are also officers that risk their lives to protect us," said Katie Musa, President of Alpha Phi Sigma and a senior criminal justice major. "These bulletproof vests are very expensive so Alpha Phi Sigma wants to give back and share [their] appreciation by raising money to vest a canine that needs protection."

Although admission to the event was free, Alpha Phi Sigma highly encouraged everyone in attendance to make a donation. Musa said that a total of \$260 was raised at the event and that the criminal justice department is still accepting donations. There will be a check ceremony on Mar. 26 where all the money raised will be presented to the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit.

Amy Rochette, a junior criminal justice major, said, "Overall, I think the event was a huge success. I

know we raised a significant amount of money for the canines and raised awareness, which is always the goal. We also had a huge amount of people come out in support, which is great."



PHOTO COURTESY of Monmouth County Sheriff's Office

Canine police dogs are used to assist police officers and other law-enforcement personnel while on the job.

# New Masters Program Blends Business and Science

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Information systems is a quickly growing field that is essential for nearly every business, government agency, hospital, and nonprofit organization, according to Palladino. He said the Bureau of Labor Statistics predicted there will be 800,000 new information systems jobs available in 2016 with an average salary of \$71,260.

Graduate students in this program can choose to take a technology track or a management track, according to the Office of Graduate Admissions. Both options cover the software life cycle, information technology management and business strategic management with emphasis on a student's selected track. This program requires 30-45 credits depending on prior academic work and are required to produce a thesis before completing their degree.

In creating the program, faculty worked with the Computer Science and Software Engineering Advisory Committee, a group of experts working to make the University aware of key issues in their field, Palladino explained.

Palladino said the University also received input about the program from companies such as CommVault and The U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs which has a high

demand for people trained in information systems.

Dr. James McDonald, associate professor of software engineering, said that students studying business, computer science and software engineering would likely be interested in this program, but it would be beneficial to a variety of students. Applicants must have a minimum 2.5 overall GPA and a minimum

available to our students who study for and earn a degree that blends science and business," Palladino said. "These students will have developed a very marketable skill set and background."

Kandria Ledesma, a senior biology major, said, "As a biology major and member of Enactus, the entrepreneurial organization of the business school, I believe this collaboration will benefit both schools

are pursuing an IT minor are well suited for this program. "Because of the two different tracks, students with either a business background or a technical background in computer science or software engineering can move seamlessly into the MSIS program," said Palladino.

Palladino added, "Given that we live in a world that is increasingly dependent on science and technology, greater collaboration between science faculty and faculty in other schools will help us create highly valuable and current curriculum options for students."

Though McDonald said that there has not been much student response yet, Amanda Billotti, marine and environmental biology and policy major, said, "I support the creation of the information systems major. It seems like an up and coming field and will incorporate a large range of business and science related jobs. I would possibly consider getting a Master's in this area in the future."

In order to create a new Master's program, the specific department puts together a proposal which goes through a chain of approvals, including the Enrollment Management Organization, the Faculty Council, the Board of Trustees, and the state of NJ, according to McDonald. The process of proposing the MSIS program began in June, 2013.

McDonald said that although the degree is new to the University, most of the courses in the curriculum already exist. Therefore, no new faculty will be hired to teach the classes required for the MSIS.

One new course has been added for this program, however. The Management Information System practicum is a two-semester course that students take at the end of their studies. "Basically what they do is get a series of lectures on business topics in the course and then they have to work on a project," said McDonald. "They have to produce something that's useful."

McDonald said that the opportunity to offer these classes and work experience at the Master's level is the most exciting aspect of this program. "I spent most of my career doing those sorts of things in industry," said McDonald. "I worked in industry for 36 years and this is exactly what people need to do to work in industry."

The Graduate Admissions Office will be holding a Dean's reception and information session about the MSIS on Friday, March 7 from 3 pm to 4 pm in Wilson Hall for students interested in pursuing a MSIS.

For more information on the program, visit [monmouth.edu/school-of-science/ms-information-systems.aspx](http://monmouth.edu/school-of-science/ms-information-systems.aspx).

**"I believe this collaboration will benefit both schools by providing different resources which can enable and promote growth within the student body."**

KANDRIA LEDESMA  
Senior

3.0 GPA within their undergraduate major to apply.

An MSIS graduate degree can help students earn jobs such as a business systems analyst, software project manager, software requirements developer, and information technology operations manager, according to Graduate Admissions.

"I am excited about the future career opportunities that will be

by providing different resources which can enable and promote growth within the student body."

Ledesma added that business and science students will benefit from each other's skills. She believes this will help healthcare and administration job fields especially.

Though the University does not currently have an undergraduate information technology (IT) major, Palladino said that students who

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# Hawk TV and WMCX Host Rock 'N Raise

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The University held its fourth annual Rock 'N Raise event in Jules L. Plangere Jr. Center for Communication on Friday, Feb. 21 to raise funds for The American Cancer Society and Relay For Life. The student-run television station, *Hawk TV*, and the student-run radio station, *WMCX*, hosted the event and raised over \$1,800, the largest profit gained in the history of the event.

Relay For Life will take place Friday, April 25 at the University. According to relayforlife.org, "...communities across the globe come together [for the event] to honor cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against a disease that has already taken too much."

To raise money for this cause, University organizations hosted a battle of the bands and broadcasted the performances through *WMCX* and *Hawk TV*. The performing bands included Strangers You Know, From The Ground, Diego and Lot 25, and The Gray Americans. There were also three acoustic performers showcased during the fundraiser; Natalie Zeller, Bri Meriman and Brian Perrino.

The winners, The Gray Americans, won Avid Pro Tools, a digital audio program.

Belinda Rao, *Hawk TV*'s executive producer and a senior communication major, said promoting and preparing for the event involved a lot of work. "We sent out press releases, flyers on campus, commercials on *Hawk TV* and *WMCX*,

printed an ad in *The Outlook*, and promoted it at local restaurants," Rao said. *Hawk TV* was responsible for finding bands and crew, writing scripts, and meeting with advisors, producers and the director to prepare for the event, she added.

Kelly Brockett, CEO of the Shadow PR firm and co-President of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA), reached out to different organizations on campus to help support the fundraiser and also to promote their own causes.

Kristi Silver, co-President of the Shadow PR Firm PRSSA Chapter, said, "We tabled at the event to promote... the first ever dance-a-thon at Monmouth."

Silver said the event is taking place to raise money for The Valerie Fund, a not-for-profit organization that aims to provide comprehensive health care and support for children with cancer and rare blood disorders. "We will donate the money we raise to the local center at Monmouth Medical; therefore we are specifically helping children within our community," Silver added.

Along with PRSSA, *Hawk TV*, *WMCX*, and Relay For Life, the other local organizations that tabled at the event included *The Outlook*, The Residential Hall Association (RHA), Boom Roasted Productions (the University's student-run theatre group) and COREiculum.

Andy Stern, Founder and COREiculum Professor, attended the event in honor of his organization. "I work closely with PRSSA, who invited me to support the cause. With COREiculum starting at

Monmouth, we always like to come back and support great events and causes. The event itself is important because every dollar raised is one dollar closer to finding a cure," Stern said.

COREiculum's table showcased a pinwheel featuring eight different exercises. When a student spun the wheel and completed the exercise, COREiculum donated a dollar to the Relay For Life cause.

Along with the support of local groups, *Hawk TV* and *WMCX* also raised funds through other means. The organization gained money through ticket sales. The tickets were sold for \$3 prior to the event and \$5 at the door. They also sold food and drinks, such as hotdogs, chips, soda, and Relay For Life

items.

Luminaria bags were sold for decoration at \$5 apiece. According to relayforlife.org, "Luminaria bags are transformed and illuminated after dark at every local Relay For Life event. Each luminaria is personalized with a name, photo, message or drawing in memory or honor of a friend or loved one who has been affected by cancer... Each luminaria candle represents a person."

During Relay For Life, teams camp out overnight and take turns walking or running around a track or specified area. The event is up to 24 hours long and, "because cancer never sleeps," each team must have at least one participant walking on the course at all times, relayforlife.org explained.

The website added, "Every year, the Relay For Life movement raises more than \$400 million. The American Cancer Society puts these donations to work, investing in groundbreaking research in every type of cancer and providing free information and services to cancer patients and their caregivers. We're fighting for every birthday threatened by every cancer, in your community and everyone else's."

Rachel Gramuglia, Associate Producer of *Hawk TV* and a junior communication major, said Rock N' Raise was a successful event. "I personally think that the event couldn't have gone any better. Everything was fluid, the transitions were smooth, and no one felt out of place."



PHOTO COURTESY of Rachel Gramuglia

The *Hawk TV* crew poses for a picture after raising \$1,800 at their event, Rock 'N Raise.

## Students Perform Flash Mob to Raise Awareness

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CLUB & GREEK EDITOR

The University's Shadow PR Firm and Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) chapter organized a flash mob in the Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC) during the men's basketball game on Saturday, Feb. 22.

The flash mob was aimed to spread awareness for "Monmouth Hawks Dance Together," a six-hour dance-a-thon that will be held to benefit The Valerie Fund, a not-for-profit organization that aims to provide comprehensive health care and support for children with cancer and rare blood disorders.

According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, a flash mob is "a sudden mass gathering (that is) unanticipated, except by participants who communicate electronically [and externally]."

Members of the chapter worked cooperatively with the Dance Team, Cheerleading Team, students enrolled in Dr. Sheila McAllister's Event Planning class, general students, faculty, and staff to perform a dance routine to Jennifer Lopez and Pitbull's collaboration "Live it

Up." The dance included a total of 50 performers. The flash mob occurred during a media timeout in the second half of the game with only a little over seven minutes left of playing time.

Eddy Occhipinti, Assistant Athletics Director for Marketing, believes this was the first flash mob to take place in the MAC at a University basketball game. He said, "I do think the flash mob, in addition to Saturday's game being televised on ESPN3, our retiring of Miles Austin's jersey and our honoring of our women's soccer team for winning the first MAAC Championship in school history this season, helped increase student attendance at the game... It all came together to make for a pretty special night."

Kelly Brockett, co-President of PRSSA, said, "I think the flash mob turned out as best as it could be. I wish we could have had more students involved, but it went well." Brockett said it was hard to coordinate the students' schedules in order to reach optimum participation, especially with other events occurring on the same night, such as "Winter Ball" hosted by the Residence Hall Association (RHA).

"The fact that we were able to go out there, spread awareness of The Valerie Fund, and pull this off with the amount of people that we did is something to be proud of," added Brockett.

PRSSA started working with The Valerie Fund as a client during the fall semester, and has since been working on sponsoring "Monmouth Hawks Dance Together," an event that will take place on Friday, April 4 from 6 pm to midnight in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center (RSSC). The event will benefit The Valerie Fund's Children's Center for Cancer of The Unterberg Children's Hospital at Monmouth Medical Center.

Bunny Flanders, Director of Marketing and Communications at The Valerie Fund, said, "Initially, PRSSA wanted to set a goal and raise \$10,000 for the dance-a-thon, but I feel that goal is too low. PRSSA at Monmouth University is so extraordinary I have a feeling they are going to raise \$25,000. There are some really extraordinary leaders [in their chapter] and I am impressed with all of them."

When asked what motivated PRSSA to start working with this

not-for-profit organization, Brockett responded, "It is a great cause so close to home. There are children within our own community, down the street, fighting a battle that they should not have to fight. I think that it is important for University students to get involved and donate or spread the word to help these children out so they can look up to and be inspired by college students in their community."

McAllister, co-advisor of PRSSA, said there are many established non-profit organizations and the competition for donations is fierce. The mission of PRSSA, therefore, is to increase awareness of The Valerie Fund and breakthrough the media clutter surrounding non-profits in order to bring a call to action and increase donations. "There are still these kids with cancer," McAllister said, "and there are these families that need support. Everyone is feeling it. And nobody understands that hardship unless they've lived that. The Valerie Fund is a great cause and it is definitely deserved of attention. They have proven themselves."

Practices for the flash mob were choreographed by dancer and choreographer Lauren-Beth Kassinger on Sunday, Feb. 16 and Wednesday, Feb. 19. According to Kristi Silver, co-President of PRSSA, the student attendance at the practices was disappointing. Silver mostly blames a lack of school spirit on the lack of overall student involvement in the flash mob.

Brockett said, "I think that this school has two extremes when it comes to student involvement; there are many students at this school that are super involved and super focused with their respective activities and organizations that it is difficult for them to commit to another club or organization's events or activities, and then, on the contrary, there are some students that are not involved on campus at all."

These two extremes, according to

Brockett, made it difficult to effectively coordinate a flash mob, which ended up falling short of overall expectations.

As a result of the lack of participation, the two PRSSA presidents decided they should begin advertising the flash mob via social media to gain interest while also withholding the date, time, and location of the routine to the public to maintain the element of surprise.

Ashley Suppa, Captain of the Cheerleading Team, said this was the Cheerleading Team's first time participating in a flash mob. She said, "I feel that the flash mob is a really great way to benefit a non-profit organization because it is a fun and unique way to get a big number of students together for a good cause." Suppa said the dance looked a little challenging, but it only took her and her fellow teammates a few practices to master, so students did not need to feel frightened or hesitant to join the flash mob.

Brockett thanked athletics and the Dance and Cheerleading teams for their willingness to participate.

Kyle McKenna, a junior public relations student and participant in the flash mob, said he believes the flash mob was a great means of communicating the dance-a-thon, in addition to having the announcer briefly talk about the organization sporadically throughout the game as well as displaying the logo for the event on the big screen above the court. He said, "I really admire The Valerie Fund and Bunny who came to speak to PRSSA earlier this year... We raised awareness for this non-for-profit in front of thousands of people."

PRSSA had a table stationed at the game with brochures, bracelets, and registration sheets for "Monmouth Hawks Dance Together." Although less than \$100 in donations were given at the game, Brockett and Silver believe this is the start for PRSSA's biggest event of the semester.



PHOTO COURTESY of Mary Harris

The Flash Mob was made up of PRSSA members, the cheerleading team, dance team and students.

# University Introduces Advanced Social Media Course

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NEWS EDITOR

The University Communication Department introduced a new course this semester, Advanced Social Media, allowing students to learn to brand and professionally manage social media platforms for a company successfully.

Mary Harris, creator and professor of the Advanced Social Media course, saw a need to expand the original social media course to better prepare students for a job in social media. The advanced class will allow students to surpass the basics of managing social media and learn to confidently pitch their social media skills to potential employers, Harris explained.

"Social media is not just a fun thing to do," said Chad Dell, Chair of the Communication Department. "It's also a really important tool that businesses and organizations use to communicate with their customers and with the public."

LinkedIn, a social media platform used for job searching, conducted a study based on user information and found that social media professions increased 1,300 percent from 2010 to 2013. The study also found that over five million people included "social media" to their list of skills on their LinkedIn profiles.

The use of social media has not only increased among adults and children, but also among businesses owners. A full range of small and large businesses are increasingly making use of social media platforms, LinkedIn determined in a recent study reported by Mashable.com. "Roughly 81 percent of small

to medium businesses are using social media ... and of those that use social media, 94 percent do so for marketing purposes," Mashable.com reported.

There are many reasons companies are choosing social media sites to increase business. Kelly Brockett, a senior communication major currently in the Advanced Social Media course, explained that companies use social media to share information and updates about their business, engage with their customers while also seeking to reach a larger audience.

Community Coffee, a small company founded in Baton Rouge, LA in 1919, increased

dia platforms from a business perspective. This takes a lot of training and creativity."

When Harris recognized the potential for marketing businesses through social media and the many occupations developing in the field, she realized that University needed a more advanced class. "I couldn't cover everything I needed to cover [in the Social Media in Public Relations course] with only a 15-week class," said Harris.

Throughout the class students are asked to manage social media for a company or organization, they are also given the opportunity to brand themselves as a marketable social media

Brockett explained that the class is beneficial to University students involved in the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) because social media is a commonly used strategy to promote businesses and companies. Brockett said she is using the information she learned from her social media class to promote an upcoming event that PRSSA is presenting.

"I have a small team helping me craft social media posts to promote our dance-a-thon, Hawks Dance Together, event coming up in April," said Brockett. "All students that have taken [the Social Media in Public Relations], have cre-

important for students to experience both platforms in the classroom "because if you're not actively engaging online, you're not really getting that experience, you're not figuring out where all of the functions are and how to use it," she said.

Dell, who approved the course, explained that knowledge of social media is especially important for public relations students who are using it as an important tool. "It makes absolute sense to have courses in social media, to know how to best leverage that tool," said Dell.

Dell continued to explain that social media is another form of language in the communication field, similar to broadcast, radio and print. "I want students who come out with a communication degree to be adept at speaking a range of languages," he added.

The Advanced Social Media class is currently a trial run. Harris said it is classified as a special topics course until it is approved as a regular course.

The objectives of the course listed in the description include analyzing a company's social media presence holistically, creating a professional analysis and strategic social media plan for a company, understanding audience engagement, learning to use multiple platform capabilities and building a virtual following through organic and paid strategies.

"Hopefully we will have more classes like this so that people can look to Monmouth for advice and they will want to hire our students because they know that our students will know what is current and know what is really going on in the industry," said Harris.

**"Social media is not just a fun thing to do...It's also a really important tool that businesses and organizations use to communicate with their customers and with the public."**

CHAD DELL

Chair of the Communication Department

their exposure dramatically using their social media presence. Community Coffee was selected as Inc.com's top 20 best company Facebook pages.

Due to the rise in social media use among businesses, Brockett believes students must be educated on how to effectively manage their accounts, while confidently improving their business function through social media. "Many job descriptions nowadays are including knowledge of social media and digital media as skill requirements," said Brockett. "You have to know how to promote a business or a brand via several social me-

consultant or professional. Harris explained that the objective of the course is to act as if it were a real job and to manage the company or organization's social media, to learn all that goes into the profession.

The new course is offered through the Communication Department, although it is available to students of all majors. The one prerequisite is the introductory social media course, Social Media in Public Relations. Of the students currently taking the Advanced Social Media course one is a business major and one is a psychology major, Harris said.

ated posts that receive much more engagement versus posts that are created by students that have not yet taken the class."

Social media courses taught in college are nothing new, although Harris explained that the setup of her class is what sets it apart. "A lot of schools teach courses like this, but not in a lab, there's no hands-on component," said Harris.

The Advanced Social Media class was designed to teach students in a small environment, allowing them to actively engage with one another, ask questions and learn together, Harris said.

Harris explained that it is

## Outlook Alumni Reunite and Reminisce

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features of the newspaper have changed, the dedication that *The Outlook* staff members put forth each year has not, and continues years after year. look staff members put forth each year has not, and continues years after year.

Many alumni returned to campus for the first time in several years. Jeffrey Newenhouse, 1976 alumnus and previous *Outlook* staff photographer, and his wife saw the MAC and the Jules Plangere Jr. Center for Communication for the first time. "It was great to come back to the school and see all of the changes. Everything is so beautiful," Newenhouse said.

Newenhouse was most impressed about the new *Outlook* office. "The *Outlook* used to be in the second floor of an old house," said Newenhouse. He explained the old house was surrounded by a chicken farm and provided a limited amount of equipment.

Gale Peaceman Lackner, 1975 alumnus and 1973 to 1974 Editor-in-Chief of *The Outlook*, also remembers the old *Outlook* office building. She discussed the changes to the building and how the layout of the paper has evolved over the years.

"The varityper made the headlines," Peaceman Lackner said. "Each letter was chosen from a round wheel. Once you chose the letters for the headline it was printed, similar to a label maker, and then cut out and pasted."

Peaceman Lackner said during the 1970s the entire paper was pasted together, there were no fancy computers or gadgets like there are today. "Somebody would write an

article, they would have to sit down and type it out on the type writer. [The secretary] would sit down at the giant computer, a type setter, and type up anything anybody gave her. Then it would print out in the columns and we would have to glue it all down," Peaceman Lackner said.

Advertisements often included hand written messages and the borders were made from tape, Peaceman Lackner explained. The function of laying out the newspaper was very different years ago.

A majority of Newenhouse's memories from *The Outlook* were spent photographing the many protests on campus. "It was a delicate time on campus," Newnhouse said.

During the 1970s the biggest campus news often involved a protest in Wilson Hall or on the Great Lawn, Newenhouse explained.

Newenhouse said while working for *The Outlook*, the Kent State University shooting in Ohio had recently occurred and the Vietnam War was underway, thus causing many students to hold protests. "During those years there were stake-outs on the Great Lawn overnight ... They also took over Wilson Hall for a day." Newenhouse photographed each of these events and *The Outlook* reported on them.

Peaceman Lackner, added that during her years working for *The Outlook*, the protests also occurred in reaction to Richard Nixon's resignation and the University's decision to switch from campus security to campus police officers.

*The Outlook* reported on the decision because many students were not happy about police officers walking the campus with guns, Peaceman

Lackner said. She explained that the day the paper came out with the story, every issue disappeared. "We don't know where they went, but we reprinted it," said Lackner.

The alumni each expressed the amount of dedication they put forth during their years on campus and how it impacted their careers. Newenhouse said his position as a staff photographer at *The Outlook* directly impacted his choice in career. Prior to joining *The Outlook*, Newenhouse had no photography experience. He was a social work major in college and foresaw himself in a completely different line of work.

Post-graduation, Newenhouse recognized his new passion and pursued a Master's Degree in photography. He eventually became a photography professor, which he continued for a number of years.

Ed Morlock, 2013 alumnus, also attributes his current job to the skills he learned at *The Outlook*. "The work that I did while at *The Outlook* is exactly what I do at my current job," said Morlock. "The only difference is that *The Outlook* was once a week and this is every day."

Morlock, currently the Paginator at *The Trentonian*, said he is using the same skills and programs *The Outlook* staff uses and it "couldn't have prepared [him] any more than it did."

Arthur Lackner, 1974 alumnus, and Editor-in-Chief of *The Outlook* during 1972 - 1973, started his own type-setting business using his experience at *The Outlook*.

"My husband had a business for 23 years doing [newspaper work] after *The Outlook*," Peaceman Lackner, wife of Arthur Lackner, said. "He did writing and editing for all



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Kenneth Dalecki (left), 1965 University graduate and previous *Outlook* staff member, attended the alumni event with his wife Alice Dalecki (right).

of the papers in the area, he had his own type-setting equipment."

Not all *Outlook* staff members graduate with jobs in journalism or use their experience learned, although many receive a related job.

Jenna Intersimone, 2013 alumnus and previous *Outlook* co-news editor, studied to be a journalist, however, she is currently working in advertising for the *Asbury Park Press*.

Overall, the alumni enjoyed the event and the opportunity to meet previous and present *Outlook* staff. "It was wonderful, a bit moving, to see generations of *Outlook* members all gathered together in the same room," said Morano. "Many of these people are like family to me. In a sense, it was almost a family reunion."

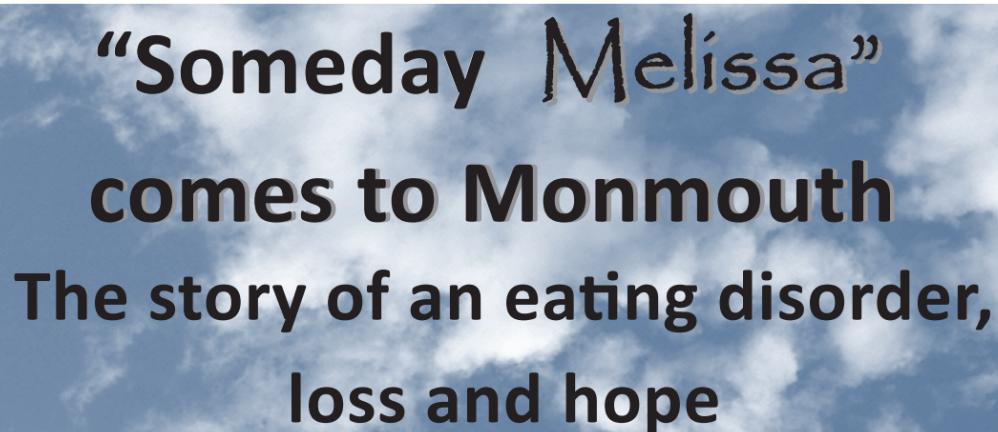
Jacklyn Kouefati, current *Outlook* Editor-in-Chief, said, "I think the event went really well. We never did anything like this before so I didn't know what to expect, but we

had a great turnout."

Dr. Chad Dell, Chair of the Communication Department, said *The Outlook* alumni event was nothing short of terrific. "It was wonderful to see members of *The Outlook* from across the generations sharing their experiences, rekindling friendships and making new ones. It was a great turnout to a great event."

The success of the event is attributed to Sandy Brown, *The Outlook* office coordinator. Brown planned the event and organized each aspect. Morano said she deserves a "newsroom of credit," and was very happy with the result of the evening. "She planned an event fitting of an 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary," Morano added.

"Everyone in this room is directly responsible in some way for the success of this newspaper and the fact that it's been here for 80 years and I don't see why it's not going to be here for 80 years more," said Morano.



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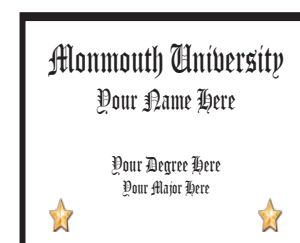
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Graduation Wasn't Always at PNC ...

THE OUTLOOK STAFF OPINION

Graduation is a bittersweet time of year. The college journey comes to an end but the future lies ahead for thousands of graduating students after every semester. For University students, commencement means gathering at PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel for the celebratory ceremony, yet, it wasn't always that way.

Prior to the move to PNC about 10 years ago, graduation was held on the Great Lawn where the soccer field is now. Faculty lined the walkways near classroom buildings as students said their final goodbyes. According to faculty members who attended the on-campus ceremony, it was a personal and sentimental experience. It also allowed guests to enjoy the scenic landscape the University has to offer.

However, after inclement weather left people drenched, the University decided to move the ceremony to PNC, where it has remained to this day.

The Outlook editorial staff discussed what it would be like to bring graduation back to campus. Most agreed that the ceremony would be more practical and functional if it remained at PNC.

Editors recognized that there are many problems with having the ceremony on campus grounds. Amount of tickets, weather and comfort were factors that led most toward PNC.

Overall, when all elements were put into consideration, the staff decided PNC would be the better option.

One editor said, "PNC just makes more sense, unfortunately. I wish we could have [graduation] on campus, but I know people who are still trying to get more tickets to graduation at PNC. I'd rather not have to tell my grandmother that she can't come because it's raining."

For this semester's upcoming graduation in May, students will receive five tickets to distribute to fam-

ality of the ceremony. An editor said that they would rather have graduation at PNC to avoid the chance of rain ruining the entire ceremony.

Still, the staff did recognize the positives of bringing graduation back to campus. One editor said, "Campus has been our home for the last four years and it would be much more personal and sentimental if we could have that final ceremony on campus with our friends and faculty that have become our family over the course of our education."

Despite the many factors that made editors apprehensive to the idea, they noted that commencement would be more personal on campus. They thought that the overall experience would be en-

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joyable and allow students to experience the grounds for a final time. An editor said, "This was where our college career has been; the campus has meaning to me because I've spent so much time and experienced so much on it. Therefore, having it on campus would be more meaningful."

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**CORRECTION:** Last week, in a story headlined "Student Loan Debt in New Jersey Increases Over the Past Five Years" The Outlook reported that students who graduated in 2013 would have \$30,798 in student loan debt and 75 percent of students would have debt. The correct information is \$34,810 for the 2012 school year, with 72 percent of students graduating with debt. In another story headlined "A Match Made in Heaven," The Outlook captioned a photo recognizing Tau Delta Phi. Tau Delta Phi is not officially recognized by the University. If, for any reason, these two inaccuracies have caused misunderstandings or problems, The Outlook regrets that.

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# Spring Break Body Ready?

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The countdown is on - three weeks to spring break. If you are lucky enough to be leaving snowy, dreadfully cold weather, you probably have several pictures of Victoria's Secret models taped all over your refrigerators for body motivation just in time for that exotic vacation. I am guilty of it too and I'm not even going to be in a bikini anytime soon.

Most girls on a college campus have been extreme dieting and hitting those late night gym sessions after class to look their best when hitting the beach.

Now let's be realistic for a minute. No fad or crash diet is going to get you to look like Miranda Kerr in three short weeks. Honestly, you should really be embracing whatever size or shape you are and love yourself for who you are.

However, if you really want to be serious and take up a healthier lifestyle, it does require weeks and even months in advance of hard work and will power. If you already planned ahead and have been diligently drinking your green smoothies and eating salads, you are on the right track.

So what do you do when you have been pigging out on Chipotle every day for lunch and hitting up Taco Bell for a midnight snack and your vacation is creeping up? For starters, put down that quesadilla you're munching on and listen up.

If you want to be a healthier version of yourself by the time you board that plane for spring break, or just in general, there are a few healthy remedies that I personally am a fan of and swear by.

A few tricks to lose that bloated feeling and get you feeling lighter is by drinking warm water with lemon first thing in the morning. According to womenshealth.com, "A mug of hot lemon water in the morning wakes up your digestive system and helps get things mov-

ing. You can also drink green tea with lemon if you don't like the taste of warm lemon water on its own."

Another suggestion that may be a little trickier, as I have been wanting to try, yet haven't had the discipline to, is to try going dairy free a few days before your trip. Many people feel belly discomfort after eating dairy. If that's you, leave out the cream and yogurt from your morning breakfast.

I love dairy and I incorporate it into almost anything so I have yet had the guts to completely eliminate it, but I will soon try it because I hear going dairy free makes a remarkable difference.

Sounding like a broken record, an extremely important health tip is to remember to drink plenty of water throughout your days, especially before you break out the bikini. Drinking the right amount of water not only does wonders to your skin and hair, it is excellent for trying to get rid of stomach bloat, because who wants that yucky feeling anyway?

For lunch or dinner, try adding some asparagus to your meal. As stated on yahoo.healthyliving.com, "Asparagus encourages digestive health by stimulating the growth of good bacteria in your body. Eat a dinner that's heavy with the veggies and add a lean protein like chicken or fish for further debloating properties."

I know as college students it is ridiculously hard to get a decent night's sleep but this is another very important tip for looking your best. Get off Instagram and get some shut eye.

Most of these suggestions are ones I have tried and it works for me. Everyone's body is different, yet these are healthy tips that you should follow in general, even if you will be spending your spring break binge watching on Netflix.

Having confidence is the best tip of advice I can give. Flaunt and embrace your beautiful curves.

# The Detrimental Effects of List Articles

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Lists are a great thing; useful in so many way. Great when you need to remember what to get while grocery shopping or to remind yourself what needs to get done. However, lists are not ideal when it comes to expressing your thoughts.

There has been a recent trend in the past year of people becoming obsessed with "listicles" (articles + lists). They're short, to the point, and sometimes come with a cute little moving picture. Maybe it is our generation's attention span, where the thought of reading a well thought-out article seems more like a daunting task than an enjoyable experience.

*The New Yorker* actually did a study that showed people's minds prefer lists because they take the hard work out of reading, proving they could have detrimental effects on people's ability to write.

If we keep reading these listicles, your brain may no longer want to do the heavy lifting when it comes to writing essays of your own.

We scroll through our Twitter feeds with news, jokes, and people's activities in snippets of no more than 140 characters. Our generation is becoming more and more inclined to think in the short term, with undeveloped, under-explained thoughts.

Lists are aiding in the deterioration of the way people think. Information is thrown at us all day long in brief, short segments, the last thing we want to do in our down time is to read lists after lists of short, brief, underdeveloped ideas.

We go through our entire day with flashes of information, the less we get of that the better.

As lists become more and more popular, less people write full detailed articles. With so many people not enjoying a good book on

top of that, where will these people learn to write?

Reading in general is one of the best ways to improve one's writing skills. If everything is written in list form, people's minds will start to think in lists and condensed thoughts.

The structure of a well written essay will become more and more distant through future generations. You would never write a term paper in list form, why would you write your thoughts out in list form?

Writing is a beautiful thing and the thoughts behind some of these listicles are so interesting, why not explain and form each thought into a great essay?

People extinguish the great potential their thoughts have by categorizing and listing; leaving little room for explanation and expansion on these thoughts.

Now I am not saying I don't enjoy a listicle every once and a while. Some of them are really funny. But how many people need to tell me 20 things I should do in my twenties?

Authors and writers should take one of those points and expand it into a beautiful well written piece of journalism. Tell of the experi-

ence behind one of their points and why that makes it so important.

On a side note, if our generation is moving more and more towards these listicles, can the writers at least try to use some creativity in the title?

The titles all say the same thing; a number followed by exactly what the list is proving. "Ten Reasons Dad's Are the Best," "Twelve Reasons Why You Should Be Single," "Five Things You Will Regret," "Twenty-five Ways to Be a Better You." Adding some spark to the title cannot be that hard to do.

The creativity and writing is already squandered in the article, is it too much to ask to at least think of a creative or differentiating title?

Just in this article alone I have given you three reasons why lists are detrimental, and did not have to number, categorize, nor bold a title to each reason.

My thoughts are clearly integrated into a piece of writing. My only hope is that listicles are a fad and soon people will have the urge to take their thoughts and expand upon them.

Until then, escape to books, look for well written articles and try to stay away from listicles, trust me, your writing will thank you later.



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Buzzfeed.com is a popular website that is filled with "listicles" on a variety of topics, everything ranging from food to pop culture.

# Keep Calm and Just Graduate ...Whenever You Can

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STAFF WRITER

May 2015 - the long anticipated date that I have been waiting for since the first day of freshman year.

This is the date that I have been writing for almost three whole years on every job, internship, and summer program application.

May 2015 is my expected graduation date. The word, "expected" scares me because expected does not mean definite, it is more like your graduation date is an estimate of when you'll finally complete all of the credits the school requires you to fulfill. What if May 2015 comes along and I'm not walking across that long stage with the rest of my classmates?

When I entered the University as a freshman, I never gave second guessed when I would be graduating, it was always May 2015. But now with being only a little over a year away from the actual date, I find myself stressing out more than I ever have.

My major never changed, so luckily my sequence chart is successfully being filled, but my life plans have changed and unfortunately there is no sequence chart for that.

When I started off as a chemistry major I wanted to graduate,

go onto obtaining my master's degree, and eventually work for a big cosmetics company, working my way up to making five-digit figures. Is that my plan now? Not so much.

Last year I realized that I want to do more with chemistry, and wanted to pursue more than just my masters. I decided that

I want to go to pharmacy school. Unfortunately, pharmacy does require some biological knowledge; something you do not get any of as a chemistry major.

That is where my dilemma comes in. I have two years to finish my bachelor's degree and fulfill all the biology requirements pharmacy school is asking for and that is without a guarantee that I'll actually get in. So that makes me question, why is when you actually graduate so significant? Honestly, it is not. Who cares if it takes you four or five years to graduate. What matters is that you did it. If your goal is to graduate in four years because that's what

works for you, then that is great. But if you suddenly wake up one morning and realize that you need more time, to get you act together and successfully graduate, then so be it.

Sure, cost does play a large factor into how long it actually takes you to graduate. The longer you're here, the further in debt you put yourself in. Yet, at the same time, do not put yourself through traumatic stress to get out in four years if it is hurting you rather than helping.

So when I apply to all these jobs and internships and fill out that graduation box, yes I write May 2015. Who knows, it will probably be such, but that does not mean it's what has to be done.

That does not mean that in May of next year I will be for sure be walking across stage ready to take on life with a sequence chart set up for the next stage of my life.

No one knows where life will take us. Life unfortunately does not come with a manual or a calendar instructing us on exactly what to do, how to do it and how long to take to do it.

The beauty of life is its unexpected twists and turns, and all we can do is embrace that fact and live the best possible life we can. Remember don't let a pre-determined date define you or stress you.



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All college students look forward to their graduation day; however there is much added pressure to students to graduate college within the typical four years.

# Students Participate and Observe United Nations Briefing with Speaker Jody Williams

*Participation Through E-mails and Tweets Allowed Involvement During Internet Broadcast*

JACQUELYN CORSENTINO  
STAFF WRITER

Nobel Prize winner Jody Williams gave a speech at the United Nations that was broadcasted over the internet where students could engage with her during an informal briefing.

Jody Williams is a Nobel Peace Prize winner, grass roots activist, and has fought to ban landmines, for human rights, and against militarism. Williams said during the briefing, “I don’t care what anyone thinks about me. I don’t care if they agree with me or not. I believe what I believe for good reasons. I believe in sustainable peace, I believe in equality, I believe in justice, and if I make you uncomfortable that is your problem not mine.”

University students were able to watch the live briefing that was happening in the United Nations. The briefing began by the moderator, Ramu Damodaran declaring, “At one time the stage of history was always filled with kings and princes. And now one woman has come to change that, and her name is Jody Williams.” He continued by stating, “She has brought to the platform an individual without a platform.”

Williams explained that her advocacy began while attending the University of Vermont in the 1970s. While she was a university student, Vietnam War was taking place. She stated, “The war in Vietnam shattered the belief of the beautiful mythology of the US.”

She continued, “Every country creates a mythology and only talks about the good parts not the unpleasant parts. Vietnam wasn’t pleasant.” That was the first time she noticed the strong military presence the United States positioned around the world. For the past 30 years she has worked to stop U.S. militarism in Central America.

Her efforts to ban landmines received Williams’s global recognition.

Landmines are explosive devices that are positioned in the ground and are triggered when the device senses a human presence. According to the United States Campaign to Ban Landmines, “There are between 70 and 80 million landmines in the ground in one-third of the world’s nations.”

When these landmines explode, there are many casualties that are not always the enemy. Williams saw the landmines as a threat to humanity, mobilized civil society, and was able to achieve an international treaty.

William was awarded a Nobel Peace Prize in 1997 for her work on the International Campaign to Ban Landmines. Williams explained the problematic nature of landmines by stating in her Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech “when landmines are triggered, they can not distinguish between peace and war, soldier or civilian.”

According to NobelPrize.org, “Forty-four women in total have been awarded the Nobel Prize between 1901 and 2013.” After joining this selective group of women, Williams worked with other women Nobel Prize recipients to create The Nobel Women’s Initiative. NobelWomensInitiative.org described the Initiative by stating, “[it] uses the prestige of the Nobel Peace Prize and courageous women Peace Laureates to increase the power and visibility of women’s groups working globally for peace, justice and equality.”

Williams is an advocate of many causes including stopping gender violence in conflicted areas. One specific advocacy is ending rape as a war crime. Williams said, “Rape happens as a tactic of war because violence against women is accepted.”

Dr. Rekha Datta, assistant professor of political science, interactively communicated with Williams by stating “Thank you



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Nobel Peace Prize winner Jody Williams (above) speaking at the United Nations briefing about her success through grass roots program that fought against landmines and militarism in order to promote global human rights.

Jody for your passion, activism, and courage. And for being a role model for the youth and women around the world.”

Throughout the briefing, Williams continually declared “the glorification of war.” Williams cannot understand how the videogames, movies, and the news glorify war on a daily basis. She claims that if people were truly aware of how ugly war really is, they would stand up and protest the wars Williams states.

“People want to believe in the benevolence of the United States.” She explained that the United States hides behind “benevolence” to invade countries and maintain the United State’s militant strength. Then, she declared that, “Since the beginning of the US, there has only been 24 years, scattered, that we have not been at war.”

Then Datta asked if militarism would be reduced if more world leaders were women. Williams responded, “I think that whenever you diversify a group in power, where everyone feels like they are in power, the dialogue changes.”

Williams explained that the only way for countries to stop glorifying war is if they work to achieve sustainable peace. Sustainable peace is not just removing war from existence, but learning to co-exist in harmony with other cultures and countries. Without peace education and efforts to achieve sustainable peace in the near future militarism will continue to dominate the globe.

Dr. George Gonzalez, assistant professor philosophy, religion and interdisciplinary studies, stated “I do not think that peace can ever be built on a foundation of militarism and the fear and devastation it breeds. In my view, we would be wise to look for alternative means of ensuring security, namely making sure that peoples across the globe have access to the resources (material and non-material) they need to flourish and live with dignity.”

Gonzalez continued, “This is what I take our own Professor Datta’s view to be and it is a view

I share. Institutions will never solve all the problems life presents since life is never an idealization.”

Gonzalez continued, “The philosopher and anthropologist in me believes that. But it is also morally irresponsible to fail to engage and work to change and compel institutions that have the ability to make life more livable for others and ourselves. I was struck, as I have been by my colleague, Professor Datta, by the intellectual humility that underlies Professor Williams’ commitment to social justice.”

Then, Williams’ described The Campaign to Stop Killer Robots. This is another passion of Williams’ that has hastily produced a movement. This campaign focuses on the rapidly advancing technology that has transformed human warfare into creating fully autonomous weapons. *StopKillerRobots.org* states, “These robotic weapons would be able to choose and fire on targets on their own, without any human intervention.”

Williams clarified that Drones are not “Killer Robots” because a person is ultimately the one who decides to inflict havoc, not a machine. But, she holds a genuine distaste for drones because they fall within the gray area of technology advancements.

Gonzalez declared, “Today, [Williams’s] like Cassandra, demanding that we turn our attention to the future dangers presented by killer robots. We should be listening to her! But sometimes lessons have to be learned time and again, unfortunately.”

Daniel Roman, a junior political science major, stated, “I think the Jody Williams presentation was very educational. She was very passionate about human rights abuses that are occurring. And it was interesting to see how the US plays a militant role around the world.”

Williams strived to promote the importance of advocating for a cause by describing it as a privilege to watch minds open and see the world change.

She stated, “The root of the word activism is act.” Williams advised the students that anyone could become an activist. She told students to find one cause they were passionate about and dedicate time their efforts for that cause. She described that anyone could become an activist, “it’s not magic.”

Michael Hamilton, a senior political science student said, “I think the thing I found most interesting about Jodi Williams was her existential qualities she expressed. She is a woman of action instead as shown when she was comparing how the Buddhist meditation was good, but lacking in that it does not provide a means of actually getting things done.”

Williams tried to instill that changing the world is a huge process, and everyone’s actions make a difference even if we never know it. She declared, “There are a lot of people I don’t like, I am not a saint, but I want to make the world a better place for everyone.”

Ryan Kelly, a junior political science major, stated, “You have to admire Jody Williams and the courage she carries with her. Yes, everyone is aware of human rights, but not all are aware of the importance of human rights. This has been her job for quite some time, and based on what I saw, she is completing her job with flying colors.”

Gonzalez stated, “I believe that none of us are simply representatives of our roles in society. Yes, one may be a student or one may be a professor or a lifelong activist but all of us are in this life together. But we also live in a world of want, need and inequality.

Gonzalez continued, “The great education Monmouth students receive is a privilege and privileges come with responsibilities. A concern for social problems is part and parcel of the enterprise of critical thinking and well-rounded education. It’s not a view everyone shares but I do believe that commitment and engagement are the ways in which education is given life in our day-to-day lives.”

## Catholic Campus Ministry

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**March 5, 2014**

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RSSC 2nd Floor

**Times:**

12:00pm - Mass with Ashes  
3:00pm - Mass with Ashes

St. Jerome Church will have a mass at  
7:30pm  
254 Wall Street  
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# “War on Crime” Increases Security at University

## MUPD has Successfully Implemented Programs to Prevent Crime on Campus

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In various parts of the country, crime is an epidemic. Different types of crimes are more prevalent in different parts of the country whether it is assault, robbery, drugs and alcohol, etc.

The “War on Crime” was coined by President Richard Nixon who wanted to help law enforcement combat crime.

The bottom line is crime is everywhere. Just ask Professor John Comiskey, assistant professor of criminal justice. Comiskey is a retired lieutenant of the New York City Police Department (NYPD).

During his time with the NYPD, his assignments included patrol, narcotics, investigations, and counter terrorism operations.

Comiskey stated that robbery and crimes against property where the most common crimes that he saw during his time with the NYPD. He also included that alcohol is a “nexus”, or connection to many of the crimes.

Comiskey said the use of a system called Comp Stat that is used to prevent crime. Comp Stat is a program that is still used today in many different areas of the country.

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WILLIAM MCEL RATH  
Chief of Monmouth University Police

The Comp Stat system was used as a way of mapping crime and find crime patterns in certain areas so that the NYPD can be aware and deal with the crimes effectively.

The Comp Stat system was proven effective according to the crime data from nyc.gov. The data showed that from the year the Comp Stat system was put in place in 1990, the crime totals have gone down after each year.

The total number of murders in 1990 was 2,262. That number has steadily dropped down to 335 in 2013. The number of robberies has also dropped from 100,280 in 1990 to 19,128 in 2013.

The data also showed decreases in crimes such as rape, felony assault, burglary, and grand larceny. So what does this have to do with Monmouth University?

Although the University is no New York City, crime still occurs on campus. When Chief William McElrath of the Monmouth University Police Department (MUPD) was asked if crimes committed outside the

University have found its way on it he replied, “Sadly, I think that any crime that can be committed off campus can take place on campus. Although Monmouth University is located in a safe area, and has low crime stats, MUPD trains and prepares for a wide variety of crimes.”

“We deal most often with vandalism and petty theft. The vandalism is often related to the abuse of alcohol,” according to McElrath.

McElrath’s statement compares to Comiskey’s statement of alcohol being a connection to crime.

On the other hand, McElrath also spoke about the policies that the MUPD has put in place

to prevent crimes on campus.

When asked about the policies on campus preventing crime McElrath replied, “Naturally, we patrol 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If we observe a noticeable pattern of crimes, we notify the campus community to be aware of it. We have increased security cameras on campus the last several years and these cameras have done a lot to help solve crimes that have taken place.”

When he mentioned the observations of noticeable patterns of crimes, this compared to the Comp Stat system that Professor Comiskey mentioned earlier. They both include the study of criminal patterns to deal with crime.

Another feature of crime prevention that McElrath mentioned was security cameras.

McElrath said, “Cameras have done a lot to assist us in preventing crime, and apprehending suspects when crimes have been committed.” Sophomore Jay Donofrio said that “I feel safe because of all of the campus patrol and the cameras all over.”

# Pallone Addresses Climate Change, Funding Issues and Beach Replenishment in Presentation

Pallone cont. from pg. 1

said when the storm ended he went out to help people in any way possible. He spoke about Keansburg Middle School that became a shelter as well as the Multi-Purpose Activities Center (MAC) on the University campus. Pallone said that the University’s health center which he compared to a “mini-hospital for physical and psychological” patients. “Everyone geared up to help as best they could,” said Pallone.

Tracey said that as he travelled with the Congressman, he saw a lot of the behind-the-scenes work done by the Congressman and was happy that Pallone accepted the invitation to speak in the class. “Having Congressman Pallone come in to speak to Professor Murray’s class was, in my opinion, a great opportunity for the students to get an understanding of some of the behind the scenes efforts that go on in the immediate response to disasters,” said Tracey.

The Congressman pointed out that the one bad thing he saw with regards to response was temporary housing. “FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) was basically taking the position that if you had a place to put your head down you had temporary housing. Pallone said that even if neighbors or family offered to take in a victim of Sandy, it was considered temporary housing and Pallone said, “That was not a legitimate response.” Pallone did praise FEMA for most of its work. “Overall the response from FEMA and the community was overwhelmingly positive.”

Students were able to ask questions to the Congressman about specific areas that interested them regarding Sandy relief and the politics that followed. One student asked about the Sandy aid package that was passed by Congress, but nearly three months after the disaster. Pallone said that the NJ delegation responded quickly and wanted to get an aid package passed prior to the election. By Oct. 29, 2012 an aid package had already passed the Senate and was sent to the House of Representatives. The bill was worth \$60 billion, which Pallone compared to Hurricane Katrina which

was worth \$120 billion. Pallone said that House Speaker John Boehner promised to put the aid package up to a vote before the election which would be taking place, Nov. 6th, 2012. Pallone, along with the other NJ delegates and members of the NY delegate, received notice that the Speaker would not be posting the bill for a vote because “He wanted to be re-elected Speaker and Republican members in the west and south didn’t want to pass the bill with fear the aid would not be appropriated properly.” Pallone was disheartened by this action. “I’ve been in Congress a long time and I don’t recall a time not voting for a relief bill. They are like Mother Nature and apple pie. Of course you vote for it.” As the House of Representatives failed to pass the bill before the new session of Congress, the bill had to be re-submitted and posted but would have to be voted on in pieces.

This was when Pallone praised NJ Gov. Chris Christie for his help in getting the aid package passed but according to Pallone, the aid was put into multiple bills and pieces, making it difficult to get the money released. Pallone said that he felt it was risky giving one office all the funds to hold. The funds that have made news with the Governor’s office are Community Development Block Grants. The first block of funds were released on May 1st, 2013 but Pallone points out that it took too long to get the funds out to those who needed the help.

Pallone said another problem was the distribution of funds. The western and southern Republicans “Just didn’t trust us,” according to Pallone. The office responsible for distribution of funds was the NJ Governor’s office. Pallone’s critique about the block grants were that there was no criteria for people to follow and those who applied were often put on a waiting list for the funds but were never updated about their status.

Pallone also said another issue was how to bring tourism back to the Jersey Shore following Sandy. Pallone explained that the Governor’s office hired a group that included Gov. Christie in the commercial, which cost \$25 million, while ignoring a



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The yellow house (above) was located in Union Beach and according to Pallone was one of the images he will never forget while surveying the damage.

group that cost less money but did not want Christie in the advertising. The Congressman was very critical about the lack of oversight regarding the Governor’s office and the fund allocation. He said, “The Governor proved those western and southern Republicans right about NJ.” Pallone wants more “strings attached” to the funding to avoid mishandlings that have been happening.

One student asked about the FEMA flood maps which Pallone said were looking to be passed prior to the storm which would raise insurance rates for those living in more flood prone areas. Pallone said that NJ Senator Robert Menendez is hoping to delay the rate increases but there has been no resolution to this issue.

Pallone was also asked about beach replenishment and whether it is an effective strategy. He said that \$60 million of the funds from the block grant were supposed to go towards beach replenishment which includes rebuilding sand dunes and protecting residents and businesses from flooding.

“Right now, there are beach replenishment projects up and down the state coast from Sea Bright to Manasquan. In bay shore areas, it’s similar and also flood control projects are moving forward.” He continued, “Some critics say move away it’s hopeless but I can’t agree with that. We can use preventative measures.” He also said there is discussion about raising homes in NJ but the money has not come for possible grants for homeowners.

The Congressman spoke about the critics who said that the storm damage has been taken care of. “When talking about the Atlantic coast, you have a lot of tourism and summer homes and that has been another issue, how those with second homes are not entitled to any of the funding.” He continued, “The idea that a second home owner comes down for the tourism season and goes home but most people I represent, these are their first homes. I get mad sometimes because they will take a picture of Mantoloking which was devastated but mostly second homes but remember places like Woodbridge, Union Beach and Keansburg

where most people live there year round.” Pallone’s main concern has been getting people back in their homes, “especially with the mess in temporary housing.”

Murray said he designed this class with the thought that Sandy affected political and social issues. “Considering all the research the Polling Institute has been doing on Sandy, I thought it only made sense to bring those experiences into the classroom as well. I developed these special topics to examine the whole concept of disasters as political and sociological events. With Sandy as a focal point, we have been able to bring in local speakers who participated in the response and recovery process first-hand. This gives students the unique opportunity to take the theory in their texts and see it in action through interaction with key actors in the Sandy process.”

Tracey agrees with Murray. “Having the Congressman in to speak about his experiences and his role in the response to Sandy brought this issue full circle, as the students were able to hear firsthand from the Congressman about his role, which served to complement what they have learned from reading and studying the results of the Sandy Recovery Survey,” said Tracey.

Adrian Palaia, a senior political science major, said that the issues regarding Sandy are a lot more complicated than people realize but was impressed with the Congressman’s ability to explain them. “The answer seemingly is not easy; good intentions, no matter how well wished, can be bogged down in politics and finical knit picking. And despite claiming progress, Pallone made it very clear; however more progress could happen if not for the opposing party.”

Bill Scarano, a senior political science major, said he was encouraged by the fact that Pallone took the time to speak to the class. “It was a unique opportunity for me to be able to ask sitting Congressman questions about policymaking and politicking.”

Pallone hoped that students took away the importance of climate change and the ways the federal government can make a positive difference. “We made progress but there is a long way to go. I’ve been critical of the Christie administration and a lot of the money hasn’t gotten out yet but people want to know why they are on a waiting list or what programs are available so there is a lot more that needs to be done.”



# Spring Break Destination: Punta Cana



*The Dominican Republic Hot Spot is the Place to be this Break*

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There are only a few more weeks until spring break. Have no plans yet? Lucky for you, there's still time to book a last minute vacation. Think about it, when are you going to have another chance to get away for a week? The nine to five work days are creeping up quicker than you can say graduation, so rummage through your savings, get some friends together and do spring break right.

Picture this—turquoise waters, sipping corona on the golden sands, endless sun, wildlife adventures, and exhilarating nightlife for a week straight. If this interests you, you should choose a getaway in Punta Cana.

If you have not heard of Punta Cana, it is located in the Dominican Republic, which is an island situated in the Caribbean. It is often overshadowed by the notorious college spring break vacation of choice, Cancun, Mexico.

Cancun has been ranked #1 for US college spring breakers, even getting air time on *MTV* in the past. Punta Cana, however, has made its way to the top of the list of spring break spots, being mentioned on *Travel Channel*.

A tropical island smack dab in the middle of the crystal blue water of the Caribbean, Punta Cana is an ideal location for a getaway. Dominicans speak Spanish, but on the resorts English is often spoken.

So what makes Punta Cana the city of choice? For one, the area is covered in palm trees and

is along the Atlantic coast. Unlike some parts of the Dominican, Punta Cana is full of resorts and casinos. Many resorts have casinos within them, as well as countless restaurants and even bowling alleys and nightclubs.

The east coast side of the island has 50 hotels and 30,000 hotel rooms across 40 kilometers of beaches. It is becoming the largest tourist destination in the Caribbean for all ages, but college students are enjoying it especially. You are sure to find a resort that will fit your vacation needs if you do some research.

*Travel Channel* ranked Punta Cana number one on a list of the ten best spring break party spots. The destination has a perfect balance between partying but also enjoying the beaches and tropical ecosystem. All-inclusive resorts make this most affordable for college students because food and drinks are included in the price.

Popular hotels don't just have the classic inclusion of meals and alcohol, but the package also gives travelers activities like water sports.

A senior communication major Sarah Yung went to Punta Cana last spring break, and says it is one of her favorite memories from her four years of college. She stayed at the Gran Bahia Principe Bavaro resort.

Yung said, "All of the employees were super friendly and the resort was gorgeous. Also, the area has some of the prettiest beaches I have ever seen. Some unforgettable memories include when I went to Imagine,

a club that was built in a cave, and when I went horseback riding on the beach."

The club Imagine is a blend of the beautiful landscape of Punta Cana together with the eccentric night life. A club in a cave, what other spring break destination has that?

Other than unique night life, Punta Cana has a wide array of memory making to-do-list activities that don't include partying. According to *Usa Today Travel*, it is quickly becoming a popular golf destination, with tons of beautiful golf courses across lush greenery.

If you're a water bug, you'll want to stay in the clear Caribbean waters until your hands are pruned.

A daring water activity is a half day snorkel cruise with stingrays and sharks. If that sounds too dangerous, Dolphin Island, a marine park in Punta Cana, offers swimming with the dolphins. If you prefer the land, sightseeing tours, zip lining, and hot air balloon rides are just some of the outdoor excursions Punta has to offer.

A senior education major Mariola Cieloch had a hard time choosing from the mass amount of activities to do during her time

in the Dominican this summer.

"There were over 30 different activities but I went with zip lining, snorkeling and kayaking," she said.

If you're looking for a tropical getaway jam packed with adventures day and night, Punta Cana is the place to be. Plus, the weather is always warm.

To book your trip and get the best deals, use websites like Cheap Caribbean, Expedia or Student City. You can also check out apps like Groupon. All-inclusive packages are the best option for college students on a budget.



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University students enjoy life on the beach while on an all-inclusive spring break in Punta Cana.

## Packing Light: Ways to Travel Efficiently and in Style

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Traveling is exciting yet also complicated. It's always a struggle to decide what to pack and what to keep at home. Most people bring way too much stuff, filling their luggage to the brim. But, with extra baggage fees at the airport, many of us want to streamline our suitcases in order to be more efficient. Knowing how to travel lightly, but with the essentials, will make your spring break and other vacations much more enjoyable.

With the weather being as frigid as it has been lately, you are probably escaping to a warmer climate. It may take some getting used to since we have been bundled up for months, but breaking out the summer wear will definitely be a breath of fresh air.

Of course, what you pack depends on where you are going and how long you are staying. For a two week escape to Europe, you'll need more options. But, for a four night stay in the Caribbean, you can get away with packing light. Warm weather clothes are always less bulky and smaller than winter gear.

However, you don't want to go crazy with packing dozens of shorts and tops. Bring items that you can mix and match with. A pair of white or denim shorts can go a long way when paired with different tops and accessories. A few tank tops can always be layered to cre-

ate different looks, and you can even wear them to bed. This goes for leggings as well, they provide added warmth on chilly nights and double as sleepwear.

Having at least one pair of jeans is a good idea, especially because you never know what the weather might be. Cargo pants are also a great option because they are lighter and versatile. You can pair them with a tank top and scarf for a laid back look during the day time. Bring a neutral, light sweater that you can throw on at any time. This can also double as a cover up when you're heading to the beach.

Bathing suits are a must if you plan on diving into the pool or ocean. You may be tempted to bring every bikini you own, but it's better to choose your favorites. You can always hand wash them and wear them again. Plus, if you bring a white or black bottom, you can wear different tops each day to create a whole new look.

Shoes prove to be quite a challenge because they can be cumbersome. However, sandals are light and don't take up much room. Even though you may think you need a pair of flip flops to match each outfit, choose a pair that can go with everything. Bring sneakers if you plan on hiking or visiting the fitness center, and a pair of shoes you can dress up with. Wedged sandals are perfect for wearing out to dinner while still having that beach feel.

Maxi skirts and dresses are also stylish, yet multipurpose.

Wear them to the beach or out for a night on the town. Again, choose colors that will complement accessories and can be used on more than one occasion if needed.

Organization is key when it comes to traveling. Having a small travel bag to bring your toiletries will make sure you can fit everything into one small place. Only bring makeup that you know you're going to wear, and leave the rest of the non-essentials at home. Sunscreen is a must-have, along with deodorant and toothpaste. You may want to bring a small can of hairspray since warm climates tend to be humid.

Part-time art and design professor Nick Aristovulos said that you should always be conscious of the weather when traveling because you never

know what it may turn out to be. He also said that you should be aware of different countries' customs to make sure you dress appropriately.

Even though you may want to bring everything you own, try to scale it down. Remember, you'll only be away for a short period of time, so you don't have to pack your entire house.

If you are traveling for a long period of time, you may still want to pack lightly. Junior communication major Danielle Trentin studied abroad in Italy for an entire semester.

She said, "I only brought two bags on the plane with me, so it was hard to choose what to bring. I was going to be in a foreign country for months, so two bags didn't seem like enough. But, I found ways to mix different clothes together

to create new outfits. Plus, I was able to reuse clothes that I wore to class because I had access to laundry."

If you are planning an extended stay, see if you can utilize the laundry service offered. This will save you room and ensure you won't have to return home with piles of dirty clothes.

A junior Spanish education major Jen Stolte studied abroad in Spain last summer. She said, "I packed like I was officially moving and never coming back. My bags were so heavy and hard to carry. But, then I realized that I should have packed lighter because I ended up buying a lot of clothes in Spain that I wore throughout the trip."

Take advantage of your carry-on bag. Most airlines allow passengers to bring a personal item like a purse or backpack for free. This is a great way to add on a few more items that you can't bear to travel without.

However, make sure that everything in your carry-on is approved for travel. You won't want the airport taking your favorite body wash or perfume because it doesn't meet regulations. TSA guidelines state you can carry on liquids that are 3.4 ounces or smaller.

When embarking on an adventure, make sure you pack light and include items that are versatile, necessary, and useful. Learning to mix and match different outfits will save you time and space so you can stop worrying about what to bring and enjoy your getaway instead.



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Packing for vacation can be a challenge if you don't scale down.

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How can you contact SGA?

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# JIMMY FALLON'S "TONIGHT SHOW" TAKEOVER

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For the first time in over 40 years, "The Tonight Show" is back in NY. The controversial move came after a succession of line-up changes by NBC, who finally announced last year that Jimmy Fallon would be replacing long-time host Jay Leno in late night television's most coveted time slot. The "SNL" alum, famous for being one of the happiest people in Hollywood, was all smiles during his hugely-anticipated debut on Monday, Feb. 17.

Whether you are a fan of Fallon's work or not, there is no denying that he is the embodiment of childlike humility. Af-

ter making his inaugural entrance to tumultuous applause, he delivered many sentiments of gratitude, including a choked-up ode to his daughter Winnie, praise for his loyal band "The Roots," and even a tongue-in-cheek reference to the previous hosts of the Tonight Show: "Johnny Carson, Jay Leno, Conan O'Brien, and Jay Leno."

Though a case can be made that Fallon overdid his gratitude, his monologue was a classy way to introduce himself to viewers that may not be familiar with his stint on "Late Night." Despite Fallon's recent fame, this could be a very likely case; "The Tonight Show" had been hosted by Leno for almost two decades, and its built-in au-

dience isn't necessarily privy to Fallon's goofy, impression-heavy sense of humor. If Fallon wanted to rise above the inevitable comparisons to his predecessor, he would have to use his unique comedic style to his advantage.

Fallon's greatest strength undoubtedly lies in his physical bits, and he's probably best known for dancing, rapping, and playing games with celebrities. In one of the most memorable moments of the night, Fallon invited Will Smith to take part in a musical montage about the history of hip-hop dance moves. Always one to play up pop culture, Fallon included references to Smith's "Fresh Prince" days by doing "The Carlton," and

even tried out the move made notorious by Miley Cyrus, the twerk.

When inviting Smith over to the desk for an interview, however, it was clear where Fallon's weakness lied. Fallon is such a natural nice-guy that the two didn't talk about much of consequence and spent the majority of the time congratulating each other on being successful. Genuine though it was, it makes one curious as to whether or not Fallon will be able to hold his own when shooting the breeze with guests less likely to play along.

A later interview with the members of U2 proved no less awkward, but the band still managed to give Fallon's first episode of "The Tonight Show" a few highlights. Beaming with nothing but pride for his favorite city, Fallon joined U2 and a throng of equally-enthusiastic fans on the roof of NBC Studios, known as "Top of the Rock." As the band belted out one of their new songs, wide camera angles showcased the city lit up below, a reflection of the incredible energy that Fallon brought to this episode.

The band later closed out the show with an acoustic rendition of their Oscar-nominated song, "Ordinary Love." As "The Roots" joined in and the audience rose to its feet, one couldn't help but feel immensely happy for Fallon. No matter the venue, his goal is always the same: to spread joy wherever he goes. He's just a kid at heart living his dream, and it has never

...his biggest goal is sending you "to sleep with a smile on your face," and in that respect, Fallon has succeeded.

been more evident than during this first episode of "The Tonight Show," where his incredible optimism and authenticity outshined anything the critics could have accused him of.

Whether Fallon's genuine spirits will be enough to carry the weight of his hosting gig remains to be seen. He's had a solid first week, with steady ratings and a plethora of celebrity cameos, but NBC's Olympics coverage is currently taking away from the buzz his debut might have generated. Fallon also seems to be suffering from playing it a little too safe with his politeness; as he gets cozier in his new studio, he'll have to open up to taking more risks if he hopes to keep his audience.

But it's important to remember that despite any criticism he might receive, Fallon will continue being Fallon. As he said during his opening monologue, his biggest goal is sending you "to sleep with a smile on your face," and in that respect, Fallon has succeeded.



PHOTO TAKEN from nbc.com

Jimmy Fallon brought plenty of famous friends to celebrate his debut week on "The Tonight Show," including Justin Timberlake (pictured, left), Michelle Obama, Will Smith, Lady Gaga, Will Ferrell and more.

## "American Idol" Winner Rocks Freehold

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"American Idol" season 8 winner is unstoppable. Soulful pop singer, Kris Allen got the start of the weekend going at Encore Events Center in Freehold, NJ this past Friday night, Feb. 21. Allen made hundreds of his fans feel like they were in his living room with his setlist of new and old tunes.

Five years and even a broken arm later, he is still the down to earth guy he was shown to be on the popular reality tv show. Friday night, he even said that he wanted everyone to forget about what they had been going through or what had happened during the week and just enjoy the music for the night.

Allen opened with "Paul Simon." As a new song, it was a risky but successful move. It got the crowd up and moving and the energy flowing in the room. "Better With You" was next, a popular song from his latest album "Thank You Camillia." His strumming and vocals were one with perfection.

As the night went on, Allen and his fans continued to have more and more fun. He proved his "sweetheart" reputation when he sang "Happy Birthday" to multiple fans that were in the audience.

Along with his introduction

of multiple new songs, Allen made sure he sang popular songs off both of his albums. Included were "Alright With Me," "Out Alive," "Monster," and "Rooftops." A few songs in, opening artist, Caroline Glaser, from NBC's "The Voice," accompanied him on his song "Loves Me Not." Originally sung with singer-songwriter Meiko, Glaser did the job well and sang a beautiful

duet with Allen. Their voices were simply soothing to the ear. Glaser is definitely someone to watch out for.

Allen's new songs were not a disappointment. Sultry, smooth, and relatable; the songs had a taste of the Kris Allen we all know and love. Regarding his upcoming album, Allen told Markos Papadatos of Digital Journal, "The new songs are

very real, and they are apart real things that have happened in my life. Last year was the craziest year of my life."

He is almost done with the new album and plans to put it out as soon as possible. The reception of his songs seems to continue to get better and better. Allen hits the nail on the head with his lyrics to his new songs. From "It's Always You," a beautiful love song, to "Dance," a fun party anthem, we see all sides of Allen and travel on many journeys with him.

As the night came to an end, Allen ended with his platinum hit "Live Like We're Dying." The crowd went wild and everyone was singing along. It was a reminder to live in every moment because time keeps moving on. The last song of the night was another new one, "Shut That Door." The fans were enjoying the little time they had left with Kris.

To many fans' surprise, Allen and his band came out for one encore performance. They sang a song called "End of the Show." It was a funny, lighthearted song about the end of the show that left fans smiling as they walked out of the venue. He put a smile on every fans face. Allen's future is still shining bright and there's no end in sight.

Along with Allen and his band, Encore Event Center didn't fail to impress. The so-

phisticated décor and friendly staff made the experience that much better. The crowd ranged from young children to older adults and everyone was very well behaved. Encore is used for various events from banquets and parties, to concerts and shows. It's a place for everyone and you definitely feel like you're not in NJ when you're there.

A few steps down the hall there is iPlay America. It's a place to have just as much fun as you would at an amusement park but it's indoors! They have rides, go-karts, laser tag, arcade games, food, and shopping. It's a combination of an indoor Jersey Shore and New York City's Streets. Many people ran over to check it out after the concert and the place was buzzing with guests. I would recommend checking this place out, as it is becoming a favorite destination in NJ.

With a combination of an indoor amusement park and Kris Allen, Friday night at Encore Event Center was a win. Allen showed he has progressively gotten better since his win five years ago on American Idol. He has still kept his sweetheated, dedicated personality even after a broken arm last year. Allen has continued to prove his deserved win in early 2009. There is no stopping him!

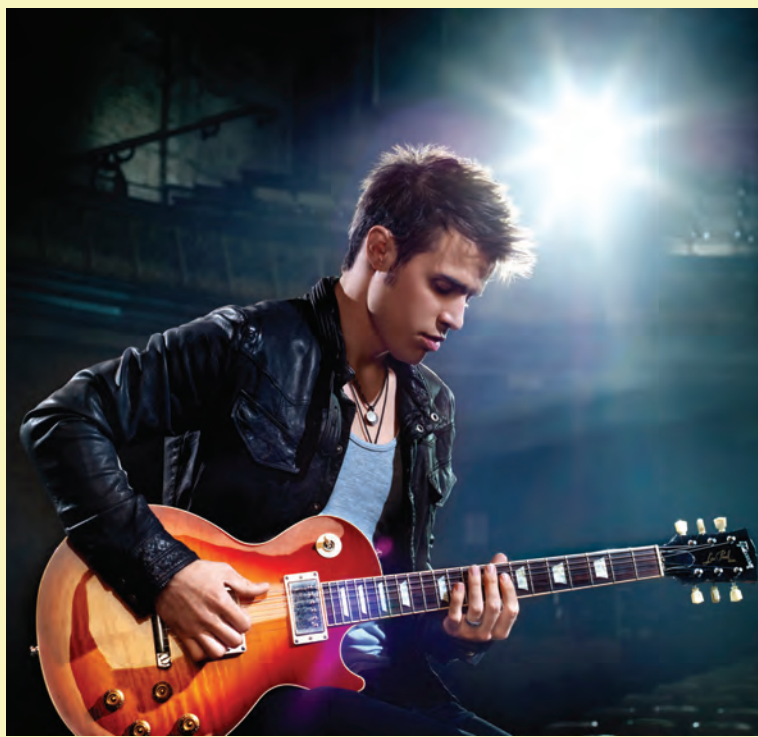


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Kris Allen played in Freehold, the 11<sup>th</sup> city on a 12-city tour, to play songs from his first two albums and his unreleased third LP.

# The “Corpse” in Pollak Theatre

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Director Ben Popik brought his bizarre comedy film “The Exquisite Corpse Project” to Pollak Theatre last Thursday as part of the University’s ongoing series “On Screen, In Person,” where he screened the film and answered questions.

Popik was formally a member of the New York-based sketch comedy troupe Olde English, which he conceived back in 2002. The troupe is best known for their 2006 viral video “Ben Takes a Picture of Himself Every Day,” which stars Popik and currently has nearly 3 million hits on YouTube.

“The Exquisite Corpse Project,” Popik’s first feature film, is a documentary/comedy where five writers are challenged to each write 15 pages of a feature film after only reading the previous five pages of script. The film mainly focuses on the writers themselves in documentary style while also displaying the completed – though disjointed – final product. The film was released in 2012 and has won a number of awards, including Best Documentary and Best Director at the LA New Wave Film Festival.

The name “Exquisite Corpse Project” – according to the film – is derived from a party game wherein multiple people draw a different part of a figure on a folded piece of paper without knowing what the other parts look like.

The film’s writers include Chioke Nassor, Joel Clark, Adam Conover, Dave Segal, and Raphael Bob-Waksberg, all of whom had previously worked with Popik in Olde English or other projects. Each writer brought a unique stylistic edge to the film and, in most instances, completely altered the tone and even ma-

jor plot points.

The film started with Nassor’s script, which set up the main characters and plot for the film and was not based on a previous writer’s script. Nassor’s segment resembled a quirky indie romance film, centering on lovers Mark (Caleb Bark) and Adayit (Megan Raye Manzi) – who is later renamed “Meg” due to the other writer’s inability to pronounce “Adayit” – bond through their shared kleptomania.

Following Nassor is Clark, whose script brought about a drastic change in the plot and tone. After having his original script rejected, Clark wrote a purposefully bad script in response which one of the other writers in the film deemed a “total s\*\*\* parade.” Clark’s script featured incredibly tongue-in-cheek and surreal humor, and was filmed with intentionally poorer production value.

Next in line was Conover, whose script brought another dramatic tonal shift to the film, going from overly cheery to incredibly dark and transforming the film into a tale of jealousy, scandal, and even murder. Conover was the most negative towards the project, even saying in one interview, “I wish we made a real movie instead.”

Conover was followed by Segal, who, although mistranslated many of the film’s previous plot points in his script, more or less carries over the tone set up by Conover. Segal’s portion of the film was much more special effects heavy than the others and featured such ridiculous additions as a possessed woman and a phantom snake.

Closing out the film was Bob-Waksberg, who decided to mostly disregard the end of Segal’s script (which actually included Bob-Waksberg in a cameo) and set the story four and a half years in the future. Despite a few ridiculous moments – such as the randomly

implemented space warrior Commander Zeus – Bob-Waksberg’s portion was easily the most reserved, and actually resolved the film in a somewhat heartwarming way.

Though the entirety of the film is featured throughout “Exquisite Corpse Project,” the main focus was the relationship between Popik and the writers, as well as the drama between them. This was especially true between Conover, Segal, and Bob-Waksberg, who, despite being the closest to each other, were incredibly harsh in criticizing their scripts.

Following the film, the audience was treated to three short films created by students in Specialist Professor Andrew Demirjian’s Advanced Video Production and Editing class. The short films were based on “Exquisite Corpse Project” and attempted to continue Bob-Waksberg’s portion of the film without seeing any previous scenes. Demirjian also organized the event and introduced Popik at the beginning of the evening.

Popik then engaged in a brief Q&A session with the audience, where students asked the direc-

tor questions about the making of the film, from casting choices to how the film was edited, as well as requesting further elaboration on the relationships between him and the other writers in the film.

The screening and Q&A was the latest in the university’s “On Screen, In Person” series, which is sponsored by the University’s Center for the Arts as well as the University’s Department of Communication Screen Studies Minor. The series allows for students, whether they’re film majors or just film lovers, to connect with and learn from accomplished film makers while also viewing their work.

Matthew Lawrence, specialist professor of communication, said screening series such as these offer many benefits to students, as they can meet and closely interact with filmmakers to better appreciate their work.

“Moreover, events like this hopefully serve as inspiration for our students,” said Lawrence. “You don’t need a \$20 million dollar budget and a cast of thousands to make thoughtful, compelling works of art that will engage and move an audience.”

Joseph DeAngelis, a sophomore communication major, attended the event as a class requirement, but really enjoyed the film, citing the “varied styles and weird continuity” as strong points, and thought the documentary portions helped with the context of the film. DeAngelis said that while he has attended other “On Screen, In Person” events in the past, this was his favorite by far.

“The Exquisite Corpse Project” is currently available for purchase as a digital download, and can be purchased off the film’s website.

For upcoming arts events and more visiting writers, check out [monmouth.edu/arts](http://monmouth.edu/arts).



PHOTO TAKEN from [theexquisitecorpseproject.com](http://theexquisitecorpseproject.com)

The “Exquisite Corpse Project” challenged five writers to each write 15 pages of the same movie. The catch? They only get to read the last five pages. The result is a crazy mix of genres.

## HAWK TV ORIGINALS

Check out some of *Hawk TV*’s original programming this Friday and Saturday.

**What the Hawk**

2:00 am | 11:00 pm

**Shadow Showdown**

1:35 am | 4:00 pm | 8:00 pm | 11:30 pm

**Save Point**

3:30 am | 3:30 pm | 10:00 pm

**M-Squared**

3:54 am | 7:00 am | 9:30 am | 10:30 am | 1:00 pm | 7:00 pm | 10:35 pm |

**Good Morning Monmouth**

4:30 am | 7:30 am | 10:00 am |

**M-Factor**

5:00 am | 1:28 pm | 2:00 pm | 9:00 pm

**Weather You Heard**

6:55 am | 10:55 am | 7:55 pm

**News**

8:00 am | 11:00 am | 6:00 pm |

**The Extra Point**

8:20 am | 11:29 pm | 6:29 pm



# “Choose a Job You Love and You Will Never Have to Work a Day in Your Life”

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CLUB AND GREEK EDITOR

I've spent a lot of time thinking about money; thinking about all of the money that I could use to help myself out financially. With all of the school loans and car loans, it's seriously enough to make my head spin, fall off, and roll all the way over to the bank to ask for some more money to pay off what I already owe. I've thought about all of the money that I wish I could use to surprise my mother with a new car to replace her old, beat up, raggedy soccer-mom minivan that barely gets her to the grocery store around the corner, and about all of the money that I could make if I chose a certain career path that, on average, almost guarantees a certain salary so I would never have to worry about monetary issues again.

According to an article published in *US News: Money*, unless I am a software developer, computer systems analyst, or dentist, I really shouldn't be expecting to ever see a salary in the six digits.

And let's face it, we aren't in the best economic times. So should we, as students, pick a major and let this idea of money guide our career paths? Or should we let our passion and our drive for a certain subject push us into choosing a certain career?

Grant Zaitchick, a special education in music major, said, "I feel that too many people are affected by money and greed. Power is not something that should be sought through money. Power should be sought internally."

Zaitchick added, "Too many people believe money can provide them with the popularity and comfort they are looking for, but it is often a fragile comfort. Those that are driven by passion can accomplish their dreams and can look forward to the next day without reservations."

When people question me and ask what I aspire to do in life, and I tell them that I love the com-

munication field, I am basically guaranteed to hear a chuckle, covered by a, "That's, uh, awesome, but won't it be a tad difficult to make a career out of that?" and then finished off with someone blabbering about how I should be more practical with my life choices and put some of my "real skills" to the test. Basically, just because my career isn't, on average, guaranteed to make enough money at first, I should be detracted from my goals, remolded into a money-making machine, and forced to do something that I don't necessarily enjoy.

Specialist Professor in the Communication Department Mary Harris feels most people

my career. If you chose a job that pays well, you would be able to do things that you love to do."

Harris wants people to recognize that life does not always have to be filled with extremes, and one can find happiness while also being financially stable. She added, "There is so much more to life, and so much good that can be done. And the best part is that there are many ways to live an abundant life where an individual can make a fantastic salary as well as work in the field of their dreams."

William Hill, Assistant Dean for Career Services, said surprisingly, money does not come up as the first priority of graduating seniors as often as one would think. Most students he meets at

fer students a chance to explore their interests and truly delve in to what drives inner happiness in a career sense.

I believe in the power of positive energy, and the power of a solid work ethic, and the power of a dream. If you aspire to be the next astronaut to discover a new planet, go for it. If you want to be the next Wolfgang Puck and whip me up some delicious dinners every now and again at your snazzy restaurant in the city, I support you. Sure some dreams seem far-fetched, but if you do everything to try and obtain that goal, you shouldn't be shunned for it. Someone needs to be the next Pablo Picasso, why can't it be you?

You'd be foolish not to consider money in the equation, but it does not need to be the top priority. Studies have shown that increases in salary do not necessarily make workers more satisfied or happier because it doesn't change the nature of the job or the relationship the worker has with it."

Ellen Reilly, Job Placement Director, agrees with Hill and said more students are motivated by passion, a desire to make an impact on the world, be satisfied, and feel fulfilled. In 2013, Career Services tracked approximately 1,300 students and alumni placed in part-time or full-time jobs, with an estimated 350 students placed directly through the intervention of Career Services. All students, according to both Hill and Reilly, have something to offer and should grasp these skills and sell them to employers.

Personally, I want to be able to put my heart and soul into everything I do. There is so much more to enjoying life than having money, and what people would trade off for money can certainly paint a picture of our identities.

When asked what his idea of happiness in a career sense is, Dr. Joseph Patten, Chair of the Political Science and Sociology Department, said, "To enjoy coming every day, to work with people who you respect and who are serious about their career but also have a sense of humor, to share a commitment, and most importantly, to be a part of something bigger than yourself."

I realize most of the people reading this article wish they had more money. I realize that I writing this wish I had more money. But money is not the key that will unlock the anti-Pandora's box of happiness.

Being happy, and I mean truly happy, is more than what your bank account may tell you. It is a special, sincere feeling that you should harvest deep within. And that can only be discovered by being genuine to yourself.

**"I don't think money should be a prime motivator. You'd be foolish not to consider money in the equation, but it does not need to be the top priority."**

WILLIAM HILL  
Assistant Dean of Career Service

in our society succumb to the pressure of daily norms and the stresses that influence people to define success in financial terms. Harris commented, "I often ask my students about their goals in life, and I usually hear, 'To be successful' and, 'To make a lot of money.' We all define success differently. However, if we become so jaded as to believe that the only way to be happy or 'successful' is to 'make a lot of money' then we will never find true happiness."

If Haley Brue, a junior accounting major, needed to choose a career that guaranteed money or a career that she truly loved doing, Brue responded, "I would probably get a job that would pay more. This is because, for me personally, not being able to provide for myself and my family would make me unhappy no matter how passionate I was about

Career Services seem more focused on finding a job that gives them satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment, a good thing according to Hill. After all, he says, students have their whole working lifetime, in most cases more than forty years, to amass wealth and affluence from their careers.

Hill said, "There is this perception among many college students that once you land your first job, you are 'stuck' in that first job for a long, long time. You aren't. There is a natural progression. People shouldn't think they are trapped in their first job unless there are highly extenuating circumstances."

There are so many opportunities, according to Hill, for students to grow their career, with majority of new graduates predicted on average to change careers five to six times in their life span. These opportunities of-

Don't slack and believe the dream will come to you, however. You need to reach for that dream and put your passion into it.

I guess my lack of money makes me think. The one thing that I have learned dreaming about money is that the piece of paper that so heavily dictates so many of our lives and limits our abilities on so many levels really shouldn't be placed on such a high pedestal.

Money is simply a staircase. Whatever a person has planned in life, money will simply bring you to the next floor. If you are a naturally happy person, money can only enhance that happiness and escalate you even more. If you are naturally miserable and unapproachable, money will only continue to accentuate those negative qualities.

Hill said, "I don't think money should be a prime motivator.

## Transfer Services Makes Monmouth Home to New Students

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Attending a new school can be a nerve wracking situation for many. It is a new surrounding with new people, new schedules and new experiences to adjust to. For transfer students at institutions all over, this is a commonly shared feeling of anxiety.

At the University, the transfer process is made easier on students, and it is all due to the people at the core of Undeclared-Transfer Services. Located in the Center for Student Success, they work daily in order to ease this transition. After all, most students would not ever know where to begin when it comes to transferring in credits or even making their academic schedule.

Comprised of Dean Mercy Azeke, Assistant Dean Jean Judge, Student Development Counselors Lori Lichter and Jean-Marie Delao, Coordinator of Undeclared Majors and Transfer Program Sherry McHeffy and Assistant to the Dean Karen Wallendeal, Transfer Services does its part to assist transfer and undeclared students. Each weekday, they can be found smiling and opening their doors to new students.

Sophomores are able to be advised as "undeclared" students in

this department up until they have reached 58 credits. Upon this completion of credits, then it is time to choose a major. Deciding on which major is a best fit can be difficult, but Azeke and her team strive to help this decision flow nicely and help to understand every individual's passions, which make for another milestone in academics.

New transfer students are in luck as well. The counselors assist with setting up appointments with a student's department advisor, evaluate credit transfers, aid with transitional concerns and are also available during each Fall and Spring Transfer Orientation. To top it all off, Delao is the advisor for the Transfer Student Connection Club, which helps students not only to make friends, but to ask questions pertaining to transitioning at the University and more. Meetings are currently held every other Wednesday, in Edison 113 and are open to everybody, whether students have transferred here from a former institution or not.

"Undeclared-Transfer Services has become a home away from home for me. Whether it is for academics or just someone to talk to after a bad day," said junior business administration major Lauren DeSantis.

Aimee Parks, Assistant Director of Human Resources for Student

Employment, said, "I have worked with Jean Judge since 2000. She was even the acting Dean of my area before. She is a walking handbook and it is my understanding that she has helped developed the transfer standards for the state of NJ. She and Jean-Marie go to great lengths to help students. They both are wonderful people who have great follow-through."

It is not a far-fetched notion to think that the professionals at a school can really become your comrades. Bonds can be sown and it is another ingredient that helps and reassures students that every-

thing will be great during their college career. Undeclared and Transfer Services gets to know individuals and dig deeper into what they want not only out of academics, but out of a career. They aren't just your counselors or Deans; they're also your fans. It can be a relief to know that there are people ready to ease any anxiety away, especially for many students who are undeclared, transferring or both.

"I am glad that the Transfer Services offers as much as they do and are willing to help with anything, and so glad for the Transfer Student Connection, which has

made a difficult mid-year transfer practically seamless with making friends and having questions about anything and everything. It is also a great way to get involved with Monmouth. Everyone in the department is always willing to help," said Kelly Dender, a junior.

This department works hard constantly for the students and the students are grateful. Transitioning can be a process that is not always clear and easy, but rest assured that there is a place for this and then some. Undeclared-Transfer Services is here for support, structure and to stay.



**Instant Decision Tuesdays  
for Transfer Students**

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Undeclared Transfer Services on campus helps incoming students adjust to the University and transition smoothly into social and academic life.

# Univeristy Spotlight: Specialist Professor Mary Brennan

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The Special Education field is rapidly expanding and so are the demands of the unique needs of the students. Mary Brennan, specialist professor in special education, knows that meeting these unique needs are critical, yet challenging at the same time. Students who take her course titled, “Assessment

field of special education and makes it relatable to our lives. I learned so much that I can do when I teach because of her.” Brennan has had a lot of experience in the teaching field and has served in a variety of roles. “I started as a history teacher in a middle school and then continued my education and became a special education teacher with an additional certification as a teacher of the Blind and Visual-

“[Students] are often surprised by the level of activity in the classes. Most of the learning is directly related to what they will experience in a classroom so it is easier to engage them.”

MARY BRENNAN  
Specialist Professor

Approaches P-12” are offered a variety of undergraduate courses for students in the disabilities field. Junior Rachel Fox feels the class is just the right challenge. “I like her class. It is rigorous but you learn a lot. Professor Brennan is very knowledgeable.” Junior Ashley Suppa also agreed that she has learned a lot from Brennan. “I also took Human Exceptionalities with her and she knows a lot about the

ly Impaired,” she said. “I taught in this field for six years in the middle school and high school level. Then I became a college administrator and instructor for 18 years in NY.” When she moved to NJ, Brennan returned to teaching in the special education area and working as a Learning Disability Teacher-Consultant. She said, “I have been a case manager, consultant and evaluator for a number of school districts.

Since coming to Monmouth University I have also been responsible for coordinating the Learning Disability Teacher-Consultant program.” (LDTC) The Teacher-Consultant program is offered at the graduate level and provides courses in the area of case managing students with an array of different learning needs as well as educating classroom teachers on possible modifications as a result of these issues. This role requires previous experience as a classroom teacher. In addition to this program, Brennan teaches a number of courses on the undergraduate level. These include Human Exceptionalities, Assessment Approaches and Strategies in Special Education. Brennan said, “All special education teacher candidates need to have a strong foundation in the area of exceptionalities so they will be highly qualified to meet the challenges that they will encounter during their student teaching and teaching career. In addition, the assessment course helps to ensure that the instruction they provide is effective and successful.” She added, “The data from the assessments they give will help to guide their instructional planning and procedures. On the graduate level, the courses often are taken by students who are already working in the field. They want to add the

special education endorsement because they feel it will help them in their daily teaching duties. Often teachers want to change careers but stay in the education field so they attend Monmouth University to pursue the Master’s degree and LDTC certification.” Brennan said that the Master’s degree allows graduates to work in special education programs as a member of the Child Study Team. The biggest challenge of all, however, is to ensure that all of the important strategies are able to get covered in the given semester. “My biggest challenge is to cover all the material that I want to in the time allotted. I have so many ideas and stories that I want to share that I find myself running out of time,” Brennan said. “I also find it challenging when students are not motivated to be a special education teacher but are taking the courses because they were told to take them. Special education requires one to be open to all possibilities and it is not a field meant for everyone to be involved in.” The field of special education is more demanding than others because teachers have to be aware of all different needs and be open to an array of options on how to help the students. Brennan encourages all teacher of students with disabilities

(TSD) majors with some words of wisdom to help them get the most out of the program. The most rewarding thing of all, however, is for Brennan to see how a student grows from the beginning of the term to the end. “The students come in eager to learn,” she said. “They are often surprised by the level of activity in the classes. Most of the learning is directly related to what they will experience in a classroom so it is easier to engage them.” Brennan added, “They have one idea of what the course will be like and often leave with many new ideas and strategies that they can add to their toolbox of helpful hints. One of the biggest changes that I see is their level of support for each other. They mature in how they articulate their ideas. They demonstrate a new level of understanding for the field of special education.” Brennan said that students leave with a better ability to communicate their philosophy of assessment and special education and grow overall as teachers. Brennan has been able to share the wonderful reward of not only being a special education teacher but also what it means to help others and ensure their success. Students eyes are open to the world of teaching and beyond because of her array of methods in the education field.

## The Winter Olympics Call Attention to the Genetics of Risk Taking

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STAFF WRITER

The Winter Olympics have brought upon us a generation of seemingly fearless athletes intent on advancing through extreme feats such as snowboarding and slopestyle and half-pipe skiing. The intensity with which these athletes train to ultimately endanger their lives for the sake of the sport truly makes us wonder, what is the inherent difference between these risk taking competitors and the rest of the masses content with simply watching them on TV? The answer may verily lie within our DNA. Debate over the environment being the sole mold of our personalities is shifted in this argument by a recent genetics study revealing specific genes. These genes are responsible for an individual’s tendency for sensation seeking by pursuing thrilling experiences and taking risks to that effect. The gene activity promoting risk taking has been linked to the varying levels of dopamine in our brain. Dopamine is a neurotransmitter which is very involved in reward-motivated behavior. Additionally, dopamine is associated with the pleasure centers of the brain so the increased release of the neurotransmitter by athletes participating in risky sports promotes their activities further. The intrigue of such genetics studies however, lies within the evident difference in how dopamine is processed by those who are risk takers and those who are satisfied with just watching. The answer to this

lies in a variation of the DRD4 gene which is closely related to the function of dopamine and its connection to risky behavior. A sophomore clinical lab science major Kerianne Fuoco, said, “It is not surprising that there is a genetic basis to risk taking behavior since other aspects of individuals’ personalities, like temperament, have already been discovered to have a biological link.” She added, “It will be interesting to see if more evidence for the connection between the DRD4 gene and risk taking is revealed as further experiments come to fruition.” Dr. Dorothy Lobo, biology professor, said, “I am not at all surprised to see that there is a link between behavior and genetics in this way. There are many behavioral traits that have been found to have both environmental triggers and genetic predispositions, including eating disorders, addictions, and other diseases. My niece was always more of a risk-taker when she was a toddler, and she grew up to love roller coasters and other wild rides (just like her mother), but not like anyone else in our immediate family. So, to see that there is an actual gene that has been found to contribute to this trait is really interesting - I’m sure my niece has it!” It is important to consider these studies because they assist in explaining why certain people have the tendencies to make specific choices while others do not. Sophomore biology major Priyal Patel, said, “I think this study is very interesting especially since I am a biology major who loves trying out new sports. The experiments and surveys lead to the discovery of the DRD4 gene

and I believe that as scientists, we are a little closer to figuring out how genes have the ability to shape up our personalities and behaviors.” It is precisely this influence of genetics upon behavior that helps to explain risky behaviors that are not just relative to sport but also those that prove to be harmful and addictive. The nature of dopamine release is centered around the fact that an increase of dopamine makes us feel good. Therefore, the variance in genes like DRD4 could also be responsible for destructive behaviors such as gambling or doing drugs. For dangerous routes of life such as these, it is extremely important for progressing re-

search to fully explain the mechanisms by which we are prompted to make decisions so that we may be able to create viable prevention methods that allow us to save ourselves from the many destructive paths of life. The extent of this progressing research will be observed in the coming years.



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Sandro Viletta was the winner of the men’s super combined ski event at the 2014 Winter Olympics.

# Students Dress to the Nines at RHA’s Winter Ball

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The Residence Hall Association’s (RHA) annual Winter Ball was held this past Saturday, Feb. 22, in Woodrow Wilson Hall from 8 pm - 11 pm. “The Great Gatsby” inspired ball welcomed 403 guests ranging from freshmen to seniors, with guests and faculty encouraged to dress in 1920’s fashion.

Krista Varanyak, RHA President, said, “We absolutely loved the theme of the night and it goes perfectly with Wilson Hall. This year was a huge success and although we hope each year will be bigger than the last, this ball will be hard to top.”

Tickets for the ball cost \$25 which included a ticket for admittance, food, drinks, and entertainment.

Danielle St. Vincent, Vice President of Special Events and Programming for RHA, dressed in a strapless, black sequin ball gown said, “A lot of work went into planning tonight’s event but we could not be happier with the way it turned out. Wilson Hall is a beautiful place to host the ball. When else can you get the chance to relive your prom?”

St. Vincent coordinated the entire ball. Everything from flower arrangements, to the food choices, and even picking the theme for the night was a result

of countless hours of preparation from her and her fellow RHA members.

Food for the night was catered by Aramark. There was a total of eight appetizer stations and four buffet stations with two non-alcoholic beverage bars. Waiters and waitresses dressed up and served hors d’oeuvres on silver platters which included tomato soup shooters with grilled cheese bites, pigs in blanket, coconut shrimp and much more. Main courses included a build your own taco station, Italian food, side dishes, and a salad bar. A variety of confections and desserts were served as well including cookie cake bites, a build your own sundae station, a candy bar, and mango and strawberry cheesecake.

Briana Aceti, a senior psychology major, attended Saturday’s ball for the first time. “I came tonight to the winter ball because it was on my senior year bucket list. I have heard great things about it. Plus, how could I resist a ball in the beautiful Wilson Hall?” B. Aceti said.

Sister Alexis Aceti, a junior biology major, attended the ball for the first time as well. A. Aceti commented, “I came to the Winter Ball because I have never been to it before. I must say, the music was great, the food was phenomenal, and Wilson looked amazing.”

Entertainment for the night was provided by a DJ that played on the steps of Wilson Hall. Guests were encouraged to dance the night away. There were tables and seating provided for those who wanted to sit down and eat dinner and watch those on the dance floor.

Monali Patel, a junior biology major, said “The food is exceptional, the decorations are on point, and the music is great. Definitely glad I could get dressed up and experience the Winter Ball.”

The attention to detail for the decorations and certain pieces on the tables were made possible by Deirdre Design, a specialty floral shop located on Norwood Avenue. Centerpieces included vases of fresh flowers, pearls, diamonds, feathers, and candles, and helped to emphasize the Great Gatsby theme of the night.

The success of the Winter Ball is due to all of those who volunteered and spent countless hours planning, preparing, and paying attention to detail.

Ashley Morrow, a freshman social work major, got to see first-hand all the preparation involved. During the event, she signed in guests as they arrived. Morrow commented, “I love how beautiful the ball turned out. It was such a huge success and just gorgeous. I also love how organized and prepared everyone was.”



PHOTO TAKEN by Nina Costa  
Members of the Residence Hall Association (RHA) (left to right) Danielle St. Vincent and Krista Varanyak danced in Wilson Hall all night at Winter Ball.

## CLUB AND GREEK ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ### Monmouth Area Vegan Society

The Monmouth Area Vegetarian Society (MAVS) is hosting two more free and fun events this semester that are open to the public. Events are held in the Magill Commons Club Dining Room. There will be a vegan potluck at each event, so please contact Professor Harris for details and to RSVP, email mcharris@monmouth.edu. The next event to be announced will be held on Sunday, March 30 at 1 pm. The last event of the semester is “Vegan Advocacy: Empowering Others to Encourage Social Change” presented by Jon Camp of Vegan Outreach on Sunday, April 27 at 1 pm. Look forward to seeing you all there!
- ### CommWorks

CommWorks meets on Wednesdays at 2:30 pm in Planegere room 235.
- ### Club Lacrosse Team

Meetings will be Wednesday at 2:30 pm. The location is still to be determined. If interested contact Kevin Houston email: s0851081@monmouth.edu
- ### University Senior Class

The senior class is selling t-shirts until March 7. Pick up an order form on the second floor of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center (RSSC) and show off your school and class pride!

- ### The Running Club

The Running Club will be meeting this semester on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:30 pm. For now, we will meet at the track in the Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC). When it gets warmer, we will run outside more often. Contact Club President Mitchell Parker by emailing s0888670@monmouth.edu for more information.
- ### American Marketing Association

The University’s American Marketing Association will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, March 5, for anyone who wants to find out more information about the club, existing members, and for anyone who would like to run for an executive board position for the upcoming school year!
- ### Catholic Center

Catholic Mass is held at Withney Chapel at 12 pm Monday through Thursday. Tuesday and Thursday masses are in Latin. Catholic Mass is also held on Fridays at 11:30 am at Withey Chapel and Sunday Mass is held at the Catholic Center at 7 pm.
- ### Residence Hall Association

Thank you to all of those who made Winter Ball a success! Meetings are Wednesdays at 8 pm in Mullaney Lounge.

## Getting Extreme with Extreme Sports Night

CASEY INGUAGIATO  
STAFF WRITER

The Student Activities Board (SAB) and Phi Kappa Psi (Phi Psi) co-sponsored “Extreme Sports Day” in Boylan Gymnasium this past Friday, Feb. 21, from 7:30 pm - 10 pm. Over 200 students attended the free event that consisted of a moon bounce obstacle course, a Velcro wall, an oxygen bar, bongo ball, and a Kinect station.

Megan McGowan, Assistant Director of Student Activities and Student Center Operations, said, “I am very happy with the turnout of this event. I think it’s great that students are willing to come out and students from the fraternity and from SAB were able to work together. This event seemed to draw a different crowd than what we usually get at all of our events. So it was really great to see some students that normally don’t come out to our events check out Extreme Sports Day.”

According to McGowan, there was a very eclectic group that was at the event which kept it very competitive throughout the entire night.

The Oxygen Bar allowed stu-

dents to clip a tube up to their noses and inhale several different scents giving them a natural high. The scents ranged from a floral scent, to orange, to banana to mint. Each scent allowed participants to get different feelings such as feeling more energized or more relaxed. According to members of SAB, the Oxygen Bar was a huge hit last year, which is what motivated the members to bring it to the University once again.

There was also Bongo Ball, in which students had to gear up with a facemask and full body suits to protect themselves from getting shot with the foam footballs that were getting blasted through a metal Bongo Ball gun.

Courtney Davis, a freshman music industry student, said, “There were a lot of cool events. I liked the Bongo Ball because it was like paintball and I always wanted to try it... Everyone was doing something at all times, and it was pretty crazy.”

There were competitions between teams of people to see who could run through the obstacle course the fastest. Then there was a race to see who could complete the obstacle course in record-time. The obstacle course

consisted of climbing up several blow up walls with a rope, and jumping over the blow up hurdles that were in the way. There were also competitions going on with the Velcro wall, with students judging who could jump the highest. The event encouraged students to develop team-building skills, as stated by McGowan, in a competitive and friendly environment.

SAB had been advertising for the event a week prior to it occurring via social media, posters hung up on campus, and a poster that displayed in the Dining Hall. Dylan Vargas, a sophomore business marketing and management student, helped broadcast and set-up the event through SAB. Vargas worked alongside SAB Festivals Chair Sami Kofsky. Vargas said, “(Kofsky) made a poster for the event and each day we were all assigned to post pictures of the posters on social media sites.”

There were several different companies that helped make the event possible, including Total Entertainment, Perfect Party Rentals and Bongo Ball. Each company provided different entertainment.



PHOTO TAKEN by Casey Inguagiato  
Students jumped against the Velcro wall and had competitions to see who could reach the highest at “Extreme Sports Night” in Boylan Gymnasium.

# Got Talent?

## Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity Hosts Annual “Monmouth’s Got Talent” Greek Event in Pollak Theatre

NICOLE NAPHOLZ  
STAFF WRITER

Phi Kappa Psi (Phi Si) fraternity hosted “Monmouth’s Got Talent,” their annual Greek event, this past Wednesday, Feb. 19, in Pollak Theatre at 10 pm. The event was held to help raise over \$2,000 for their national philanthropy, the Boys and Girls Club of America.

According to BCCA.org, the Boys and Girls Club of America are programs for the young youth to help create opportunities for the future. They are used to help young children develop leadership skills and also to help them set positive goals for their future. The brothers of Phi Psi were able to raise a lot of money to donate to these programs to help benefit these children.

There was a total of 16 participants but 11 acts overall. The show was run like a talent show where each act stepped out onto the stage and performed their special talents. Many of the acts were singers but, some danced, and even rapped for the audience.

The first place prize went to Courtney Carr, a junior radio/TV student, who performed a singing and dancing medley that blew the judges and audience away. Second place went to Andrew Boxman, a junior studying music industry, who performed a free style rap. The



Brothers of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity congratulate Courtney Carr for winning “Monmouth’s Got Talent” on Wednesday, Feb. 19 in Pollak Theatre.

third place prize was given to a singing group from Alpha Kappa Psi (AKPsi) who performed an acoustic version of Train’s “Drops of Jupiter.” Elizabeth O’Brien, chapter ad-

visor of Phi Psi, said, “The chapter worked really hard on having an assortment of performers so that they could have a variety of students in attendance and this really paid off... The men of Phi

Kappa Psi were proud to share their Founder’s Day with hosting a great philanthropy event that they hope to continue next year.” The show was hosted by Matt Cox, a brother of Phi Psi, and Greek organization was there and Pollak was pretty full. I was really pleased with how everything turned out. We raised a lot of money to help out the Boys and Girls Club and we had a re-

there was a lot of talent on stage that made the event memorable and enjoyable.” There were also many vendors who sponsored the event. The brothers received donations from Bagel Guys Deli, Surf Taco and Verizon Wireless. The fraternity used most of the donations towards the prizes for the winners of the events. Matt Fernandez, Philanthropy Chair of Phi Psi, said, “The turnout was amazing. We were able to attract not only those in Greek Life but athletes, students, families, friends, and even some faculty showed up to support us too.” Fernandez said there was approximately two weeks of time put into setting up the event, which included finding student talent, reserving microphones, setting up their fraternity’s DJ, filling out the necessary paperwork, organizing acts appropriately, and scouting co-hosts and Greek and non-Greek life judges. John Buchalski, Assistant Director of Student Activities for Fraternity and Sorority Life, also attended the event and believed it was a total success. Buchalski said, “I think Phi Psi’s event went very well. There was a great turnout and plenty of talent on the stage. It was exciting to see that several acts from non-affiliated members, it broadened the reach of the event.”

PHOTO TAKEN by Nicole Napholz

# Political Science Club Hosts Third Poli-Tea of the Year

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The Political Science Club hosted their third Poli-Tea of the year. Poli-Tea is a new tradition of the club, an ongoing event series that they created to promote various discussions over a cup of tea. Last Tuesday many students joined in the Terrell Boardroom in Bey Hall to enjoy a cup of Masala Chai tea, cookies, some Indian sweets and listen to students stories from their trip to India over winter break.

This was the third Poli-Tea even held on campus this semester. The first Tea was held in honor of students and faculty who are from various countries and cultures to speak about their personal experiences at the University. The second Tea was held in honor of the passing of Nelson Mandela, where students and faculty could express what he meant to them in their lives.

The group that traveled was compiled of students and professors, who all collectively put together a small slide show that had various pictures from the different events they attended while in India. Others who attended the tea were able to ask the group questions as well. According to the stories and presentation, the group’s trip was divided into three main academic settings. The focus was primarily on their work with a school in Calcutta India. The work was with a group of children who have had their hardships in life; most were orphaned or came from lower socio economic status.

One student who attended the trip told the story of a young girl he spoke to personally. The young girl was brought to the school after someone had tried

to trick her to come join sex trafficking. He told the group how a man had come up to her and told her he found her mother, something that the child believed and she went with him. However, she was rescued by people on the street who noticed she shouldn’t have been with him. The young girl was brought to the school, where she now lives and receives her education.

The students spoke briefly of their involvement in other academic forums while abroad. They got a chance to interact with girls from Shri Shikshayatan College. The Faculty that went on the trip expressed their excitement with the group of University students who participated in the question and answer with the girls from the College. The group expressed fond memories of talking with the girls, and even spoke about how they all stay connected through a Facebook group they all joined.

The last section the group presented on was the tourist attractions they got to attend. They spoke about their trip to the Taj Mahal, and various other historical locations in India. A large consensus from the group proved Calcutta to be their favorite city on the trip. A few students, in response to a question about if they could have stayed longer, replied by saying yes if it was in Calcutta.

Dr. Rekha Datta, associate professor of political science, said, “Poli-tea is a wonderful occasion where students, faculty, and staff get together to exchange ideas, learn from one another, and get to know each other in a friendly, relaxed setting, enjoying a cup of tea, or two.”

Mainly the questions that went around the room focused



Students sat in an outside classroom in Shantiniketan, India over winter break.

largely on the food in India. The group responded positively to the food that they experienced, mentioning a large amount of it to be vegetarian. One of the student travelers spoke highly of the Chinese food that was served in the restaurants as well. One question focused on the student’s involvement now, through the International Service Seminar the trip was a prelude to. They spoke of their commitment to the class, and the various fundraisers that they are planning to do in order to send money to the school in Calcutta so the girls could buy their mats that they sleep on. The group answered by saying

there is a lot more compassion and willingness to do extra work in the class in order to help provide for the girls that they met. The personal relationships and stories that came out of their experience gives them something real to work for. The event finished with more expressions of gratitude being shown from the faculty and students for the chance to go on the trip in the first place. Dr. Joseph Patten, chair of the Political Science and Sociology department said, “Poli-Tea’s are a lot of fun because they’re a good way for people to come together in a social way and talk about things that are going on in

the world, country, or on campus. The point is not to listen to someone lecture, but to rather talk about things in a more informal and friendly way. And it’s also a place where you don’t have to talk at all if you prefer not to - a place where you can also just sip good hot tea and relax with friends for a while.” Datta concluded, “It is a wonderful community building effort put together by the Political Science Club, where everyone is made to feel welcome. If you haven’t attended any yet, please try to come to the next one. If you have attended previous meetings, we would love to see you again, and again.”

PHOTO COURTESY of Dr. Rekha Datta



How do you prefer to communicate with others?

COMPILED BY: ALYSSA GRAY



Jacquelyn  
junior

"Texting. It's the quickest way for people to get back to me."



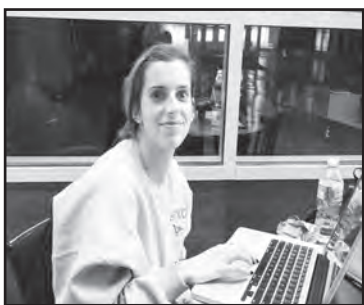
Kyle  
sophomore

"I prefer face-to-face. It's a better way to connect to people than over phone or social media."



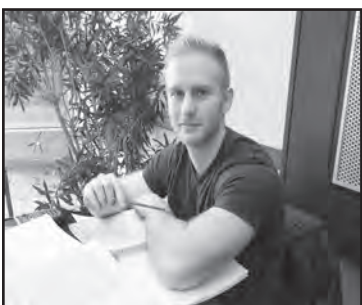
Corinne  
junior

"Face-to-face interaction. It's just more personal."



Courtney  
graduate student

"I guess it depends on what it is, like the seriousness of the conversation."



Tommy  
junior

"Face-to-face definitely, I'm not big on social media and phone use or anything like that."



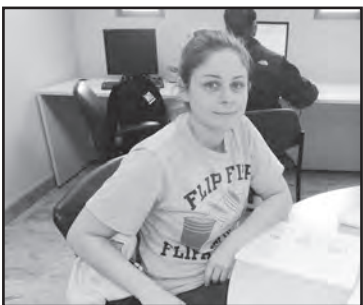
Nicole  
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"I would say face-to-face, I don't like Facebook. I have an Instagram because I like sharing photos but I don't really like having my privacy invaded."



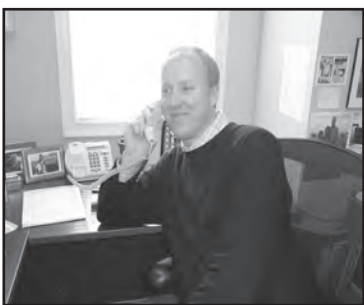
Matt  
senior

"I prefer face-to-face because you can actually see the person, and texting is a rehearsed response so it's not really genuine."



Jackie  
junior

"Oh yeah I text more. I don't really like to use the phone."



Scott  
gallery director

"Probably still through phone-calls. I just think it's a better way of communicating with somebody quickly."



Zane  
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"Probably through texting because it's easy like when you're in class or at work or if I'm working out. It just fits my lifestyle."



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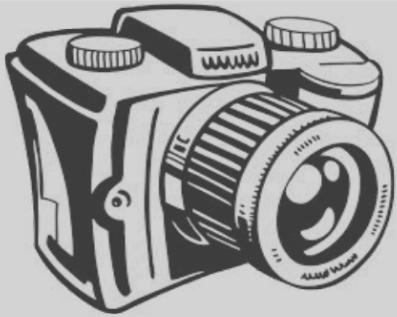


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(FROM LEFT) PROFESSOR MORANO, ANGELA CIROALO, CASEY WOLFE, BRIANNA MCCABE, SANDY BROWN, AND JACKLYN KOUEFATI TAKE A PAUSE FROM RUNNING THE OUTLOOK 80TH REUNION ALUMNI EVENT TO POSE FOR A GROUP PHOTO. (PHOTO COURTESY OF ANGELA CIROALO)

**BOTTOM LEFT:**  
A LARGE GROUP OF GEESE IS SEEN HANGING AROUND MONMOUTH’S SNOW-COVERED CAMPUS. (PHOTO COURTESY OF PAUL WILLIAMS)

**CENTER RIGHT:**  
PROFESSOR ARISTOVULOS AND TWO STUDENTS HANG UP SOME OF THE MOST RECENT SCULPTURES CREATED IN HIS 3-D DESIGN CLASS. (PHOTO COURTESY OF ALYSSA GRAY)

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# Men's Basketball Still Winless in February

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ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

It's has now been over a month since the men's basketball team last won a game as the Hawks' losing streak extended to nine after home losses to the Manhattan Jaspers and Saint Peter's Peacocks last week.

The nine-game skid is the longest in head coach King Rice's three years at Monmouth, and MU now sits at ninth in the MAAC conference standings with a 4-14 record. Overall the team is 10-19 on the season.

For the first six and half minutes of the first half neither team gained control with the Jaspers never leading by fewer than seven, but never leading by more than 13.

"I feel bad for our kids because we are fighting tremendously hard and just haven't been able to get over the top," said Rice after the team's loss to Saint Peter's. "But I truly believe we are getting better daily and we will get over the top."

MU first went down to Manhattan Wednesday, Feb. 19 by a final score of 75-61. The Jaspers' superior shooting was a big part of the outcome as they shot 51.9 percent from the field on the night, including a 42.9 percent effort from the three point line, while the Hawks managed to shoot only 39.3 percent overall from the floor, with a 30 percent mark from beyond the arc.

Freshman guard Josh James was the Hawks' leading scorer with 15 points on 6-10 shooting, and he also grabbed five rebounds for the game. Junior guards Deon Jones and Andrew Nicholas were the only other Hawks to put up double-digit points with Jones collecting 14 and Nicholas 11. Jones led the team with nine rebounds on the night.

Manhattan's George Beamon scored 31 points on 10-19 shooting to lead both teams. Beamon scored 18 of his 31 from the three-point line with six makes on eight attempts, and also recorded three steals. All six of Beamon's threes came in the first half of play. Rhamel Brown and Emmy Andujar added 12 points apiece for Man-



PHOTOS COURTESY of Jim Reme

Deon Jones (left) is the Hawks leading scorer for the season with 435 points, averaging 15 points per game.

hattan with Brown also pulling down 8 rebounds to lead his team.

Beamon wasted no time scoring; less than 50 seconds into the game, he hit one of his six threes to give his team an early lead. Nicholas brought MU right back, however, when he hit two threes in under a minute to cut the deficit to four just under 15 minutes remaining in the first half.

A layup from Brown on Manhattan's next possession ended the Hawks short 6-0 run, and started a 17-5 run by the Jaspers that was capped off by another Beamon three to give them a 31-15 advantage with 8:23 to go in the half.

Behind the play of Jones and freshman center Zac Tillman MU again responded, and outscored the Jaspers by ten over a four-minute stretch to get within six with 4:16 remaining for the half.

The Hawks were unable to keep the deficit at single-digits before halftime, however, as a last second layup from Beamon put Manhattan up 41-31 at the half.

A Brown free throw and back to back layups from Beamon and Andujar at the 11:35 mark increased Manhattan's lead to 16, and were part of a 14-4 Jasper run that extended the lead to 21 with under eight minutes to go.

The blue and white came back with a 13-2 run of their own that was highlighted by the play of James and Jones who scored six and five points over the stretch respectively. The run brought MU within ten points, but with only three minutes left on the clock, the team was not able to come back. Beamon hit three free throws in the final minutes to close the game out.

It was the sixth straight win for Manhattan, and the team currently has a 20-7 overall record with a 13-5 record in the MAAC, which is good enough for third place behind first place Iona and second place Quinnipiac. Prior to the season, the Jaspers were picked to finish first in the conference.

"I am very proud of our effort tonight," said Rice after the game.

"Our kids are fighting. Tonight we just ran into a bigger, stronger Manhattan team.

Except for the shooting numbers both teams' stat lines were very similar with the Hawks out-rebounding the Jaspers by four and equaling them in second chance and fast break points.

The Hawks then fell 61-51 to St. Peter's three nights later on Feb. 22 in front of a packed house at the MAC. It was MU's second lowest score of the season with their first also coming against the Peacocks when they only managed to score 50.

James again led MU in points, and was also the games high scorer with 18 on 50 percent shooting from the field. The freshman also lead his team in assists with four, steals with three, and was second in rebounds with four. Nicholas was the team's second leading scorer with 10, and he also grabbed four rebounds on the game.

Three Peacocks reached double digits in points with Chris Burke's 16 leading the way. Desi Washington was right behind him with 14, and Marvin Dominique put in 12. Dominique's nine rebounds led Saint Peter's and put him only one short of a double double.

Neither team had a good night offensively as both teams shot only slightly above 37 percent from the field. The Peacocks had a sizeable advantage from the three-point line, however, going 7-20 (35 percent) on the night compared to 3-13 (23.1 percent) from the Hawks.

"Give a lot of credit to Saint Peter's," explained Rice after the loss. "They make you play their style by slowing you down on the defensive end, but also playing slow on the offensive end."

In a very low scoring first half, MU started off by jumping out to an early 9-2 lead with four different players recording a score. Roles were then reversed as Saint Peter's went on a 9-2 run to tie the game at 11 with 9:27 remaining in the half. A Jamel Fields triple, almost a minute later, pushed it to a 12-2 run, and gave the Peacocks their first lead of the game at 14-11.

Saint Peter's continued to in-

crease their lead, and, with just under two minutes to go, a pair of Dominique free throws gave them their biggest lead of the half with a 27-18 score.

James then converted a three-point play for the Hawks, and junior forward Khalil Brown followed with a second chance bucket to bring the Hawks within four.

Dominique knocked down a last second three off a nice assist from Trevis Wyche to send St. Peter's into the locker room with a 30-23 advantage. Saint Peter's wasted no time coming out of halftime, and extended their lead to 12 in the first minute of the half.

The double-digit lead did not last long though as Jones and Nicholas hit consecutive threes for MU to bring the score to 37-29 with 17 minutes on the clock.

Scoring came to a complete standstill as neither team scored a point during the next five minutes of play.

Freshman center Chris Brady finally ended the scoring drought when he hit a jumper to cut the lead to six nearly 10 minutes into the half. MU wouldn't get any closer over the final 10 minutes, however, as the Peacocks hit 10-14 foul shots in the final two minutes to keep the Hawks at bay and seal the 10 point victory.

Saint Peter's currently sits one spot ahead of MU at eighth in the conference standings with a 7-11 MAAC record. They are 11-16 overall on the year.

The regular season is quickly coming to a close for the Hawks with only two games remaining. Mathematically, MU cannot be any higher than the ninth seed in the upcoming MAAC Championship Tournament no matter how they finish the year, but they will look to avoid falling further down the standings as Fairfield and Niagara are both right behind them with 3-15 marks in the MAAC.

The Hawks next host Niagara this Friday, Feb. 28 in a contest that will have a big impact on both team's seed in the tournament. Tip-off is set for 7 pm.

## MU Retires Miles Austin's Jersey at Saturday's Game

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CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Former University football player and current Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Miles Austin became the first athlete to ever have his jersey retired by the University on Saturday, Feb. 22.

"It's an unbelievably humbling experience, it is such an honor," Austin said. "I wish I could verbalize it better, because it feels great."

Austin's journey first began at the University nearly 12 years ago in the fall of 2002. Since then, his athletic career has been a series of firsts. When he graduated from MU in 2006, he finished as the most decorated receiver in school history. He set Hawk records for receptions (150), reception yardage (2,867), touchdowns (33) and scoring (216 points).

This all led to Austin becoming the first player from MU to be invited to participate in the NFL scouting combine, which he parlayed into a contract with the Dallas Cowboys. This also marked another MU feat as he was the first player to reach the NFL from the University. With these accomplishments, it becomes understandable why Austin was chosen as the first Hawk

to have his jersey retired.

"I think it is fitting and appropriate that Miles Austin's jersey is the first in program history to be retired," Kevin Callahan, head football coach, said. "Miles has

made significant contributions to the program, he set a standard for a level of performance at Monmouth and has continued to that in the NFL."

Callahan is not only speaking

as an everyday football coach, but as Austin's former collegiate football coach. "Miles has remained very close to the Monmouth program and frequently returns to campus to interact with our players. He has been and continues to be a great ambassador of not just the football team but also the entire Monmouth University community," he said.

The ceremony to honor Austin took place during halftime of the men's basketball game against Saint Peter's. It included a highlight tape of Austin's college and professional career which was played over the jumbo-tron at the MAC and was followed by the revealing of his framed number 80 jersey.

When it came time to speak, Austin was so overwhelmed by the whole scene that he had difficulty finding the right words.

"It's awesome, I think a lot better than I speak," Austin said. "It feels great, I'm so excited."

Austin showed the audience how humble and appreciative he is, not only from MU's recognition, but from all the success he has enjoyed in his career and has certainly has not forgotten where he came from. "It was a blessing for me to come to school here," Austin stated. "The fact that they gave me an opportunity to play

here still shocks me."

It became apparent just how much Austin continues to enjoy and appreciate his personal bond with the University and its community. In fact, the University not only helped further his athletic life but also gave him an addition to his personal life. Austin met his fiancée Stacy Sydlo, who was a standout lacrosse player at MU, on his first visit to the school. The couple is set to be married next week.

When asked about all of the success he enjoyed at MU, Austin was quick to deflect a lot of the praise to his teammates and his old coach with whom he took to the basketball game on Saturday.

"You were getting better because these guys were pushing you," Austin said. "Everyone was trying to be their best; everyone was trying to push everyone to a high level. I wouldn't have wanted to go to school with any other guys."

In eight NFL seasons, all with the Cowboys, Austin has 301 receptions for 4,481 yards and 34 touchdowns including back to back Pro Bowls in 2009 and 2010. There has been a lot of speculation lately about Austin's future in Dallas, but one thing is for certain, he will always be a Monmouth Hawk.



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Kevin Callahan (left) and Miles Austin (right) enjoy the standing ovation from the audience during halftime at the men's basketball game.

# Track and Field Wins First MAAC Title

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The men’s and women’s track and field squads finished their first season in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) by winning the MAAC Indoor Track & Field Championship on Friday, Feb. 21. The championship meet was held at the New York Armory, a familiar territory for the Hawks this season, which is located in Manhattan, NY. The men’s side scored an overall 169 points while the women scored 215.50 points during the meet.

The women’s team took the championship by storm, with the second place team, Rider University, trailing by more than 100 points. MU’s women were seen as the top three finishers in nearly every event. One of the most impressive victories came from the weight throw as senior Tilah Young set a MAAC record at 59 feet 9 ½ inches. Senior Rachel Aliotta claimed first in the shot put while Young came in third.

The women set two more MAAC records with senior Mariah Toussaint besting the competition in the long jump at 20 feet and 3 ½ and junior Lauren McDonald hit 12 feet 5 ½ inches in the pole vault.

The women were just as strong on the track, with Toussaint and graduate student Lachelle Wallace taking first and second in the 60 meter dash. Toussaint also set a MAAC record in the preliminaries of the 60 meter dash with a finish time of 7.64 seconds.

Toussaint participated in the 200 meter dash as she yet again set a MAAC record at 24.30 seconds for the race. Directly behind Toussaint in second place was senior teammate Laura Williams at 24.61 seconds. In the distance events, freshmen Zoya Naumov and Jenna Cupp finished first and second in the 800 meter at 2:12.38 and 2:14.44 respectively. Coming in fourth for the event was MU sophomore Kendal Hand at 2:15.82, just .62 of a third place finish.

Senior Danielle Branco and freshman Kristen Rodgers-Erickson also earned MU points in the 5000 meter run. Branco placed sixth at 18:26.75 while Erickson had an eighth place finish at 18:40.46. Senior Lucia Montefusco also had a sixth place finish in the women’s 3000 meter run with a time of 10:30.31 rounding out the women’s side of competition.

The men took control of the meet early on as they beat out Manhattan College by 50 points. Senior Errol Jeffrey, who has been leading the MU men’s throwers all season, won both the weight throw and the shot put with 65 feet 6 inches and 59 feet 5 ¾ inches respectively. Jeffrey contributed 20 points for MU throughout the meet; the majority of the men’s points came from the track.

Sophomores Eric Kahana and Ahmier Dupree took first and second in the 60 meter dash at 6.94 and 6.98 respectively. Kahana gained more points for the Hawks in the

200 meter dash placing fifth overall at 22.27 seconds.

Freshman standout Dylan Capwell continued to turn heads winning the 800 meter run with a lightning fast time of 1:50.52. In the mile, sophomore Graham Huggins-Filozof managed to add some points to the men’s total with a seventh place finish and a time of 4:14.48. Huggins-Filozaf also raced in the men’s 3000 meter run where he finished ninth with a time of 8:47.46. Junior teammate Khari Bowen came in tenth for the event at 8:48.72 and sophomore Connor Fuller finished eleventh 8:52.92.

Bowen, the distance runner stand-out from MU’s cross country season, scored more points for the Hawks as he competed in the men’s 5000 meter run, coming across the line in seventh with a time of 15:07.32.

Senior Jalen Walker earned a second place finish in the men’s 60 meter hurdles with a time of eight sec-

onds flat while Kahana placed third at 8.15 seconds.

MU saw third, fourth and fifth place finishes in the men’s high jump from junior Joey Marini, junior Erik Anderson, and freshman Daniel Jefferson.

Two days after the MAAC Championships, Jeffrey was competing in the U.S. Indoor Championship in Albuquerque, NM.

The event featured post-collegiate athletes who now compete on a professional level and two collegiate throwers. Jeffrey finished eleventh overall in the shot put at 59’ 1 ¼” missing the finals by three spots. The winner of the shot put was Ryan Whiting who threw 72’11.25” which is this year’s longest throw globally as of now.

With the indoor season coming to a close, the men and women are preparing for the weekend of March 7 as Boston University hosts the ECAC and IC4A Championships.



Errol Jeffrey (above) had first place finishes in MAAC Championships and an eleventh place finish in the U.S.A. Indoor Championships this past weekend.

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# Women’s Basketball Loses Sixth Straight

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The women’s basketball team lost to rival Rider on Feb. 19 and Niagara on Feb. 22. With the losses, the blue and white fall to 6-23 (5-13 MAAC). The Hawks currently stand at ninth in the division.

Although MU lost against Rider, the game featured a stand out performance. Sophomore guard Jasmine Walker led the way for MU as she tallied a career-high 20 points and 13 rebounds in her second career double-double. Walker was deadly from the floor as she converted 6-of-11, and 7-of-9 from the free throw line. Her other double-double (13 points and 10 rebounds) also came against Rider on Jan. 5.

Junior forward Sara English added 10 points and six rebounds, while senior forward Chevannah Paalvast contributed nine points, five rebounds, and three steals. Freshman Jenny Horvatinovic and sophomore Danica Dragicevic both added six points apiece, and freshman guard Helena Kurt tallied five points and a career-high five assists.

As for the Broncos, MyNeshia McKenzie had a game-high 23 points and 15 rebounds, while Mikal Johnson added 13 points and four assists. Kornelija Valiuskyte added nine points and five assists, and Manon Pellet had eight points and four assists.

Rider began the game on a 10-3 run with four different players burying field goals. However, the Hawks

scored eight of the next 10 to close the gap. Horvatinovic started the run with a three-pointer, followed by a lay-up from Walker.

The Broncos rallied back ahead by five points on two separate occasions, as the blue and white scored five-straight points on a three-pointer by sophomore guard Kasey Chambers, and a lay-in by Paalvast to give MU their first lead of the game 24-23 with 7:45 left in the first quarter.

The game was back and forth at the end of the first half until Rider scored five-straight points to go into halftime with a 36-32 lead.

The Hawks scored the first points of the second half with a layup by Kurt with 18:55 remaining in the game. Then, the Broncos converted six straight points from the free-throw line to increase their lead 42-36.

The blue and white trailed by five before Rider went on a 7-0 run to take a 54-42 lead with 10:32 left to play.

With just 6:18 left, the Broncos lead raised to a game-high 65-51, but MU responded with a 7-0 run to cut the lead to seven.

English hit two free-throws to decrease the deficit to 69-64 with just 1:22 remaining in the game. Rider iced the game by scoring the final five points to win, 74-64.

Rider outshot the Hawks, 44.6 percent (25-56) to 38.5 percent (20-52), including a 60.0 percent (9-15) to 40.0 percent (4-10) edge from beyond the arc. MU took a 74.1 per-

cent (20-27) to 71.4 percent (15-21) cushion from the free-throw line and the Broncos edged the blue and white, 37-36, on the glass.

“I’m really happy for Jas Walker. She was able to have her career high in rebounds and points today,” said Jenny Palmateer, MU’s head coach. “But really the biggest thing to me was that she played with such confidence. That was the first time probably since she’s been here that she actually has felt that. She became our go-to person down the stretch. I was really glad that she got to experience that because I feel like she’s going to be able to be that person for us, hopefully a lot, in the future.”

On Saturday, the team hosted Niagara’s Purple Eagles in a broadcasted ESPN3 game.

For the night, Horvatinovic reigned as MU’s top scorer with eight points and a season-high 10 rebounds. Paalvast, English, and Walker contributed nine points each. English grabbed six rebounds, while Walker added five boards. Chambers had a game-high five assists.

As for Niagara, Victoria Rampado and Meghan McGuinness had 20 points apiece. Rampado also grabbed nine rebounds. Taylor McKay added 13 points and five assists, while Chanel Johnson had 12 points

English scored the opening basket of the game, but, Niagara went on a 10-0 run. After that, MU slowly decreased the deficit to 14-11. With halftime approaching, the

Hawks cut the lead to seven when Changers hit a jumper with a little over a minute left to cut the deficit to 35-28.

English converted on two free throws to start the half and bring the blue and white to within five. However, MU would get no closer as the Purple Eagles pulled away by scoring the next 14 of 18 points.

With 12:35 left to play, the Hawks were down 49-42 but Niagara continued to add to their lead. The final score read 85-57 in Niagara’s favor.

For the game, Niagara outshot the Hawks, 43.8 percent (28-64) to 36.5 percent (23-63) from the floor, 50.0 percent (9-18) to 33.3 percent (5-15) from beyond the arc and 83.3 percent (20-24) to 54.5 percent (6-11) from the free-throw line. The Hawks edged Niagara, 41-40, on rebounds, but turned the ball over 20 times to the Purple Eagles’ 10.

“I thought we got off to a pretty slow start offensively today,” Palmateer said. “Unfortunately, I think it affected everything for us. We were able to hang a little bit. Considering how we were playing in the first half, I wasn’t totally displeased with where we were to start the second half. I thought we were still in a pretty good position to play well and win the game. We faced a little bit of adversity early in the second half and I think it just got the best of us.”

The Hawks return to MAAC action on Friday when they travel to take on Marist. Opening tip is scheduled for 7 pm.

## SIDE LINES



MU’s baseball team played in their first series this season against Florida Atlantic in Boca Raton, FL. The team came out strong in the first game pulling away a 5-1 victory but fell in the final two games, 4-0 and 6-5. They will next travel to Charlottesville, Virginia to face no. 1 University of Virginia.



The men’s lacrosse team lost to University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) for the first game in program history.

During halftime, the Hawks were tied 4-4 but eventually fell 10-8. Freshman attacker Dan Bloodgood led the Hawks with three goals and one assist.



Softball senior first baseman Kaitie Schumacher was named the University’s New Jersey Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Woman of the Year honoree.

The award recognizes the outstanding achievements of female collegiate athletes for excellence in academics, athletics, leadership and service

She was honored in a state wide ceremony on Feb. 9 at Seton Hall. She was also honored this past Saturday during Monmouth’s National Girls and Women in Sports Day.

Some of Schmacher’s honors include two time All-NEC First Team, 2012 NEC Player of the Year and 2012 NEC Most Improved Player.

## UPCOMING GAMES

**Wednesday, February 26**  
TRCK Moonlight at the MAC  
W. Long Branch, NJ 5:00 pm

**Friday, February 28**  
MTEN vs Lafayette  
W. Long Branch, NJ 3:00 pm

BSB at University of Virginia  
Charlottesville, VA 3:00 pm

WBB at Marist\*  
Poughkeepsie, NY 7:00 pm

MBB vs Niagara\*  
W. Long Branch, NJ 7:00 pm

**Saturday, March 1**  
BSB at University of Virginia  
Charlottesville, VA 1:00 pm

MTEN at Nebraska  
Ithaca, NY 4:00 pm

**Sunday, March 2**  
TRCK at BU Invitational  
Boston, MA TBA

MTEN at Drexel  
Philadelphia, PA 12:00 pm

BSB at University of Virginia  
Charlottesville, VA 1:00 pm

WBB vs Siena\*  
W. Long Branch, NJ 2:00 pm  
Senior Day

MBB at Siena\*  
Albany, NY 2:00 pm  
Times Union Center

**Tuesday, March 4**  
MLAX vs Saint Joseph’s  
W. Long Branch, NJ 3:00 pm

\*conference games



Which of the Following are  
MAAC 2014 Champions?

A. Monmouth Women's Indoor Track

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B. Monmouth Men's Indoor Track

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C. All of the Above

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