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Legal Studies Concentration May Come to Campus in Fall 2013

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Pending the Board of Trustee's approval and recognition from the state of New Jersey, there could be a legal studies concentration added to the political science department. This course of study will be offered in a similar fashion to the international relations concentration offered.

Dr. Joseph Patten, Chair of the Political Science Department, said, "Our department had an external evaluator a few years back and she, at the time, recommended giving more attention to the area of legal studies."

According to Dr. Gregory Bordelon, lecturer for the Political Science Department, there are approximately 15 to 20 students minoring in legal studies. He

also said that each year since he became the legal advisor, 10 to 15 students from the University apply to law schools around the country.

Next year, however, there will be between 35 and 40 students applying to law schools, which is why the concentration was added.

Bordelon said, "We found a sizable amount of students gravitating towards the minor and wanted to service them best as possible."

Bordelon went on to say that the pre-law club has grown in membership, along with the mock trial team, which will field two trial teams next year and will also add a moot trial team.

Dr. Stanton Green, Dean of Wayne D. McMurray School of Humanities and Social Sciences, said, "The concentration should provide students with a more focused pre-law program, which will provide them with better preparation so that they can better present themselves to law schools and hopefully better LSAT scores."



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Increased student interest in law school has led to the establishment of a legal studies concentration pending official approval.

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Hawk TV and WMCX Host "Rock n Raise"

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WMCX and Hawk Television hosted their third annual Rock n Raise fundraiser this past Friday, February 22. With 100 percent of the proceeds going towards Relay for Life, both organizations were able to raise \$631 over the course of the day.

Rock n Raise is a battle of the bands style fundraiser where bands sign up and compete through ticket sales to raise the most money and take away predetermined prizes. The event featured four live bands and three acoustic acts, all of which were broadcasted live via Hawk TV and The X.

The Hawk TV studio, located in the back of Plangere, had two stages set up for performances and one smaller stage set up for interviews. All the stages were assembled and painted by members of Hawk TV. The entire crew consisted of around 50 students.

Vernoica Yurowski, executive producer for Rock n Raise has been working with a producing team and



PHOTO COURTESY of Kitty Dorsey

\$631 was raised on Friday's "Rock n Raise" fundraiser in Plangere.

members of Hawk TV putting this event together since the summer time. She explained the early stages consisted of coming up with themes, creating the logo and eventually settling on one specific theme. "Overall I think today was really great," Yurowski said, "We had a great crew turn out. Everyone pitched in and everyone worked together,

we're one big family down here, we all helped each other out and it was great."

The event was hosted by communication majors Michael Udayakumar and Ashely Pacifico, both juniors at the University. Udayakumar explained the main job as a host, is

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Annual Giving Rates of Alumni Increase



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Alumni donate to the University in many ways, especially through the phonathon.

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The alumni donation rate at the University slightly exceeded the national average for colleges and universities in the United States during the 2012 fiscal year.

Lucille Flynn, Associate Vice President for University Advancement, said the University's participation rate of solicited donors was 9.4 percent for the 2012 fiscal year, which ended on June 30. A press release issued by the Council for Aid to Education on

February 20 cited the results of its annual Voluntary Support of Education survey, which showed the national percentage of alumni who donate to their alma maters was 9.2 percent for the 2012 fiscal year.

The University's alumni participation rate has steadily increased over the last decade, according to Mary Anne Nagy, Vice President for Student and Community Services. Nagy, who has worked at the University for more than 25

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An Evening With the University Police

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Numerous unplanned occurrences can find themselves wedged between the everyday obligations of a police officer at the University; A suspicious persons report, card access failure, and a fender bender in the parking lot happened last Thursday evening when Patrolman John Noonan was on duty.

The night shift began with a briefing, the way every shift change begins at the University Police Department. The other officers on duty for the night shift on Thursday, February 21 were Patrolman Stephen Pavich and Safety Officer Frank Lotorto.

The officers sat in the squad room and discussed what had happened during the previous shift and reviewed any teletypes. A "teletype" is a notification sent over from another police department for them to be conscious of. In this instance, they had received a teletype about a missing persons report, a girl from

a community campus nearby.

"We're here to make sure that everything goes smoothly and that everybody is safe. That's the most important thing," said Noonan. He has worked for the University for ten years. Previously, he worked in Maplewood Township for 28 years as a Detective Lieutenant/Commander of the Detective Bureau. "It's a secure, steady job and I like helping people. I actually took a cut in pay to be a cop," he said. Prior to becoming a police officer, Noonan had a managerial position at Kings Super Market.

Paperwork and documentation is a big part of the job. Noonan said, "There's a report for everything." Officers must constantly document the status of their car (mileage, contents of the car, etc.) as well as their stops (if the buildings checked "okay").

Noonan said, "They (the students) should feel safe here because they do have a police department.

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Sheila McAllister Named President of New Jersey Communication Association

Third University Professor to Be Awarded This Title

BRIANNA MCCABE
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Sheila McAllister, public relations professor, was recently named the President of the New Jersey Communication Association (NJCA), a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the exchange of information in communication research.

“I have been a member of NJCA since 2005 and I have worked with various committees. I worked my way up the ladder and I am so thrilled to now be able to say that I am the President of NJCA,” said McAllister.

McAllister serves as the director of the University’s graduate program in corporate and public communication as well as the faculty advisor to the University’s chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA).

Victoria Day, sophomore and current student in McAllister’s communication research methods class, said, “It is no surprise that McAllister was awarded the title of President of NJCA. Her credentials and overall experience in the communication

field goes above and beyond that of the average professor. You can definitely tell that her heart is in communication and she is more than deserving of this title.”

NJCA is a network of people dedicated to the understanding and

munication education at all levels of curricula.”

“As president, I will encourage students to prosper in the field of communication,” said McAllister. “I will especially urge students to attend the NJCA conference on April

everywhere.”

There are other key executive positions in NJCA that are currently being held by other communication professors at the University, including Vera Towle as the Internet Relations Director, Mary Harris as the

nual conference.” In addition, Harris attends meetings to collaborate with other executive board members regarding event planning. Elected Public Relations Director in April 2012, Harris “looks forward to continuing [her] work with the organization.”

“McAllister and many other public relations professors are very inspiring- they all make the field look fun and exciting,” said Allie Phillips, sophomore and member of PRSSA. “McAllister especially encourages the students to get involved and do things to gain experience within the field.” Phillips is a public relations concentration within the communication major and believes that PRSSA is a great way to get involved. “McAllister runs PRSSA in a way that allows us to use our own creativity. With her help, I am positive that this is the field that I want to enter in the near future,” Phillips said.

Since its establishment in 1997, the University has had two other communication professors awarded the title of President of NJCA, including Don Swanson in 2001 and Michael Echols in 2012.

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VICTORIA DAY
Sophomore

management of communication. It promotes and recognizes the need to excel in communication research and application at a scholarly and professional level. According to the NJCA website, one of its main missions is “to advocate for the development and implementation of com-

20 at Fairleigh Dickinson University, which is an event that students can participate in by submitting papers and forming panels. Not only will students make connections with other emerging communication professionals at Monmouth, but various people involved in communication

Public Relations Director, Chad Dell as the At-Large and Victoria Jordan as the Undergraduate Student Representative.

As a first-year member with NJCA, Harris “assists with Public Relations and outreach regarding the NJCA mission, membership, and an-

The Writing Center Pairs Up with Asbury Park Middle School

Students Engage in Pen Pal Program to Improve Writing Skills

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The Writing Center is teaming up with fifth-grade students at Asbury Park Middle School in a pen pal program which consists of 17 University members including undergraduate students, graduate students and professors. The University and Asbury Park Middle School sent letters to one another on February 14 in a Valentine’s Day project and the program will continue until May.

This is the “pilot semester” for the program, making it so the partnerships are currently only available to writing assistants employed at the Writing Center. However, Asbury Park Middle School has several other partnerships with the University that other students can be a part of.

The University’s Writing Center is a free resource to all students that helps in all aspects from writing good thesis statements to different types of formatting. However, Neva Lozada, Assistant Director of Writing Services, had more aspirations for the writing assistants.

Lozada became interested in a service learning initiative that the Writing Center could participate in. She found an article that described a pen pal project that other writing centers across the country such as the City University of

run the program I was thrilled,” she said. Rimassa hopes to obtain experience in her field and help inspire young writers in the local community. Lozada and Rimassa hope that this is the start to a long-living program.

started coming together. Lozada then asked Rimassa to take part in this project with her. Rimassa said, “I could not have asked for a better opportunity to partake in. The Asbury Park students were so excited and passionate about

they will be meeting the nine and 10 year olds at the Asbury Park Middle School to assist them on an end-of-the-year project, which is a writing assignment. Rimassa and Lozada hope that this will give the children an early exposure to college while building their writing skills.

Lozada believes that the writing assistants will benefit by connecting with and inspiring future writers in the community and the children will be able to enhance their own writing skills throughout the semester. She believes the program will build self-confidence in communication skills and thinking about future goals and aspirations by learning how to properly format letters and learn from their very own mentor.

The Writing Center is for students and employees who need help with their writing or wish to improve their work. They offer one-on-one writing assistance in all academic disciplines and at all stages of the writing process, from brainstorming ideas and writing drafts to polishing the final revision and reviewing documentation styles.

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SARAH RIMASSA
Writing Assistant at the Writing Center

New York, Eastern Pennsylvania University and Saint Cloud State University were involved in. “I knew it would be a perfect fit for us here at Monmouth,” Lozada said.

Sarah Rimassa, English and elementary education major, is helping Lozada run the pen pal program and couldn’t agree more with Lozada’s statement. “I thrive off of working with children, so when Neva asked me to help her

This idea didn’t go directly from an idea to reality. Lozada first met with Marilyn Ward, Coordinator of Service Learning and Community Programs. They both discussed the viability of the project and its plans. The following week, Ward put Lozada in touch with an administrator from Asbury Park Middle School who was visiting the University for the African-American Read-In. After speaking, the idea

the idea when we met them, and they will be a pleasure to work with. They are great kids with big dreams, and I look forward to seeing them all grow.”

In their letters, the students can write about anything they’d like, from how their day is going to what they think about the daily school lunch. Not only will these volunteers be writing back-and-forth with their assigned student, but at the end of semester

CRIME BLOTTER

UNDERAGE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL/ STUDENT MISCONDUCT

2/20/13 - 2:20 AM

ALUMNI HOUSE

UNDERAGE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL/ STUDENT MISCONDUCT

2/22/13 - 3:37 AM

PINEWOOD HALL

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

2/22/13 - 8:40 AM - 5:40 PM

PARKING LOT 15

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2/22/13 - 2:02 AM

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Dr. Robert P. Kirshner Educates Students on the Universe

SHAHARYAR AHMAD
SCIENCE EDITOR

At the fourth annual Dean’s Seminar hosted by the School of Science on Friday, Feb. 22, Dr. Robert P. Kirshner, Clowes Professor of Science at Harvard University, lectured on how the universe is not only expanding, but accelerating in the process. “We thought we could measure that effect by looking at objects nearby and far away and seeing how fast they are receding from us,” Kirshner said. Therefore, if the universe is slowing down, the rate of its expansion must have been faster in the past than it is now or it could be that it is speeding up where the opposite would hold true. The measurements of distances and velocities of light emitted from exploding stars known as supernovae support the latter theory. As a nearby supernova occurs, its light travels to us through space at 300,000 kilometers per second. If the universe is speeding up during the time the light is in flight, it stretches out more, increasing the distance traveled, thereby causing the supernova to appear a little dimmer. If the universe is slowing down however, the light traveling to you would travel a shorter path and the supernova would seem a little brighter. This is in accordance with the Doppler Effect which accounts for the difference between observed frequency and emitted frequency between an observer and a source, respectively. For instance, as an ambulance approaches you, you hear a high pitched siren with an elevated

observed frequency with respect to the emitted frequency. As the ambulance passes you, a lower pitched siren is heard with a lower corresponding frequency. The same applies to supernovae. As the light from a receding supernova approaches us, as in the expansion of the universe, a smaller light frequency, or a higher wavelength is observed, in a phenomenon known as a red-shift. In relation to the rate of the universe’s expansion exceeding the speed of light, “There is no riddle of relativity,” Kirshner said. “What relativity tells you is that one object cannot pass another object at the speed of light.” He added that the overall expansion can make it so that the expansion itself is going faster than the speed of light meaning that far away, objects are increasingly red-shifted so they get dimmer and the energy of each photon decreases so eventually you cannot see them at all. “We know that there is evidence that the expansion of the universe, which people have known about since the 1930’s, is speeding up,” Kirshner said. “Everyone expected it to slow down due to gravity, but it’s speeding up. So there must be some other component of the universe that causes that...we call it dark energy.” Kirshner added that Einstein thought of something similar in 1917 known as the cosmological constant, which allowed for a stationary universe. “The modern way of thinking about that would be that there could be energy associated with empty space itself. It’s empty, but not without qualities,” Kirshner said. Even though the gravitational

force appears powerful as it holds our cars smack against the roads, it pales in comparison to other fundamental forces as its associated length remains quite miniscule. Due to this nature, the uncertainty in energy, attained from quantum mechanical calculations, is “quite large.” “So it wouldn’t be at all amazing if there is some energy associated with empty space,” Kirshner said. Astronomical observations of exploding stars halfway across the universe seem to show that there is evidence for the acceleration of the universe and for the presence of some dark energy. “It might be the cosmological constant but that is not to say we really know the whole story.” Kirshner continued, “It may have some other qualities that have not been appreciated yet, but it looks like dark energy is what we attribute the accelerated expansion to.” This dark energy, which may be a property of empty space, would theoretically not be diluted if space were to expand. So as more space was to come into existence due to the expansion of the universe, more dark energy should appear, allowing the universe to accelerate faster. To figure out the true nature of dark energy however, actual data is needed because we do not exactly know the true nature of dark energy. Has dark energy always been around? Kirshner said that the assumption is that it always has been there and it had such a small value in the early days of the universe that the density of matter was higher than it is now so the universe would have been slowing down due to the presence of matter. It is only as the

universe spreads out that the matter gets diluted that the density of matter decreases to be comparable to the density of dark energy. Kirshner said, “Apparently, this crossover point actually occurred about 5 billion years ago which is the range of our observations and also about the age of the earth.” Combining quantitative cosmological observations with theoretical models of the composition of the universe, scientists have described the dark energy to consist of about “73 percent of the universe, with 23 percent dark matter, and less than 4 percent actual atoms,” according to Kirshner. That four percent consists of baryonic matter, elementary particles such as protons and neutrons which collectively form everything we are familiar with: from our muscles and cell-phones to the rings of Saturn and distant supernovae. On the other hand, dark matter is a little bit different. Kirshner said that when you look at a galaxy, the stars in it are orbiting the mass of the galaxy and the velocity of the orbits does not decrease as you go to the outer portions of the galaxy. Therefore, the mass distribution must be extended and very large compared to the stars such that the galaxy is embedded in the dark matter. Since our own galaxy observes the same behavior, we ought to be going through a mist or a fog of these dark matter particles. “We are going at 250 kilometers per second so it’s like driving in the rain, [these particles] ought to be hitting the windshield,” Kirshner said. But because this dark matter does not appear to interact with electro-

magnetic radiation like baryonic matter does, the former seems to be invisible. The experiments for the meticulous determination of dark matter using underground particle detectors are still ongoing. “The current results are all null results, but we still believe it,” Kirshner said. Brandon Edward Hayes, senior chemistry major, recollected that “Kirshner’s talk provided wonderful (and at times comical) insight into the ever-changing model and history of the universe. His charismatic persona and love for his work made the presentation enjoyable for all who attended, not just the scientifically driven.” Kirshner graduated from Harvard College in 1970 and received a Ph.D. in Astronomy at Caltech. He was a postdoc at the Kitt Peak National Observatory, and was on the faculty at the University of Michigan for nine years. In 1986, he moved to the Harvard Astronomy Department. He served as chairman of the Department from 1990-1997 and as the head of the Optical and Infrared Division of the CFA from 1997-2003. Kirshner is an author of over 200 research papers dealing with supernovae and observational cosmology. His work with the High-Z Supernova Team on the acceleration of the universe was dubbed the “Science Breakthrough of the Year for 1998” by Science Magazine. Kirshner and the High-Z Team shared in the Gruber Prize for Cosmology in 2007. In 2011, two of his former graduate students, Brian Schmidt and Adam Reiss, shared in the Nobel Prize in Physics for this work.

Annual Alumni Giving Rates Higher than National Average

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years, said the rise in donation rates has correlated with the University’s ascension in national attention, expanded extra-curricular offerings and an increase of resident students. “The student experience at Monmouth University now is very different than it was in the last 15 to 20 years,” Nagy said, and added that the University has been ranked in the Princeton Review’s annual “The Best 377 Colleges” guide eight years in a row. “We’re now much more of a residential campus,” she said. “When you have 2,000 students living with you, getting involved in activities, clubs, organizations and working more on

when people are asked to contribute to something that they were a part of as opposed to a broader fund, they’re more willing to [donate],” Nagy said. “I see us moving in that direction, maybe even more than what we have in the past.” Flynn said, “A lot of donors like to know exactly where their money is going, so they’ll support a particular school, program, or team, instead of just donating to unrestricted funds.” The University routinely reaches out to potential donors via its Phonathon, where a faction of current students and Annual Fund members solicit donations over the phone from more than 25,000 alumni throughout the year. But after Superstorm Sandy devastated NJ in October, the Univer-

the MU Sandy Relief Fund, which will directly benefit some alumni, faculty and students who were adversely affected by Sandy. Flynn indicated many alumni from surrounding states contributed to the relief project, which Nagy currently estimates has raised between \$15,000 and \$16,000. While University Advancement, University board members and the Student Alumni Association already personally responded to donors via handwritten notes, personalized e-mails and phone calls during numerous Thankathons, Flynn and Nagy believe the relief project will build upon the University’s reputation of graciously replying to its donors. “I was always taught charity begins at

“I was always taught charity begins at home. I want alumni and students to think about that too. Take care of Monmouth and let’s also take care of other people.”

MARY ANNE NAGY
Vice President for Student and Community Services

campus, they develop a bonding experience with the campus that, in the long run, has a direct effect on giving and how they feel about the University.” Nagy admitted the growth in the University’s donation rate has recently stagnated. However, she suspects it to start trending upward again because of an increased number of segmented donation options for alumni. In addition to offering the Hawk Walk Brick Campaign, which allows anyone to purchase a personalized brick engraved with their name on campus, University Advancement has also recently placed an emphasis on encouraging alumni to donate to clubs and organizations they were involved with while they attended the University. “We really do seem to find that

sity faced a unique challenge in soliciting fundraising for the 2013 fiscal year. The University hesitated to contact any alumni who live in the immediate surrounding areas, and instead focused their efforts on graduates in other parts of the country. “We reached out to alumni who were in other states, such as Pennsylvania or Massachusetts, and just told them that the University was okay,” Nagy said. “From there, after a few weeks, we started to contact alumni who were closer.” The University established the “Monmouth University Hurricane Sandy Relief Project,” where funds raised were split evenly between the Hurricane Sandy New Jersey Relief Fund, headed by Governor Chris Christie’s wife Mary Pat Christie, and

home,” Nagy said. “I want alumni and students to think about that too. Take care of Monmouth and let’s also take care of other people.” Flynn said over 65 percent of the University’s employees donate to the University on an annual basis, which she says is a “huge number” for any university. Nagy added, “It shows how much the faculty believes in this institution, when they are willing to give not only of their time and talent, but also of their treasure.” Nagy cited the University’s donations during 2012 as a sign of a growing belief in the institution from many outsiders as well. “To achieve what we’ve achieved is pretty remarkable given all the things that have happened here in the last year,” Nagy said. “And my suspicion is [donations] will be on an uptick soon.”

Task Force to Create New Calendar

MAGGIE ZELINKA
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

The University has created a task force in October that may be enforcing a new schedule this upcoming fall which will change both the academic calendar as well as time frames. Speaking to a room of 18 students and professors this past Monday, Chair of the Political Science and Sociology Department Joe Patten addressed what he, along with 14 other University professors and students hope to pass. “The problem is simple in that Labor Day causes these issues. If you cannot start earlier and you want to end earlier, there is nothing you can do but change,” Patten said. The schedule was created due to our unusual regional predicament. Because of the University’s location, students and faculty cannot start the academic year until Labor Day due to summer rentals. With this late start and the required 15 weeks in accordance with federal policy, the University’s fall semester tends to end around December 23 which is highly unfavorable to most attached to the University. One of the most popular aspects discussed at the meeting was the new schedule’s addition of Wednesday to Thanksgiving Break. Along with this change, the task force believes the school should have off on a Monday and Tuesday in October for fall break annually. According to Patten, the University has had some fall breaks that were only one day while other years’ calendars included no fall breaks. If approved, the two permanent breaks in fall will perfectly coincide with the spring semester’s spring break. Furthermore, the alternate calendar will have the University’s 2013-2014 school year begin on a Wednesday rather than a Tuesday. Patten made sure it was well known that “the framing system in the spring will

also be changed for consistency issues.” The time frames, as mentioned previously, will also be greatly affected by the changed academic calendar. “We currently go until 10:05 at night,” Patten said. “Graduate programs like to have a 6:00 pm - 8:45 pm option, but the problem is we offer 4:30 pm - 7:15 pm or 7:25 pm - 10:05 pm.” The new schedule includes class times of 6:30 pm - 7:50 pm, 8:00 pm - 9:20 pm, or a three hour option of 6:30 pm - 9:20 pm. This change will assist many graduate students who may hold jobs during the day but also many undergraduate students who have internships during the day. The tentative approach shows all classes gaining five minutes but in exchange, the calendar will be shortened from fifteen weeks to fourteen weeks. Therefore, if your class begins at 8:30 am, the class will not end until 9:50 am and the following class will not begin until 10:10 am. In this new system, there will be 18 different 75 minute classes which will meet twice a week. Another modified feature this new calendar entails is a 20 minute break between each class rather than the current 15 minute break. This change will potentially help students, especially the commuters who must deal with the chaotic parking lot. The meeting times on Wednesday will also be moved to either a 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm or 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm time slot. In order to gain approval, the academic alternate will have to be processed and approved by both the faculty of the University as well as the Union. This would not be for quite some time seeing as the faculty in the meeting had multiple concerns. “It’s still a working process,” Patten continued. “The thought was to have a product to describe what it is we are trying to do, we kind of have something but it’s not official yet. It’s not a done deal by a long shot.”

University Students Research Paper Published in the *Journal of International Relations*

Paper Examines the 2001 Economic Crisis of Argentina

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STAFF WRITER

Samuel Maynard and Alexandria Todd, junior and senior political science majors, were selected earlier this month for publication in the *Journal of International Relations* after examining the domestic and international facets of the 2001 Argentine economic crisis.

The team found out about their paper's acceptance on Sunday, February 3. "Chaos, Pure and Simple: Examining the Complexities of the 2001 Economic Crisis in Argentina," will be published in the *Journal* in March 2013 and was selected for publication by a double-bind, peer review process, according to a member of the editorial board at the *Journal of International Relations*.

The source continued, "Its [the piece's] innovate perspective and analytic strength in examining an important issue in international relations and political economy made it a perfect fit for the *Journal of International Relations*. It has been a pleasure for the *Journal's* staff to work with the authors in readying the piece for publication."

Maynard and Todd both took Dr. William Mitchell's Argentine Politics class during the fall semester and had to complete a paper on a topic of Argentine politics that they found interesting

before departing on a two-week cultural trip to Buenos Aires.

"Dr. Mitchell, the encouraging academic that he is, mentioned that if we wanted to attempt to submit our paper for publication that we would be permitted to write the paper with a partner," said Todd. "Samuel [Maynard] and I decided to join forces to increase our chances for publication. Plus, two of our friends in the class had decided to partner up for the project, and we love friendly competition."

The Argentine politics class incorporated readings and lectures involving Spanish colonization and examined political party, economic, social and cultural development up until the most recent administration under Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner.

"Lexi [Todd] and Sam [Maynard] analyzed a complex event, the Argentine sovereign default of 2001, which is the largest national default in history," said Mitchell. "It sent shock waves across the international financial system, and in part paved the way for the current troubles in Greece, Portugal and Ireland. It also marked the end of Washington's neoliberal, pro-Cold War experiment in Latin America because no country embraced this model more than Argentina during the 1990s - and look where they [Argentina] ended up."

The duo examined the domestic

and international aspects of the economic crisis and its results. "I examined the international implications of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) involvement and the policies of the Carlos Menem administration, particularly in the 1990s. Lexi [Todd] took a more historical approach and wrote about the unstable economic history dating back to the 1930s," said Maynard.

"What made their paper unique, I think, is that it is organized as a debate between the authors rather than a single argument or narrative," Mitchell continued. "To their credit, both took on their particular task in this paper without preconceptions as to the likely conclusion. In short, either argument at the start of the project could have prevailed. In the course of their research and eventual writing of the paper, they crafted a convincing argument on the origins of the crisis that rejects some and embraces other domestic and international factors."

Maynard and Todd wrote the paper before the trip and submitted it after visiting Buenos Aires. "It's interesting, when you read the press all the signs are pointing towards another debt default, but the feeling is quite different on the streets in Buenos Aires," Maynard said. "The public has learned from the instability and has found ways to insulate themselves from the current problems,"



PHOTO COURTESY from Susan Pagano

Samuel Maynard and Alexandria Todd were selected to have their research papers published in the *Journal of International Relations*.

he continued.

The *Journal of International Relations* has a circulation of 3,000 copies that are distributed to over 120 undergraduate international relations programs and Association of Professional

Schools of International Affairs (APSIA) graduate international relations schools.

"We in the department couldn't be any prouder of them," said Dr. Joseph Patten, chair of the political science department.

"Forever Unloved Sandy" Beer Released to Raise Money for Hurricane Victims

BRETT BODNER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Flying Fish Brewing Company released a special brew of beer called Forever Unloved (F.U.) Sandy to help aid victims of Superstorm Sandy. So far, the company has raised over \$45,000 for charity and hopes to get the number up to \$50,000 when all is said and done.

"After the storm, we wanted to do something as a fundraiser but we weren't sure what to do because we had just moved our brewery and our production was not up to speed," said President and Founder of The Flying Fish Brewing Company Gene Muller. "Once we did, we decided to do what we do best, which is brew beer."

Muller said he wanted to make a summer beer for the winter. The recipe of the beer consists of 50 percent wheat and 50 percent malt. "People always identify the wheat beers for summer, so we gave it a little more body and upped the alcohol a little bit to give it more of a hop bite and make it fit in better with the cold weather."

The Flying Fish Brewing Company website said the F.U. Sandy beer is: "Brewed with a 50/50 blend of Two Row Pale Malt and American White Wheat. It is hopped with experimental hop ADHA 483, donated by the American Dwarf Hop Association, which has never been used in a beer. Muller and Head Brewer Casey Hughes expect a beautiful, tropical nose of mangoes and guavas that will accentuate the beer's soft mouth feel and contribute to a truly one-of-a-kind ale."

The company sold 86 kegs of

the beer to local New Jersey bars, including local Long Branch bars, Jack's Goal Line Stand, McLoone's and the Draft House. The beer has received a mostly positive response and many locations, like Jack's and McLoone's, are already sold out of it.

Line Stand, said the beer sold very quickly from the moment it arrived. "From the moment we tapped it, it took less than five days to kick the keg," Stefan said. "Five days is ridiculously quick to finish an entire keg."

Muller was the one who came

As for people who aren't fans of the name, Muller said he has received voicemails saying that name is disrespectful to people in New Jersey named Sandy. He added that there have been few of those calls and most of the feedback he's heard has been positive.



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Forever Unloved Sandy is a new beer released by the Flying Fish Brewing Company that was intended to be a summer beer for the winter season.

"The F.U. Sandy beer was very popular here and people absolutely loved it," said Brian Nazaro, McLoone's Bar Manager. "It actually tasted like a summer ale IPA."

Alex Stefan, University alumna and a bartender at Jack's Goal

up with the name of the beer. "We wanted to do something with sort of a Jersey edge to it and I came up with the 'F.U.' first and thought of a way to make that work," Muller said. "Soon after this we came up with the 'forever unloved' part of it."

Some beer drinkers have enjoyed the taste of the beer, while some have thought the citrus taste was too strong.

Stefan said he is not really a big craft beer drinker, but once in a while he will try something different. "This beer was actually

really good and I'm not surprised it sold out so quickly," Stefan said. "The beer was for a charitable cause, had a good taste, and of course an awesome name."

Not all people were fans of the beer. "I wasn't really happy with the beer," senior criminal justice Greg Cenicola said. "It was too lemony for my taste."

Muller explained that people are getting a taste of citrus from the wheat body of the beer mixed with a little bit of hops at the end.

Muller has been happy with what he's seen so far, especially the reaction of New Jersey locals. "It's cool to see all of these New Jersey businesses and organizations making this happen," Muller said. "And of course all of the consumers coming out to taste and drink the beer."

Both Jack's and McLoone's sold pints of the FU Sandy Beer for \$8. Although the beer is sold out at many locations, Muller said that it is possible there could be more brews of the beer in the future.

"We've had requests to bring it back for the summer because right now a lot of the shore bars aren't even open in February, so we're still trying to figure it out," Muller said. The beer is available only as a draft, as there are no plans to have the beer bottled at this point in time.

In addition to making a profit for charity through beer sales, The Flying Fish Brewing Company will also be selling F.U. Sandy t-shirts and glasses to help raise more money. The company has not yet announced which charity they will be giving the money to. Muller said they want to make sure that it goes towards a legitimate New Jersey based charity organization.



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What Does the Football Team's Move to the Big South Mean?

THE OUTLOOK STAFF OPINION

Two weeks ago, the University football team split with 16 year affiliate, the Northeast Conference. Now, they will head to the Big South. Overall, *The Outlook* is happy that the football team will now be accepted into the Big South Conference but the switch raises certain questions amongst the staff.

Although there is currently no concrete evidence to support it, *The Outlook* is concerned that the move to the Big South Conference will jeopardize the price of tuition. It is to our knowledge that the Big South Conference is composed of seven teams including MU. This means we would play three away games in the conference located in North Carolina, South Carolina, or Virginia. Geographically, the schools in the Big South Conference are a farther distance than the schools in the Northeast Conference are. It's possible that the football team will be traveling a farther distance for an away game than they have in the past. *The Outlook* wonders how the University will cover the cost of travel for away games.

Currently, the University's football team roster has nearly 100 student athletes. The cost to

either fly or drive all of these athletes, as well as the coaches and other staff members, could total a large amount of money. Whether it is by plane or bus, the financial situation will be an impending issue.

Another factor to keep in mind when counting the numbers will be lodging. How will the University afford lodging for all those affiliated with the football team?

"The Outlook hopes that the transition to the Big South Conference will be an opportunity to advance the football program and the University in general."

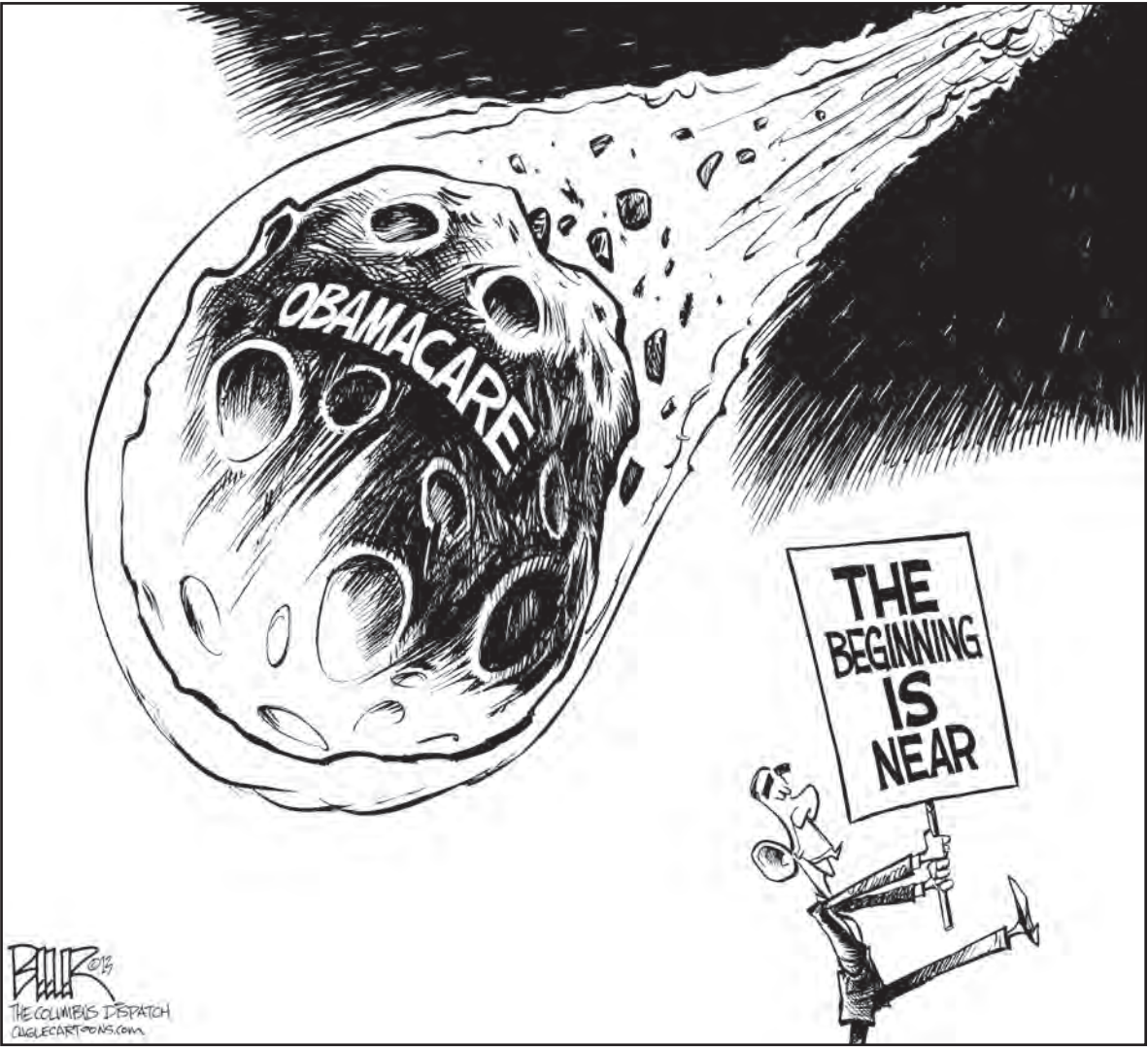
The Outlook also wonders if the move to The Big South will cause the University to offer more athletic scholarships. And if so, we are curious as to where this money will come from. We believe that we will not be able to tell how the move to the Big South Conference will impact the University financially until the fall of 2014.

On the opposing side, this change may bring the University a chance to bring in more revenue. *The Outlook* is aware that attendance for campus events and sporting games could be higher. As we move to the Big South Conference and play bigger schools with a potentially higher profile,

we hope that attendance in sporting events will rise and the University will begin to gain profit from the games and that would cover any additional travel costs.

In regards to the football team being dropped from The Northeast Conference, *The Outlook* sees both sides of the situation. We are in agreement that it was unfair for the NEC to deny the University football team from the conference without a reason or explanation, especially since MU is one of the founding members. On the other hand, we understand that the NEC does not want other Universities to drop out of the conference and come back at the school's convenience.

In the long run, *The Outlook* thinks this change will help the University expand their boundaries and hopes the change will help spread their name. Being a part of the Big South Conference will put MU in contact with many schools we have never played before. This means that more people will become familiar with the University which could increase our chances of recruiting football players, as well as other athletes, from the south. *The Outlook* hopes that the transition to the Big South Conference will be an opportunity to advance the football program and the University in general.



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Volunteering to Make a Difference

One Student Realizes Importance of Helping Others After Experience at Charity Bike Race

MORGAN HOLLINGSWORTH
STAFF WRITER

There was a time when I thought that volunteering was simply a part of community service. People volunteer or do community to impress schools he or she wishes to attend or in order to fulfill a certain amount of hours for being caught partying a little too hard off campus. Maybe it is so that one fulfills her sorority’s requirements or because the university makes every club and organization pitch in for the Big Event. Regardless, no one volunteers without an ulterior motive.

About a year ago, I found myself with a brand new internship at the Multiple Sclerosis Society. I did typical intern things: I stuffed envelopes, ran labels, and ran errands around town. But I had one other thing I was required to do; attend the events that the organization held.

During the events, I mostly ran left and right but there was a few times when I had the chance to speak with the event participants, volunteers, or those living with the disease.

It was overwhelming. Here were people all around me together for one cause. They were all working toward the same goal, all there not because they had to be, but because they wanted to be.

To the girl who had never volunteered a day in her life and never felt a need to, seeing all of these people investing time, money, and emotion into this event blew me away.

There is a plethora of reasons that one should volunteer. It is no longer necessary for a volunteer to be someone affected by the cause, working off community service hours, or someone trying to get into college or to put their experience on a resume. Volunteering has so many benefits, especially for a college student.

The traditional reason to volunteer is for the emotional aspect of it. Simply put, volunteering makes your mind, body, and soul feel good. In many cases you are helping someone who cannot help himself.

During the first event that I helped with, a bike ride, I was standing around, cleaning up a bit while the bike riders were out on the route. A man came up to me and asked my name.

He then said,“Morgan, I want to thank you. I am living with MS and it’s people like you who give me hope that we might one day find a cure. Everything you do here today brings us one step closer.”

It made me feel like the Grinch. My heart grew three sizes in that moment. Again, this is coming from the girl who thought volunteering was for brown nosers and delinquents trying to clear their name. I vowed to volunteer or do something to give my time to worthy causes in any way possible at least once every year from then on.

Another reason to volunteer is for the benefit of networking. I cannot stress this enough. If you are not going to volunteer to make friends or because you are passionate about the cause it sup-



PHOTO TAKEN by Morgan Hollingsworth
Volunteers at a Bike MS event helped raise money and awareness for Multiple Sclerosis. Morgan Hollingsworth (above, right) realized the importance of donating her time to charitable causes after a heart felt encounter with a man living with the disease.

ports, volunteer and get involved in a charitable organization because the networking opportunities are unmatched.

The people I have met through volunteering are not only simply amazing people, but people who could help me later in my career. I know CEOs and presidents of large companies, community leaders, and other notable people across the country. All of these people know my name and face, as well as that I have made a commitment to a passion that they share. Also, the society I volunteered for has agreed to hire me full time once I graduate.

Apart from making a difference and networking, the chance to make friends is another reason why more people should volunteer. You are working with people who have a common goal which is to help or end or cure something.

That is a connection that you simply cannot get by solely meeting someone at work or on campus. It is a real, no issues, no ulterior motive friendship which is hard to find these days, but they do exist.

While volunteering might not be as cool or as glamorous as spending your day off at a theme

park, the beach, or the bar, it is more admirable than any of those things. You are not helping someone (other than your golden tan) by going to the beach, or helping your career by going to the bar (usually the opposite).

While you might make some new friends at a theme park, you will have a bit more of a heart to heart connection with the friends you make while volunteering. With this in mind, the next time you get that Facebook invite to join a friend’s breast cancer walk, do not dismiss it so quickly. You never know where it may take you.

Handling Peer Pressure in College

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Remember when you were first taught the concept of peer pressure back in elementary school? Your teachers educated you on the value of respecting yourself and others around you and to never force someone to do something that they do not want to do. As we get older, the lessons of peer pressure go on without much to say. We experience life and learn from our mistakes. We think that we carry our wits about us everywhere we go when we are with groups of people. We may think that we, as college students, do not fall into peer pressure, but it happens more times than we think.

As students from high school transition into college, times can be rough. They have to get used to their new environment and adapt to any changes that come their way. Someone who was not into the party scene in high school might wind up living on a floor that is wild and crazy, and they will have to adapt to their environment in order to fit in with everyone else.

Next thing they know their whole persona changes. They begin to think differently, dress differently, and act differently just to fit in with a group of people. It is crazy to think that a group of people can have such a massive influence on one person, but someone’s lifestyle can be changed drastically just by conforming and adopting to other people’s values and actions as they forget about their own.

However, peer pressure does not only relate to the party scene.

Students can experience peer pressure when it comes to doing well in their classes. If everyone else is stressing out, you are bound to stress as well. Students may also experience peer pressure to lose weight or get in shape because their friends are into that lifestyle. There is a wide range of pressure that college students can face.

A perfect example of people always conforming to other’s actions can be seen in *Mean Girls*. I am not going to give a full blown synopsis of this movie because I am pretty sure, actually 100 percent sure, that this entire campus has seen it, or if they have not seen it, know about it.

In relating the movie to peer pressure, Lindsey Lohan’s character conforms to her new social group referred to as “The Plastics.” She acts like them, thinks like them, and dresses like them.

Lohan’s character fell under peer pressure in order to fit in, be popular, get the guy, and live happily ever after. However, falling under peer pressure probably will not lead you to your Prince Charming. There will probably be some other consequences.

Mean Girls, although it is one of my favorite movies and I can speak it fluently (come talk to me, we’ll have a quote party), it demonstrates that peer pressure does not solve everything. Just because we want to fit in and be cool does not mean we have to lose ourselves.

What is seen on screen is put into real life situations when it is actually taking place on the Monmouth campus. Everyone falls into peer pressure at some point, maybe even a few points, in

their college careers.

For me, peer pressure is like a trend. Anytime there is a new trend that is going around campus, everyone has to abide by it. Whether it is printed leggings, glittered iPhone cases, or the new Harlem Shake (whatever the hell that is), people conform to what everyone else is doing and what everyone else is interested in.

When I was a freshman at Monmouth, the first thing on my list was to make new friends and to be involved. I wanted to find a group of friends that would accept me for all my strengths, weaknesses, flaws, and quirks- a lot of quirks. I did not want to be around people who would have wanted me to dress a certain way or act a certain way, just so that I could fit in with them.

I think now is the perfect time to say, “ain’t no body got time for that!”

And that’s just it. Ain’t no body got time for that. Nobody should have time to conform to other people’s wants and needs. We should be surrounding ourselves with people who are accepting us for what we have to offer. However, for some people, they succumb to the peer pressures in college.

In college it is all about finding your nitch; what you are good at, establishing a group of friends, and participating in activities and organizations you want to be a part of. College is not about seeking approval from others, it is about seeking approval from yourself. You are the only person that is standing in your way to be successful, so do not let anyone pressure you to do something that will dull your sparkle.

Faculty Member Disagrees With Editorial

To the Editors of the Outlook:

This reply is in regard to the article that appeared in this week’s Outlook: “A Challenge for More Faculty to Participate in The Outlook.”

It generated much discussion within my department since we were singled out as being among those departments who were most egregious in failing to involve ourselves in the activities of our school newspaper. One outcome of this discussion is that we found the accusation to be grossly false. One of my colleagues was curious as to just how involved we have been, and did a search for “psychology” and by last names over the last 12 months in the search option on the Outlook website.

That search turned up 15 times that a faculty member from our department is mentioned in an article that appeared in print (eight of us are listed, by the way... the list is included at the end of this email). I have no idea how many times we were actually asked to reply to an inquiry or how many times our replies went unmentioned in the paper, but I was asked via email 3-4 times since September, unfortunately about matters of which I have no expertise. In one case I replied (see below) and in the other cases I forwarded the request to the rest of the faculty in my department. I see from the search on your website (listed below) that all of these requests were responded to by another faculty member in my department.

I think it is also important to point out that some of my attempts to publish something or interact with the Outlook have been ignored or set aside, a phenomenon known as “selective survival” in archival research on the topic of what gets published in print media. For example, last fall, I responded to an email request from someone representing the Outlook about our fascination with vampires. I wrote back that I have no expertise in this area but did some Google scholar research and sent the reporter three lengthy published articles on the topic. I checked the Outlook over the next 3-4 weeks but never saw an article on vampires (if it appeared, my research assistance was not mentioned).

This would be one type of “selective survival” in which an individual’s attempt to work with one of your reporters was not credited or was simply ignored. On another occasion last spring, I wrote a short article for the Outlook about the undefeated season of the Lacrosse Club, trying to encourage students to attend the final game that weekend against the other undefeated team in the league. I’m the Lacrosse Club advisor and, since it seemed newsworthy, I wanted to draw attention to the upcoming game which would have determined the League champion. I also thought my article was newsworthy

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Demander in Chief: Obama Changes Tone in Second Term

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As America treks out of the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression and moves beyond the 2012 election cycle, the country finds itself with a reelected and empowered executive in his last term. Barack Obama has matured into his post and has now changed his political tone from one of a negotiator-in-chief to a demander-in-chief.

The power struggle in Washington D.C. was not made any more clear after the 2012 elections. The Republican Party remained in control of the House of Representatives and the Democratic Party controlled both the Senate and the White House. With the country dealing with significant issues like taxes, immigration, Medicare, Social Security, gun control, and energy reforms unresolved, Obama has struck a more forceful tone in his rhetoric and in his dealings towards Congress that has proved incapable of bipartisanship.

Since Obama's re-election, he has been endowed with an enhanced approval rating that may provide him with the ability to push some of his second term agenda through Congress.

According to RealClearPolitics' RCP Poll Average (2013), 51 percent approve of Obama's work while only 42.6 percent disapprove. This compares to the RCP Poll Average approval rating of Congress of just 15.6 percent and a disapproval rate of 78.7 percent.

History instructor, Noah Lip-

man, stated, "It is clear the President's tone has changed. While he may say that he is willing to embrace bipartisanship, his actions, to date, do not reflect that."

Samantha Hopkins, a senior business management student said, "Every few months, Congress decides to create a crisis out of every issue. As a student, it is frustrating to watch because I need to plan for the future, but Congress' behavior doesn't allow me to do that."

In the dealings with the economy, the President has become tougher in his stances and his negotiation tactics.

This was seen during late December and early January when the debate regarding the debt ceiling arose. The debt ceiling is a limit controlled by Congress on the government's spending. Raising it does not authorize new spending, but if the maximum debt were to be reached, the United States would have to begin defaulting on its past financial obligations. Throughout the debate, Obama insisted that he would not negotiate over paying the country's bills and persisted requested that Congress lift the debt ceiling. In the end, Congress raised the limit.

In the last hours of 2012, the debate to prevent America from falling off the "Fiscal Cliff" roared on. In the face of Republican efforts, President Obama refused to renew tax cuts for wealthy Americans and insisted that tax deductions be limited.

In the end, the compromise that was struck accomplished

both of Obama's priorities. In exchange, Obama accepted the raising of taxes only on those with incomes over \$400,000; up from his previous demand of \$250,000.

Sophomore accounting major, Alissa Mustillo, said, "Congress has demonstrated that they cannot get anything done without a fight. The fiscal cliff compromise avoided tax cuts, but the political theater that went on was frustrating to watch."

In the months ahead, President Obama has promised to work with Congress to implement changes to immigration laws, tax reform, gun control, Medicare, and Social Security. After a first term during which he was criticized for not being more forward about his positions, he has made it clear through speeches, interviews, press conferences, and statements, and resource allocation that he intends to be proactive in defining the issues and those who stand in his way.

Over the last few months, Obama has continued to redirect his resources from seeking Congress' approval on policy initiatives and has focused on convincing the American public that his suggestions are the right direction for America.

Most recently, his campaign resources have been converted into a grass roots organization filed as Organizing For Action (OFA), a tax-exempt 501(c) (4). Director Jon Carson and his staff launched a campaign to accomplish the goal of raising \$50 million to spend on advertising, salaries and the renting of field



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President Obama will attempt to have an up-front attitude in his second term.

offices around the country.

Congress is going to have to make decisions on critical issues such as the automatic spending cuts set to take effect in March, the debt ceiling, taxes, and entitlement spending. For students, this will affect their chances at getting jobs after graduation, the

rate at which they are taxed, and the way they plan for retirement.

"For most students, especially those who are graduating and entering the job market, the economy is the issue that will affect them the most during his [Obama] second term," said Lipman.

University Could Have Legal Studies Concentration Ready for Next Fall

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Harmony Bailey, a history major with a legal studies minor, said, "As a legal studies minor, most classes I have to take are political science, criminal justice, and philosophy. I enjoy these types of classes and I think that they help the college student understand the world around them in clearer terms and they really make me feel comfortable with the idea of having to prepare for the LSAT tests."

Shawna Sullivan, a student in the Master in Public Policy program at the University, said, "The legal studies minor should absolutely be made into a major. I think that an area that has been neglected in the past for the Political Science Department is its

pre-law subdivision. The amount of interest in pursuing a legal education is extremely high both within and outside the department."

Peter Reinhart, Director of Kislak Real Estate Institute, said, "The biggest differences from undergraduate at Franklin and Marshall College and law school at Rutgers Camden were the amount of homework and preparation for each class and the pressure on tests. In law school, the entire grade was the final exam."

Albert Calise, professor of communication, said, "I think it will help students make a determination if law is the right approach for them. It will also allow students to pursue other legal related careers such as paralegals."

Green believes this could make the

University a more attractive destination for college bound students. "The concentration should improve student success in getting into law school, which in turn will lead to Monmouth's attraction of more and better students," said Green.

Noah Lipman, instructor of history who attended Pace Law School in New York said, "While having a law or legal studies minor might not help students get into law school, it would bring about an increased interest in going to law school. Law schools, for the most part, do not care what you majored in. Rather, their primary focus is on GPA and LSAT scores."

Lipman continues, "I do not think it is necessary to have a 'law major.' Rather, students should focus on courses that concern the Constitution and current government development."

Bailey said, "By making it a major I feel there would be more opportunities for students interested in law to actually learn along the guideline of the law studies that one may wish to pursue."

According to Bordelon, the main difference between the general political science major and the legal studies concentration is that students will have to take 12 credits more of American Legal Studies courses or PSAL and Judicial Systems which was offered in fall of 2012 for the first time. There is also an attempt to create a legal research methods class to be included in the minor and concentration.

The main issue with this new concentration is how the concentration will keep up with the trends from law schools.

Bordelon said, "As law schools change, we are trying to just maintain the curve on how we can best prepare students for a legal education."

Patten recommends that students who are looking to attend law school take undergraduate courses with writing, substantial homework and critical thinking.

Reinhart agrees with Patten. "Monmouth students should take classes that allow them to improve their writing skills as well as speaking skills. Also, classes with large amounts of homework are helpful since the workload in law school is far greater than undergraduate. A course with a major thesis would be helpful," said Reinhart.

Calise said that law classes and undergraduate courses are "Completely different in terms of content, context and volume."

Calise continued, "With undergraduate law classes, they give students a sample, where law school classes are very detailed in their studies."

Bordelon believes this concentration will help combine policy and law; however, he recommends that students need to find their "niche" and stick with it for success in anything not just law.

Patten said, "All students interested in political science can see the wide range the major offers."

Lipman said, "I believe that these courses, especially history, helped me in law school because I could understand from where the current practices of law developed."

The legal studies concentration can offer a multitude of options aside from law school. "Students with legal background can work in myriad careers, including management in corporations, non-profit organizations, government and entrepreneurial work," said Green.

No additional staff will need to be hired because of the concentration. It will be upon the political science department to share the responsibilities of teaching the legal classes. The

legal studies minor will remain on the books for those who do not want to make legal studies their major.

The first year of law school is known as "The year they scare you to death," according to Bordelon. The first year of law school is known for Socratic Method, a massive workload and competition from other students to not fall behind.

Bordelon said, "My hope is that students are not blinded sided by the first year and students are prepared with skills such as case briefs and outlining."

Reinhart believes that law school has a larger objective, "I believe law school success is achieved by gaining the ability to 'Think like a lawyer' more so than any particular undergraduate course. To the extent an undergraduate law class or law minor expedites a student learning to think like a lawyer that would be helpful. A high GPA and high score on the LSAT are still most important to admittance into law school," said Reinhart.

According to Bordelon, more law schools want to make students "practice ready" upon graduation which is why a lot of law schools are beginning to change their philosophy in preparing students.

Reinhart agrees that lawyers are expected to be prepared earlier. "The most important skill for a lawyer is the ability to express yourself in writing and verbally. The ability to write concisely, persuasively and understandably will serve a lawyer well," said Reinhart.

Reinhart continued, "Another necessary skill is the ability to drill down through material to understand the essential points. Also, the ability to manage your time is an important skill to have. Many students must work while attending law school and therefore finding time to work, prepare for class and otherwise exist is an essential talent to possess."



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The legal studies table has information about the LSAT, law schools and careers that are available with a law degree. The table is located outside of Dr. Gregory Bordelon's office in the Political Science and Sociology Department.

Lautenberg Not Seeking Re-Election in 2014

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New Jersey Senator Frank Lautenberg has officially announced he will not be running for re-election in the 2014 Senatorial election. Lautenberg has served in his New Jersey Senator seat for nearly thirty years, and at 89 years old, is the oldest member of Congress.

Lautenberg was born in Paterson, New Jersey in 1924. His parents were Polish and Russian immigrants who came to America through Ellis Island. His father took many jobs throughout Lautenberg's life, causing the family to move around frequently. He lost his father when he was 19 years old to cancer, and took the responsibility of helping support his family by working nights and weekends until he graduated high school.

After graduating high school, he enlisted in the military, and served in the Army Signal Corps in Europe. When he returned home he was able to attend Columbia University on the G.I. Bill, graduating with a degree in economics.

Following Columbia, Lautenberg and two childhood friends started the nation's first payroll service, Automatic Data Processing. He acted as chairman and CEO of the company helping it to become one of the largest computing services company in the world.

He first ran, and won, his seat

in Senate in 1982. Following his election to become a New Jersey Senator, he ran and won again in 1988 and 1994. After serving for three terms, he briefly retired from the Senate, only to jump back into the game in 2003. He was elected to his fifth and now final term in 2008.

He currently serves on three different committees for the Senate: Appropriations, Commerce, and Science and Transportation. He is also the Chairman of two Senate Committees, the Commerce Committee and the Environment and Public Works Committee.

Throughout his career, he has helped balance the federal budget, stopped aid to nations that support terrorism, kept guns out of the hands of domestic abusers, banned smoking on airplanes, increased the penalties on drunk drivers, fought for the environment, and improved the transportation system of New Jersey. In his last two years in office, Lautenberg has made the issues of gun control and the environment his most important issues.

There have been rumors swirling around Lautenberg's decision to not run again in the 2014 Senatorial Election; the main one being that he does not want to challenge Newark Mayor Cory Booker.

Booker, who has been up and down about announcing his senatorial campaign, registered his pa-

pers back in January of this year. However, he is not fully focused on the campaign, and is staying focused on the upcoming Gubernatorial Election and duties as Mayor of Newark.

According to Dr. Charles Cotton, a political science professor at the University, "Monmouth University polls suggest Booker has a very realistic opportunity to win the election, but he needs to commit fully to the race, and why shouldn't he? Although they are both Democrats, Booker represents a new approach to the Senate seat when compared to Lautenberg and I think this is what a majority of New Jersey voters will want come election time."

Dr. Michael Phillips-Anderson, communication professor at the University, believes "It will be interesting to see if there will be a primary fight for the Democratic nomination. If there is, Booker is in the best position statewide to secure the nomination and have a chance of winning the seat."

Phillips-Anderson continued, "Some establishment Democrats think that Booker jumped the gun by filing his papers before Lautenberg's announcement that he would retire, but I don't think most voters statewide either know that or care."

Voters may not mind that Booker announced early, but Lautenberg did. Lautenberg is on record stating that Booker needs a "Spank-



IMAGE TAKEN from www.dailyme.com
United States Senator from New Jersey, Frank Lautenberg, will not seek re-election in 2014. He has served for nearly 30 years.

ing" for being so aggressive in his determination for the Senate race.

The other Democratic contender is Congressman Frank Pallone, who filed his papers this month. For the Republican side of the race, it has been rumored Geraldo Rivera, television personality for Fox News, may run.

Phillips-Anderson said, "It'll be interesting to see who the Republicans nominate, but none of the Senate candidates received much traction in the last few elections."

The upcoming election will be interesting, but for now Lautenberg has a lot of work to do. He is quoted in a *Star Ledger* article saying, "While I may not be seeking re-election, there is plenty of work to do before the end of this term and I'm going to keep fighting as hard as ever for the people of New Jersey in the U.S. Senate."

Students Visit U.N. and Meet Secretary General

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Seven University students were invited to attend an event at the United Nations in New York City to meet Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon on February 20. The event was held at the Economic and Social Council Conference Room at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

In attendance were seven University students of varying degrees and majors as well as Dr. Rekha Datta from the Political Science and Sociology Department. The event was sponsored by the United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) program which serves to get students more involved and educated in the workings of the U.N. Since his appointment in 2007, Ki-Moon has been very concerned with the education of the younger generation and the UNAI has sponsored many events such as the one this past Wednesday.

Students arrived at the U.N. and were able to spend a few hours exploring the various exhibits. There were five other universities in attendance including some individuals from Kenya and Japan.

The purpose of the event was to allow students to ask Ki-Moon questions about his work at the United Nations and the publication of the U.N.'s book: "Building a Better Future for All: Selected Speeches of United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon."

His book includes 100 of his favorite speeches from his time as Secretary General from 2007 to the present. He provided 20 signed copies of his book to each university as a gift in hopes that there would be a spark of interest in international issues from the younger generation. This is particularly important in today's world because, as Ki-Moon pointed out, roughly 50 percent of the world's population is currently under the age of 25.

The Secretary General not only provided some knowledge about the state of the global community, but also sought to inspire students in attendance.

His words certainly touched senior communication major, Alexan-

dria Fitzgerald.

"For being one of the most well-respected and highly regarded world leaders, Ki-Moon was one of the most humble and genuine people I have ever met; which can definitely be attributed to his successful two term leadership at the U.N. The current job-market, globally and domestically, is at an all-time low, which makes almost all college students doubtful towards the futures. Ki-Moon's speech provided hope, motivation, and faith that one day we will be the future leaders sitting in those seats," said Fitzgerald.

Other members of the Political Science Department, along with Datta, are trying to promote interest in the U.N.

Datta reflected on some of the comments made by the Secretary General; "The U.N. Secretary General applauded the work that each of the universities were doing through their involvement with the United Nations Academic Impact, of which the University is a signatory. He encouraged students to be passionate about what they are studying

and have compassion for the world around them."

Datta continued, "He expressed his faith in the ability of students to make the world a better place. MU debaters, who are mentoring the Asbury Park High School Debate Team, represent one such effort to empower underprivileged high school students to become better prepared for college and future careers."

These "out of the classroom" learning experiences, which many professors are attempting to provide, are once in a lifetime. Not only do they enhance a student's perspective but they also add to an individual's résumé as Fitzgerald pointed out;

"These opportunities that Monmouth provides us really are what will distinguish our résumé and set us apart in our upcoming job searches. More students should really take advantage of these beneficial programs, since it provides a great learning experience outside of the classroom," said Fitzgerald.

Datta said that she will continue to attempt to provide the University

students with these experiences as she looks back on the event and decorum of the students in attendance; "The event, and the book, will be treasured by the students; it was an exciting and unique opportunity. I

was very proud of the students who went and represented the University at the Economic and Social Council Conference Room of the U.N. Headquarters with poise and grace," said Datta.

Prize Giveaway at Halftime of Men's Basketball Game

Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) is hosting a halftime event at the University in the Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC) at 7:00 pm on Thursday, February 28.

With the donation of just a dollar, admittance into the halftime raffle is guaranteed. Prize giveaways include gift cards, movie passes, apparel, and more. The prize giveaway will begin after the second quarter of the Men's Basketball game against Mount St. Mary's.

PRSSA is a pre-professional organization that strives to prepare students for jobs in public relations and related fields. The mission of PRSSA is to serve its members by enhancing their knowledge of public relations and providing access to professional development opportunities and to serve the public relations profession by helping to develop highly qualified, well-prepared, professionals.

To read more about Monmouth University's chapter of PRSSA visit <http://www.monmouth.edu/academics/communication/PRSSA/join.asp>. For directions, please visit monmouth.edu.



PHOTO TAKEN by Dr. Rekha Datta
Students from the University took part in a discussion sponsored by the UNAI that let students ask questions of Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon.

Spring Break Travel Guide

Viva Mexico: A Tale Of Three Cities

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When college kids think of Spring Break, some think of adventures during the day and dancing at night. According to U.S. News Travel's *Best Spring Break Destinations*, Mexico holds every aspect college students desire. Home of four out of the 11 *Best Spring Break Destinations*, Mexico is only a short flight away, has many all-inclusive hotels for decent prices and attracts many college kids. If you are looking to find both an affordable and relaxing vacation, the country will definitely please you.

One of the most common spring break destinations for college students nationwide is Cancún. Gaining much of its popularity from an MTV special, Cancún is well known for its partying and wild actions. With clubs that stay open until 6:00 in the morning such as CoCo Bongo and famous bars like Señor Frogs, this destination provides many opportunities for a great night. Though Cancún gets a reputation for the ultimate party destination, it has much more to offer.

Sophomore political science major Dominick Mascitelli shared his experience. "I went to Cancún a few years back. It was beautiful there, I want to go back."

Located on the Yucatan Peninsula and in the Caribbean Sea, the beaches of Cancún are composed of soft, powdery sand and a clear aqua ocean. Cancún also holds historical value as you can tour ancient Mayan architectural sites like Chichen Itza and Tulum.

An hour south of Cancún lies the Riviera Maya. Nutrition Professor Amanda Enright stayed there for seven days. "Riviera Maya has tons to do," she said. "I love outdoor activities, so I went snorkeling for a few days, did yoga on the beach, ATV riding, jet-skiing, horseback riding, and of course enjoyed time at the beach and pool."

Situated between Cancún and Riviera Maya are two popular parks, Xel-Ha and Xcaret. Both saturate visitors with marine life and offer packages for activities such as



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Riviera Maya, Mexico was a key religious center for Ancient Mayans.

snorkeling and swimming with dolphins or sting rays. Enright's hotel was connected to Xcaret where she went one day and saw many animals native to the environment.

Enright strongly recommends the area for anyone looking to visit Cancún. "Riviera Maya and anywhere in the Cancun area is a great value," she said. "Just about every resort is all-inclusive, so not only are you paying for your hotel room, but your meals and access to most of the hotel's amenities are also included. This especially comes in handy when you are planning a trip with a large group of friends."

Also located on the Yucatan Peninsula is Playa del Carmen, known for great water sports and shopping. "Playa del Carmen was definitely my favorite and next time I plan to stay there. It's just so convenient for more activities, shopping and restaurants," Enright said.

Another vacation destination on Mexico's west coast is Cabo San Lucas. On the southernmost tip of Baja California, Cabo is bordered by the Pacific Ocean and the Sea of Cortez. The vacation spot is well

known for charter fishing and golf.

The area is also notorious for snorkeling and scuba diving, sometimes called "the aquarium of the world" with one of the largest reefs on earth. Junior communication major Nick Garcia went to Cabo last summer with his family. "I went jet skiing and swam with the dolphins," Garcia recalled. "We also went whale watching and saw two whales the size of a bus, and sea lions too."

Sophomore psychology major Raquel Warehime also traveled to Cabo. "I stayed a week in an all-expense paid hotel," she said. "It was a lot of fun because each day in the hotel they had activities set up, such as games in the pool and open mic nights."

With all inclusive hotels that make it simple for college kids to deal with budgeting and places that offer anything from yoga on the beach to snorkeling, Mexico appears ideal. After all, the country does not hold a spring break travel record for nothing. Choosing Mexico as your spring break destination is your best bet to save money and make memories.

Does Organic Really Make a Difference?

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On the left, bright orange Napa carrots are bundled together by their leafy green stems. Grown organically, picked right from a farm in Howell, New Jersey and brought to the local grocery store to be sold.

On the right, carrots are trimmed and cleaned before they reach the buyer. These carrots were sprayed with sulfur dioxide to keep bugs away. They are neatly packaged in a plastic bag and ready to be consumed.

Megan Gray, an Ocean Grove resident and health enthusiast, is unsure of which carrots to buy.

According to the USDA Consumer Brochure, "Organic food is produced without using most conventional pesticides; fertilizers made with synthetic ingredients or sewage sludge; bioengineering; or ionizing radiation."

There is conflicting evidence as to whether or not buying organic food makes a difference when it comes to health. Researchers have conducted studies claiming that conventional foods are detrimental to health and vice versa.

Chemistry professor Merrily Ervin believes Gray should go with the carrots on the right. She said, "From the studies I have seen, there might be slightly less pesticide residue on organic than there is on regular (produce). But both of them are well below the established limits set by the FDA, so as far as I know, with respect to safety, there is no difference with organic and conventional foods."

Ervin has her doctorate in food science and teaches chemistry, medical technology, and physics here at the University.

A recent study conducted by faculty at Stanford University concluded that there is little to no evidence in the thought that organic food is healthier than conventional food. The studies were carried out on subjects between two days and two years, no long-term effects were measured.

The researchers did find, however, that there was lower pesticide

residue in the urine of children who consumed organic foods. Also, that organic chicken and pork reduced exposure to antibiotic-resistance bacteria, but they listed the clinical significance to both situations as "unclear."

An article published in *Environmental Health Magazine*, states that pesticides in foods threaten to give women cancer and make men sterile. David Steinman, author of the article "Gender-Bending Foods," makes the claim that the consumption of pesticide-ridden food has a great risk of lowering male sperm count while increasing the risk of breast cancer in women. Steinman is an environmentalist and health advocate who has published many books on both topics.

Steinman believes Gray should pick the organic carrots. He said that pesticides contain many chemicals that are nicknamed "gender benders" because they function like estrogen when they are ingested in the body. He explains that studies have shown that when male animals are exposed to unnatural amounts of estrogen, their biological traits are distorted.

The article by Steinman cites a timeline of examples which support the notion that pesticides alter hormone levels in both humans and animals. The researchers of the studies concluded that the high levels of pesticides correlated with a higher risk of cancer in the patient.

Junior Laina DiMento said that she believes buying organic is better than buying conventional food.

"It is better to know where your food is coming from and to know nothing mysterious is in it," said DiMento. "It's like that pink slime fiasco that happened last year. You don't know what's in food these days so it's probably better to go natural."

Gray purchases the organic carrots. "Organic is important because it isn't just a certification and shouldn't be treated just as that. Organic is how produce and animals have been grown and raised since the beginning. Altering food with chemicals and hormones is new and not the way to help us be healthy now or in the future."

Affordable Bathing Suit Stores with the Latest Trends

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Spring break is only two weeks away, and summer is just around the corner. If you want to show off the beach body you have worked so hard for, you might want to start shopping for the season's hottest swimwear.

This year, the main feature of many bikinis is fringe and flow. While looking amongst shops, you will without a doubt come across fringed bandeaus in bright colors as well as bikini tops with fabric overlays. Bold hues and block patterns are also in fashion, and these can really make your sun-kissed skin pop.

The retro swimsuits are making a quick comeback as they can be found in almost any bathing suit store. These vintage reflections are equipped with ribbons, bows, and high-waisted bikini bottoms. One-piece suits with strapless styles and peek-a-boo sides are also hot in this upcoming season.

Kyle Evans, a junior majoring in PR/Journalism said, "I usually prefer bikinis, but I have seen some pretty stylish one-pieces. I think girls should step out of the box and try something they've never worn before."

As always, Victoria's Secret is

a great go-to for bathing suits. In-store, you will find select styles but online there is a lot more to choose from. All you have to do to expand your options is type www.victoriassecret.com and click on the "Swim" tab. You can shop by collection or the style that seems right for you.

If you like to mix and match, you can even create your own bikini by choosing your own top and bottom combination. Whether you like triangle tops, bandeaus, tankinis, or one-pieces, you are sure to find what you are looking for. Plus, your items will be shipped right to your house, and codes like SPRING13 are offered on the website to save you money.

If you are looking to accessorize as well, Victoria's Secret has tons of cover-ups, beach dresses, and sandals to complete your look.

"I'm going to Panama City for spring break, and I've already started bathing suit shopping. I love Victoria's Secrets' bathing suits and I always order online. I'm never disappointed when I get them and they always have the cutest styles," said junior health studies major Jen Goldberg.

Victoria's Secret swimsuits can be a bit pricey, but there are cheaper options. Websites like www.Forever21.com have swim collections

starting as low as nine dollars per piece. You can get a complete suit for around 20 dollars which is often how much one part of a bikini at Victoria's Secret would cost.

Another online site, www.ASOS.com has many options to choose from that range from low-priced to over-the-top embellished and expensive. With 40 pages of swimwear, the site allows you to search through an extensive inventory so you do not have to worry about settling.

While commonly mistaken as a site just for buying shoes, www.zappos.com offers an entire swim collection with brand favorites such as Roxy and Billabong to designers like Lily Pulitzer and Michael Kors.

If you are looking to stand out from the crowd, there are two websites that you may want to check out: www.RiverIsland.com and www.etsy.com. Both offer more out of the box swimsuits that are unique and inexpensive. From retro styles to fringe and flowers, there is something for everyone. If you dare to be different this season, log on and start searching.

Swimwear is the focal point of both spring break and summer seasons. From cheap and cute to more expensive and extravagant, there are plenty of options for you to choose from, so get shopping.



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Victoria's Secret sells swimsuits as well as accessories like cover-ups, beach dresses and beach bags.

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Two Lifetimes of Horror



Robert McCammon (left) and Clive Barker (right) are being honored by the Horror Writer's Association this year.

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Few people get to be called living legends, but two that exist right now in our lifetime are literary giants Clive Barker and Robert McCammon.

Both of these men are being given the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Horror Writer's Association, showing that they have made their mark on the industry as well as on society itself through their work.

According to horror.org, "The Lifetime Achievement Award is the most prestigious of the Bram Stoker Awards®, given by the HWA in acknowledgment of superior achievement not just in a single work but over an entire career. Past Lifetime Achievement Award winners include such noted authors as Stephen King, Anne Rice, Joyce Carol Oates, Ray Bradbury, Chelsea Quinn Yarbro, Ramsey Campbell and Peter Straub. Winners must have exhibited a profound, positive impact on the fields of horror and dark fantasy, and be at least 60 years of age or have been published for a minimum of 35 years. Recipients are chosen annually by a committee; this one chaired by Yvonne Navarro and including John Everson, Kathy Ptacek, Lucy Snyder and Tim Waggoner."

The Lifetime Achievement Awards are going to be presented on June 15 during the Bram Stoker awards banquet at the World Horror Convention 2013 in New Orleans.

A man of many talents, Barker is a poet, painter, novelist and screenwriter. His artistic vision has captivated audiences both young and old all over the world, beginning with writing plays for The Dog Company. Moving into the publication of numerous short fiction collections, titled *The Books of Blood*, he magnified his influence through his debut novel *The Damnation Game*.

In addition to his books *Weave-world* and the *Abarat* series, Barker wrote a novella titled *The Hellbound Heart*, which later became the movie *Hellraiser* under his direction.

His art has also been shown in massively successful galleries across the nation. Earning extreme praise for his neo-expressionist style, his paintings are available for easy viewing in the books *Clive Barker: Illustrator volumes one and two*.

The HWA's Lifetime Achievement Award Committee Chair, Yvonne Navarro commented, "Clive Barker has had an enormous influence on Gen-X horror authors and has a marked influence on horror as a whole through his writing and movies; his Cenobites have become imprinted in the darkest corners of the public imagination. From his *The Books of Blood* in 1984 to the volumes of his *Abarat* Quintet, he has continually pushed the boundar-

ies of horror genre to extend above and beyond any kind of stock definition. His vision extends beyond the written word, encompassing art, film, comics, video games, toys and more. He is truly a 21st century multimedia artist."

Clive responded, "The timing of this award is entirely unexpected. It has been a difficult year personally and I am very honored by this and I accept it with great gratitude. It's a lovely thing to get and I'm incredibly moved. Truly. I look back over the list of past winners – Ray Bradbury, Vincent Price, Harlan Ellison, Steve King – and see that I am in unparalleled company, so I'm doubly honored by that. From the bottom of my heart, I thank the Horror Writers Association."

McCammon is a *New York Times* bestselling author who calls Birmingham, Alabama his home. He has won the World Fantasy award for his work and has also received the French Grand Prize of the Imagination Award for Best Foreign Novel for *The Wolf's Hour*. His book *The Queen Of Bedlam* was nominated for the 2008 Thriller Award from the International Thriller Writers, and he is very pleased to be published in dozens of languages around the world. He won the Bram Stoker Award for Superior Achievement in a Novel for *Swan Song* (1987), *Mine* (1990) and *Boy's Life* (1991).

Accordng to horror.org, McCammon is one of the founders of the Horror Writer Association, along with Dean Koontz and Joe and Karen Lansdale. He is currently working on the fifth in the Corbett series, titled *The River Of Souls*, and also on a large-scope science-fiction/horror novel.

Yvonne Navarro said, "Robert McCammon is one of the original masters of horror fiction who was influential on those who began reading horror during the boom of the 70s and 80s; the "New Twilight Zone" adaptation of his story "Nightcrawlers" further influenced a generation of horror media fans. The excellence of his earlier work continues to delight new readers, and now that he's returned to writing after a nearly 20 year break, both long-time and new fans eagerly await his future books. McCammon was instrumental in the creation of the Horror Writers Association and has mentored numerous authors throughout his career."

Rick responded, "I'm pleased and honored to have been part of the creation of the Horror Writers of America (now the Horror Writers Association), and doubly pleased and honored to be given this award. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you in New Orleans."

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Film Poster Exhibition Excites

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Ever want to see a musical movie starring The Black Eyed Peas? Or would you prefer to see Selena Gomez in a Vietnam movie? In the hallways of the new Rechnitz Hall, the community can find some unfamiliar movie posters. Students from Professor Karen Bright and Professor Pat Cresson's digital imaging classes have created their own movie posters based on film concepts they created. The gallery consists of students who have taken the class in the last three semesters.

Students were given a random selection of colors, locations, names, dates, adjectives and film genres. The students used that information to create their own movie summary, which served as a basis for the poster. Amanda Stojanov, junior and graphic design major, found this to be nerve-wracking.

Stojanov said, "I was hesitant because there are so many things that I wanted to do before we even picked our criteria and so it was changing everything. The criteria actually turned out to help a lot when we were writing our own short stories for the poster. We were required to use this criteria in our short stories [which] would be the background to our movie poster. This was also a challenge because this meant that we had to come up with our own movies."

Only after creating their summary, complete with plotline and character development, could students begin to work on their posters. Summaries for most posters could be found next to each poster.

The posters boast some familiar names such as Natalie Portman, Robert Downey Jr., Leonardo DiCaprio and Ryan Gosling. Some posters even had musical acts like The Black Eyed Peas, Taylor Swift and Lana Del Rey breaking into the film industry.

One poster for a movie called "Evelyn" was likely inspired by Lana Del Rey's vintage style. James Franco co-stars in the movie, created by Gabriella Colon. Del Rey stars as the title character trying to break into the music industry. She becomes a famous blues singer, but her drug addict ex-boyfriend isn't exactly happy for her. He poisons her and convinces the world that she committed suicide.

Colon used a black and white photo of Del Rey, which helped to convey the time period. However, she added color with a city skyline and the golden title, which made the poster stick out. The flowers on the poster and Del Rey's closed eyes nicely foreshadow the ending of the film.

Susan Witowski created a poster that paired up Ben Affleck and Ray Liotta. *In Pursuit* takes place in the 1920s during prohibition. Two businessmen smuggle alcohol into the United States from Canada in

maple syrup jars. They distribute the alcohol at the bar that is hidden in their gentlemen's club.

The poster nicely collages all of the elements of the film. Affleck and Liotta are set against the backdrop of a club. Catherine-Zeta Jones is a flapper on the lower half of the picture. The only issue with this image of Zeta-Jones is that it was on a movie poster for *Chicago* and is rather iconic to any fan of musical films. However, it does fit with the theme of the poster quite well.

Stojanov did not choose to write a summary for her movie poster, *The Ray Maker*, but instead wrote a poem. Stojanov explained, "While I was writing the short stories, I was realizing some of my sentences were very short and abrupt, and I was doing this because I wanted to evoke a sense of danger. I realized that this would not work in the story and so I used that base to write a poem."

Stojanov spent four weeks on the project in class and at home. Her effort certainly shows in the final product. The poster for *The Ray Maker* is a dark, desolate room with just a chair, some wilting flowers and a Victorian chandelier. Stojanov's use of red could be flower petals on the floor, but they also could be blood. It creates a wonderfully creepy effect.

The movie poster exhibit will be in Rechnitz Hall through the end of May.



Rechnitz Hall is currently showing a unique graphic design gallery, which showcases Digital Imaging students' creative renditions of movie posters.

GENDER BENDER AT WOODS THEATRE

This Year's Spring Musical Calls for Cross-Dressing, Stage Fighting and Lots of Laughs

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The Lauren K. Woods Theatre is a bit of a wreck right now. Actually, it's a shipwreck. No, none of the winter storms threw a boat into the theatre. The spring musical, William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" or "What You Will," involves a shipwreck. It also involves mistaken identities, cross-dressing, fight sequences and plenty of comedy.

Forget the dramatic and depressing Shakespeare that was required in high school. Doomed lovers and cursed kings are nowhere to be found in "Twelfth Night." Instead we have Viola (Alexandra Appolonia), a girl who is shipwrecked and must find work when she washes up on the shores of Illyria, believing her twin brother to be dead.

When it doesn't seem like she can find work as a woman, Viola disguises herself as a man named Cesario to work for Duke Orsinio (Henry O. Siebecker). Viola starts to fall in love with Orsinio, but he needs Cesario's help to court Olivia (Brooke McCarthy). However, Olivia is in love with Cesario who is actually Viola, and that's just the beginning.

Part of the reason Director Nicole Ricciardi chose "Twelfth Night" was because of the many storylines. "It's, I would say, the most ensemble of his plays. Meaning there really isn't a lead character. There are several subplots and everyone has their time (in the spotlight)," Ricciardi said.

The production includes 14 cast members, the majority of whom are

female. According to Ricciardi, who said she had always wanted to do a Shakespearean play at the University, the number of female roles also played a role in picking "Twelfth Night." Ricciardi explained, "We always have a shortage of men, so I couldn't do Henry V or one of the histories...[Twelfth Night] has a lot of great female parts."

That isn't to say that the boys are missing out on the fun. "Twelfth Night" has some fight sequences, which both Brandon Weiner and Nickolas Haberstroh are part of. They fight each other as Sebastian and Sir Andrew. Haberstroh said, "I'm really enjoying the fight scenes. Brandon is a natural with physical humor and great to work with. I'm also glad I get [to kick] his ass."

Weiner was slightly less enthusiastic about getting beat up. "The fight sequences are a lot of fun but hard to remember, so practicing is important. I just don't like how I get beat up all the time," Weiner laughed.

Shakespeare wasn't something Weiner thought he would love. "I was not a huge fan of Shakespeare before the show," he said. "However, I had Acting 3 last semester (taught by Ricciardi), which was all Shakespeare which I ended up loving."

Ricciardi noted that "Twelfth Night" is actually very relatable for students. Thematically, it is really a story about characters growing up and going on a journey of self-discovery. Most of the characters are in their teens or twenties, meaning the actors will not be acting too much younger or older than their actual age.

However, Ricciardi is adding some modern elements to make the play more immediately accessible. Although the set and costumes look to be from the mid-1800s, flashlights, Big Gulps and plenty of other modern day conveniences find their way into the production. "We're using what you know and enjoy in order to make sure you come on this journey with us," Ricciardi said.

Some might think younger actors would be less adept with Shakespearean dialogue, but Ricciardi insisted that younger actors are better. "The younger the actors, the better they are at this particular type of text...The actors this was written for could barely read and they couldn't write and yet they were able to handle it. The meaning of the text comes from the sound of the words. It is very musical in that sense," she said.

"Twelfth Night" already includes seven or eight songs, however Professor George Wurzbach has added more songs. Ricciardi said, "[Wurzbach] kind of used the original melodies and original lyrics and went off on them. We started with what we had and we sort of gave him the freedom to go in whatever direction he wanted to. Also stylistically, the songs are all over the place...so that each character really has his or her sort of outlet in a particular style."

Wurzbach will have a student band playing during the show.

"It's very much a play," Ricciardi said. "There is no suspension of disbelief. The audience isn't supposed to forget they're at a play. The Woods Theatre is the ideal space for shake. The audience is so close and



IMAGE COURTESY of Kelly Thomas

Sophomore Kelly Thomas created the poster for this year's musical, William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," also known as "What You Will."

the rake is so deep that when you're looking out you really are just playing to a sea of faces... There will be no sitting in the dark and shutting off. The actors will be speaking directly to you."

"Twelfth Night" will be at Woods Theatre on March 6-9 and 12-14 at 8:00 pm and March 10 at 3:00 pm. For tickets, visit www.monmouth.edu/arts or call the box office at 732-263-6889.

PlayStation Preps for Round 4

PETER QUINTON
STAFF WRITER

Sony officially unveiled their next-generation video game console, PlayStation 4, at their live "Future of PlayStation" press conference in New York City last Wednesday. The console is expected to be released this holiday season.

The system will be the first new home gaming console released by Sony since the PlayStation 3 launched back in 2006. Sony representatives stated that the console was to be the "most powerful platform ever" released by Sony, and it will have a strong focus on social networking in gaming. Currently, there is no official confirmation regarding price from Sony.

Andrew House, the current president and Group CEO of Sony Computer Entertainment, said that the PlayStation 4 will offer the kind of multi-dimensional experience gamers deserve, and will "unleash imaginations to create next generation experiences that will surpass gamer's wildest expectations."

The announcement follows weeks of strong speculation after a teaser video popped up on Sony's Facebook and Twitter page on January 31, which stated that "the future" of PlayStation would be revealed on February 20 at 6:00 pm eastern time. This was followed by a number of retrospective videos released by Sony chronicling the history of their previous consoles, as well as leaked information regarding the systems new controller design.

According to Mark Cerny, the lead system designer of the PS4, the console had been in development since 2008. The goal in de-

veloping the system, according to Cerny, was for it to be, "a consumer focused yet developer centric in its design," with the hopes that the console would, "unleash the creativity and innovation that would result in a true next-generation experience."

Regarding the consoles hardware specs, Cerny described it as being "like a PC in many ways, but supercharged." The console features an X86 CPU chip - the most common in game consoles - an Enhanced PC GPU, and 8 Gigabytes of unified system memory, which dwarfs the PS3's 256 Megabytes.

Although the physical console itself was not shown, Cerny did reveal the systems new controller, the DualShock 4. The controller strongly resembles previous DualShock controllers, but features a touch pad, a share button for online streaming, a headphone jack, and a light bar, which will work hand-in-hand with a stereo camera that tracks the 3D positioning of the controller.

Cerny described the consoles five main pillars as "Simple, Immediate, Social, Integrated, and

Personal." The PS4, according to Cerny, will deliver a number of new features and experiences to address these, including a more streamlined, user-friendly interface and increased social media features, including Facebook-like profiles for users and the ability to share videos and pictures of gameplay sessions through the PS4 interface and social media sites.

The PS4 will also be able to adapt to individual gamers interests, as the system will be able to learn what kind of games players are interested in and have them ready to download for players as they are released. The system will also feature a new download feature that allows players to upload and download games while the system is off, and will even allow users to play games as they are downloading, Cerny said.

During the conference, David Perry, CEO of cloud-based gaming service Gaikai, announced they would be powering the PlayStation Cloud Service on the PS4. According to Sony, Gaikai is "the fastest and most powerful network for gaming in the world," and will allow the console to stream games

and downloadable content faster than ever before.

Despite previous rumors stating otherwise, Sony executive Shuhei Yoshida confirmed after the conference that the PS4 will be compatible with previously owned games. However, Yoshida also confirmed that the system will not be able to play both physical and digital PS3 games.

Aside from hardware specs and console features, the event also showcased a number of upcoming titles for the PS4, some of which have never been announced to the public before the event, while others have been known to be existing projects.

The first of these games to be announced was "Knack," a colorful, cartoony action/platformer in the vein of the "Ratchet & Clank" games. Cerny, who is the lead director behind the game, said that the game is meant to bring back "the joy of play I remember so well from the early PlayStation days."

Along with new IP's, a number of sequels to existing PlayStation franchises will be making their way to the PS4. This includes "Killzone: Shadow Fall," the newest addition to the popular shooter franchise developed by Guerrilla Games, and "Infamous: Second Sun," the latest in the open-world superhero series, "Infamous," developed by Sucker Punch. Both of which were announced at the show, complete with gameplay footage and trailers.

Sony also took some time to shine the spotlight on the indie game world, as Jonathan Blow, creator of the acclaimed puzzle/

platformer Braid, announced his latest project, "The Witness," as a PS4 exclusive. Blow describes the game as a very compact open-world experience, saying, "Players will have a very dense experience that will give them the best use of their time."

Major third party developers Capcom and Square Enix also made an appearance at the conference, each revealing a trailer for their new respective PS4 titles. Shinji Hashimoto, the director of the Final Fantasy brand, also hinted that a new Final Fantasy game would be revealed at this year's E3.

A few major third party titles that were previously announced were also confirmed for release on the PS4 during the show. These titles include Ubisoft's hacker-oriented action title "Watch_Dogs" and former "Halo" developer Bungie's new first person shooter "Destiny." This will be the first game Bungie has released since going independent from Microsoft in 2007.

Another company experiencing firsts is Blizzard Entertainment, who is pairing with Sony to release last year's action/MMO "Diablo III" on the PS4 and PS3. Known more for PC games like the massively successful "World of Warcraft" franchise, Chris Metzen, Blizzard's senior vice president of story and franchise development, said, "Blizzard and Sony have entered into a strategic partnership through which we will take over the world."

House said that there will be more titles and announcements regarding the PS4 to be made in the months leading up to its Holiday 2013 release, including an official release date and a price confirmation.



IMAGE TAKEN from us.playstation.com

The new PS4 controller features a "share button" which gives users the ability to broadcast their games to friends.

Chocolate Lovers Unite

RACHEL GRAMUGLIA
STAFF WRITER

Caution: this article will contain detailed descriptions of delicious chocolate-y goodness. Mouth watering may occur.

For University students and faculty, along with residents around the area, The Chocolate Lounge is here in Long Branch, New Jersey to take care of all of our sudden chocolate cravings. And they are bringing out all the stops; all the chocolate-y stops.

The Chocolate Lounge is located on 81 Brighton Avenue in Long Branch, right across the way from Scala's Pizzeria. Debra and Tom Ocasio, owners of The Chocolate Lounge, opened up shop in July of last year. They originally had a shop for seven years in Allentown, New Jersey that sat only 20 people. But now, they are seating 50 people who would love to make room for some dessert.

Olivia Causo, sophomore, was shocked when she first found out that The Chocolate Lounge even existed.

"I was so surprised that we even had something like this so close to campus," Caruso said.

When you first enter the lounge you'll see a lovely decorated retail shop with a clear and shiny display window of all of their chocolate candies begging, just begging to be eaten. When you look straight on into the rest of the shop, there is a lounge/restaurant area in the back with perfect intimate lighting that can be inviting for a couple out on a date or a group of friends on their night out.

The Chocolate Lounge is not like any other chocolate shop in town. What makes The Chocolate Lounge different from any other specialty chocolate shop is that part of the lounge is for retail sale. You can pick up all the tiny and scrumptious chocolate confections at the front of the store and with such a variety it might be a little overwhelming.

It is understandable because each chocolate treat looks marvelous.

Half of their chocolate candies are milk chocolate and the other half are dark chocolate. And anything else that goes in-between them will be sure to satisfy your chocolate taste buds.

As for the other half of the store, it is an actual restaurant where people can sit, order dessert off the menu and chitchat. The menu is filled with mouth-watering desserts ranging from tiramisu to their number one selling milk or dark chocolate fondue. You can choose seven items to go with your fondue ranging from marshmallows to bite sized pieces of cheesecake. With other desserts such as Chocolate Chip Banana Bread Pudding, Chocolate Lava, Peanut Butter Chocolate Mousse, and Dream Ice Cream, it is quite hard to make a decision.

It's okay; you can wipe your mouth now. No one is looking.

And on the retail side of the store, the number one sellers are anything that contains peanut butter, raspberries or chocolate covered pretzels.

For those cold and chilly winter days, they have an array of

hot beverages to choose from. Rounding out your day with some hot chocolate and some chocolate candy doesn't sound too bad, does it?

Sophomore Courtney Carr has admitted to being a super fan of The Chocolate Lounge.

"It's nice and quaint, and the servers are always super nice," said Carr.

The Chocolate Lounge is also available to host parties and

events. There will be a single origin chocolate tasting sometime in May or June at The Chocolate Lounge, so keep your eyes peeled for details. They also personalize favors and platters for parties.

Debra Ocasio enjoys the never-ending creativity that comes with running The Chocolate Lounge. It is what she enjoys the most.

"I like the creativity of it, it changes with the seasons and the customers are always pleasant,"

said Debra Ocasio.

She also mentioned that they are going to offer "Monmouth Mondays" once it gets warmer outside. It will be 10 percent off for students and faculty.

The Chocolate Lounge is also on Facebook, so be sure to like their page and spread the word about this quaint and delicious chocolate shop. Once you have your first chocolate ride, you will keep coming back for more.



PHOTO COURTESY of Chocolate Lounge

The Chocolate Lounge located on Brighton Avenue in Long Branch aims to cure students' and local residents' chocolate cravings.

The Night Shift with MUPD

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A lot of colleges don't have a paid police department that are armed." According to stateuniversity.com, Monmouth University ranked as the fifth safest campus in New Jersey in 2011 and 2012 with a score of 91.72 out of 100. The top three safest campuses were community colleges with no dormitories, and William Paterson University of New Jersey took the number four spot.

Noonan also said he feels that campus police can intimidate the students. He said, "We're not here to hurt them, we're here to help them. And we're all in this together, we all have this little township and we all have to get along."

Throughout the night the radio picked up other police station frequencies. There was a bank robbery in Colts Necks and details of the robbery and suspect were constantly reported over the radio. MUPD works closely with the local police departments and will help them on calls when needed. "One night they had a shooting in Long Branch at a bar and they sent me over because they needed cops," said Noonan.

The officers typically work in eight-hour shifts, five days a week. "We take our jobs very seriously. I think of the kids here as my kids, I treat them as if they were my kids and I think when you have that frame of mind you're going to extend yourself a little bit more for them," said Noonan.

There are usually three to four police officers on duty at a time and they each have an assigned "post," a specific section of campus. There are three posts total.

The most common crimes found at the University are underage drinking and narcotics. Resident's assistants or neighbors, rather than the police com-

ing across them, call in most incidents. Noonan explained one of the biggest misconceptions about MUPD. "I know I've heard that some kids think that we're just security, and that's far from the truth," he said.

The team is comprised of career and retired officers. A career officer means they were put through the police academy by the University. A retired officer has previously gone through the academy separately from the University and worked at another police department. The University currently only hires retired officers.

There is also a two-man detective bureau, Detective Corporal Jeff Layton and Detective Sergeant Ken Kennedy, responsible for the following up of investigations and keeping property and contraband as well as keeping control of the fire alarms and cameras on campus. Layton has worked at the University for six years. Previously, Layton worked as a police officer in Ocean Township for 25 years. He said, "I switched (to detective) because I like the follow up work. It gave me a chance to do more than just take a report. You can get involved in a case in the beginning and follow it through the end."

About two hours into the shift, the car was called to President Gaffney's house for a suspicious persons call. The suspect appeared to be a "lookout," a person that the University was alerted to be conscious of. The premises and surrounding side streets were searched and the officers came to the conclusion that she had left campus. It was suggested that because the gates to the driveway were open and many of the lights were on that she thought it was a University event that was open to the public.

A fender bender in the library parking lot delayed the closing



PHOTO TAKEN by Alexis Orlacchio

MUPD Patrolman John Noonan works a Thursday night shift while monitoring automobile accidents, and acts of crime, as well as locking up academic buildings at the end of the night.

of the academic buildings, but Noonan was able to finish the job. Anything not finished in one shift rolls over to the officer in the following shift. Every night, the officer's check, lock, and secure all academic and residential buildings on campus.

Last fall semester, the MUPD

began taking students as interns. "We normally get a letter from the Criminal Justice Department about a student interested in interning with us. We tried it once and it went well, so it is something we are going to continue to do," said Chief of Police William McElrath.

All of the officers of the University Police Department stressed that the safety of students is their biggest concern. Noonan said, "No complaints about the kids here. All in all they're just kids in college. As long as at the end of the night, everyone is safe in their beds."

Keeping it Postal

ERIN MCMULLEN
STAFF WRITER

With today’s advances in technology, it seems as though everyone owns their own computer or smartphone. With increasing rapidity, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and a handful of other social networking sites and applications have quickly become the main source of communication between human beings.

But what ever happened to good old-fashioned communication? The times in which it was more appropriate to send a letter as opposed to a text message appear to have completely been replaced. In current times, it seems that messaging a person on Facebook is far more superior to having an actual telephone conversation with them. Handwritten letters and phone calls are somewhat of a rarity in today’s world.

Our society yearns for instant gratification, which is why all of the various forms of instant messaging that exist are so popular, especially among the younger generation. Text messaging, online message boards, and video chatting have quickly become this era’s main ways of communicating with one another. But as someone who still does use some older forms of communication, I have found that although the current technologies

made available to us are extremely useful and fun, the older ways in which people used to keep in touch are most definitely underrated.

My best friends and I got closer than ever this past summer, just months before we all went our separate ways and started our first year of college. There are eight of us, and we all attend schools in different states along the East coast. From Boston, Massachusetts all the way down to Tampa, Florida, the distance between all of us is quite far. But regardless of how far away from one another we knew we were going to be, we were determined to keep our friendship alive.

Before we had even left for school, we all wrote each other letters and gave them to one another during the final weeks of summer. We also agreed that we would always try to write to one another, even if it was just to say hello. Writing letters may be more tedious and time consuming than writing on someone’s Facebook

wall, but receiving a handwritten message in the mail is a whole lot more exciting than receiving a notification.

The many different types of technology that provide us with instant messaging are great because the satisfaction of receiving and processing information is instantaneous. However, letters and postcards are things that a person

“A lot can be lost in translation when communication is done digitally. Sometimes it’s better to pick up the phone and hear the tone and inflection in someone’s voice.”

JACLYN BOFFICE
Communication Professor

can cherish for years to come. Jaclyn Boffice, a communication professor at the University, said, “I believe that mailing letters and hand-writing notes like holiday cards, thank you cards and business letters is essential. Their formality makes them distinct and more appreciated by the receiver.”

Telephone calls are also considered to be an ancient way of communicating, but my friends and I

partake in conversations this way quite frequently. Talking on the phone is a far more personal experience than texting or talking online. You are able to pick up on a person’s emotions and feelings more so on the phone than you ever would be able to through a text or an email. Boffice said that she speaks on the telephone weekly to catch up with friends and family.

“A lot can be lost in translation when communication is done digitally. Sometimes it’s better to pick up the phone and hear the tone and inflection in someone’s voice,” she explained. Even though my friends

and I do write letters and talk on the phone, we also incorporate the more popular and recent forms of technology into our long distance friendship. We are all a part of a group text message, which allows us to quickly share stories or ask questions, and we also created a private group on Facebook so that we could share photos and videos with one another. We also happen to be huge fans of Google+, which allows

all eight of us to video chat at once.

The balance that my best friends and I have created between the use of new and old-fashioned technology has helped us stay in touch in a variety of ways, regardless of the distance between us. The newer forms of communication such as social media, texting and video chatting allow us to engage in everyday conversation without having to wait for the arrival of a package or a letter. However, the more old-fashioned forms of communication that we use such as handwritten messages sent through the mail last a lot longer than a mention on Twitter or a text message ever could.

According to Boffice, “Technology continuously adds new dimensions to our personal interactions.” Because we live in an age where our ability to socialize is mostly dependent on the fastest and most efficient forms of technology, we tend to forget about some of the original forms of communication, such as handwritten letters and telephone conversations. These “dated” examples of communication may not be as simple as posting a picture on someone’s Facebook page or sending a tweet, but these so called old-fashioned ways of communicating have the ability to put a personal touch on the distance between people and give them the chance to keep relationships alive.

CHRISTOPHER ORLANDO
POLITICS EDITOR

My pop-pop always used to say, “Money doesn’t grow on trees.” My first job as a 13-year-old was doing yard maintenance with him. Long days in the hot sun and your shirt covered in sweat really builds a work ethic and at 13-years-old, that ten dollar paycheck at the end of the week made me feel rich.

In February of 2006, Pop-pop passed away. He left me an abundance of lessons from how important your family will be in your life to how to flip a sunny side egg without breaking the yolk.

As I look at the price of tuition and the mounting college loans, I cannot help but chuckle about how Pop-pop said, “Money doesn’t grow on trees.” But he also taught me that nothing was impossible.

The summer following my pop-pop’s death, my dad, younger brother Nick and I took over his yard maintenance business. The area we worked in was full of wealthy Italian and Irish families that my pop-pop had built bonds with being a native of Italy himself.

One day Nick and I were working on a family’s house. Their yard was massive! The yard had extravagant landscaping, a breath taking view of Barnegat Bay and of course, tons of weeds to be pulled.

Now at 13 and 10-years-old, this just meant less time in front of the video game system, but we both hoped to make some money doing this until we were old enough to work legally (shhh).

One of the jobs we were responsible for was to trim the pine needle bushes and clean up the scraps. It seemed simple enough. As I continued to use the trimmer, Nick would pick up the scraps and put them into the bag. Nick, being smaller than I was, had the lovely responsibility of reaching underneath and in between the bushes (price of being the younger brother right?)

However, the price he was actually paid was nothing I would have expected. As he knelt down to pick up the pine needles, he thought he saw a piece of paper. I told him to pick it up, but as he got closer, he thought he saw money! His first thought was that it was a single, but as he reached into the bush and fidgeted around with the money, it showed a zero. “Oh boy ten bucks, that pays for the ice cream man,” he exclaimed.

As he reached for the bill, he realized it was ripped in half and folded over but that didn’t stop this determined 10-year-old boy who could taste his Choco-taco from the ice cream man.

He finally got a clamp on the two halves of the bill and yanked it to-

wards him to bring it to the front of the bush, out of the pine needle infested flower bed. As he brought the bill up into the light, we both realized that in his dirt graveled hands was a torn in half, roughed up and beaten down \$100 bill, split right down the center of Benjamin Franklin’s nose.

Now, at 13 and 10 years old, or any age for that matter, finding a \$100 bill like that is exciting and slightly disappointing. We had no idea whether a torn in half bill had any value. And now the question stood: What to do with the money?

As we ran down the street to show our parents the torn in half bill, they told us we have to go to the bank which will decide whether it will be valid. We drove to the bank down the road and nervously sat, waiting to hear what the bank manager had to say. As she slowly came towards us, dressed in a two piece dress suit, she gave us both a lollipop and asked who the bill belonged to and since Nick found it, it was technically his so he proudly stood up and announced it was his discovery. The bank manager explained that this bill would have to be sent to a United States Mint to be verified and if it was found to be legitimate, the bank would give him a newly printed, crisp \$100 dollar bill. She said they would have an answer within a few days.

We continued to work on that yard as we pondered what would become of the ransacked bill. Being that we were partners and being the oldest, I felt I would work my charm to receive a portion of the money. Nick would have nothing of it but instead offered to buy me Swedish fish for my troubles, which I accepted.

As we came home, fatigued and enervated, our mom greeted us at the door with the bank manager on the phone, she told us to come to the bank because the bill was authentic. Electrified by the news, Nick and I got cleaned up and headed down to the bank.

Nick approached the bank manager’s desk and looked upon her with an innocent set of eyes and asked to see his new \$100 bill. She gently smiled at him and proceeded to the vault. She came out hold-

ing the \$100 bill, flat as a pancake, smelling of new money and even glistened in the sunlight. Nick cheerfully accepted the bill and locked it up in his little safe up in his room, figuring to save it for a big day.

Nick is now 17 years old and he has yet to spend that bill despite complaining how incredibility expensive gas is every time he fuels up his car. As he begins to look at

colleges, he is truly learning that every penny counts and that finding money to pay for a college education is not as simple as digging into a pine needle bush.

To this day, we still laugh at how someone can lose a \$100 bill and not dig around absolutely everywhere looking for it. Now Pop-pop may not have believed that money grew on trees, but he also taught us that nothing is impossible.

Letter to Editor Continued

since the success of the club has been an important factor in the decision to make Lacrosse the next Division I team at Monmouth. Unfortunately, the article was never printed, another example of “selective survival” of an attempt by a faculty member to contribute to the news of Monmouth University. One last example of “selective survival” of faculty involvement in the Outlook involves the Argentine tango classes that were offered at Monmouth University in the fall, 2012. I was involved in those classes as a participant and a photographer came to take pictures for the Outlook, taking names and asking questions about tango. I looked again for several weeks for an article to see if they included my photo or my comments but none appeared that I could find.

These examples point out that there is no shortage of faculty attempts to work with the school newspaper, at least not in my department, and that it is pretty easy to prove this if one makes the effort. BTW, the only faculty member the Outlook mentioned as a contributor from the “Psychology” department is really from the Psychological Counseling graduate program which is not affiliated with us. Do we have our facts confused?

Here are the facts: Aside from times when the help of a faculty member was not used or mentioned, there are 15 citations listed, taken from the Outlook website, of instances when a professor from the Department of Psychology appeared in an Outlook article in the last 12 months:

*For Dr. Demarest’s specific examples please look on outlook.monmouth.edu for more information

Jack Demarest, Ph.D
Professor of Psychology

Editor’s Note: *The Outlook* would like to thank Dr. Demarest for his Letter to the Editor, pointing out the paper’s error. *The Outlook*, indeed, misidentified the Psychology Department as one of those departments that chronically seems uninterested in speaking with the student newspaper as expert sources. In fact, the Psychology Department is generally quite responsive to commenting in the paper. If our mistake has caused any undue frustration or harm, we sincerely apologize. We are committed to truth and fairness. In this instance, the misidentification of the Psychology Department as unresponsive, the paper seems to have failed on both fronts.



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A life long lesson of hard work pays off for two young brothers on a landscaping job.

And the Bidding Will Start at...

The Final Step to Greek Life Recruitment

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This past week has concluded yet another successful Greek life recruitment. On Thursday, February 24, bid day closed out the process as potential new members received their bids to the sorority or fraternity they were welcomed to join.

Bid day serves as the final step within the recruitment process. Meet the Greeks started the procedure as the initial meeting between chapters and potential new members.

Jon Buchalski, assistant director of student activities for fraternity and sorority life, said, “You hope students meet as many members of organizations they are interested in as possible in order to find their match and begin their journey into Greek life.”

Once Meet the Greeks was completed, the recruitment process serves as the first acquaintance process between chapters and potential new members.

With recent changes Buchalski has brought in, this bid day was completed in a different way. Once the potential new members complete their three day process of recruitment, which consists of meeting each chapter, as well as narrowing down their selection for which they are most interested in, they are asked to meet one last time and receive their bids chosen on their preference, as well as the chapters.

The potential new members arrived to Young Auditorium this past Thursday full of excitement and nerves as they anticipated seeing which invitation they received from which chapter.

“I couldn’t even fall asleep last night,” Samantha Barnwell, potential new member expressed. “I just want to open my bid already and find out where I belong.” Other potentials agreed with Barnwell



PHOTO TAKEN by Erin Bukowski

All new members opened their bids at the same time, followed by cheers and excitement as they celebrated their introduction to Greek life.

and shared mutual feelings of both fear and anxiety, combined with overwhelming excitement.

In the past, new members went into a room with the Greek Senate committee and were handed their bids one by one. However, Buchalski’s changes rid of this particular method, as all new members were handed an envelope and told to open at the same time. Seconds later, cheers of excitement were released as members celebrated their bids. The wait was over, and they were in the process of becoming official members of a specific chapter. Although 15 potentials did not receive a bid from their first choice, they are encouraged to come to learn more about the chapters’ bid they were given or

come out for formal recruitment in the fall of 2013.

Afterwards, the recruitment counselors were told to take their own specific chapters and lead them to a classroom where the sororities patiently waited. Once led to their rooms, chapters celebrated the new members who accepted their bids.

With Winter Storm Nemo prolonging events throughout recruitment, the typical one-week process of recruitment has stretched to almost three weeks. Casey McCabe, Chief Panhellenic Officer, expressed her happiness, as well as relief, that recruitment has come to a successful end.

McCabe said, “Seeing the relief of the new girls opening their

bids made the wait worthwhile. They were good sports for waiting out the extra weeks with us as we planned to efficiently speed the process as quickly as possible. Everyone was so understanding.”

McCabe said bid day reminded her of her own bid day which she experienced exactly two years ago, and how she would love to be in the new girls’ shoes.

Tarryn Cortese of Delta Phi Epsilon expressed her happiness of the decisions they made for which girls were welcomed into her specific chapter. “There were so many amazing girls who came out for Greek life this year, which was awesome. Greek life is becoming an even bigger community at Monmouth and our chapter is ex-

cited for all of the new members, no matter where they end up.” Cortese said, “We had such a connection with so many girls, and we were happy they felt the same way towards us. This is the beginning of an amazing four years for them, and I wish I could be a freshman all over again.”

Now that bid day is over, the start of the six-week process for the new members begins. This process consists of getting to personally know all about the chapter they were accepted to, as well as all the current active members involved. Once the six weeks are completed, they will be formally initiated into the chapters and become official brothers and sisters of the sorority or fraternity.

CLUB AND GREEK ANNOUNCEMENTS

WMCX

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

The Verge

Monmouth’s Online Magazine is intently searching for new writers to help expand our base. With close to thirty writers at the moment, any sort of contribution from a Monmouth student will help to exemplify the magazine’s growing presence on campus. As feature writing has become our stronghold, your creative works may now have a ample outlet for you to ‘communicate.’ (It’s also a very strong resume’ booster). For more information, contact Editor-in-Chief Dan Gunderman at s0784904@monmouth.edu or Faculty adviser Marina Vujnovic atmujnovi@monmouth.edu. Hope to hear from you soon!

Outdoors Club

Thank you to everyone who attended our game night this week. Our next general meeting will be on Wednesday, February 27. We will have some volunteering opportunities coming up, which include a Sandy cleanup in Highlands scheduled for March 2 and Thompson Park in Holmdel on March 9.

Monmouth Area Vegetarian Society

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

Sociology Club

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

Pre-Law Club

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

MAVS to Host Director of Woodstock Animal Sanctuary & Award-Winning Author at the University

PRESS RELEASE

West Long Branch, NJ- Monmouth Area Vegetarian Society (MAVS) is hosting their second speaker of the spring semester, Jenny Brown, Co-Founder and Director of the Woodstock Farm Sanctuary and award-winning author of *The Lucky Ones*. The event will take place at Monmouth University’s Magill Commons building on Sunday, March 10, at 1:00 pm. The event is free and open to the public.

Brown will be speaking about the animal sanctuary where she rehabilitates animals that have been abused, neglected and abandoned. She will also talk about the gruesome treatment of animals in modern animal agriculture as well as the hazards it poses to human health and the environment. Additionally, she will discuss her award-winning novel *The Lucky Ones* which recounts her journey of becoming an animal rights activist and starting up her own sanctuary.

This event will consist of a discussion by Brown followed by a question and answer portion. During the presentation there will be a vegan potluck where visitors will be able to contribute to and taste delicious vegan dishes. If interested in attending this event, featuring Jenny Brown, RSVP to mcharris@monmouth.edu.

As an outspoken vegan animal rights activist, Jenny Brown’s work has been featured in publications such as *The New York Times*, *New York Magazine*, *New York Daily News*, *Cosmopolitan Magazine*, *Rolling Stone Magazine*, and *NPR*. To learn more about Jenny Brown and the Woodstock Farm Animal Sanctuary, visit www.WoodstockSanctuary.org.

The Monmouth Area Vegetarian Society (MAVS) is a non-profit, non-sectarian educational organization. MAVS promotes healthy lifestyle & diet options and compassionate living. The organization also provides numerous educational resources to inform the public about the advantages of vegetarian diets. The organization features nutrition experts, health-care professionals, animal rights advocates, discussions on ethical and environmental issues, book reviews and film screenings to promote the organization’s educational mission and goals.

Rock n Raise the Roof

Rock n Raise continued from pg. 1

to mentally prepare in order to have an idea of what you are going to say, without having to rely solely on the script. Information such as, what musicians belong to which bands, prizes for the competition and sponsors were all studied prior to show time. “My favorite part of the day,” Udayakumar said, “Was seeing the bands rock out in their natural environment and seeing the passion that they have for making and playing music.”

Anna Chamberlain, junior and floor manager, supervised the hosts, made sure the crew members were at their posts at their designated times and made sure the camera work in the lobby ran smoothly. “For the most part it went very well,” said Chamberlain. “My favorite part of the day was seeing everyone come out and watching the bands perform. It’s awesome that they got to come out and play for us and help raise money for relay.”

Aaron Goldner, entertainment producer, was in charge of booking the bands and acoustic acts. In addition to booking, he collected money from ticket sales, made sure all the acts were on time and ready to play in their allocated time slots. “What I liked about this year was that we had so many different styles of music. It was great to have that element of hip-hop too,” Goldner said. “Every act was totally different from one another and that’s what I was looking for when booking the bands.”

The event kicked off with Asbury Park locals, The Battery Electric taking the stage. The rock and roll trio has only been together for six months but you wouldn’t be able to tell based off their stage presence. They sing about women, whiskey and fighting for freedom according to their Facebook page and reinforced by their lyrics. “Here she comes walking in, with her hips, her glasses on; give a man a run for his money if he can’t turn her on,” drummer and vocalist Ron Santee sings in one of their songs titled *Shock Hazard*. The crew has a full length record coming out in March titled *Weaving Spiders* off of Little Dick Man Records, produced by Pete Steinkopf (The Bouncing Souls). The Battery Electric has an upcoming gig on March 1 at the Brighton Bar opening for Bow Wow Wow.

Audience members had room in the studio to watch the bands and enjoy

the show live. Couches were moved from the lobby to the studio and spectators had the opportunity to not only watch the bands, but also watch the Hawk TV crew operate throughout the event.

Sarah Clemency is an alumnus who graduated with a degree in theatre and music. She decided to stop by Rock n Raise to see friends and check out the bands. Clemency said, “I only saw two performances, but both were great. Live music is always a good thing.” Clemency was impressed with how well Hawk TV puts on their live shows. “The hosts always seem calm and collected, yet excited about the event. And to do it all live? I definitely commend all of Hawk TV,” she said.

The Plangere lobby was also decorated in honor of Rock n Raise. There were tables set up where brownies, cookies and other snacks were being sold in exchange for donations. Guitar hero was also available to play for students feeling inspired to rock out themselves.

Alpha Sigma Tau contributed to the rock and roll atmosphere with their photo booth display, which featured props like star glasses or a blow up guitar for students to pose with. Andrea Gonzalez, junior and political science major, operated the photo booth. She said, “It was really fun to ask people to participate in the photo booth. Every picture was funny and original with all the silly items. My sisters and I enjoyed spending our time at this event and running the booth in support of such a great cause.”

Another band to play the event was Jersey shore locals Offshore. Offshore is a four piece reggae-funk band who have been together for just under a year, they placed first for the event. “We just love to play,” said lead vocalist and guitarist Chaz Piancone. “If we get to a gig and there are three people or 300 people we play that show the exact same. We’ve done battle of the bands before but never for such a good cause.” The foursome agreed that they thought the event was put together very professionally, even going so far as to say they felt as if they were being pampered. Bassist for Offshore, Kevin Stryker, is a student at the University studying music. The band is hoping to get into the studio soon to record an EP, in the meantime you can check them out on



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The Rock n Raise audience had the opportunity to observe a live TV production in addition to the bands.

their Facebook page; facebook.com/offshorenj.

In addition to the Hawk TV broadcast, The X was also broadcasting Rock n Raise live over the radio waves. Roy Ranous, senior and communication major, was one of the board operators for The X, along with Mike Hildebrandt. Ranous said, “Our job was to make sure the audio signal from the show downstairs was transmitting a good sound through the radio station.” He went on to explain they used no delay while transmitting and everything went live right as it occurred. “There were a couple hiccups here and there but ultimately it was a successful broadcast,” said Ranous.

Katie Meyer, assistant producer noted that through pure chance, each act involved had at least one member who had a direct connection to the University. “I thought the day went well,” she said, “All four bands played very well, the acoustic acts were great.”

The acoustic acts consisted of Natalie Zeller, The Dashers and Coltin Kayser. The Dashers are an acoustic duo made up of Jonathan Warhol, communication major, and his band mate Ed Donovan. Coltin Kayser, business major, was accompanied by his harmonica and was the first acoustic act to play. Zeller is a singer and songwriter studying music at the

University.

For some acts, this was their first time playing in front of cameras. Seasons is a five piece rock band based out of Monroe Township. “We felt like we were on Letterman,” joked Brian Haring, vocalist and keyboardist for the band. The quintet has an EP coming out within the next few weeks and it will be released for free on their Facebook page at facebook.com/seasonsbandnj. They all agreed the TV studio was impressive. Haring is a junior who just transferred to the University this year. “I really like the people,” Haring said, “I’d say that’s my favorite thing about Monmouth; especially the music and theatre department.”

Ray Bogan, junior and communication major, was the director of Rock n Raise. Bogan explained the job of the director includes running down the producer’s plans, what they want to see and bringing it to the television screen. Bogan said, “The crew did great, we’re all students here and we’re always learning and this is the epitome of a learning experience when you’re able to put on a big production like this. Everyone put in 100 percent.”

The final act of the day was B.Funk, a groovy Jersey based band that combines funk and blues with a hip-hop essence. Fronted by MC Brian Cole, B.funk brought a unique

rap-rock style to the event that had nearly everyone bobbing their head to the music. B.Funk’s drummer Zach Olim is a music industry major at the University.

Andy Schmid, senior and production manager for Rock n Raise helped to set up the lights, hook up the electronics and oversee that everything ran smoothly throughout the show. Schmid said, “My favorite part of the day was when B.Funk performed, hip-hop mixed with funk, I was really into that.”

Former program director at WMCX and alumnus Brian Morelli donated his drum set for the day and worked as a drum tech setting up the performers. “This was a year where every band was incredible,” said Morelli. “My favorite part of the day were the slutty brownies.” Slutty brownies were being sold in the lobby and consisted of chocolate chips, cookie dough and Oreos all merged into a triple layer brownie treat.

Professor Donna Dolphin is the co-advisor to Hawk TV, as well as a founding advisor. She explained the vast amount of work that goes into a production such as this. Dolphin said, “I’m really pleased about everyone who participated and I’m really proud of the communication students who had an opportunity to step up and apply their skills and feel a challenge.”

Surf Taco Fundraiser for SPCA

PRESS RELEASE

Casey Allocco, sophomore, will hold a fundraiser through Surf Taco in Long Branch on behalf of the Monmouth County SPCA on March 7 from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm. She will also host a bake sale on behalf of the Monmouth County SPCA at the Student Center on Thursday, March 12 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Allocco will be selling cookies for \$1 as well as accepting donations. All donations go directly to the organization.

This semester, Allocco is fundraising to raise money for the Monmouth County SPCA through the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA).

Allocco has put together a fundraiser at Surf Taco for Monmouth County SPCA to raise money and support the cause. Surf Taco will put 20 percent of the bill for each person that presents the flyer towards the organization.

“Fighting for abused and abandoned animals has always been something I care about,” said Allocco. “Who wouldn’t want to support a great cause while eating a delicious burrito?”

Monmouth County SPCA is a non-profit organization that has been around since 1945. Their mission is to protect and provide for the abandoned, abused, and homeless animals while offering adoption, training services, spay/neuter and humane law education. Monmouth County SPCA is dedicated to caring for their animals and finding them loving homes.

For more information on the organization, visit monmouthcountyspca.org.

90’s Theme Zumba to Benefit PRSSA

PRESS RELEASE

West Long Branch, NJ – The Monmouth University Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) and Shore Fit Club is hosting a 90’s theme zumba night at Shore Fit in West Long Branch on March 4 at 8:30 pm. Admission is \$7 for Short Fit Club members and \$10 for non-members.

Event features a 90 minute zumba session with certified instructor to the greatest 90’s hits. Attendees are encouraged to dress in 90’s attire. Sneakers are required. Water and a towel are also suggested. 80% of proceeds go towards PRSSA.

For more information please visit the Facebook page event.

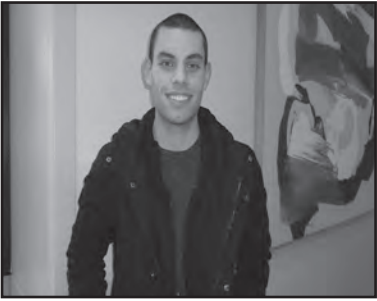
PRSSA is a pre-professional organization that strives to prepare students for jobs in public relations and related fields. The mission of PRSSA is to serve its members by enhancing their knowledge of public relations and providing access to professional development opportunities and to serve the public relations profession by helping to develop highly qualified, well-prepared, professionals.

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Horoscopes

To get the advantage, check the week rating:
10 is the easiest, 0 the most challenging.

♈ Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19) -This week is a 7
Negotiations are in the process, but remember that it takes co-operation on both parts in order to truly solve the problem. Help balance things out further by coming up with some achievable and efficient plans.

♉ Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) -This week is a 6
The pace is really picking up this week; turn your attention towards tomorrow’s projects and assignments in order to tackle them properly. Also be sure to focus on the details, and you’ll be able to take on more work, but only if you choose t

♊ Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) -This week is a 6
Times are starting to look lucky and in your favor as of late. As a result don’t let restrictions hold you back, and instead jump in and enjoy what you couldn’t before; especially in the matters of love. However seize the day, for times may be fleeting faster than you would think.

♋ Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) -This week is a 9
Take the lead, especially in your household. Some important decisions need to be made and if anyone else isn’t going to make them then it might as well be you. Take it one step at a time though and don’t sweat over the small stuff; you don’t want to overwhelm yourself..

♌ Leo • (July 23- Aug. 22) -This week is an 8
You’re feeling unappreciated lately but it is time to give yourself a reality check. Analyze all of the angles for the next few days and you will really see how valuable you are. You’re about to gain some insight, just be sure to use it wisely in order to avoid any detrimental effects.

♍ Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) -This week is an 8
It’s not a good time to travel right now. Figure out those finances and see where your money is going before you make any hasty splurges. Remember to pay the necessary finances first and the money left over is what you have for actual spending; avoid the temptations and you will go far.

♎ Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) -This week is a 9
You’re getting stronger, although you might find yourself having a slight impatience tendency. Make sure you have some added insurance for that extra cushion of protection; don’t be afraid to take some added risks though.

♏ Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) -This week is an 8
Looks like the time has come to rekindle a commitment and finish up old projects. Keep you focus on what is in front of you right now; and remember that even though your dreams can inspire you for the better, that doesn’t mean you should let your mind drift off too far.

♐ Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) -This week is a 7
You’re very popular this week but just because you are high in demand doesn’t constitute for skipping out on plans with other people. If you find yourself feeling unsure about how others might be feeling about your decisions take a moment and pause; when you stop thinking about yourself, you can really hear what others are saying.

♑ Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) -This week is a 9
What you say has tremendous impact, so think about your words wisely before you run with anything. Think twice before you post it to the four winds and remain strong for you will be tested over the next few days.

♒ Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) -This week is a 7
It is rather apparently that play is a lot more temping than work right now, and that’s ok, but you’ll need to find the right balance in order to feel truly fulfilled. Consider taking some time to relax in order to increase productivity, and take into account that a little saving goes a long way.

♓ Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) -This week is a 7
Focus on your work and solve the problems as they come to you to avoid a buildup. Financial aspects are another thing to keep in mind and just might be looking brighter as they lead you towards a better future. Stay aimed on your goals now and there will be plenty of time, and money, to celebrate with later.

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Women’s Basketball Drops Two of Three

The Hawks Drop to 10-6 in the Northeast Conference, Tied for Third Place

RAY MALASPINA
STAFF WRITER

Senior guard Gabby Singer hit seven three-pointers en route to helping the Hawks get a victory before heading home from Western Pennsylvania after defeating Robert Morris 60-48 Monday night.

After dropping from third to fourth place in the Northeast Conference standings, the women’s basketball team traveled to Connecticut and Western Pennsylvania winning only their final game during the three game road contests. The Blue and White dropped the first two games to Quinnipiac University and Saint Francis Pennsylvania, and defeated Robert Morris Monday night finishing off the rough five games in 10 day swing going 3-2.

“I’m really proud of the team,” Head Coach Jenny Palmateer said. “This was the gutsiest performance of the five. For it to come on the fifth one, to see what we had in us and how hard we played was a real gut check.”

Last Wednesday, February 20, the Hawks were unable to handle the undefeated Quinnipiac Bobcats losing 72-45, snapping their four-game winning streak. Chevannah Paalvast led the team with 10 points along with eight rebounds as Abigail Martin pulled down 10 rebounds along with scoring eight. Betsy Gdziala also added eight rebounds of her own.

The Hawks opened the game with a 9-4 run. QU went on a 8-0 run immediately after and didn’t allow the Hawks to get within five. In the second half, Quinnipiac went on a 16-2 run including three straight three-pointers by three different Bobcats to help them cruise to a 27-point victory.

“They (Quinnipiac) were very physical with us, I thought they did a really good job attacking and capitalizing on some of our early mistakes,” said Palmateer on QU’s performance.

Quinnipiac shot 12-23 (52.2 percent) from beyond the three-point arc, including eight second half three’s, as the Blue and White shot only 32.7 percent (17-52) from the field for the game.

This game, originally scheduled for February 11, was postponed several times due to Winter Storm Nemo that dropped

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JENNY PALMATEER
Head Coach

more than three feet of snow in the New England Area. After taking the six-hour bus ride from West Long Branch to Loreto, PA, the Hawks were unable to stop the Red Flash, dropping the afternoon game 69-56, while also dropping to fourth in the standings.

MU took an early 2-1 lead in the first 30 seconds of the game, but after that it was all Saint Francis, who went on a 9-0 run



PHOTO COURTESY of MU Photography

Senior guard Alysha Womack scored a game-high 21 points in the loss against St. Francis (PA) on Saturday.

to end the first half. Going into halftime down by 11, the Hawks were able to cut the lead down to seven late into the game but it was the free throws that helped St. Francis close the game, going 19-28 from the charity stripe in the second half.

“Really, I think a lot of our turnovers were unforced, mental mistakes on our end. Just really sloppy play,” Palmateer stated after the defeat in regards to her team turning the ball over 30 times.

Senior guard Alysha Womack led both teams in scoring with 21 points, as Paalvast just missed a double double with 13 points and nine rebounds. Sara English chipped in for the Hawks with seven rebounds and Singer had

three of the eight team steals. MU shot 43.1 percent from the field, shooting 22-51 for the game as well as going 8-14 (57.1 percent) from the free throw line. During the two-game losing streak, the Hawks have had a combined 57 turnovers.

From Loreto to Moon Township, the Hawks went in to Robert Morris and ended their two-game skid, winning at the Sewall Center for the first time since January 2010. Along with a career high seven three-pointers, Singer also tied former teammate Alexis Canady for most consecutive games played in a Hawk uniform at 122.

“When Gabby started hitting those it turned the game around for sure. We were really struggling to score before she started taking those threes,” said Palmateer.

After being down by nine midway through the first half, MU

went on a 13-0 run and never look backed as Singer ended the half with 18 points, all from behind the arc. The Hawks went into the half up by seven, the only time during this stretch they led at the half.

As Singer quieted down from beyond the arc, hitting only one three, Thibault stepped up going 3-3 from the three. The Blue and White hit 12 threes throughout the game, the most since they hit 12 back in January 2010 when they did so against Central Connecticut.

Behind Singers 21 points, Thibault and Womack scored 13 and 12 respectively. The seniors, along with the rest of their squad shot 40.8 percent from the field while going 57.1 percent from beyond the arc.

MU will wrap up their regular season at home this weekend when Wagner and Mount Saint Mary’s visit the MAC.

Women’s Lacrosse Opens the Season 0-3

EDDIE ALLEGRETTO
STAFF WRITER

On Saturday February 16, the Hawks lost their season opener to Fairfield 14-7.

The Hawks started off slow losing 7-2 at halftime. The Fairfield Stags then opened the second half on a 12-2 run. MU closed out the game going on a 5-2 run in the final 10 minutes.

After being down 3-0 in the first eight minutes of the game, sophomore midfielder Emily Barbieri netted her first career goal for MU. Fairfield scored three more goals before Barbieri tallied her second goal of the game. The Stags added one more before halftime to make it 7-2.

To start the second half, MU gave up five consecutive goals. Junior midfielder Kaleigh Gibbons stopped the drought and scored for the Hawks to make it 12-3. In the game, sophomore

more turnovers having a total of 19 in the loss. Hawks’ keeper Katie Donohoe made nine saves, and the Hawks were outshot 30-17.

MU fell to the Delaware Blue Hens on Friday afternoon with the final score of 14-6, bringing their record to 0-2. Head Coach Denise Wescott explained that she liked the effort on the offensive side because they took good shots, and moved the ball around. “We worked the ball well and when we got shots off we were hitting,” Wescott said.

Sophomore midfielder Allison Stathius wasted little time to put the Hawks on the board, scoring 48 seconds into the game, from an assist by Barbieri. However, Delaware would soon take over and they scored five consecutive goals, including a pair from Chelsea Fay.

Junior attacker Danielle Rakowitz scored two goals in the



PHOTO COURTESY of Danielle Richards

Sophomore midfielder Allison Strathius scored 48 seconds into the game against Delaware. The Hawks went on to lose 14-6.

“We come together and we kind of just brush it off, tomorrow is a whole new day, and we pick up the pieces that we need to fix and we move onto the next game.”

DANIELLE RANKOWITZ
Junior

midfielder Allison Stathius had two assists, four ground balls, and caused two turnovers.

Despite the loss, the Blue and White had control of the draws 13-10, but, committed seven

first half that provided the Blue and White with a nice spark off of the bench going into halftime. She would cut the Blue Hens’ lead to 5-3.

It took the Blue Hens 20 sec-

onds to score into the second half, increasing their lead to 6-3. But, senior attacker Cassie Campasano would answer and score four minutes later. The Blue Hens would then outscore the Hawks in the next 17 minutes, increasing their lead to 12-5. With just five minutes to play, the Blue and White answered back with a goal from Gibbons. However, Delaware would add two late goals to finish off MU with the score of 14-6. MU goalie Katie Donohoe had 10 saves, and Blue Hens goalie, Alex Zaugra, stopped eight in the win.

The Blue and White won 13

of the 21 draws under freshman Kristina Vangeli. The Blue Hens won the ground ball advantage 30-16 and heavily outshot MU 31-17. The Hawks committed 26 turnovers including nine that were unforced errors. “Turnovers is a big thing, we just turned the ball over too many times. If we take care of the little things the scoreboard will change,” Wescott said.

On Sunday, the Hawks lost 16-4 to Navy. Kathy Young scored four goals for the Midshipmen, two coming in the first three minutes of the game.

After being picked in the

coaches poll to win the Northeast Conference (NEC) the Hawks have now fallen to 0-3, a place where no team wants to be. Rakowitz said after the first two losses that, “We come together and we kind of just brush it off, tomorrow is a whole new day, and we pick up the pieces that we need to fix and we move onto the next game.”

The Hawks will play three games in the span of a week starting on Saturday, hosting Rutgers, Lafayette and then Siena. The Blue and White will look to this short week to get back on track.

Men’s Basketball Out of NEC Race

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The men’s basketball team has been eliminated from Northeast Conference (NEC) Tournament contention after losing to Robert Morris and Saint Francis (PA) this weekend.

Robert Morris beat the Hawks (10-19, 5-11) 77-65 on Thursday as Russell Johnson scored a game-high 20 points for the Colonials (20-9, 12-4).

“Robert Morris is a tough team to play,” Head Coach King Rice said. “You have to give them a lot of credit. We fought as hard as we have in a long time tonight, and put 40 minutes together.”

MU never led in the game and trailed by 10, 24-14, halfway through the first half. They went on a 6-0 run from there, with baskets made by Dion Nesmith, Ed Waite and Khalil Brown, but four points would be the closest they were for the remainder of the half.

The Hawks got within one point a few times in the second half, but were never able to tie or take the lead.

Tyrone O’Garro brought MU

within a single point twice halfway through the second frame. He made a basket and was fouled with 10:14 left in the game to make it 53-52. Another layup 29 seconds later put the Hawks behind 55-54.

The game remained close until Karvel Anderson made a three-pointer to put the Colonials ahead 67-61 with 3:10 on the clock. That’s the closest the

birth on Saturday with a 70-68 win. Anthony Ervin led the Red Flash (5-22, 5-11) with 19 points.

“We have to give Saint Francis credit,” Rice said. “They outplayed us and beat us today. Our kids tried hard, but I’m tired of saying our kids tried hard. You’re supposed to try hard. We have to play better. Hopefully these last two games, we will play better.”

Steele made a three-pointer with 55 seconds left to put the Hawks behind 68-66. MU had every chance to tie the game at this point but never converted.

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KING RICE
Head Coach

Hawks would be for the remainder of the game, as the lead ballooned to 12 at the final whistle.

Lucky Jones scored 19 points for Robert Morris. He made six of seven three-point attempts and a foul shot. He also grabbed a game-high seven rebounds.

Jesse Steele led the Hawks in scoring with 16. Nesmith and Stephen Spinella were right behind him with 14 and 12 a piece.

As a team, MU was 20 of 23 from the free throw line, compared to the Colonials’ 14 of 16.

Saint Francis ended MU’s chance at a NEC Tournament



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Senior guard Jesse Steele scored 16 and 19 points in losses against Robert Morris and Saint Francis (PA). In his last three games, Steele has made all 21 of his free throws.

MU forced a turnover and had the ball with eight seconds still on the clock. Steele missed a three and Christian White threw up a desperation shot off the rebound that wasn’t close.

Nesmith led the team with 20 points and Steele scored 19.

In his last three games, Steele

has been 21 of 21 from the free throw line (10 of 10, four of four, seven of seven).

The Hawks are tied for tenth place in the NEC and end the season with two home games this week. They play Mount St. Mary’s on Thursday and Wagner on Saturday.

Moonlight at the MAC

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The track and field team recently competed in their final regular season NEC meet this past Wednesday as they hosted Moonlight at the MAC.

Head Coach Joe Compagni said the meet is not a win or loss situation per say, but is actually a chance for many to extend their indoor season.

“Wednesday night was a final chance to compete indoors and qualify for some people,” Compagni said. “It was low key. We didn’t have a team score and everybody just had part of their team there.”

Along with MU, nine other schools competed on Wednesday night, three of which were Division II colleges.

Sophomore Kate Frye broke a MAC record at the meet as she finished with a time of 58.18 in the women’s 400 meter dash. Senior distance runner Kelsey Maher broke a MAC record as well in the women’s 5000 meter run with a time of 18:33.03. Senior Sean Hartnett also broke a MAC record in the men’s one mile as he completed the race at 4:17.58.

Sophomore pole vaulter Lauren McDonald set a MAC record on Wednesday with a height of 3.5 meters (11 feet five inches) and set a

her results to her stern work ethic. “I think she just has done a great job in believing in the work she is doing and she is working really hard. She competes very tough with every opportunity she’s had.”

For the men’s side, senior distance runner Ford Palmer set a school record in the mile as he finished with a time of 4:00.46 at the Fastrack meet. Junior field athlete Errol Jeffrey took home first in the shot put and weight throw with distances of 17.5 meters (57 feet five inches) and 18.06 (59 feet and three inches) respectively.

After these two meets, the Northeast Conference released their lists of what athletes were awarded honors for their seasons. Receiving first team honors from the men’s side were Palmer, Jeffrey, sophomore Ben Boyd, and junior Jalen Walker.

Eller and junior Mariah Toussaint both were given first team honors for the women’s side.

Compagni was also awarded by the NEC as he received Coach of the Year. Compagni and his coaching staff have been given this honor more than any other coaching staff in NEC history.

Moonlight at the MAC and the NYU Fastrack meet were the last opportunities the team had to prepare for this weekend’s IC4A and ECAC Championships.

When asked if the team would



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Senior distance runner Ford Palmer set a school record in the mile, finishing with a time of 4:00.46.

Langille, sophomore Alex Leight, senior Sean Hartnett, freshman Gerordan Ferguson, junior Ed Kramer, sophomore Joseph Marini, senior Shane Carle, sophomore Taylor Bernstein, and freshman Tevin Kirby-Stewart.

Palmer is ranked ninth out of 154 in the one mile and Jeffrey is ranked eighth out of 53 for shot put. The IC4A is over a century old, making it the longest running meet in America.

Qualifiers of the ECAC are: Eller, Toussaint, Frye, senior Rachel Watkins, senior Emily MacEwen, senior Alison Day, sophomore Lauren McDonald, junior Rachel Aliotta, senior Sandra Jean-Romain, junior Tilah Young, and senior Symmone Fisher.

Compagni believes the team is looking forward to the meet because of its prestigious honor if one happens to win an event.

“We’re excited. It’s a meet that’s against all the best schools of the East. It’s our chance to line-up with not just the NEC but some of the best teams in the Big East, the Patriot League, and the Ivy League to see where we stand for that.”

The meet will be held this weekend at Boston University.

Players Talk Big South



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Sophomore running back, Julian Hayes, ran for 685 yards and 11 touchdowns during the Hawks’ final season in the Northeast Conference.

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The football team will be playing in the Big South Conference in 2014 and the players are excited about it.

“It’s better competition,” sophomore defensive back Pat Gray said. “We get to travel more and face different opponents. It’s almost like we don’t know what to expect.”

“I’m ready to move on,” sophomore running back Julian Hayes said. “I’m ready to get as good of competition as we can put on the schedule. I’m excited about it and I just think it’s a great opportunity.”

The new conference makes the University even more desirable for recruits coming out of high school, according to the players.

“Bigger opportunities are going to be able to come from this,” junior defensive lineman Pat O’Hara said. “It would have been an even bigger plus if I was coming out of high school and knowing that then too.”

“I feel this is even more incentive (to come to the University),” Hayes said. “You get to travel around the country, you get to play some of the top teams in the country. I think this is even more incentive and would have been even more reason to come to Monmouth, other than already having a good program and being a fantastic school.”

The players have different feelings on the longer road trips they will be taking as members of the Big South. O’Hara and Hayes look forward to seeing more of the country and flying to games, while Gray sees difficulty in trying to play in front of his parents.

“My parents are a little upset about the whole traveling thing,” Gray said. “But they are going to try and make as many games as possible. Half of our games will probably be home, so that’ll be good. But the traveling aspect will be a little difficult.”

The players will miss some of the rivalries and friendships in the Northeast Conference (NEC), but want to move along nonetheless.

“I’m going to miss being able to go back to Connecticut and play Central and Sacred Heart,” Hayes, a Connecticut native, said. “Personally I feel that being able to travel any place in the country is an opportunity I’ve been dreaming about since I was a little kid.”

MU will play 2013 as an independent team, which means they have no conference championship to compete for. The players realize that they have to win every game possible to try and earn an at-large bid to make the playoffs this year.

“You might not be playing for a conference,” O’Hara said. “But you’re still playing for the school and you’re still playing for that at-large bid to get to the playoffs. You have to play harder every game.”

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JOE COMPAGNI
Head Coach

University record last weekend at the NYU Fastrack meet with a height of 3.66 meters (12 feet).

Senior distance runner Amanda Eller surpassed a decade old record while in New York as she finished the 1000 meter race at 2:52.55.

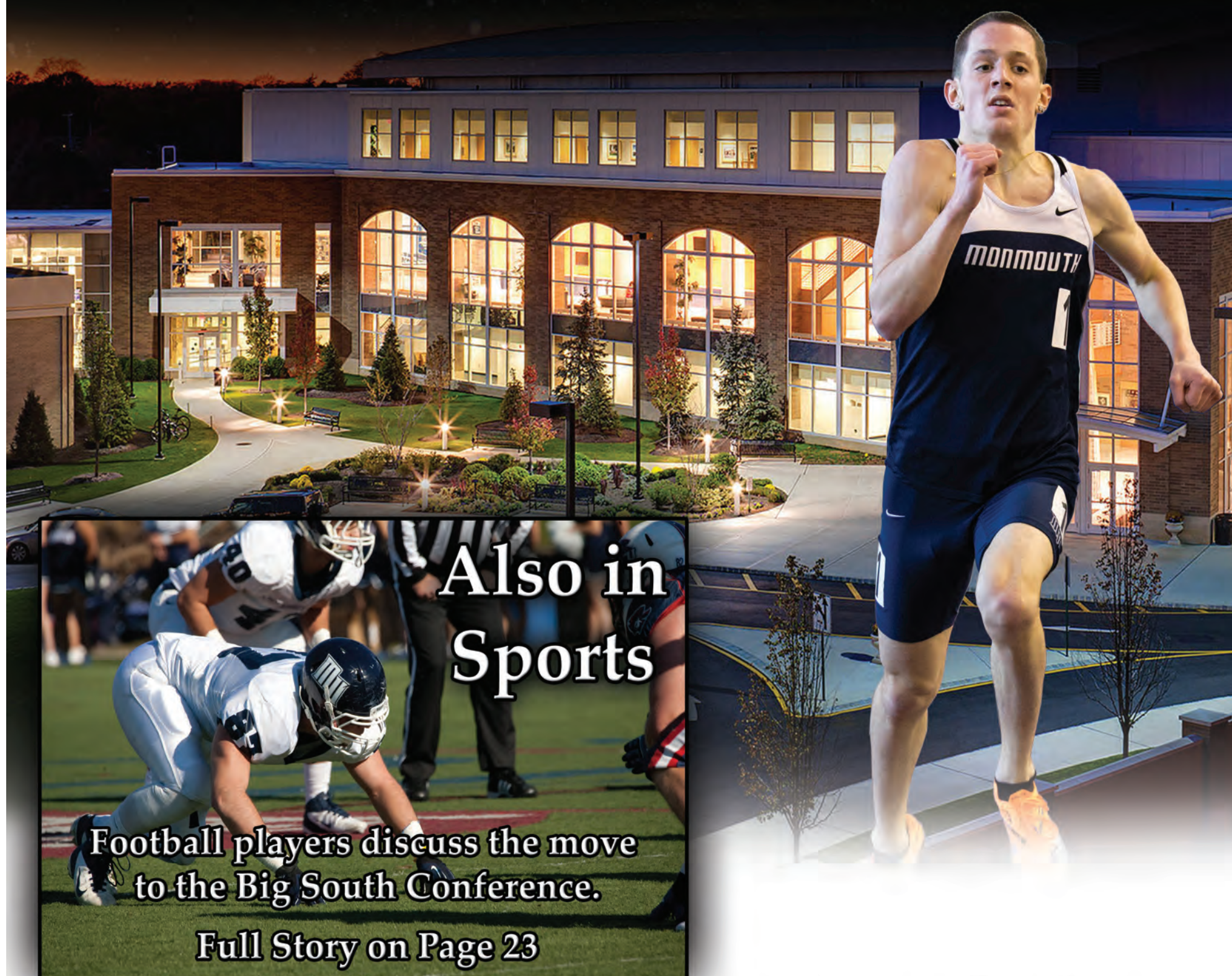
Commenting on the success of Eller’s season, Compagni attributes

be prepared for the Championships, Compagni said, “They understand as we go to Boston next week, the stakes are much higher and the meet will be much more intense.”

Qualifiers of the IC4A are: Palmer, Jeffrey, Boyd, freshmen Eric Kahana, junior Bayaan Oluyadi, senior Chris Rutherford, freshman Andrew



MOONLIGHT MADNESS



Distance runner Alex Leight and the rest of the track and field team competed in their final regular season Northeast Conference meet as they hosted Moonlight at the MAC.

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