

MU CELEBRATES WORLD HIJAB



Hijabs, like the one pictured above, were celebrated for its beauty and significance at the University on Thursday, Feb. 26 in honor of World Hijab Day.

JAMILAH MCMILLAN STAFF WRITER

World Hijab Day was internationally celebrated on Sunday, Feb. 1, but was recognized at the University on Thursday, Feb. 26, by the Muslim Student Association Alpha (LTA) in an event that invited students, faculty, and administrators to wear the hijab.

The hijab is an obligatory head covering that is a signature of Muslim women bers of MSA and LTA tabled to discrimination, in the Rebecca Stafford Stu- and even violence.' dent Center (RSSC) throughout the day. of patterned hijabs and beside the table was a full length mirror. Under a banner that read "Before you judge cover up for a day" sat members of MSA and LTA. The Uni-

versity community was free to choose a hijab from the table and learn how to wear it. After, they could check their appearance in the mirror and say how they felt about it. The MSA also handed out pamphlets with an in-depth description of the hijab.

Dr. Rekha Datta, a professor (MSA) and Lambda Theta of political science, said she is happy to see students observe World Hijab Day at the University. "Through the event we learn about, and thereby develop, respect for religious and cultural diversity. The more we learn about the meaning and beauty around the world. In an effort of diverse religions and cultural to spread campus involvement practices, the more we learn to and knowledge of the World respect them, and create a society Hijab Day celebration, mem- in which ignorance does not lead intolerance, "I commend the MSA and LTA for engaging the campus At the table was a collection community in such a beautiful ceremony in observance of the World Hijab Day," continued Datta.

Xpire App Allows Users to Self-Destruct **Social Media Posts**

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Some students have been told since high school: "Clean up your Facebook," "Watch what you say online," or, "Don't post something you wouldn't want the colleges of your choice to see." Now that these students have made it to the University (perhaps by changing Facebook names, jacking up privacy settings and hiding photos) it's been a series of: "Don't post anything you wouldn't want a future employer to see.'

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Most students have become aware that if online profiles aren't treated with dignity it could have negative conhowsequences;

ever, many have been utilizing social media since high school, maybe even middle school, and haven't been quite so conscious of their postings. According to many students, it can be quite a bother to go through and clean up your pages, nonetheless even know where to begin. Luckily for young professionals everywhere, the new app, Xpire, is here to help ease the fear of student's online presence haunting them down the road.

Xpire was created by Jesse Stauffer, a 20-year-old college student, who sought out the help of noted businessman and investor, Mark Cuban. Cuban is also featured on ABC's Shark Tank, where hopeful entrepreneurs pitch their ideas to renowned investors. According to Fox News, Stauffer sent an email pitch to Cuban about Xpire, which ignited the app's development.

According to Xpire's website, the app is a social networking client that allows you to easily shrink your digital footprint. It

has three main capabilities of ephemeral sharing, simplified searching, and smart algorithms.

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1. Ephemeral Sharings

Basically, you can post timed content (on Twitter, Facebook and Tumblr) that will automatically self-destruct when you want it to. This is geared to people who want to share their current reaction (say, during a sporting event) but don't feel the need for it to be available forever.

Mary Harris, a specialist professor of communication who teaches social media courses, thinks that the app might be useful for scanning old

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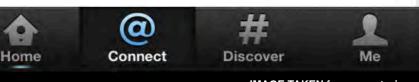
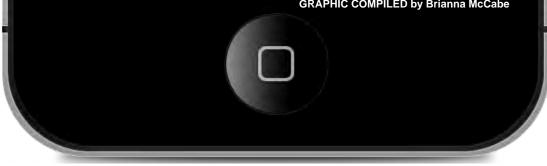


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The event spread awareness

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Egypt and Qatar Aggravate Tension in Worldwide Soccer

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A match between the Zamalek SC White Knights and ENPPI erupted last month when a riot among fans and police broke out, killing 25, on Feb. 8. The riot comes as a 3 year anniversary to a similar soccer fueled riot that killed 71, also in tend the games.

Egypt.

The Egyptian Premier League initially responded by canceling the entirety of the season. According to Yahoo.com, after some deliberation, "between the Ministries of Interior, Youth, and Sports, as well as the Egypt's soccer association," the League is scheduled to resume play with one stipulation: fans cannot at-

The League has yet to estabattendance will continue in future seasons, but for the immediate future it is outlawed. The complications stem from the cause of the riot being unclear. BBC reported, "Police fired tear gas and birdshot at fans trying to force their way into the stadium, leading to a stampede."

Regardless of motivation, the lish whether the abolition of fan riot last month illuminated the role of soccer, (rather, football), as a cultural and political driving force around the world. A 2006 Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) "Big Count" estimated 265 million men and women play football, while five

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Study Reveals Effects of Driving 'High' vs. Driving Drunk

RICHARD FELICETTI STAFF WRITER

Driving a car while impaired is never recommended; however, new research suggests that driving while high is significantly less dangerous than driving while drunk.

According to a recent study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration published in an article on Feb. 17 by USA Today, drivers under the influence of marijuana experience a very low percentage of getting in a car accident, compared to drivers under the influence of alcohol.

The researchers concluded that an individual with a Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) level of .08, the legal limit, was four times as likely to crash in comparison to a so-

ber driver. When evaluating those who were found to be at a BAC level of .15, they were 12 times as likely to crash the vehicle. On the other hand, the subjects found to be high while driving experienced a mere five percent increase in the likelihood of a crash.

Suanne Schaad, Substance Awareness Coordinator, said that there is a correlation between being under the influence of either drugs or alcohol and car accidents.

"Marijuana and alcohol both cause impairments while driving. If a person is under the influence, their ability to function properly and stay alert has been decreased," Schaad said.

Both put you at higher risk. Period. It is kind of like asking which is a better drug to do, A or B, both can cause you a problem," Schaad continued.

The study conducted by the NHTSA involved more than 3,000 drivers that crashed their cars over the course of 20 months in Virginia Beach, VA. In assessdetermined if those involved were under the influence of any drug at the time of the accident.

Additionally, 6,000 control drivers, drivers who were not involved in any accidents, were implemented into the study.

An anonymous junior at the University said she has operated a vehicle while under the influence of both drugs and alcohol at different times, and her experiences coincided with the findings

"I have experienced driving with both drugs and alcohol in my



PHOTO TAKEN from teenlife.com

A recent study conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration explained that the drivers under the influence of marijauana have a lower chance of getting into a car accident than those impaired by alcohol, although both are illegal and not recommended.

system," said the anonymous art student. "I was totally impaired while I was drunk, but when I was high, I managed to operate the vehicle properly enough to get home safely. "

"However, I realize that neither ing the crashes, the police officers is smart and I am definitely not repeating my actions," the student said,

> Despite the studies, the research on the effects of marijuana on a driver is still ambiguous, and experimenters urge drivers not to drive while high.

> Captain Dean Volpe of the Monmouth University Police Department (MUPD) said that driving under the influence of intoxicants is both illegal and unsafe. "People should avoid driving under the influence of any kind because regardless if the chances are higher when having alcohol in the system, the person is still putting themselves and other drivers on the road at serious risk," said Volpe.

"Whether the individual is drunk or high, it is still illegal and they will obviously face serious consequences," Volpe continued.

An anonymous senior biology major noted that his experience of driving while high is wildly different than the information cited by the experimenters.

"As much as I am ashamed to admit, I did drive home once while I was high on marijuana," he said "Even though the study says it barely affects your driving skills, I absolutely was impaired and I am lucky no one, especially those in other vehicles, got hurt," said the student.

According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) statis-

tics, 28 people die every day as a result of drunk driving. Additionally, in 2012, 239 child passengers under the age of 15 were killed in drunken driving accidents, representing 20 percent of all traffic fatalities

Christina McSherry, a professor at the University's Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies, warned against the use of engaging in such activities. "I do not approve of driving drunk or high on marijuana," she said.

According to a Columbia University's School of Public Health, marijuana plays a tremendous role in the impairment of one's driving ability regardless if the chances of an accident aren't very high. The researchers gathered data from fatal car accidents in California, Hawaii, Illinois, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and West Virginia. Of all the crashes, marijuana accounted for 12 percent.

"People smoke pot because it changes and alters our world, our perception of time and space," said Schaad.

"These changes felt can certainly affect our driving skills. When driving, we need these perceptions of time and of space to be accurate, not altered by a drug. The slower reaction time and psychomotor skills can lead to accidents," Schaad said.

Additionally, Schaad said no drug is safe to use, as it inhibits one's ability to properly function.

If anyone is interested in talking about alcohol or drug use, they can go to the Office of Substance Awareness located in the Health Center. All discussions are free and confidential.

World Hijab Day

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cial experiment. Students, faculty, sion between a woman and God, and administrators who had never no one should judge them for it. I even touched a hijab before were have also learned that they take so given the opportunity to wear it. much pride in it." Many of the participants ignored the stares from onlookers observ- ing a hijab was odd at first. "I ing from afar, and attempted to walked around the student center define how it made them feel.

"The only thing that I could not do liked it," said Diaz. with this on is wear neck jewelry. anything. The hijab is definitely defend why they wear hijabs. not oppressive," she added.

the Muslim Students Association, said, "Monmouth University said, "This event has been some- promotes global and cultural litthing I've wanted to do for a very long time. Many times I get asked programming. Events that create if I'm forced to wear the hijab, or better awareness, greater underif I shower in it and I'm humored standing, and respect for others and saddened at the same time as well as celebrate other cultures with these questions," the senior and traditions enrich the campus biology student said. "I wanted to raise awareness building community." and dispel any rumors and misconceptions. Hijab is beautiful- com. World Hijab Day was foundit's liberating, not oppressive, and ed by Nazma Khan a New York no, we don't shower in it," said resident. The first World Hijab Alsalman. portant part of being a Muslim foster tolerance and end discrimiwomen, but it is the most visual, nation by inviting non-muslims as stated by Alsalman. It is a per- to wear the hijab for a day. The sonal decision made by the wom- vision sprouted after facing much an who wear it. In Islam, the hijab discrimination for her religion, is obligatory to wear for a Muslim and hijab post 9/11. World Hijab woman who has reached puberty. Day has spread to over 140 coun-It is to be worn around men who tries. It is organized through soare not relatives; however, women cial media. On instagram it carin Islam do not have to cover their ries its own hashtag. Mainstream hair in front of their family, or news organizations such as Huffother females. of Lambda Theta Alpha, said, "I ment since its birth.

have learned that Muslim women are not forced to wear a hijab. It but also took the form of a so- is supposed to be a personal deci-

Diaz said her experience weara bit and I felt like people were "I feel secure," said Dyamond looking at me weird. Then after Rodriguez, a fine arts student, a while I didn't even notice I was as she wore a hijab in the mirror. wearing it anymore and I actually

Diaz said she can now relate re-Otherwise, I feel like I can do late more to Muslim women and

Saliba Sarsar, Associate Vice Reem Alsalman, President of President for Global Initiatives, eracy through its curriculum and atmosphere and contribute to According to WorldHijabDay. Day was on Feb. 1, 2013. Khan The hijab is not the most im- sought to create a day that would ington Post, BBC, and Al-Jazeera Crystal Diaz, Academic Chair have covered this global move-



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The Science of Online Dating

RICHARD FELICETTI STAFF WRITER

In today's society, young adults rely heavily on technology in all aspects of life including finding a significant other.

Dating services such as Zoosk, eHarmony, and Tinder allow people to look for love while conveying only a small amount of personal information.

Therefore, the details that are revealed are crucial aspects that determine whether or not two people are compatible.

Information such as username, hobbies, and profile picture are the basis on which an individual is judged. Recently, scientists have begun to study what exactly makes the ideal people.

It is common to think that the individual's picture is the most important feature of a profile; however, recent studies have hobbies. This will give them the disproved this theory.

titled "The Science of Online Dating," published on Feb. 16, two friends set out to discover what makes a profile truly appealing.

Sameer Chaudhry, an internist at the University of North Texas who simply could not seem to find love, proposed the effective, as it displays one of idea to his friend Khalid Khan, the user's physical traits. a professor of women's health and clinical epidemiology at Barts and the London School of Medicine and Dentistry. The two sifted through thousands of profiles, taking notes and studying the content of each.

most important features of a profile is the chosen username. This is the first item viewers will see and has a tremendous

effect on their overall opinion. The researchers discovered

that men are most influenced by usernames incorporating physical traits, (beautiful, cutie, etc.), while women preferred usernames that pointed to intellectualism and personality (scholar, cultured, etc.). In addition, they revealed that both sexes had an affinity for usernames that described a playful nature (goodtimes) and avert their attention away from those that display negativity (ughh).

A junior biology major who wanted to remain anonymous not to reveal her dating preference said that she tries to make her username as appealing as she possibly can.

"I usually go for a username profile that will attract the most that reveals some sort of personality trait I have," she said. "For example, I'll start with something like HikingBeautyxoxo, since hiking is one of my main impression that I am a fun lov-In a New York Times article ing, thrill-seeking girl. Once we start talking, the person will see the rest of my personality. But to start, I just give them a small idea of what I am about."

According to Chaudhry and Khan's research, the aforementioned username is strategically thought-out and will indeed be

Moreover, the researchers concluded that usernames that begin with letters from the first half of the alphabet are more likely to find a compatible match than those from the second half. Khan explains that humans have They found that one of the a tendency to be attracted to things that occur earliest; therefore, letters A-L are the most recognizable.

ate professor of psychology, said that the study was reliable, as much of the methods used are viable forms of research.

"They pooled a bunch of relevant information that they could apply to the online-dating scene. Their findings fall into place with social psychology research," said Ciarocco. "People looking for love online have to sort through a bunch of information about each person, so they take cognitive shortcuts. We do this anytime we have an abundance of information to sort through. Preferring people with a user name in the first half of the alphabet is one example of the types of shortcuts we take," she said.

Senior business major Anthony Branco said that online dating is one of the most popular methods of finding love because of the sense of security and confidence that the computer gives an individual. Rather than immediately meeting face to face, they can first interact on the internet and get comfortable with one another

great results.

sides.

As for one's profile picture,

the researchers concluded that

a person with a nice smile sur-

rounded by friends was the most

successful. The researchers sug-

gest that users should be placed

in the center of the photograph

with others encompassing the

ness student who didn't want to

reveal that he enjoys online dat-

ing said that he often tries to al-

ter his pictures to impress other

users."I usually put my photos

in a photoshop app to edit them,

just to remove small blemishes

and enhance the lighting," he

said. "But this study is convinc-

ing, and I will try to use these

Ciarocco noted that since the

information available on a dat-

ing profile is so limited, the

quality of the content is impor-

tant. Without a real-life interac-

tactics for my next picture."

An anonymous freshman busi-

"The ability to potentially be a different person online is alluring," said Branco. "Some people may not be ready to communicate in real life, so the online interaction allows them to still search for love while not quite seeing each other in person just yet," Branco said.

Chaudhry and Khan noted that the most successful profiles were those that featured a divide of 70 percent personal information and 30 percent compatibility information. Those that were too arrogant or confident when describing their personality traits experienced the lowest levels of compatibility, whereas Dr. Natalie Ciarocco, associ- the profiles that displayed hu-

IMAGE TAKEN from droidlife.com Tinder is an immensely popular dating app used by college students

for different reasons such as finding love or for just a casual fling. mility and honesty experienced

tion, viewers make judgements solely on the profile.

"All you have to go on in online dating is the profile information. Your don't have any non-verbal behavior to go on or any personal interaction, so you are forced to focus strictly on the profile," she said.

"That means every piece of information listed is valuable. Then you have the added aspect of being about to look through hundreds of profiles. Your profile needs to stand out, and as I said before, we are likely to be cognitive misers and allow some mental shortcut to take place in deciding if we like others' profiles," said Ciarocco.

The main goal of the study, to find Dr. Chaudhry a lover, was realized. He spent his Valentine's Day in Rome, Italy, with a woman he met online. Thus, the study was proven to be effective and the tips provided enhance one's profile.

Physical and Emotional Effects of Stress on Students

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Stress is an unavoidable part of any college student's life, but at its worst may cause the severe physical and emotional effects of daily trauma.

According to a study conducted by the psychology department of New York University, 59.9 percent of college students endure stress higher than the average university student. Despite such a high percentage, very few students may actually seek help for

able for me." "There was so much adjusting to be had in all aspects of my life and I didn't my time," she said.

It is common for students to experience a great deal of stress their first year of college, similar to Leuzzi. According to a journal article titled, "Sources of Stress Among College Students," authors indicate that "College students, especially freshmen, are a group particularly prone to stress."

away from home for the first by her adjusting to college life

their major, core classes," said Mancini.

Jessica Caffey, a junior crimknow how to properly manage inal justice student experienced similar stress her first year at the University.

> When I was a freshman, I was so lost on how to balance my social and school life, especially since I don't live on campus," said Caffey. "I was having difficulty sleeping and I felt it take such a toll on my body," she said.

Caffey said she was constant-The article states that being ly tired and felt overwhelmed

suffered from such stress; she is said. "We see fatigue, fuzzistill dealing with the repercussions.

"I had no idea college was going to be as overwhelming as it was my first two years," said Silviano.

Silviano suffered both physically and emotionally from her stress. "I was trying to pull allnighters to get my work done, which further caused me to

Sleep deprivation was having

ness, difficulty paying attention, and drop in motivation," Mancini said.

As a result of her stress, Silviano failed two of her classes her sophomore year, causing her to be behind in credits and a little off track of her five-year education program at her university. "I eventually had to seek help and confess that stress was getpanic about getting everything ting the best of me," said Sil-done on time," she said. viano.

Mancini explained the cona negative effect on other as- fidentiality of the University's pects of her life, Silviano said. psychological services and how important it is for students to address their stress and anxiety problems. "Students have to be brave to step into our door and if they are struggling to make that first step, there are several on-campus events they could attend to get their feet wet," said Mancini. "Our stress events correspond to what we are seeing on campus with stress management," said Mancini. "We are here to help students reach their full potential while at college and to make it a great experience for them," she said. Mancini said some of the stress events have student speakers so the attendees do not feel as alone or hesitant about seeking help. "Having students hear other students speak about their stress and anxiety can sometimes be more comforting best of their ability on lack of for those attending," said Man-



their stress, assuming it will go away on its own

Dr. Franca Mancini, Director of Counseling and Psychological Services at the University, reveals information on stress induced on University students.

"In general, people are coming into our office with higher stress levels and nationally, it keeps inching up and up," said Mancini. "We are well into 60-plus percent of students on campus reporting very high, diagnosable stress levels," she said.

stress levels than others, or may feel stressed quicker than their peers.

Gabriella Leuzzi. a junior biology student who faced severe anxiety and stress her first year at school. "When I was in my freshman year, the stress I endured was pretty unbear-

"All ages, even grad students, experience stress and come into our offices for help."

DR. FRANCA MANCINI Director of Counseling and Psychological Services

time, or adjusting to new people and a new environment, are pressures that can easily take a toll on students.

Mancini said stress doesn't Some students have higher discriminate by grade level. "All ages, even grad students, experience stress and come into our offices for help," she said.

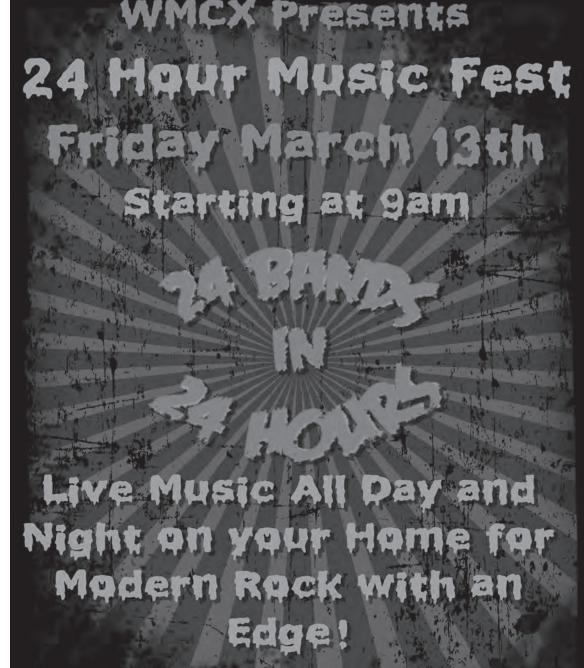
"In the fall, we typically see more first-year students. Then, there's a transition at the end of sophomore year into junior year, where students start to get a junior education student at antsy as they delve more into Quinnipiac University who has sleep or loss of appetite," she cini.

in and out of the classroom. Now as a junior, Caffey said stress is still present but is not as severe and occurs for different reasons. Being a commuter student, Caffey said she believes that commuting is another factor that adds to her daily stress.

College students feel anxiety and pressure for various reasons regardless of their academic year, Nicolette Silviano,

"I was constantly tired, rarely hungry, and I could never focus clearly, whether in class or even talking to my friends," she said. Mancini said sleep deprivation and disorderly eating are major physical effects she often sees in the students who come in for help. "Sleep deprivation is highly underrated and the effects are really huge," she said.

'Students are not thinking clearly, not performing to the



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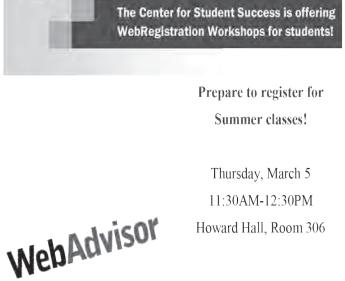


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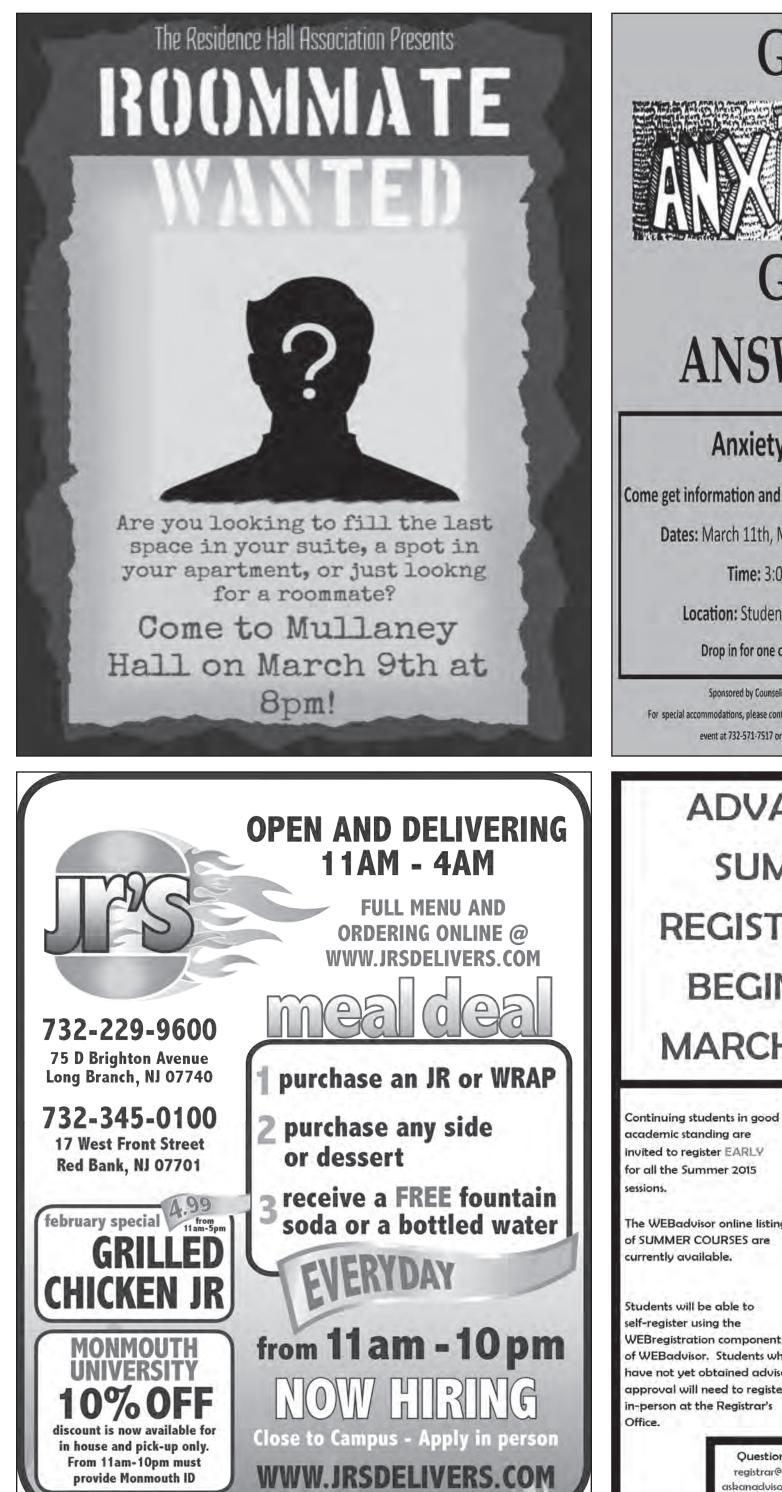


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"Major" Stereotypes

THE OUTLOOK STAFF

We've all heard them, the choruses of, "Oh you're a history major? That means you're going to be a teacher, right?" or, "Communication majors have it so easy." Many students do not realize that when they declare a major they are also signing themselves up for three to four years worth of stereotyping. These falsities can not only deter students from declaring certain majors, but they can also take a toll on the self-esteem of those who already have.

The Outlook staff agreed that while the humanities tend to get the worst of it, every major is subjected to some kind of stereotyping. Psychology majors are said to be constantly analyzing everyone, business majors are said to be "in it for the money," and political science majors who do not pursue law school are said to be bound for minimum wage jobs. One editor said, "People say to communication majors things like, 'You know how to talk to people.' Art majors are stereotyped as pursuing a passion rather than a career and not getting jobs, or if they do get a job, it won't be high-paying. English majors are stereotyped as only reading for all homework assignments. History majors are stereotyped as only being teachers or working at museums." Another editor noted that math majors get "hit with some tough stereotypes, such as the thickrimmed, number-crunching nerd idea.'

Several staff members hold passionate feelings regarding the unfair stereotyping of communication majors. One editor said it is extremely irritating when they hear people saying that students who declare communication as their major do it because it is easy or because they "like to communicate." The editor said, "People assume that communication is a joke but that could not be farther from the truth," said a staff member. "There is a lot of work and research and time involved in being a comm major and that's why it annoys me so much to hear people judge us in that way."

Another editor said she would love to see a student from another major come into the TV studio and try to edit hours worth of footage down to ten minutes. One editor even recalls Joel Mchale from *E*?'s *The Soup* poking fun at communication majors when he performed at the University.

So does anyone actually take all of these false stereotypes to heart? *The Outlook* staff says absolutely, especially when it comes to students who have not yet declared a major. For the most part, the staff agrees that stereotypes can discourage students from majors. Students might steer clear of certain majors in order to avoid criticism that they have heard from their peers.

"I wanted to do marine biology initially, but people told me they make pretty bad money," said an editor. "If I had done the research for myself, I would have realized that even though they aren't rich, they get to travel a lot and change the environment."

Another editor said that if she had heard the term "spin doctor" prior to declaring public relations their freshman year, they might have chosen a different career path.

Peers are not the only ones to blame. One editor said, "I can definitely see this coming into play with parents who believe certain stereotypes about a major, and steer their

cause it is easy or because they "like child toward something more practo communicate." The editor said, tical instead of what he or she was "People assume that communication actually passionate about."

Many staff members feel that the issue behind all of these stereotypes is that no one takes the time to look at all of the hard work that goes into each and every area of study. All majors require specific sets of skills that not everyone possesses, but not everyone sees it that way. "I think the only way that there could potentially be a way to end the stereotyping of majors would really just be to inform people about what every major is all about," said one editor. "I feel like once you've declared your own major, you pay a lot less attention to everything else and focus more on what you need to do as opposed to what other people are required to do."

Another editor suggested that if students were required to take introductory classes from other majors as gen-eds instead of being forced to take math or IT it might alleviate stereotypes.

All in all, the staff of The Outlook feels that students should just worry about their own majors and careers and not care so much about what others are doing, because the stereotyping most likely isn't going away anytime soon. "As humans we are geared to store information in the most simplistic manner possible, and as such, we are susceptible to using heuristics to approach the world and thereby create and proliferate stereotypes about groups of people, collegiate majors included," said one editor. "Besides, in most cases, these stereotypes are all in good fun, as they don't personally identify any members of a group, merely the choice that hundreds of thousands of other students have made."







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Your 20s: The Time to Make Yourself or Break Yourself

FABIANA BUONTEMPO NEWS EDITOR

Throughout life, we hit these milestones that are often looked forward to. We begin as young tots when we look forward to turning 13 because we'll officially be a 'teenager.' Then there is 17, the year we get behind the wheel and cause our parents more gray hair.

Some say 18 is a big year because you're a legal adult, whatever that means because nothing changed for me when I turned 18 except for the fact that I was that much closer to my 20s.

As a young female, growing up in my teens all I did was adore older girls who were in their 20s. In my eyes, these girls were fresh out of college, pursuing their careers, getting cocktails with their friends and looking glamorous through it all. I couldn't wait to enter this phase of my life. Becoming of legal age to drink only added to the anticipation.

My mother, an independent, saavy, strong woman always instilled in me that one's 20s are their make it or break it years. Adding to my mother's mantra, I say your 20s are also your selfish years. Don't worry, I say selfish in the nicest way possible but we'll get to that later.

As the years went on and I got closer to crossing that line from checks on Tobi.com because their my teen years into my 20s, my

to come. Yes, your 20s are like an experimental phase as your exploring, trying new things and figuring vourself out.

In the first few years of your 20s, you're finishing up school and trying to grab a hold on what it means to enter the 'real world.' You'll probably take a few different jobs, figure out what you love and may-

mother wised me up on the years reeled you in. You'll likely experience going out and freezing you're a** off in that too short, showingtoo-much-skin dress that you could barely walk in because of those stilettos you're trying to rock but really can hardly make it two steps. These may be normal experiences in the precious years of your 20s but always keep in mind that everything you do now, you will pay

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be don't really care for. You'll date, try new relationships and figure out the hard way that the edgy tattoocovered poet is not the guy you're going to spend your future with. To look at the glass half full, after a few heartbreaks, you'll know what you really want in a partner.

You'll spend way too many payannoying but beautiful daily sales

Along with paying for it later, remember it's okay to make your 20s your selfish years. I don't mean to abandon your family and friends or not care about other's feelings. I'm referring to treating your 20s like your building years for your future. Instead of being fixated on finding a boyfriend, embrace your independence (for those who are in

committed, happy relationships, you go girl!) Focus on you and find that happiness within yourself before you seek it in others. Figure out how to feel comfortable in your own skin so you exude confidence. Confidence will help you land that dream job you've been talking about since your sophomore year of college because you know you're worthy of the job.

Instead of wasting away your hard earned money on endless amounts of makeup and clothes (trust me, I'm guilty too) be sure to have a checking and savings account and start building up that money. You'll thank me in 10 years when you're able to move out on your own or purchase that new car you've been eyeing.

Right now in your 20s, these are your make it or break it years and everything we do to our lives, bodies and relationships will show up later down the road. That tan you're currently working on by baking in tanning beds may have you looking bronze now, but down the road all you'll end up with are wrinkles and brown spots. Learn healthy eating habits now so those late night binge-eating habits don't continue when your metabolism isn't as fast as it is now.

Travel, explore, learn the world, other people and yourself. Have fun and live up this time because your 20s are some of the best years of one's life.

Shopaholics Anonymous

LAUREN NIESZ COPY EDITOR

Step one is admitting you have a problem, right? Well, my name is Lauren Niesz and I am a shopaholic. I get high off not only the idea of saving money, but spending it too! I don't think I have purchased something that wasn't on sale.

I might be wearing a Kate Spade bag and donning Coach shoes, but, honey, I can assure you that I did not pay full price for them. This feeling of euphoria that I get when I purchase things for myself is indescribable.

Many students are probably experiencing the same exact thing when they head over to the mall or shopping center.

Being a college student, I am constantly engulfed in mass amounts of classwork and homework. My stress levels are through the roof! So, to manage this, I often engage in retail therapy. My love for shopping comes through when I need to relieve this stress.

I always thought that retail therapy worked for me because shopping/bargain hunting simply made me happy

Well, according to a study done by the University of Michigan, the happiness factor isn't the only positive psychological impact shopping has on one's mind.

The main reason that many of us experience anxiety is because we have a loss of control in certain situations and their outcomes.

According to this study, it is because of this "residual sadness" created by a loss of situational control that we turn to retail therapy.

Shopping creates a situation in which we have full control over. We get the chance to choose what we like, and weed out what we do not like. This process of choosing restores a sense of control within our lives, therefore, decreasing our anxieties/stress.

Amanda Drennan, a sophomore journalism student, said, "Retail therapy definitely works, because it takes your mind off of your problems."

Sports Illustrated: Beyond Size 10 and Beautiful

KATIE JAFFE STAFF WRITER

The media has always given the public a very clear image of beauty since the beginning of time.

The image created for our viewing pleasure is normally of a smaller woman, preferably sample size, with light skin and a perfect complex and a perfectly proportioned body. At least that's what we've been seeing, up until now.

hired a "plus size" model, Robyn Klein ad in Sports Illustrated, told

this is the first time in the publication's history where they will be featuring a model who is "beyond sample size," which traditionally is around a size 2.

This is a major turnaround for the world of modeling and entertainment. Having a plus sized model featured in a magazine known for sexualizing women has actually done something positive. It is making the average woman feel sexy.

Plus size model, Ashley Gra-Recently, Sports Illustrated ham, who has appeared in a Calvin

pass up the chance to feel sexy. I don't think there is anything more empowering to a woman when they're told that they look beautiful. It doesn't matter if the comment is coming from the person you have a crush on or a stranger in passing, everyone likes to feel good about how they look.

Though Sports Illustrated did in fact hire a plus size model, Robyn Lawley certainly doesn't look like someone who's "plus size" at first glance. In fact, she looks like any other standard size model with a

the women in other advertisements with plus size models. Her stomach is flat, her chest and butt are equally proportionate to one another and she does not have make up trying to make her look like a more made of version of herself. Lawley is the marketable plus size model.

Many other plus size models in the media do not look like Lawley and they certainly do not appear in the same advertisements that a traditional looking model would. Normally, plus size women appear in lingerie ads that target a larger sized woman who may actually look like the woman buying the product advertised. Not only that, but they are not nearly as sexualized as other women.

For example, the models who appear in advertisements for plus size women, especially television commercials, usually focus on being comfortable in a bra that minimizes every women's nightmare, back fact. The lingerie being worn by the models in the commercial is usually not sexy, but it does look very comfortable because comfort, not sex, is what is being sold. Every other lingerie advertisement in existence does not focus on finding the solution to back fact. Instead, it focuses on how sexy the models look in the latest push-up bra, which is the polar opposite of comfort. In the end, sex prevails in the traditional lingerie commercial. So, yes, Sports Illustrated is finally featuring a plus size model, someone who is supposed to look "more like the average woman," in terms of clothing size. Essentially, the magazine is advertising that underlying message of "yeah, we'll get on board with this whole plus size thing, but we're finding the least plus size looking human possible for the job." It is contradictory of the point that we as a society should be taking home about this. We still have a lot of work to do before the actual "average" woman is made to be more attractive than the media implies, but for now, this is a start.



Robyn Lawley is the first "plus size model" to be featured in Sports Illustrated.

Issue. Lawley is an Australian model who happens to be a size 12, the requirement for a plus size model is that they be "beyond size 10," according to an article in USA Today.

On the topic of Sports Illustrated featuring a plus sized model, New York Magazine stated that

woman is size 12-14," and strongly emphasized the point that "women want to see themselves in magazines."

Though we live in a world where sexualizing women is now a "bad" thing and we should focus more on empowering each other based on other aspects, no one is going to

Lawley, in their annual Swimsuit CNN that "the average American well-proportioned body and above average looks. It's almost as if Sports Illustrated wanted to represent a minority without having to go through too much trouble.

What I mean is this: Robyn Lawley belongs to a very small group of plus size model who happen to be a certain size because of their natural build. Lawley looks nothing like

Many other students agree with what Amanda is saying. Shannon Otten, a sophomore health studies student, also said, "Shopping helps to take my mind off of the intense pressures of school; it is something I can rely on to help me relax.'

Retail therapy is psychologically proven to help you gain control of your life, even if it is just for an hour or so.

Due to these postive effects, it is okay to spend a little money here and there on shopping if it makes you happy.

So, in honor of its last episode, pull a Donna and Tom from Parks and Recreation, and have a "treat yo self" day here and there to escape the unavoidable stresses of daily college life!

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Soccer Riots

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million more referee the game. totaling 4 percent of the world as involved with the game. Additionally, FIFA cites 1.3 billion people as interested in football.

Soccer National Tournament Database noted only three million US players in 2014, leaving the majority of footballers living worldwide.

As the most popular sport, football easily becomes immersed in the culture surrounding it. Dr. Charles Cotton, an adjunct professor of political science, explained football as a representation of past warfare.

"In most places, a soccer match resembles a microcosm of a previous war. An example would be when England plays Germany. There is no doubt much hostility directed from the English to the Germans due to the wars of the 20th century," said Cotton.

'Justified or not, it helps to fuel a different kind of passion and meaning towards that particular match," said Cotton.

The eponymous Football War is a prime example. In 1969, El Salvador and Honduras fought a 100 hour war, which, although largely concerning immigration, was further fueled by riots tives, and an individual who grew between the countries in a FIFA qualifier.

Dr. Jennifer McGovern, a lecturer of political science and sociology, identified sports as innately context neutral, but become muddled by existing tensions. "Sports events occur in a certain social context – and these international matches occur day, many have televisions and within a political context where tension already exists."

She continued, "So people bring all of these tensions with them the games and the athletic contests almost 'stand in' for all of the other issues – and occasionally they can erupt into it. "Riots or demonstrations violence. So I'm not sure soccer affects tensions, so much as it provides a physical manifestation prayer or a major game. In Egypt, of all of the tensions that already exist."

Additionally, Cotton views the passion in soccer as a byproduct moval of President Mubarak, the of national or regional attachment. "In professional sports in Morsi, and the election of Presithe US, teams move and players change so much that people just to teams."

"In European soccer clubs, many of the players are home-

a local attachment. Here in the states, that is just non-existent," continued Cotton. Instead, he said that US collegiate sports most closely resemble the support of football clubs within nations. "Here in the US, going For comparison, the US Youth to college and supporting your school bad or good, you have that same feeling of being part of something that you support and thus it helps to shape ones identity," he said.

David Acuna Camacho, junior and captain of the men's soccer team, sees the role of soccer in defining culture as stemming from its ease of play. "Soccer can be practiced without the equipment needed to participate in official competitions. A plastic bottle, a plastic glass, anything could be used as a ball and, after that, you only need your feet."

But even before countries wage war against one another, football can spark tension within a nation, as is the case with Egypt. The fear of terrorists such as Daesh (Arabic term for the self-proclaimed Islamic State), tension between Muslims and Christians, and now, the fear of socio-political tensions from football are a real possibility.

Dr. Saliba Sarsar, Associate Vice President for Global Initiaup in Jerusalem recalled wrestling, swimming and football being among the most popular with Middle Easterners. "Growing up in Jerusalem, when televisions were expensive and scarce, I often witnessed men and boys congregating in coffee houses to watch football or wrestling. Tosatellite dishes and watch games from the comfort of their homes."

He added that the tensions between police and pedestrians, particularly since the Arab Spring, have risen, and the sports rioting is just one way to explain sometimes happen at or after huge events, e.g., after the Friday much has occurred since late 2010 as part of the Arab Spring, which has seen since then the rearrival and removal of President dent Sisi."

Sarsar explained that the riots don't have the same attachment three years ago were also the result of governmental tension mixed with pedestrian emotions. "The riot that occurred three grown and thus there is more of years ago, which resulted in 74



Construction of the Qatari Stadium and Lusail (host city), is under suspicion of using modern day slave labor.

dead and over 1,000 wounded, was not only between organized fans, known as ultras, of different teams but with the security forces as well."

He continued. "It is unfortunate that people's dissatisfaction and anger with societal or governmental conditions often spillover into sports. Obviously, law and order are important but proper mechanisms must be found to enable citizens to express themselves without resorting to violence."

Cotton, who lived in Spain, mentioned the cultural ties between the cities and their teams give way to problems. "In Spain, a multi-national and thus a multicultural state, a soccer team is the embodiment and identity of a region or city. If you look at probably the biggest rivalry in all of sports (sorry Red Sox and Yankees fans, but you don't even come close) the Real Madrid vs. Barcelona matches represent so much more than a soccer game."

Real Madrid represents Spain and a unified state. Barcelona represents the stateless nation of Catalonia, and thus they are the de facto "national" team. Their club slogan is "mes que un club" (more than a club) because of what it represents in terms of identity to the Catalan people."

Cotton continued, "If Barcelona were to win against Real Madrid, it wouldn't be just one team beating another; it would be a nation (in this case without a state) triumphing over the state as a whole, a David beating Goliath if you will."

reference to US teams being less passionate than international fans. "Personally, I think [U.S. fans] are not as passionate for soccer when it comes to evaluating the level of passion involved in domestic competition. In other countries, such as Argentina and England, clubs and rivalries date back to over 100 years."

"Therefore, rivalries are strongly developed and the level of passion involved in domestic competition is unmeasurable. The MLS is considered a league in development compared to the greatest leagues in the world, such as the English Premier League and La Liga Española. As a consequence, rivalries, which I consider the sources moved beyond mere weather of passion, are still in development," said Acuna Camacho.

Additionally, McGovern added that the role of sports as a luxury in the US changes the way in which they are perceived. She said, "In the US, professional sports events tend to be luxuries. It's really only the rich and middle class who can afford to attend. And these are also the groups in society that are least likely to use violence.'

"There is a decent amount of research on fan violence in England. Many of these fans were working class people who felt marginalized by society more generally. But these fans were basically creating a sort of resistance identity out of soccer. They may not be able to control Acuna Camacho reiterated much in their lives, but they up to the event.

these sentiments, however in could control the soccer match with hooliganism and violence," McGovern said.

Following the Egyptian riot, the football world is on pace to encounter another politicized debate. The 2022 World Cup, slated for kickoff in Qatar, a Southwest Asian Arab nation, has entered into conversation regarding a number of variables, including the temperature as well as building regulations. The construction of the 2014 World Cup Arena Amazonia in what was formerly rainforest saw criticism from individuals like the English Soccer Coach Roy Hodgson, who was worried about the humid conditions for play.

The Qatar conversation has concerns and into a civil argument about the lives of constructors. In the operational risk graphic, the Qatari stadium poses significantly higher risks than that of the US.

The International Trade Union Confederation's report released in March 2014 projected 4,000 workers will die in construction of the site, which includes both the arena and surrounding area for housing and other amenities.

Additionally, FIFA announced the inability for potential cooling systems to adequately offset the 105 degree Qatari summers, thus moving World Cup play to winter. International football leagues are taking a financial hit for this move, having to suspend play not only for the games, but preparation leading

Opinion: Mohammad Emwazi

BRANDON JOHNSON POLITICS EDITOR

As with any private institution, the American news media often does itself a disservice. It has an agenda which largely revolves around raising viewership, highlighting controversies, and while presenting information in a clear and concise fashion. Publicizing nicknames like "Jihadi John" for ruthless terrorists and killers aids in creating sympathy for him as well as demeaning the seriousness of the problem.

tages, while sources like NBC ligence (DNI) estimates that who allegedly have crossed into when before the murder. UK News profess that the UK media approximately 150 American's Syria, according to CNN. "Jicreated the persona. Regardless of origin, Em- ia, Iraq and other Middle East ator of Daesh sympathy, but, by wazi's nickname highlights the States to fight alongside Daesh. profiling him on national news,

have attempted to reach Syr- hadi John" is not the only cre-

based activist group CAGE described Emwazi as a "beautiful young man," according to ABC News.

BBC, however paints Emwazi in a different light, citing a former Daesh Fighter calling him "a cold loner who set himself apart from others.'

News coverage of Emwazi (of which I realize this article is guilty), at this point is largely irrelevant. To an extent, the knowledge gained about Emwazi can serve to aid in understanding the type of individuals lured by Daesh. But ultimately, the terrorist's international news profile is

"He had a privileged background, if you will... So, to me, it's just tragic that he would, such a talented young man would lose his way and become part of such a brutal network as ISIS."

> JAMES FOLEY **Freelance Journalist**

The origins of Mohammad severe problem with creating Recently, the NYPD thwarted he is established as a public fig-Emwazi's nickname, "Jiha- sympathizers for Daesh (Aradi John", are unclear. Some bic term for the self-proclaimed sources like The Mirror claim Islamic State). The Office of cally. The UK also had trouble they are providing speculation filler which has humanized it was created by freed hos- the Director of National Intel- with tracking down three girls about the type of person he was the opposition.

three men's plot to assist Daesh, ure. When, CNN, BBC or any both financially and militaristi- other outlet profiles Emwazi,





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THE VILLAINS TAKE OVER 'ONCE UPON A TIME'

KELLY COFFEY STAFF WRITER

The small New England town of Storybrooke may be in trouble in the mid-season premiere of ABC's hit series, Once Upon A Time. The show, which revolves around fairytale characters that come to our world because of a curse, left us on the edge of our seats before going on hiatus in December.

In the finale, Mr. Gold/Rumpelstiltskin (Robert Carlyle) disappointed his true love, Belle (Emilie de Ravin), when she held the dagger that controlled Rumpel and she commanded him to step over the town line. Rumpel had no choice and did as he was told, but once he stepped foot over that line, he would never be able to enter Storybrooke again. We were left hanging when we saw Rumpel reunite with an old, evil friend, Ursula, the sea witch (Merrin Dungey).

In Once Upon A Time's midseason premiere, which aired on March 1, fans' questions were finally answered. The episode began with a flashback in Storybook Land. We see how Ursula, Cruella DeVille (Victoria Smurfit), and Maleficent (Kristin Bauer van Straten) all meet one another through Rumpelstiltskin and his mischievous plans. We learn that the three villains were invited into the mansion by Rumpel so that they could all work together to find the dark curse.

that Rumpel is now living with Ursula in New York City. It is not long before Rumpel reunites with Cruella and convinces her to take him and Ursula to the small town of Storybrooke.

Meanwhile, in Storybrooke, Belle and Captain Hook (Colin O'Donoghue) are continuing their research in the town library to try and find a way to free the fairies that became trapped inside the sorcerer's hat earlier in the season. They report their findings to Regina (Lana Parrilla), who, after performing a spell, is able to open up the hat and free the fairies. What they don't realize is that someone else was also released: Chernabog.

Flashing back to Storybook Land, we soon learn that Rumpel only brought the three villains together so he could get the dark curse, which was being guarded by Chernabog. He uses Ursula, Maleficent, and Cruella's powers to obtain the dark curse, and then leaves them behind to fight off Chernabog alone-a typical Rumpelstiltskin move.

Back at the diner in Storybrooke, Regina approaches the Blue Fairy (Keegan Connor Tracy) to ask if she knows any details on the sorcerer. Regina is in search of the author of the 'Storybook' so that she can try and get her own happy ending with Robin Hood (Sean Maguire). In the midst of this conversation, they hear a loud moan and rattle come from outside the diner, startling every-The show then flashes to current one. When they run outside to see

someone they were never expecting: Chernabog.

Regina and Emma (Jennifer Morrison) put their magical powers together and are able to scare off Chernabog for now.

The show then flashes to Rumpel handing Ursula and Cruella his phone so they can give Regina a call. They convince Regina that they have "changed" and are no longer evil. In order to prove they are not lying, they all agree that if Ursula and Cruella help get rid of Chernabog for good, then Regina will allow them to enter Storybrooke.

Emma and Regina put their heads together and find a way to get rid of Chernabog. They lead him to the town line, where they force him to leave Storybrooke, destroying him forever. This also leads them directly to Ursula and Cruella, who are waiting at the town border to be invited into Storybrooke.

Although Snow (Ginnifer Goodwin) and Prince Charming (Josh Dallas) are completely against the idea, Regina decides to give the ladies a chance and throws a spell over the town line, allowing the two villains to enter the small New England town and join the other storybook characters. Ursula and Cruella are then able to bring Rumpel back into Storybrooke as well so that they can

complete their evil plan together.

We learn that Chernabog was after the heart filled with the most evil, which everyone assumed was Regina's, but Rumpel knows otherwise. He informs Ursula and Cruella that he was after Emma's heart.

There are still a ton of unanswered questions. Will Belle ever forgive Rumpel? Will Maleficent show up in Storybrooke to complete the trio of villains? What happened in Snow and Prince Charming's past that involved the villain trio? Why is Emma's heart filled with evil? The end of this season is going to be filled with drama, battles, secrets, and much, much more.



Maleficent (Kristin Bauer van Straten), Cruella DeVille (Victoria Smurfit), and Ursula time in our world, where we learn what was happening, they all find (Merrin Dungey) are featured in this season of "Once Upon a Time."



JOHN MORANO STAFF WRITER

"Like Skyrim with guns" is how Adam Kovac, host of the popular Machinima YouTube channel, referred to Far Cry 3. Ubisoft, the game's developer and publisher, apparently liked box's cover. I myself thoroughly enjoyed Skyrim, and also have a certain fondness for games with guns, so I purchased Far Cry 3. with guns," and neither is Far Cry 4—and that's not necessarily a bad thing.

world game, as is Far Cry 4. bow was particularly fun and However, to complete all the varied in its potential uses. One content within Skyrim (which can use it close range or long player to just do what they want is impossible in a single play- range for silent takedowns to and have fun. It seems like Min place, but I personally thought it through), you will literally need avoid alerting guards. It also al- is addressing the player holding elevated the series. to set aside a couple hundred hours. Far Cry 4 is closer to 25 (which, during the semester, is a relief for me personally). Far Cry 4 is a modern first-person shooter, and like Skyrim, it takes place in a sandbox-style body-armor wearing person). open-world (this means that you exert a good deal of influence are very well designed. Drivover said world, and are free to ing feels great, whether you're roam it). However, whereas almost everything you do in Skyrim is narrative driven, more often than not you will be making your own fun in Far Cry games. Whereas Far Cry 3 was set on the tropical rock islands. Far Cry 4 is set in Kyrat, a fictional times. This means that you can country in the Himalayas. The plot follows Ajay Ghale, who was born in Kyrat, but grew up yas. in the US. He has no memory of Kyrat (he was too young) but returns there at the age of 26 to hunting of wildlife, a prominent deliver his mother's ashes to a mechanic in the Far Cry series.

certain shrine. Ajay quickly finds himself getting caught up in a civil war, fighting against a sadistic dictator, Pagan Min.

The gameplay, audio, and visuals of Far Cry 4 are some of the highest quality I have ever seen. The controls feel precise and the AI is intelligent (typithe quote enough to put it on the cally). The sounds/music are well designed, and Kyrat looks stunning. You will have the opportunity to use a wide array of weapons, and I was more than Far Cry 3 was not "like Skyrim satisfied by the ones provided to me (a flamethrower, crossbow, grenade launchers, bows, landmines, throwing knives, and Skyrim is a massive open- many varieties of guns). The lows one to get clean kills when hunting, providing extra loot. Special arrows can be used with the bow, grenade and Molotov, allowing it to take down difficult targets (such as a helicopter, or a The vehicles of Far Cry 4 driving a truck, ATV, or just an everyday car. Aside from land vehicles, there are also several boats, a buzzer (like a very small helicopter), a hang glider, and a wingsuit. The wingsuit in particular was a cool mechanic, you keep it on your person at all simply jump off a cliff, deploy it, and glide around the Himala-

hunting the indigenous wildlife and collecting skins, which can be used for crafting or sold for money. Events in the world of Far Cry 4 occur frequently; you might just be crossing the map when you stumble across an enemy messenger, a hostage situation, or even an assault on friendly territory. Side-missions are also spread throughout the world of Far Cry 4, involving hunting, racing, rescuing, assassinating, and much more.

Overall, the goal of Far Cry 4 is to be an over-the-top first person shooter (expect quirky characters and flamboyant music). The game's antagonist, Pagan Min, often encourages the

One travels throughout Kyrat wiping out armed men in real life), it's about letting the player have fun and blow off steam.

At times, the plotline of Far Cry 4 can be surprisingly deep. Far Cry 4 turns a critical eye to both drugs and religion, making direct and indirect comparisons between the two. There is also commentary on the corrupting influence of power. One memorable storyline takes place in the mythical location of Shangri-La (a holy place described as an earthly paradise). During this narrative, the player leaves behind modern weapons to ally with a tiger spirit and fight demons, armed with only a bow and knife. It is an irregular storyline for a Far Cry game; some may feel that it seems out of In terms of pure fun, Far Cry 4 may have been the best game I've played in over a year. It's low stress and never overly difficult, but challenging enough to keep you engaged. You have a wide array of playstyles available to you (provided by different kinds of weapons, vehicles, and in-game mechanics). I personally wish the main storyline lasted longer (it took me about 20 hours), but many people see that as the perfect length for a game. I wasn't moved or stimulated by this game's narrative, aside from some rare exceptions, but that's more of a personal issue, if you're just here for the fun, Far Cry 4 will not disappoint. I feel that Far Cry 4 has earned a 9 out of 10 as its score. Maybe \$60 is (or simply escape, if that is your a little much for some people to pay right now, but if you at all enjoy shooters, be sure to pick

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An abundance of side content exists in Far Cry 4, such as the

the controller, rather than Ajay Ghale in the context of the plot. Some critics took issue with this, but I see it as the series admitting what it is. Far Cry is a fun game, and that's all it has to be. It has some moments of narrative depth and interesting characters, but at its core it's all about giving the player a wild ride.

There are tons of fun moments, like shooting down a helicopter with a grenade arrow for example. You will go off a cliff on an ATV, bail, and glide to safety with your wingsuit. You will be helpless, armed only with a knife, and hunted by a group of armed men; then you'll single one of them out, take their gun, and kill the rest preference). Far Cry 4 clearly isn't about realism (never have I heard of an eagle attacking and this one up at some point.

WILSON HALL HOSTS "THE PUNK SINGER"

KEVIN HOLTON COPY EDITOR

An eager audience gathered in the Wilson Auditorium on Feb. 27 to view a screening of The Punk Singer, a documentary about Bikini Kill frontrunner and third-wave feminist icon Kathleen Hanna. Sini Anderson, the film's director, was there to answer questions about the film after. Anderson is herself a feminist and queer art activist as well as a producer and performance artist.

and the Co-Artistic Director for The National Queer Arts Festival and has served as the president of the board of directors for The Harvey Milk Institute, and the co-chair of the board of directors for The Queer Cultural Center. In 1994, she and Michelle Tea founded Sister Spit and Sister Spit's Ramblin Road Show, touring the US with over 40 queer and feminist writers, performance artists and musicians. Anderson's work can also be found in The Outlaw Bible of American Poetry (Thundermouth Press) and Word Warriors: 35 Women Leaders in the Spoken Word Revolution (Seal Press).

The Punk Singer opened at SXSW in 2013, and was released theatrically in 2013/2014. Anderson has won awards for the film, including the Seattle International Film Festival's Lena Sharpe Award For Persistence Of Vision, Women in Cinema and ARCA Best Director Award, First Feature. In 2014, Anderson was awarded POV's Humanitarian Award in Media at their 40th annual awards ceremony in Los Angeles, CA. The film features clips of Hanna from recent years looking back on her experiences, interspersed with other testimonials and recordings from the mid-nineties into mid-2000s.

The screening began with Melissa Febos, assistant professor of English, talking about Anderson and her work. "I met Sini when she performed at my long running literary series (MIXER), and delivered the most memorable and moving per-

formance we've ever had," she said. "The Punk Singer is earnest, intelligent, and funny, and I think you're gonna enjoy it."

This segued into the documentary itself, which opened to a powerful image of Hanna performing a slam poem about her father sexually assaulting her as a child. Some of her songs depicted sexual imagery and narratives of abuse to give voice to those who had suffered such treatment, but remained silent.

Hanna then recounted when, as Anderson was the Chief Curator a young child, she'd performed in a talent show and felt proud of herself. Her father offered to take the family out for ice cream because "anyone who can make such a fool of themselves in front of so many people deserves an ice cream." Another anecdote described her mother doing trust falls with her, and though Hanna caught her mother, she allowed Hanna to fall on the ground. "Let this be a lesson," she'd said, "to trust no one, not even your mother.'

> These laid the foundation for her drive to give women authority and legitimize their experiences, leading Hanna to open Reko Muse, a feminist art space, during her early college career. When her friend was sexually assaulted in their own home, Hanna made the experience into a performance art piece, showcasing the violence so that no one could deny such things happened, offering women a chance at a safe public space.

> This was the beginning of Bikini Kill, which recruited Hanna as lead singer, though she quickly became the leader and iconic image for the band. Not only did their songs scream the issues that no one wanted to talk about-such as domestic abuse, incest, and rape-but Hanna would demand "Girls to the front" before each concert. Women were often shoved around, hurt, and molested by men during performances, so Hanna and Bikini Kill wanted to give them the best and safest seats in the house.

"Music is supposed to be escap-

Melissa Febos and Sini Anderson presented Anderson's documentary, "The Punk Singer," at Wilson Auditorium on Feb. 27.

wasn't." He went on to say how Bikini Kill's "in your face" style was part of what made them so successful. Their popularity later earned them a spot performing at an abortion rally at the National Mall in Washington DC, but a female reporter for USA Today criticized them for their wardrobe. The reporter also asserted that they were all unoriginal abuse survivors, because there was no way they could imagine the narratives they sang about. This lead to Bikini Kill and many other bands in the feminist and punk scenes going into a media blackout.

Hanna noted how painful it was to see fellow women tearing into other women, and felt it was a huge blow against feminism. This idea reared up again at Lalapalooza, when Courtney Love punched Hanna in the face.

Bikini Kill broke up in 1997, so Hanna put out a solo record at Julie Ruin, saying this was what made her a real musician. She then went on to form Le Tigre with Johanna Fateman, who handed her "the best feminist fan zine ever."

Soon after, Woodstock '99 took place, during which numerous women were raped, abused, and

ist," said a commentator, "but this assaulted, so Hanna and her boyfriend, Adam Horovitz, set out to make a statement. In accepting an award for his work soon after, Horovitz, instead of delivering a typical acceptance speech, expressed his dismay at what had taken place, and how he was sickened by people's behavior at the event.

PHOTO TAKEN by Kevin Holton

Hanna's career stayed strong for a while, but in the early years of the new millennia, would slowly wind to a close as she began getting sick on tour. Her illnesses became more frequent and more severe, and she was suffering from depression and other compounding symptoms. She lost her voice before a performance in North Carolina, forcing them to cancel that night's show, and though she pushed through the rest of the tour, she had to stop performing.

Years of expensive and painful testing would prove inconclusive, though she kept getting sicker and many were worried she would die. However, one internist figured out the problem: late stage Lyme's Disease. The rest of the documentary showcased her ongoing struggle with this illness and how she is now trying to get back into performing.

Anderson, after the screening, noted how Hanna "was right back where she started," as she was facing a problem people were not taking seriously. Lyme's Disease and sexual abuse were both something that others had a tendency to say were not big issues. "Even I said it. Oh, it's just Lyme's disease, that's easy," Anderson said. Six weeks later, the director got diagnosed with the same illness.

"Talk about instant karma," she joked. Then she added a more serious comment: "We were both in the hospital, taking seven hours of IV antibiotics a day, suffering from dementia, unable to walk."

Anderson is currently in production on her second feature film, a documentary titled So Sick, which explores feminist artists, activists and academics with Late Stage Lyme Disease.

Frank Cipriani, instructor in the department of foreign language studies, said he found this perspective of the time very interesting. "I was a stay at home dad," he explained. "It's strange to think this was the 90s."

He went on to explain how feminism helps men as well. "The reaction... opened up more narrow definitions of gender roles. It was beneficial for men who wanted to fill a traditional women's role," he added.

Taylor Barry, a junior English and education student, thought seeing the film was a great experience. "It was awesome, and I learned so much about feminism and the time period," she said.

Alena Prieto, a junior English student, felt it was a very important film for discussing Lyme's Disease as well. "I have late stage Lyme's Disease, which is why my professor wanted me to go, but I had to leave early due to a migraine," she explained. Migraines are just one of the debilitating symptoms of this illness.

Whether viewing it for a class or because of an interest in third-wave feminist punk rock, the audience members greatly enjoyed The Punk Singer. It was an enlightening and empowering experience for many.

Will Smith Struggles to 'Focus'

KASSANDRA HAGEN CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I walked out of the theater wanting my money back because I was intern and is asked to be a part of not at all satisfied. What I saw on their illegal schemes. the screen was a confusing mess;

group. As she steals wallets, jewelry, purses and other expensive items off of drunken people, she proves to them that she is a good

During the Super Bowl, we find with horrible character develop- out that Nicky seems to have a betment and a terrible plot, it was un- ting problem; he starts to make little bets with Jess under the pretense of acting like a cute couple. A billionaire overhears and wants to make bets with big money. Nicky is losing until he tells Jess to pick a number of a football player's jersey and she wins Nicky's money back. Later on, Jess is surprised to find that the whole betting game was just part of one of Nicky's dirty schemes. Deeming her unfit for this business, Nicky abandons Jess and leaves her there crying. It's now three years later and Nicky is in Buenos Aires on a job helping Garriga (Rodrigo Santoro), a billionaire race car owner, with his scheme. Things get messy and jealousy strikes Nicky when he finds out that Garriga is dating Jess. This causes Nicky to take some foolish risks, but he doesn't realize that Jess is an accomplished femme fatale and she is only playing with his heart. If Smith is trying to prove that worthy of becoming part of their he can be a tough action star like doubt; maybe they just got lazy to- teenage girl and not a sophisti- ride is over.



bearable to watch without wanting to throw my popcorn at the screen and wonder who produced this movie

Focus is mainly based around a con-artist named Nicky (Will Smith), who is tasked with recruiting con-artists like himself. They do things that are distasteful; they steal innocent people's wallets from the back of their pants, they "accidently" knock women over to snatch their purses, steal money off of ATM cards and jewelry off of people. Nicky likes to describe it as "a game of focus." The movie also includes a romantic love story between Nicky and Jess (Margot Robbie), who is a budding femme fatale. Jess meets Nicky when she tries to seduce him, but he is too smart to know what she is planning to do next: steal his wallet.

Jess is now interested in Nicky and wants to learn from him, while he explores whether or not she is

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Will Smith and Margot Robbie star in "Focus," released on Feb. 27.

Bruce Willis, he didn't succeed. I would much rather see him in a comedic action role where it seems he does his most brilliant work (Independence Day, Men in Black, etc.). I can't blame it all on Smith, for the script was a piece of junk that just needs to be thrown in a dump somewhere in another galaxy. I'll give Glenn Ficarra and John Requa the benefit of the

shows the most.

Robbie did not shine at all in the movie, and looked rather like a desperate girl trying to get her sugar daddy to give her everything she wants. Her chemistry with Smith was awkward and uncomfortable, and made me want The only thing that can get you to hide like a turtle in my shell. Her acting was that of a cliché

wards the end, for that's where it cated adult female as she was supposed to play. I wanted to see this fierce, tough femme fatale, but instead got a bubbly blonde flaunting herself. If you want to see this movie, be prepared; it's as if there are too many signs flashing before you and you're lost and confused. through the film is a bucket of popcorn and a large soda until the

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Read More Books, Because Science Said So

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John Green. Nicholas Sparks. George R.R. Martin. J.K Rowling. These are just a few authors that have published brilliant pieces in the world of novels. Authors such as these ones have created elaborate escapes for readers everywhere. Unfortunately, many of these interpretive realms are not experienced as much as they could be.

Reading a good book is a forgotten treasure, especially for students juggling work, class, and internships. In between required textbooks readings and homework, it is rare for college students to sit down and immerse themselves in a good read. Nowadays, so many books are being turned into movies too, so young people do not feel the need to read the story if they can visualize it through a film.

Chelsea Sebastian, a senior English education major with an endorsement in special education, finds time to read. Sebastian said, "I love reading for pleasure because it lets me escape the craziness of being a college student. It becomes difficult to read for pleasure when I have so many assigned readings,

me a chance to choose a book I really want to read and get lost in it."

Other students should contemplate making time to read more books, as it correlates to many health and psychological benefits.

If you consider yourself a bookworm, then you have likely already experienced the euphoria that comes with finishing a story. It might move you to tears, or give you a sensation you cannot shake. These feelings building up from our favorite books are not just fleeting either; they are helping us understand the world better.

According to the New York Times article, "Your Brain on Fiction," research has proven that "stories stimulate the brain and even change how we act in life.'

There is also a connection between the brain networks used to comprehend stories and the networks used to physically interact with other people.

Rachel Fox, a senior English education major with an endorsement in special education, believes a book touched her early on in life. "I read A Corner of the Universe in the fifth grade. It was about a boy with special needs. It opened my eyes to the fiction, biographies can be an inspir-

but it's important because it gives struggle of people with disabilities. I feel like it had a major impact on me ending up as a special education major." As Fox experienced, books can open your mind to issues you have never even considered thinking about.

> If you're looking to heighten your reading experience, try going oldfashioned with a paperback book. The reason? According to The Guardian, a study found that readers who used a Kindle were significantly worse at recalling events during mystery stories than paperback readers were. Plus, if it's just you and the book, chances are you will be less distracted by messages, alerts and e-mails on your tablet.

> "There's nothing better than finding a good book that you don't want to put down. Having that feeling of being so intrigued by what you're reading that time passes by without even realizing is what makes it so worth it." Sebastian said.

> Something about cozying up alone with a book and escaping to another world is a liberating experience. You become the story and you, in a sense, visualize the characters as you please.

Even if you don't necessarily love

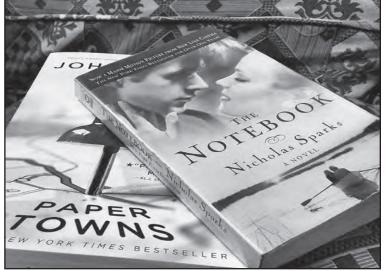


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Books are a simple form of pleasure and provide health benefits, according to an article published in The New York Times.

ing choice too. Kristine Simoes, a specialist professor of communication, said, "I only read real people's lives. I like the real deal. I've been reading biographies since I was 15 and I only like non-fiction. I've read everything from Mike Tyson to Cheryl Strayed."

Huffington Post reported a study that revealed reading books was the most effective way to overcome stress, even more so than listening to music, drinking tea or walking.

Other findings include warring off Alzheimer's, easing depression and helping you sleep better.

So, reading a good book doesn't just make you healthier; it can make you a happier, more openminded person as well. Plus, if you're reading the genre you enjoy, what more can you ask for? Now that you've finished reading this, get yourself to Barnes and Noble and embark on your next literary adventure.

Spring Break on a Budget: Being Smart about Saving and Spending

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Spring break is swiftly approaching. Tropical beaches, foreign cities and unexplored lands are at the front of everyone's mind. And while scouring through blogs and articles about the best things to do at you intended destination is the fun part of travel, budgeting is the part a lot of us tend to overlook. It's easy to make a list of all the best attractions in your destination. What's not easy is knowing how much you are going to spend.

Rachel Fox, a senior P-3 elementary education major with an endorsement in special education, is going to Cancun this spring break. She said, "I don't know the first thing about how to budget for spring break. Where do I even begin?!'

Luckily budgeting for a week is not as hard as it seems. With a few simple tips and tricks you will be able to know exactly how to not be penniless by day two.

the weeks leading up to break is a good time to save and earn some extra cash while you can. Picking up a few extra shifts at work may be killing you right now, but when you have the extra money to buy a few more souvenirs, you will be that much happier you did.

If you don't have a job, look for people hiring for a day, ask friends and family if they need any jobs done and want to throw a few dollars your way. Your mom has been meaning to clean the garage for months now; ask her if it'd be ok for you to do it if she gives you a couple bucks. Or ask the young parents up the street if they need a babysitter one weekend. Being able to buy that fancy dinner one night will be worth it.

The next line of order is to plan, plan plan! You don't want to go on a trip thinking you'll only spend \$200 and wind up spending \$1000. Before leaving you want to get a rough estimate of how much you are going to need your week away, and how much you have to spend.

Before embarking on vacation, do, how much is that snorkeling excursion? Is there a fee for that museum? How many nights will you go out and will you need to account for drink prices?

Brian Boyle , an adjuct finance professor said, "I never go into a vacation without knowing exactly how much I might wind up spending. This not only helps me be ready for the vacation, but ready to be financially stable after."

After laying out the activities you want to do, and subtracting that from your budget, the rest of your money is free to spend as you wish. A good rule of thumb is to divide the remainder of your budget and give yourself a daily allowance. If you have \$100 after budgeting in tours, excursions and other fees, and you will be on your trip for four days, this means you have \$25 everyday to spend on food, souvenirs, drinks and whatever your heart desires.

If you don't spend your daily allowance in one day, then roll it over to the next day. Or if you need to spend more than your allowance one Map out everything you want to day, just keep in mind the next day

you should aim to spend a little less.

Another tip to help you stick to your daily budget is to take out only as much cash as you are allowing yourself for the day plus the money for excursions. This will force you to visually see how much you have for the day and plan accordingly. If that method is too old school for you, there are plenty of apps out there that do all the hard work for you.

The app "Mint Personal Finance" is a free app that connects to your bank accounts and credit cards. You can set weekly, daily, even hourly budgets that the mint app will keep track of for you. It sends you alerts if you go over your budget, as well as tips on how to save money.

A sure fire way a lot of people spend too much on vacation is because of souvenirs. Always remember, a souvenir may remind you of your time there, but souvenirs break and can be lost or forgotten. The memories you make while away far outweigh the value of any mug or overpriced key chain you will buy.

Of course, you want to buy a few things, maybe a few souvenirs for March.

mom or dad, but going overboard is unnecessary and will use up money that could be spent better on memories. Try to refrain as much as possible, you will thank yourself in the long

Another way to save money is with street food. Never knock the hole in the wall, or the graband-go places nestled in your destination. Some of those closet sized eateries hold five star ratings and will give you a real bang for your buck. Antonia Popo, a senior social work student said, "I have been on vacations where I spend \$40 on a meal, and vacations where I spend \$5. The \$5 meals always, always win!"

Whether you are going two hours away this spring break, or 24 hours away, you can rest easy knowing that money should be the least of your worries. Plan accordingly and you will be fine. After all, it is hard to put a price or budget on the incredible memories that will be made this

Xpire: The App to Clean Up Online Personalities and Presence

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However she believes that there is a bigger issue at hand that should be addressed. She said, "If there is a post or tweet that an individual user of this app sets to 'self-destruct' in a few minutes, days, weeks, or years, I think the important question to ask is, why? Why post risky content in the first place? The bottom line is, individuals should still exercise caution and professionalism with any content they share or post. When it doubt, don't share it." Harris said. Nancy Gallo, Job Placement Coordinator at Career Services, also warned of the possible consequences of using this feature. "I think it would be a good part of the app as long as the student doesn't get a false sense of security." Gallo said that even if students post something and have a time set for it to "self-destruct," they should realize that even in that small window of time, that post can be forwarded to others which means it is technically still present on the web. 2. Simplified Searching

they can simply search certain words and find and delete the posts. Rebecca Zidik, a senior communication student, downloaded Xpire this year. She was thinking it would be interesting to have an app that shows every post you have shared on social media. "I first started using Xpire to re-live my past years of college but realized some of my tweets were either inappropriate for job interviews or just plain embarrassing. The search feature is useful for cleaning up your timeline or simply reminiscing on your college days.' Zidik said.

This allows students to search to jobs and internships. Employers their tweets. If they might have do look at social media, especially professor of computer science and mains: Can anything really vanish posts that are worth deleting. tweeted something inappropriate, as a PR major, I know that on intern- software engineering, said, "With so from the web? "I think it's always once twice or even 2,000 times ship and job applications employers many employers reviewing every- best to assume that nothing is every have requested my Instagram name and Twitter handle." Allie Phillips, a senior communication student, said. The app could clear the confusion between someone's personal life and professional work ethic. Debates over whether or not someone's personal life dictates his or her professionalism are a common topic in college classrooms. Gallo said, "I think a person can sometimes behave very differently on social media than they would in their professional life. We might reveal things to friends that we would not reveal to colleagues." Yet, it is still enough of a factor to influence an employer's hiring decision. For employers, an initial glance into the virtual world of a a potential employee can make or break a career opportunity for that person. According to Time, a study found that 93 percent of hiring managers do in fact review someone's social media before making a hiring decision. Of that, 55 percent reconsider the candidate based on what they find.

William Reynolds, an adjunct question about the virtual world rething that they can find online about prospective employees, this [app] makes a lot of sense. Each semester, my students are told that it would be in their best interest to sanitize all online posts, especially the ones with those red Solo cups.2 Graziella Ruffa, a junior marketing student and a member of the business fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi, also said, "One of the first things my mentor at my internship, Ferrero, said to me was clean up my Facebook. As part of screening a potential's resume, it should be assumed that employees are checking your social media. It can make or break a final decision. People just don't care and may underestimate the use of say, alcohol, in a photo. Keeping a Facebook timeline professional is always the way to go." From the looks of these three unique features, the app will be at least useful to some college students looking to clean up their social media from the past. Of course, the

completely deleted from the Internet." Gallo continued. Harris said, "This app boasts an innovative and unique concept. Although Xpire sounds like it might be appealing for college students and young professionals alike, I am afraid that the app might be giving people a false sense of security. Anything we put on the Internet doesn't simply disappear forever. It it is not wise to put our trust in an application to correct all of our mistakes." Though the app claims to clean up your digital presence, students should know not to completely rely on it. Remember in this day and age that once something is posted, someone else can screen shot it before the person who posted it can delete it. The best way for students to secure chances of scoring their dream career is to start being smart about what they like, share and post on their pages. In the meantime, Xpire has students covered (for the most part).

3. Smart Algorithms

The app calculates users "social score" to find just how much inappropriate content someone has shared. For example, a B- could suggest an online presence is not absolutely horrible, but there could be room for improvement.

"I think the app can help some people who have to clean their social media up before they start applying

Self-Balancing: Being an Introvert in an Extroverted Society

ROBERT ZADOTTI STAFF WRITER

In order to succeed, people need to network and interact with each other. Social skills and being able to approach people are necessary for furthering yourself and advancing your own causes. If you can't, then you may very well be doomed to not achieve as much as you could have if you could just talk to people without becoming exasperated.

But some people just aren't like that. Talking to people naturally is a skill that has to be learned, just like a language or a trade. If you're less social or extroverted than others, how can you better yourself or achieve your dreams?

"It's a challenge at times because I have to force myself to be social and place myself in uncomfortable situations," said Malia Padalino, a freshman English student. "I do troverted allows me to take a like keeping to myself at times step back from the craziness," because I find it hard to relate to others and fit in. I have friends but I tend to stick with a small group rather than a large ing in" scenario: introverted crowd," Padalino added.

Being an introvert affects how you deal with other people and is different for every person. But it's not always a bad thing; spending less time in a relationships and networking. large group can give students more time to think about themselves and thereby gauge their own strengths and weaknesses.

"It kind of gives me time to just relax and think about



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Being an introvert in an extoverted society may be hard for some people, but many enjoy their alone time away from the craziness of social life.

said Tianna Gabriel, a freshman communication student.

It's sort of an "outside lookpeople can observe groups from a distance, usually while keeping to themselves. It's all about finding a balance within oneself in order to balance real-life Although people don't always need to view their personalities as black and white, sometimes it's more evened out, while favoring a specific side.

"Being extroverted, I do love things. Since we do live in such hanging around my friends and an extroverted society, every- I always have fun around them, thing is very rushed. Being in- but certain days I just want to

hang out by myself and play video games until I feel like dealing with people again," said Connor Power, a sophomore computer science student.

It's important to know when to be with yourself or others, as some people simply deal in absolutes and can become upset with the lack or overabundance of other people. You have to pace yourself in interactions, as it's difficult to know how you're going to feel that specific day.

There's a balance in everything, and whether you're introverted or extroverted you'll have to work it out on your own. Talking to others is necessary,

comfortable around groups over larger periods of time.

"Think of it like theater," commented John Burke, Director of Theatre Arts and associate professor. "You can be backstage but still be part of the production. Theater isn't just the actors in the spotlight." This is an important point, if we think of introverted people as the stage crew of society; they manage to keep things going even without being front and center with others. In an almost Atlas-like metaphor, introverts make up some of the most important people in our society. CEOs and Editors and numerbut no one is doomed from the ous other professions can be extroverted, it's clear there's a start if they're nervous or un- had by people who prefer their place for everyone.

own thinking to larger crowds of people. It's inspiring, charming, and a little relieving that small-time college journalists like yours truly can make their own way in the world.

We live in a society that's pretty extroverted, but we also live in a society that's generally accepting of those who aren't. It's comforting to know that greatness can be had by people who don't need to be in a crowd to be comfortable. Our society, like a great set of scales, has spots for those that prefer one thing and spots that prefer another, yet they balance one another. Whether introverted or

When Caring Too Much Becomes Too Much

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Starting a relationship or friendship at any age is an exciting time in a person's life. You get to meet a new person, find common interests, and get to know someone for who they really are. Of course, the two are very different in some ways, but a main factor of both relationships and friendships is that you have a companion there for you through thick and thin.

This can apply to the people you have had in your life for years as well. They could be friends or a partner, which you have made memories and had fun times to last a lifetime. These people have been there for you through tough times, through happy times, when you are angry or upset. A good friend or partner should care for and appreciate you for who you are, and you should do the same for them. All relationships and friendships rely on multiple factors, but a few important ones are love, trust, and caring about the other person. Man or woman, you can admit that you love your friends (and hopefully your significant other) and appreciate them for all that they do for you. Both friends and partners are there to make you laugh, to help you when you're feeling down, or to listen to you when you have to complain. But, as much as you can love and care about this special person, can caring too much cause trouble in paradise?

a problem for me personally, make my friends and my boybut I would imagine for some people it might become an issue of their time."

Scott used an example of this by explaining that it could hurt a person in the end if they put someone elses needs before their own, whether it be a friend or a partner.

Though I act the complete op-

friend laugh, give them advice when they're confused or upset, or help them whenever need be. But I have a tendency to put peoples needs before my own. I can give my friends the advice to never do this for people, but I can't seem to take my own advice on the topic. As long as my happiness and do things that they're happy, I tell myself that I don't want to do for my loved

the people I love, but when I nitely led me to be upset, disapthink about it, I've never really had to. If a situation turned out that way though, I would probably do it no questioned asked. I argue with myself that I just passionately love the people in my life, and with that comes extreme caring. But I push back

pointed, and angry in the past.

Stephanie Friscia, a junior English and elementary education student, believes that you can never care too much about a friend or partner. "My opinion is that if caring too much is ruining your relationship or creating unhappiness, then they're not the person for you. There is no such thing as caring too much for someone when you love them."

Alyssa Healey, a junior health studies student, agrees. "At the end of the day, you shouldn't worry about caring too much in a friendship or in a relationship because that's not what people focus on. You should just focus on the fact that you have a person there for you and to support



Robert Scott, a specialist pro-

IMAGE TAKEN from ivflouisiana.com

Caring too much in relationships and friendships can cause unhappiness in your own life because you are putting others first.

caring in both friendships and isn't always the case. fessor of communication, said, relationships. Of course, like "Caring too much has not been everyone else, I always want to put myself in harms way for with my life. But it has defi-

posite, I am a notorious for over I'm happy, but of course, this ones all the time. I can't say it leads to overall unhappiness; I can't say I've ever really in general, I am pretty content

Caring for someone too much can not only hurt a friendship or relationship, it can ultimately cause unhappiness for you. Though some may find it selfish, I personally think its best to put yourself first in every relationship or friendship. This doesn't at all mean that you shouldn't care about your friends or your partner. This simply means that sometimes, if you don't want to do something or don't think something they're doing is right, it's okay.

You can still care about a person, go out of your way to make them happy or be there for them, but you need to think about your own happiness as well. Because when you think about it, happiness or unhappiness comes from ourselves first. So make yourself laugh or do something good for yourself today. You should never be too busy to care about you.

FEATURES

Tattoos Can Still Leave a Mark on Job Opportunities

CLARE MAURER STAFF WRITER

No longer are tattoos associated with burly men glowering from atop their Harley Davidson's. An art form once seen as taboo, tattoos are now far more common in society, starting with sixteen year olds and working their way through age bracket.

The millennial generation who grew up seeing tattoos as scary and looked down upon, now get them etched into their skin with confidence. According to the Wall Street Journal, the number of young adults who say they, or someone in their home, has a tattoo has increased from 21 percent in 1999, to 40 percent today.

In an age when everything is expressed to the world, via her wrist. "I thought about [be-Facebook status, Snapchat post, ing able to hide it] but it wasn't or Instagram photo, tattoos are a major factor," she concluded. another way for young adults to express themselves to the world. of expression, but society mak-While the young adults of Amer- ing us feel like we have to hide ica have become more tattoo that expression, is a weight on

workplace says a lot. And tattoos can say much more."

Frank Bocchino, a digital marketing consultant, summed up the stigma against tattoos in the workplace perfectly. There has always been a trend of employers skipping through the application of the tattooed individual. As more and more people get tattoos, they also find ways to hide them from the employer. Easily concealable tattoos have become the trend among teens and young adults.

Danielle Romanowski, a sophomore business marketing major, admits that placement of her tattoo was important. "I can cover it with my watch or long sleeves," she points out, admiring the "love" tattoo scrawled across The irony of tattoos being a form friendly, the employers are still the shoulders of many young



Despite employer preconceptions, tattoos don't necessarily make for lower quality employees.

Regardless of whether you like them or not, does a visible tattoo influence your opinion of the person wearing it?

not the biggest fans of the body adults. Most of these tattoos exart.

like them or not, does a visible tattoo influence your opinion a goal they've met. of the person wearing it? Sure it does. It's why we wear a suit, studies major, got the words shine our shoe and spend extra time on our hair for a job in-

press something personal to the "Regardless of whether you person, a value they possess, an experience they've conquered, or

Macie Fisher, a junior health "You have to believe" tattooed on her ribcage. "It was a goal terview. Our appearance in the for myself to get [the tattoo] af-

ter I lost my goal weight," she explained. "Once I did, it's my motivation for me to lose more." While tattoos can be a form of inspiration, they can also pay memorial to a loved one.

Natorye Miller, a sophomore communication major, also has a tattoo on her rib cage. "I have a life line with a heart in between and my grandfather's name, along with the nickname I called him when I was younger," she detailed. "I got it because he was a very special man to me, and I always told myself my first tattoo would be one that hits close to home." With a smile, Miller adds that "Every time I look at it, it reminds me of him."

While tattoos have become a freeing form of expression, the

the 9-5 jobs are still not really in favor of them. William Hill, the Assistant Dean of Career Services, said, "While I agree that tattoos are more common than ever, most of the workforce, especially the professional sector, has been slow to accept them into mainstream corporate America. This may change over time but for now it remains."

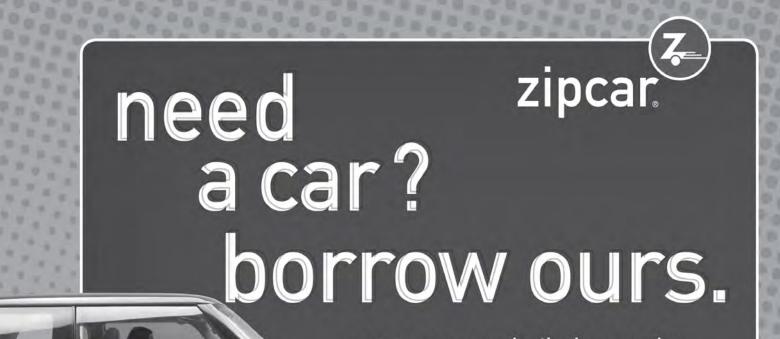
"My advice to students is usually 'If you are set on getting a tattoo, get it in a place where it can be covered by clothing your would wear in an office setting'," Hill added.

Alex Gilvarry, an artist in residence in the English department, agrees. "There's still a stigma," Gilvarry points out. "It depends

suited employers in charge of on the industry. Chefs have entire sleeves of tattoos, but you still don't see that at Wall Street." Gilvarry's tattoo, a Beatles quote on his upper arm, has never given him trouble in the workforce. The key is to get it somewhere easy to hide. But, Gilvarry points out that there is a difference in perception of the tattoos. A company may think nothing of hiring someone with a flower tattoo, but would never hire the man with the flaming dragon on his arm.

IMAGE TAKEN from crainesnewyork.com

Even though society's view of tattoos has changed into a more accepting one, the workforce is taking it's time to catch up. As long as college students are getting their tattoos somewhere coverable, they shouldn't have trouble landing the job.





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ZTA's Big Man Brings Big Bucks to Breast Cancer Awareness

ERIN ALLY STAFF WRITER

Zeta Tau Alpha (ZTA) sorority held their nationwide annual male beauty pageant fundraiser, Big Man on Campus, raising over \$3,000 for Breast Cancer Awareness and Education, on Wednesday, Feb. 25.

The beauty pageant consisted of 12 contestants, ranging in class and organization involvement, from Greek organizations to both the lacrosse and basketball teams. David Haber, Delta Tau Delta (DTD) Social Chair and business administration major, won the title, "Big Man on Campus" this year.

"Big Man On Campus is a Cabán, who works in the Office of Admissions at the University. "Monmouth University students get an opportunity to learn about breast cancer awareness all while having fun."

first annual Big Man on Campus in her collegiate days. This year, seniors Ashley Berger and Kimberly Cummins of ZTA, and Kevin Gilsenan of Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) hosted, introducing the contestants, asking interview questions, and reading tweets from the audience with the hashtag #BigMan2015.

In addition to Big Man on Campus ticket sales, ZTA raised money for breast cancer awareness through the Mr. Congeniality award. Each year the contestants are encouraged to raise ZTA's philanthropy and whoever awarded Mr. Congeniality this year. The contestants raised a to-



Cancer Awareness and Education.

of Philanthropy and communication major Lindsay Botts.

Donations to ZTA's philan-Cabán was the host of the thropy raises funds for philanthropic, educational, and leadership programs throughout the nation, according to the ZTA official website.

"In comparison to the other Greek fundraisers, I think Big Man on Campus is different because we try very hard on bringing the entire Monmouth University community into the event," said ZTA President Charlie Hesse. "We try our best to make sure that the entire crowd is having fun and entertained," added the business managment student.

Big Man on Campus had four funds on their own on behalf of rounds: casual wear, swimwear, formal wear, and a talent round. raises the most is awarded "Mr. Congeniality." Frank DiGangi of Tau Delta Phi (TDPhi) was With the exception of the talent answer.

tal of \$150, according to Director ing the formal wear portion their acts, which was so cool to was 'Who do I consider my role model?"" said Haber. "I said it was my grandpa because he is someone I definitely look up to. He doesn't speak much English, but there is no one I enjoy calling or speaking to more than him."

Haber said he signed up because he knew the previous Big Man on Campus, his fraternity brother Chris Carter, and wanted to keep the legacy of Delta Tau Deltas winning the title going.

"I was definitely nervous going up on stage at first," said Haber. "Gradually, I just got more comfortable and stopped caring because I knew all my friends were going to make fun of me anyway, so I had nothing to lose."

"I thought the contestants did such an amazing job," said Hesse. "I could tell they really practiced for this event and even got their teammates or frater-"My interview question dur- nity brothers to be involved in throughout the year is a great

watch. The acts were all so different and really got the crowd laughing and excited."

The contestants received gift cards and candy from local businesses as prizes for competing, including Scalas, Bagel Guys, and Turning Point, said Botts. The biggest prizes of the night were two tickets to box seats of a Devils game with a VIP parking pass, auctioned off via Twitter hashtag for \$65.

"I was beyond happy with the turnout! I saw people standing for the entire event in the back because there were no more seats. I have yet to see that at other Greek events," said Hesse. "I was so happy with the organizations that came out to support our philanthropy and help us raise money for such an important cause."

Greek events raising money for various philanthropies

idea according to Cabán.

IMAGE TAKEN from ztastocktoncollege.tumblr.com

"The earlier we start educating students on the importance of giving back to their communities, the brighter our futures will be," said Cabán. "Civic mindedness is a trait I love to see in our students, and at Monmouth we are lucky enough to have students that acknowledge the importance of giving back and spreading awareness.

ZTA works to spread breast cancer awareness and education through many different programs. According to the zetataualpha.org website, the organization launched www. takechargethinkpink.com to help spread awareness and educate others on early detection practices. Additionally, ZTA is partnered with the NFL, Self Magazine, Lifetime, and Courage Nights with Betsey Johnson to support breast cancer awareness initiatives, according to the website.

CLUB AND GREEK ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONMOUTH PEP BAND

Basketball season is here and we design, and photography to join the are looking to solidify our band. We are in need of any trumpet, mellophone, baritone horn, trombone and tuba players that may wish to become a part of our award winning band. Limited openings for clarinet players are available also. Currently, we are complete in our flute, saxophone and drum sections. If interested, contact Professor Jenner at bjenner@monmouth. edu or stop by room 332 in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center.

THE OUTLOOK

The Outlook is looking for students interested in writing, graphic

PRSSA

PRSSA will be hosting a threeof Wilson Hall on Thursday, April from 6 - 9 pm. The event, called

MOCC

Fight the fear with the help of the hour long acoustic concert in front Monmouth Oral Communication Center. Contact lschmidt@monmouth.edu to make an appointment

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

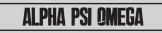
RUNNING CLUB

The Running Club is now meeting several times a week, both for recreational runners and for those interested in competing in cross country, road races, or track & field. Contact Coach Joe or Mitchell Parker for more information and for various practice times. Look for more information soon about the Color Me Rose Run, which is tentatively scheduled for April 19.

team and become an active member in creating our weekly publication. We are an award-winning group of students who bond over our love of writing, reporting, having fun, networking, and being a family. If you are interested in joining, please don't hesitate to contact the Editor-In-Chief, Brianna McCabe, at s0828430@monmouth.edu.



Delta Phi Epsilon is having their annual Lip Sync fundraising event for Cystic Fibrosis on March 9 at 10 pm in Pollak Theater. Tickets will be on sale prior to the event.



Alpha Psi Omega, the National Theatre Honor Society, is proud to congratulate our new members: Shayna Conde, Nicole DeSarno, Patrick Hall, Molly Huber, Mahalia Jackson.

"Melodies by the Sea," will be rais-

ing money for Mary's Place by the Sea, a non-profit organization that provides comfort to women suffering with cancer, and additionally provides them with a place to relax their minds, bodies, and souls. This event will feature live music from students at the University, a silent auction, and more! It is \$5 to attend. Please follow Monmouth University's Shadow PR Firm/PRSSA Chapter on Facebook for more information about the event. Any questions, please contact co-Presidents Maggie Zelinka and Casey Allocco.



On behalf of the sisters of the Alpha Xi Delta Iota Nu chapter, we would like to wish everyone good luck on their midterm exams! We would also like to remind everyone that April is National Autism Awareness Month! Stay tuned for upcoming events.



Boom Roasted Productions presents Rent in Woods Theater at 8 pm on May 2, and 3 pm on May 3. Visit Facebook.com/BoomRoastedMU.

HUMAN **RESOURCES CLUB**

Would you like to learn more about Human Resources and the growing career opportunities within the field? Join the Student Chapter Human Resources Club and learn about an exciting profession that employs individuals from all majors. Our club is active and exposes its members to industry professionals through a variety of events. If you would like to know more about the club, please contact Ellen Reilly at ereilly@monmouth.edu.

On Wednesday March 4th, 2015 SGA will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting in Anacon Hall side A at 2:30 pm. This meeting will give students, faculty, staff, and administration the opportunity to learn more about what SGA does, voice your concerns about the campus and learn more about how SGA can help you. This meeting is open to the University community and we would love to see you there!

MU SURF CLUB

Check out the MU Surf Club. Take advantage of going to school less than a mile from the beach and get together with students with the same interest and passion for the sea. Everyone is welcome, including surfers, bodyboarders, photographers, etc. The club will be holding beach cleanups, contests, beach parties, and more. For more information contact Tyler Sankey or Connor Perzely.





What color is "The Dress"? COMPILED BY: KIERA LANNI



Melissa Sophomore "Blue and gold."



Lorenzo Senior

"Black and blue."



Ashley Senior "White and gold."





TOP LEFT:

BLUE HAWK RECORDS RECENTLY HELD AUDITIONS FOR THEIR FIFTH ALBUM. (PHOTO COURTESY OF **ĴOE RAPOLLA)**

CENTER RIGHT: CENTER RIGHT: BRIANNA MCCABE, AMANDA GLATZ, ERIN MCMULLEN AND ALYSSA GRAY OF *THE OUTLOOK* IN LA FOR THE ASPA JOURNALISM CONVENTION. (PHOTO COURTESY OF BRIANNA MCCABE)



BOTTOM LEFT

MU STUDENTS ALEXANDRA G. BUONINCONTRI, DEANNA ST-AMBELU, SAM GUIDO, ROSIE SCALA, NIKOLETTA INNOCENTI AND JACKIE JONCZYK BUY TICKETS FOR MU'S PLAY, URINETOWN. (PHOTO COURTESY OF THE DEPT. OF MUSIC AND THEATRE)

OPTICAL ILLUSION



FOCUS ON THE 4 DOTS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PICTURE FOR 30 SECONDS. THEN-CLOSE YOUR EYES AND LOOK AT SOMETHING BRIGHT TO SEE A FAMILIAR FACE.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I HAVE BEEN BENT AND BROKEN, BUT- I HOPE-INTO A BETTER SHAPE." CHARLES DICKENS, GREAT EXPECTATIONS





"Blue and black."



Romy Weine Professor- Graphic Design & Typography

"It changes depending on the device and lighting. Today, I see blue and black."

Men's Lacrosse Wins First Game in Program History Hawks Embark on a Two Game Winning Streak after Rutgers and Wagner

MAGGIE ZELINKA SPORTS EDITOR

After 14 games over two seasons, the men's lacrosse program earned its first win on Saturday afternoon at High Point Solutions Stadium in Piscataway, NJ. they then faced Wagner on Tuesday afternoon and earned their second win.

"It was certainly fun and exciting for our guys to get our first victory, and to come against Rutgers was extra sweet because we played in their football stadium and it was a game last year where they got the better of us," Head Coach Brian Fisher said. "To compete in the manner in which we did, and to make the plays late in the game to win was very exciting for the development of our program."

Fisher, a graduate of Rutgers, led his team to a 10-9 victory against his alma mater.

Rutgers got on the board less than a minute into the game, courtesy of an unassisted mark by Chad Toliver. Five minutes later, the Scarlet Knights increased their lead to two.

Freshman Bryce Wasserman started MU's scoring rally eight minutes, but Rutgers quickly

teams, the end of the first quarter gave an expected 3-2 score, the next two minutes until se-Rutgers favor.

Wasserman opened up the second quarter with a quick goal assisted by sophomore Chris Daly. MU went to score the next three out of four goals and leading 6-4 at half.

With two evenly matched ed goal from Jeff George.

The game stood quiet for nior captain Zach Johannes scored on a pass from sophomore Dylan Schulte. Wasserman once again was assisted by Daly to increase the Hawks lead to two giving them high hopes of finalizing a victory. Toliver The third quarter was domi- found the back of the net 42

Johannes contributed two goals uled for Feb. 17, but the match of his own while Daly and Schleicher each had one.

"Our seniors have done a great job of providing leadership through their own example and our younger group, in particular our sophomores, have all really turned the corner with their confidence and belief in what we are doing. To get a win

was postponed due to snow. MU quickly showed their

prowess as Keen scored within the opening two minutes of play. Wagner then responded with a goal of their own. The Hawks finished the first quarter with a 2-1 advantage, courtesy of a goal by sophomore Kevin Murphy.

The Hawks and the Seahawks exchanged goals in the second quarter to make it a 3-2 game at half.

Wasserman increased MU's lead in the third quarter while Keen furthered the scoring gap a few minutes later. The fourth quarter showcased goals from Johannes and sophomore Chris Summers to put the Hawks up by five.

With less than two minutes in the game, the Seahawks cut the lead to four, but failed to make a significant comeback.

The final score of the game was 7-3 in MU's favor. Conaway had seven saves in the contest while Keen led the Hawks in scoring with three goals.

MU is set to face St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, PA for a 3 pm game on Saturday, March 7. St. Joseph's is 2-3 and

"To compete in the manner in which we did, and to make the plays late in the game to win was very exciting for the development of our program."

BRIAN FISHER Head Coach

seconds later to make it a one-

nated by the Scarlet Knights as they opened the second half with three consecutive goals. Fortunately, MU sophomore Zack Schleicher was able to find the net and knot the game at 7-7.

The fourth quarter proved the most intense of the game as it was a constant one-point battle. With less than 13 minutes remaining, MU pulled ahead courtesy of an unassisted goal from sophomore Tyler Keen. About six minutes later, Rut-

point game. George was consistently applying pressure to senior Garrett Conaway, but he was unable

to find the net. The Hawks were able to hold off the Scarlet Knights for the remaining four minutes of the game and pick up their first program victory.

Conaway tied a career-high with 14 saves in cage for the Hawks. Wasserman and Keen each scored three times while only confirms that and it sets the stage for this week's game and the rest of this season,' Coach Fisher said.

Rutgers outshot MU, 39-29, and had 19 more ground balls. Each team had 12 turnovers.

The Hawks returned to action on Tuesday, March 3 where they picked up their second win of the season.

With a 3 pm start time, the Hawks defeated Wagner College with a final score of 7-3 at Monmouth Stadium. The two gained another two goal lead. gers retaliated with an unassist- Daly contributed three assists. teams were originially sched- 1-1 at home.

Monmouth Lacrosse Programs in Safe Hands

ERIC KLENOFSKY STAFF WRITER

The Monmouth University lacrosse teams have no shortage of quality goalkeepers. With both the men's and women's programs in the early stage of their seasons, a common theme has emerged within the teams: goalkeeping prowess.

Senior goalkeeper, Garrett Conaway and sophomore goalkeeper, Nick Hreshko are battling it out on the men's side while senior goalkeeper, Katie Donohoe and junior goalkeeper, Caroline Huelster provide the competition on the women's side.

During their inaugural season last spring, the starting goalkeeper for the men's lacrosse team was in constant fluctuation. Although Hreshko started the most games, Conaway led the team in minutes played.

As preseason in 2015 began, the fight for the starting spot also commenced. After scrimmages against Holy Cross and Sacred Heart, the call was made. Conaway would get the start for the Hawks as they faced UMBC in West Long Branch for the season's opener. "Even through the fall and into the preseason it was a very good competition between Nick and Garrett, and Grant Gillan as a freshman is very talented as well and played very well in the fall," said Head Coach Brian Fisher. "But Nick and Garrett were neck and neck for long stretches and Garrett just does some things a little bit better, in particular, saving the ball. But we are confident that we have two very good division one goalkeepers in our program and feel good about either of those two guys." The Hawks would reluctantly fall to UMBC in a tight contest and a low scoring game, but Conaway would not disappoint. The Maryland native broke up countless scoring opportunities launched by the Retrievers and would ultimately record 10 Following the home opener,

the Hawks traveled to Piscataway for a match up with the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers on Saturday, Feb. 28. Not only would MU go on to record their first ever win as a program, but Conaway would also tie his career high with 14 saves earning him his first ever MAAC Defensive Player of the Week selection.

"I feel like my poles played very well, they gave me shots that I saw and I saved," said Conaway, a transfer from Howard Community College. "It's not just me out there; there's six other guys on the field."

MU currently sits at 2-1 on the season and fourth in the NCAA for scoring defense with only 16 goals against in three games; on average behind Maryland, Army and Yale, largely in part to the performances from Conaway.

On the women's side, Donohoe and Huelster have been in the cage for the Hawks this season. After consistently starting for the past three seasons, Donohoe came into her senior season as decorated as a goalkeeper could be. Donohoe was most notably named NEC Goalkeeper of the Year, All-Region and NEC Tournament MVP over the course of her tenure with the Hawks.

The starting role was Donohoe's going into the season, and the first two games of the Hawks newest campaign could not have gone better. MU had beaten Lafayette and Drexel

conceding 5.30 goals per game with a combined score of 15-5. Donohoe would allow ten goals Conceding only five goals in two games put the Hawks atop the NCAA with the best scoring defense in the country culminating with a MAAC Defensive Player of the Week selection for Donohoe to add to her accolades.

> "Everyone is working really hard, I'm really proud of everybody," said Donohoe, a former Canadian National team player. "It's not just the starters, the people coming off the bench too, everyone's just been solid."

> In their third fixture of the season, the Hawks met with in state rival, Rutgers University on Wednesday, Feb. 25.

> The first half came to a close with the Hawks behind 10-4 following an unconvincing performance from the MU defense.

before the half and was subsequently pulled from the cage leaving Huelster to step in, and step in she did. Huelster would thwart the Scarlet Knights attack time and time again en route to a 13-12 double overtime win for the Hawks and only two second half scores for RU.

'We have two good goalkeepers," said Head Coach Denise Wescott, a former German National team coach. "Katie's an exceptional goalie, she's got great hands, she's quick, and she plays outside the crease to get possession for us but yesterday was a tough night and we just decided to try the other goalie. Caroline's got a little bit of a different style; Katie will go out for interceptions and Caroline will come out and mark if somebody's open and she just brought energy in. It's nice to have two goalkeepers we can count on; Caroline was ready to play mentally and that's sometimes tough when you're playing behind someone who's so good."

Following their contest with Rutgers, MU returned home for a match up against current NCAA leaders in scoring defense, Towson University. Towson would end the Hawks three game winning streak and hand MU their first loss; but Donohoe was back in net and finished the day with 11 saves for the Hawks securing her second MAAC Defensive Player of the Week selection. MU is now 3-1 on the season and sixth in the NCAA for scoring defense averaging 5.25 goals against per game. The women square off with the University of Delaware today at 3 pm on ESPN3 in West Long Branch. Following their match up with Wagner, the men will travel to Philadelphia, PA on Saturday, March 7 to face Saint Joseph's University for a 3 pm game. The Hawks, who hosted Saint Joseph's nearly a year ago, fell 11-6 in their last encounter.



saves for MU in defeat.

PHOTO COURTESY of Taylor Jackson

Senior Katie Donohoe had two groundballs and caused two turnovers in the Hawks' home opener.

Baseball Searches for First Win of Season

CARLY LONG STAFF WRITER

The University baseball team was swept by Florida Atlantic University in a three game series to in Boca Raton, FL this past weekend. The Hawks are now 0-6, while the Owls improved 9-2 on the season.

Friday night's opener was dominated by MU for the first six innings; however, FAU scored runs in their final three at-bats to overcome MU's lead and win the game 9-5.

Offensively, MU was led by senior Steve Wilgus, who scored a run from the leadoff spot and went three-for-five with two RBI's. Senior catcher Kyle Perry hit a pair of doubles and senior Adam Yunginger went two-forthree with an RBI, his first career run driven in.

MU started off strong, scoring two runs in the first inning. Wilgus was the first to get home, after reaching on an infield single to the right and Perry following with an RBI double to left center. Two batters later, senior Dave Moreno hit a ball that was booted into left field and ruled an error, allowing Perry to score the second run of the inning.

Senior Chris McKenna, who was featured on the mound, allowed a mere three hits during his five-inning stint. McKenna held strong until the third inning, when FAU put themselves on the board to cut MU's lead to 2-1.

The Hawks returned strong in the third, scoring three runs. Junior Dan Shea was hit by a pitch and awarded first base. Moreno connected for a double to place two on base for sophomore Chris Gaetano. FAU's Kyle Miller, who has hit seven batters in his collegiate career, hit his second of the game with Gaetano at the plate. The bases were loaded with no outs when Yunginger stepped up to the plate. A single back to the mound was able to plate Shea and give MU a three run lead. Two batters later, Wilgus hit a two-run single through the right side.

McKenna allowed one base

however, he started off the sixth by surrendering a leadoff walk and double to FAU. Junior Frank Trimarco replaced McKenna, but ended the sixth by giving up a two-run double to FAU.

MU started off the seventh inning still ahead with a 5-3 lead, but was unable to score a run despite Perry's double. By the end of the sixth, the game was tied at 5-5. After two outs and two runs in the sixth, Head Coach Dean Ehehalt replaced Trimarco with senior Jeff Paglione.

Paglione was able to get the Hawks' last out, but surrendered two runs in the effort. FAU extended their lead in the bottom of the eighth inning, leading the game 9-5, which held throughout the ninth.

Saturday's game was postponed due to rainy weather conditions; however, MU faced off against FAU for a doubleheader on Sunday, March 1. The blue and white lost the first game 11-0, followed by a 9-0 second drop.

The first game featured pitcher

veteran worked three and two thirds innings, allowing nine runs on ten hits. Yunginger, who relieved Hunt in the third, allowed two runs off two hits. Freshman Mike Brambilla was called to the mound in the sixth to throw two scoreless innings, striking out four in the process for his first collegiate appearance. Sophomore Jesse Fante closed the game with a scoreless eighth inning.

Offensively, sophomore Brad Rhoads and freshman Pete Papcun collected their first collegiate hits during the first game. The Hawks had a total of five hits during the contest while FAU accumulated 13 hits. MU's final chance to score provided them with their best chance as well. Hits from Papcun, Rhoads, and sophomore Ryan Bailey, provided MU with a bases loaded situation, but they were unable to capitalize the situation. The final score was 11-0.

The final game of the series started off with a 2-0 FAU lead. Junior Anthony Ciavarella had

runner over the next two innings; senior TJ Hunt. The right handed two strong innings, but ultimately surrendered seven hits and four runs before leaving the game. Sophomore Justin Andrews allowed a run on two hits in two innings and freshman Matt Littrell threw a scoreless seventh inning.

> The deafening blow to MU's chances at a comeback occurred during the eigth inning when FAU secured their win with four insurance runs. Sophomore Ricky Dennis relieved Littrell and allowed a total of four hits. The first came from FAU's center fielder who tripled to lead off the inning. He then scored on an RBI groundout from teammate Billy Endris. The next two batters were able to get on the base path for left fielder Christian Dicks, who recently has been named Conference USA Co-Hitter of the Week. Dicks was able to knock the ball over the right field wall to give the game its final score.

> The Hawks will next travel to Greenville, NC to face East Carolina in a three game series. The Pirates currently post a 5-4, all of which have been played at home.



Senior T.J. Hunt struggled in his second outing of the season, allowing ten hits and nine runs over 3.2 innings of work against Florida Atlantic University Saturday afternoon.

Basketball Earns No. 4 Seed in Tournament

TOM CARROLL STAFF WRITER

Teddy Okereafor and Xavier Rider, could not secure the win. not about the X's and O's." Lundy combined for 38 points Broncs outlasted the Hawks in a MAAC game that came down to the wire.

lost for the remainder of the season with an ACL injury. Okereafor, who scored 21 points while adding eight rebounds, picked up the slack and was joined by Xavier Lundy who notched a career-high 17 points while grabbing nine rebounds.

Hawks with 15 points and three fore the turnover he said, "The 63-57. assists, but the Hawks, who were tied 25-25 at the half with

Both teams struggled from and 17 rebounds as the Rider the field in the first half, with the Hawks shooting 32 percent and the Broncs 35 percent.

Kofane went one for six from The contest featured unlikely the field and picked up three heroes with Rider playing with- personal fouls to earn himself a out leading scorer and rebound- spot on the bench for the sec- the clock the score stood at 62er senior Matt Lopez who was ond half with Coach Rice disap- 59 after Okereafor hit one of logging a team-high 38 minpointed in the senior transfers performance. Rider came out in the second half and went on a 9-0 run in the early going, led by Okereafor and Lundy contributing 14 points in the first 4:19. Rider led this contest by as many as 12 with 10:10 remaining in the game, but the Hawks managed to get the score within 58-56 with 1:59 left. Robinson had control of the "Not very happy at all, I ball trailing by only two points with ten seconds remaining on the clock, while Coach Rice opted not to take one of his two remaining timeouts. Robinson drove the ball and attempted to of respect for your fans and it dish it off the freshman guard Austin Tilghman who was unable to control the dish, and the ball sailed into the crowd. "That was my fault, bad pass, basketball" were Max DiLeo, bad turnover" said Robinson about the play. When Coach Rice was asked Justin Robinson led the why he didn't call a timeout be-

game was lost way before that, when you don't come to play, its

In a game that featured seven lead changes and was tied six times, Rider allowed the Hawks to stick around going 17 of 28 from the free throw line in the second half.

With seven seconds left on

Robinson finished the game with 16 points and five assists while Jones led all scorers with 22 points and added a careerhigh 13 rebounds.

"I was being aggressive, finding open shots and my teammates did a great job of finding me open," Jones said.

Nicholas scored 11 points and grabbed seven rebounds while



As it was an-MBB nounced on Monday afternoon, sophomore Justin Robinson was named to the All-Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference First Team and junior Deon Jones was named to the All-MAAC Third Team.

Robinson currently leads his team in points-per-game averaging at 13.4 which also puts him 12th in the conference. Jones is second on the team with 12.7 points-per-game.

Robinson and Jones are the first in program history to be selected to All-MAAC teams. Robinson is also the program's first all-conference first-team selection since Blake Hamilton in 2005.

MLAX Senior goalie Gar-rett Conaway was named the MAAC Defensive Player of the Week for his play in the men's lacrosse win over Rutgers Saturday, Feb. 28. Conaway made 14 saves on 23 shots in the teams first win at the Varsity level.

BOWL The University's bowling team finished second behind Franklin Pierce at the Hawk Flight Invite this past weekend.

Junior Kaitlyn Reth led the Hawks with an average pincount of 206.2, and her high of 226 led all bowlers. She was also the only player to reach a 1,000 pin count for the tournament.

UPCOMING GAMES

Wednesday, March 4 WLAX vs Delaware W. Long Branch, NJ 3:00 pm

Thursday, March 5 WBB at Canisius* Albany, NY 9:30 am MAAC Championships

Friday, March 6 Track and Field Boston, MA TBD ECAC & IC4A Championships

Bowling Nashville, TN 10:00 am Columbia 300 Music City Classic

Softball at Fairfield Buies Creek, NC 11:30 am

Softball at Campbell Buies Creek, NJ 4:30 pm

Baseball at East Carolina Greenville NC 6:30 pm

It was a purple out in the University's Multipurpose Activity Center when the Hawks fell to the Broncs 63-60.

apologize to the fans, our kids decided today was the day they didn't have to play" said Head Coach King Rice. "Lack of respect for the game today, lack was our seniors who decided today was the day to do it."

The three seniors who King Rice said wanted to play "hero Andrew Nicholas and Brice Kofane.

two free throws.

After a Hawks timeout head coach Kevin Baggett chose to have Okereafor foul Robinson rather than giving MU a chance to take a three to tie the game. Robinson made one of two putting the score at 62-60.

Nicholas fouled Shawn Valentine with only two seconds showing on the clock. With a

chance to make it a two possession game, Valentine missed the first free throw and made the second giving the Broncs a 63-60 lead, leaving the Hawks with hope to tie the game.

Unforunately for the Hawks, time expired before the could make a comeback.

The Hawks put the tough loss behind them as they looked forward to playing against the Siena Saints on Sunday afternoon. It was senior night and the regular season finale as Robinson and Jones combined for 38 points to help the Hawks win

utes.

With 22 seconds remaining and the score sitting at 57-55 in favor of the Hawks, the Saints inbounded the ball from the baseline; DiLeo was able to deflect the ball towards Robinson. Robinson then found Jones for a highlight reel alley-oop pass and the fans responded jumping out of their seats.

MU finished the regular season 17-14 overall (13-7 MAAC) and earned the fourth seed for the MAAC Tournament.

The Hawks have already guaranteed themselves a first round bye in the tournament and are going in with the expectation of becoming MAAC Champions, and ultimately earning a trip to the NCAA Tournament.

They are set to square off with No. 5 Canisius on Saturday at 2:30 PM in the quarterfinal round of the MAAC Championship Tournament at the Times Union Center in Albany.

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MTEN at Columbia New York, NY 2:00 pm

MBB vs Canisius* Albany, NY 2:30 pm MAAC Championships

MLAX at Saint Joseph's Philadelphia, PA 3:00 pm

Baseball at East Carolina Greenville, NC 4:00 pm

*Conference Games



The men's lacrosse team picked up their first win in program history after beating the Big Ten's Rutgers University this past Saturday. Goalie Garrett Conaway made 14 saves in the contest. Full story on page 18