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Sequester Cuts to Affect Student Loans

Mandatory federal budget cuts to education programs under the sequester will reduce and Associate Vice President the amount of financial aid that is given to University students for the upcoming 2013 to 2014 school year. However, the monetary extent of the cutbacks' effects is unclear at this time, according to University officials.

The sequester, a series of automatic federal spending cuts was triggered on March 1 under provisions in The Budget perwork in a timely manner," Control Act of 2011. The act trims \$1.2 trillion off the federal budget over the next nine years through funding reductions to a a sense of the economic impact, wide array of federal programs, the maximum loan for an unincluding the military, lowincome housing programs, and education programs, such as new fee is \$131," she said. "As federal loans and grants to col- you can see, this is a minimal lege students.

The most widespread reductions could be seen by the 4,400

University students that receive federal loans, but those reductions would be relatively minuscule, according to Claire Alasio, Director of Financial Aid for Enrollment Management.

Previously, federal student loans carried an origination fee of one percent of the loan's gross value, but the fee rose to 1.05 percent for loans distributed after March 1.

"The only students impacted [were] students who did not complete their financial aid pa-Alasio said, adding that approximately 40 students were affected by the change. "To give you dergraduate would be \$12,500. The old fee was \$125 and the

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Former U.S. Ambassador to Israel Daniel Kurtzer Visits University

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Former United States Ambassador David Kurtzer paid a visit to the University on March 5 in Wilson Auditorium to discuss political situations in the Middle East and his experiences as a United States Ambassador. The event was attended by approximately 50 people including community members and students.

Kurtzer served as United States Ambassdor to Egypt from 1997 to 2001 then served as the ambassador to Israel from 2001 to 2005 before becoming a professor at Princeton University and co-authoring the book, "Negotiating Arab Peace."

Before Kurtzer spoke, President Paul Gaffney II was given the Jewish Heritage Award for his significant contributions to Jewish culture and life. Gaffney the diplomacy that will bring said, "I was honored. We started the program and received outside funding for it because there are several Jewish communities in our neighborhood. We took the initiative to be good neighbors."

The event started with opening comments from Professor Amy Handlin, associate professor of marketing and international business who also works with the Jewish Cultural Studies program.

A theme throughout the event was how Arabs and Jewish people could co-exist in the Middle East. Kurtzer believes it is up to the United States to help in diplomacy but that everyone needs to be willing to work together.

Kurtzer did criticize the United States for their lack of incentives recently. "U.S. has been an instrumental player in doing the hard work to bring Arabs and Israelis together but somehow has lost the capacity or will to have

this peace," said Kurtzer.

However, as Kurtzer continued, he did explain that the United States may be "tired." He said, "Political Islam is now in charge. The ideology that is very different in a region where not just the U.S. is tired, but all outside players are tired. Hundreds of thousands of soldiers, countless billions of dollars have been spent on the Middle East."

The ambassador also recommended that the United States focus on other areas of the world. He also suggested that the US should pivot away from the region and not invest the diplomatic resources.

Kurtzer said that there are reasons that the United States is still involved in the Middle East, some that the public does not know about. "We cannot

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Does Working Part-Time Prepare You for the Real World?

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In 2011, 19.7 million students were enrolled in undergraduate college, 72 percent of which held jobs as well, according to the United States Census Bureau report. Working a job while in college can be seen as beneficial as well as harmful to a student's education.

Having a job while in college can prevent students from completing school work, however it can also assist students in time management skills, gaining real life experience, and improving grades, as studies have shown.

"I work 7.5 hours a week for the Phonathon of the Annual Fund at school, but I should work more hours," Stephanie Rodriguez, junior, said. "A benefit to working while in college is gaining independence, but sometimes it gets in the way of schoolwork because people are too caught up in making money rather than getting an education."

Patrick O'Halloran, economics professor and Academic Standards and Review Committee (ASRC) member, explained that the type of job obtained and the student's permuch that they cannot finish school sonal situation determines whether



PHOTO COURTESY of Angela Ciroalo

Students who are employed part-time must deal with balancing working and completing their schoolwork.

the job is necessary.

"Many have to work to help support themselves or family mem-However, if one works so they will likely have to take fewer

classes per semester and take longer to graduate than someone who does not work and can take more credits per semester," said O'Halloran.

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Unruly Behavior in Redwood Hall

THE OUTLOOK STAFF

Residential Life Area Coordinator, Rhya Harris experienced disorderly conduct when the guest of a Redwood resident attempted to kiss her on Friday, March 1 at 3 am. The guest, according to University Administrators, was under the influence of alcohol.

The Coordinator did not know the individual, nor were the actions reciprocated in any way, and upon her outrage, the guest retreated back to the lobby and did not bother her again.

According to Associate Director of Residential Life Mark Holfor a positive identification on the perpetrator.

Although a positive identification has been made, it is unclear as to who actually identified the perpetrator. "So we were very prudent in trying to make sure we knew who it was. Once we determined who it was we contacted the police, they came out. between us and the police we

kind of figured out who it was. We dealt with the situation," Holfelder said. "We dealt with the resident whose guest it was and with the guest, within our protocol."

Harris was available for interview but declined to comment directly.

Residential Life indicated this was something they can handle internally, however, the following Thursday, March 8, they officially notified the Monmouth University Police Department (MUPD).

MUPD was notified of the event at the same time as Redwood residents. The Redwood felder, Harris notified him of the residents were notified via eincident "as soon as possible." mail from Harris, with approval The two then screened security from Holfelder, to describe what cameras in the lobby of Redwood happened as "a recent incident" and went on to explain proper University procedure for having visitors enter the dorm.

On Friday March 8, Vice President Patricia Swannack sent an e-mail to all residential students making them aware of some details of the incident, describing it as "isolated" and then reiterating

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COREiculum plans to hold a kickoff event for the release of their new DVD



Opinion

One student reflects on life after graduation and the fear of not knowing what to do with your life.



Entertainment

Lara Croft Tomb Raider makes its return to video game consoles everywhere.



Club & Greek

Anacon was transformed into a casino when Student Activities Board hosted Casino Night.

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Fight For the CURE with COREiculum in COREientation

JENNA INTERSIMONE CO-NEWS EDITOR

COREiculum will be holding its CORE for a CURE COREientation DVD set release party collaborated with Zeta Tau Alpha (ZTA) for breast cancer research and education on March 27 in the Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC). At the release party, celebrating the official release on March 25, students and staff can take demo COREses at two separate sessions.

At the "First Period" session, doors will open at 5:00 pm and will include a demo class at 5:30 pm and another at 6:00 pm. For the "Second Period" session, doors will open at 7:30 pm and will include a demo class at 8:00 pm and another at 8:30 pm.

Demo COREses will be offered free of charge. Some of these demo COREses available will be plyometrics, kickboxing and cardio dance. Also at the event, there will be fitness competitions, tips presented for a healthier diet, gift giveaways to local businesses, and a healthy bake

An undetermined portion of the revenue will go to breast cancer research and education, the philanthropy of ZTA. Andrew Stern, University graduate and creator of COREiculum, proposed an idea of collaboration to Carly Swanson, sophomore communication major

and Director of Philanthropy for ing bake sales, but COREientation is ZTA. She said that she has been working with Katelyn Walsh, junior business major and ZTA sister, to help with the business aspect as they work to expand the event and promote by spreading the word.

At COREientation, ZTA will be hosting the Fittest on Campus Competition where males and females will compete in push-ups, burpees or a squat challenge.

Swanson said that the reason ZTA chose to collaborate was because with the power of another organization on campus involved, we can hopefully bring more students and faculty out to the event, raise more money and overall have an amazing turnout and a great time. We would never pass up this opportunity."

She also mentioned that many ZTA sisters have participated in CO-REiculum workout sessions and they are excited to expand the program for COREientation.

The amount of prizes that will be given out is also undetermined at this time, but prizes have been rolling in steadily and will be collected until March 25. Prizes will be given out to "enthusiastic and hard-working students," said Stern, because "students deserve to be rewarded for 'class participation."

Stern said that during his years on campus, he has seen many clubs and organizations fundraise for philanthropies by selling bracelets or holda new way for them to raise funds. He considers COREientation to be a "fit-fest that will be fun, interactive, and provide students with a chance to try one of the hottest new fitness programs, all while giving back to their organization."

Once COREientation at the University kicks off, Stern plans on extending COREientation to other campuses in the tri-state area to team up with other organizations to raise money for more causes. Currently, he plans on visiting Rowan University and Montclair State University in early April.

The COREiculum website, www. coreiculum.com, will feature daily blogs fit into categories such as Ask the Class, where students can email issues they are dealing with such as "How do I lose my love handles?" and a COREiculum Classmate will respond to them. COREiculum does not see itself as "simply a classmate, but an advisor, too," said Stern.

Swanson said, "I think COREiculum is a genius idea and a great way to keep college students in shape. I love the motto of 'Where the Freshman 15 is an Elective.' It is a fun, beneficial experience to bring to the University, and I can't wait to see it expand and become more popular after this event."

Students and staff can follow CO-REiculum on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and Pinterest.

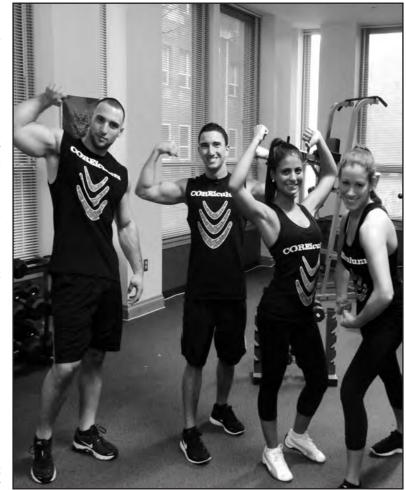


PHOTO COURTESY of COREiculum

COREiculum will be holding its event COREientation on March 27. They will be teaming up with Zeta Tau Alpha (ZTA) for breast cancer

Federal Budget Cuts Could Reduce Student Financial Aid

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impact to students."

Origination fees on Parental Loans for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) loans for parents also increased, from four percent to 4.2 percent. "This would impact about 600 students and their families," Alasio said. "At this time, we don't know whether the new origination fees will carry into the 2013-2014 academic year and beyond."

To date, the increased origination fees appear to be the only concrete details of the sequester's effects on financial aid distributed to University students. Upwards of the 1,000 University students who receive grants or participate in the federal work study programs will have to wait a little longer to find out how, if at all, their aid will be affected. Details on the cuts to these programs are still murky, and the University is waiting on more specific information from the federal government on their potential reduc-

Federal Pell Grants, need-based grants awarded to low-income stu-

impact about 1,000 of Monmouth University's students," Alasio said. "There will be cuts to the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant program. At this time we don't know how much, or how, or when the cuts would be implemented. This will impact about 50 students."

Federal opportunity grants and

do. Changes to this program would newspapers would have you believe."

At least one University student echoes Alasio's sentiments, and appears unfazed at the current uncertainty surrounding the potential to pay more out-of-pocket costs for college tuition in the coming years. "I receive financial aid. It could potentially be impacted, but I agree with the cuts," Trevor Higginson, junior political science major, said. "The United billion for 2013, budget cuts are a necessary follow-up step," he said. "The long-term impact of the budget cuts will hinder the government's manner to which it has become accustomed."

Other University students expressed some apprehension about the more out of your pocket, or taking cuts, but declined to comment furwork study programs will be slashed States spends significantly more on ther until more concrete details about

government increased taxes by \$264 from the rest of their competition in their respective career fields.

"I'm the biggest proponent in the world for education. You don't want to have somebody to not be going to ability to continue spending in the a school they got accepted to just because they don't have the money," he said. "But in the long run, if you have to work a litte harder for it by paying out another loan and paying it back upon graduation, is that a bad thing? Having to go through those extra steps teaches you something that our country is lacking: a work ethic. And if you have that type of work ethic and mentality, you can leapfrog a lot of the other people out there who don't have it."

Buzza said that over the years he has seen the United States become a "lazy" economy, and many students and employees don't work up to their potential since they are used to receiving certain entitlements that may not be warranted. "I think there's a lot of fat in our system and our industries. There are some programs out there, including education grants, which education programs could end up people are taking advantage of. No benefiting students once they gradu- cuts are ever easy, but if we have the ate and move into the workforce. opportunity to look at the big picture Buzza believes if students have to and say this cut is warranted, and it work harder to obtain their educa- does make sense, then it's good as a

"There are no guarantees past this year, but at this time we do not have a sense as to what Congress will do. Changes to this program would impact about 1,000 of Monmouth University's students."

CLAIRE ALASIO

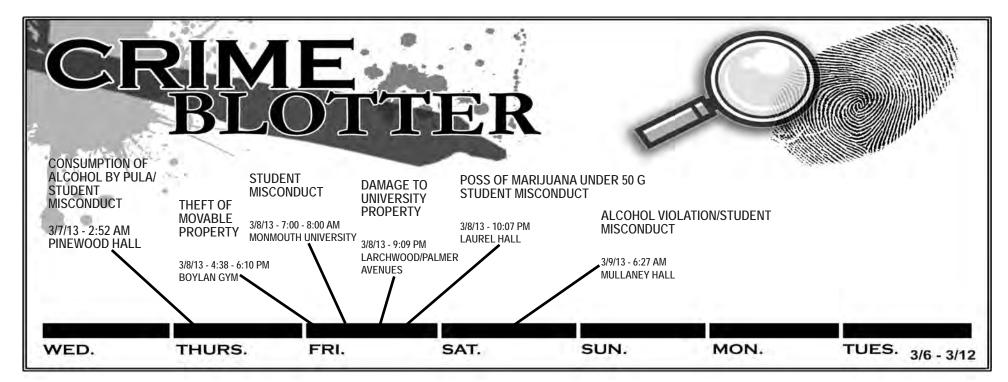
Director of Financial Aid and Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management

by a total of 8.6 percent nationally under the sequester, but the reductions to the University's funds for these programs is still unknown, according to Alasio. "At this time, we do not have dents, are only protected against the a dollar figure impact to Monmouth am okay with reasonable cuts to edusequester's cuts for the 2012-13 aca- University. I think there will be an imdemic year. "There are no guarantees pact to Monmouth University and its past this year, but at this time we do not students but I do not believe that the have a sense as to what Congress will impact will be as devastating as the ing the federal budget. "The federal tion, they will set themselves apart whole," he said.

education than any other country in the world. Despite this fact, we lag behind a number of developed nations in the subjects of math and science. Given these facts. I would say that I cation spending."

Higginson views the cuts as an esential progression towards balancthem are available.

University professor and Director of the Center for Entrepreneurship, John Buzza, said the cuts to federal



Jessica Lowe is Not So "Average" After All

CollegeHumor.com Names University Student as Runner-Up for Most Average Student Contest

BRIANNA MCCABE CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Jessica Lowe, freshman psychology and English major, was selected as one of four runner-ups in the CollegeHumor.com Average Student Scholarship Contest. Unfortunately, Lowe discovered that she was a little above average to receive such an "average" award, thus she did not receive the \$5,000 in winnings.

CollegeHumor.com is a comedy website that is based in New York City which features videos, pictures, photographs, and links to comical information. The site uploads material daily and is created by its in-house writing and production team. The company also accepts submissions from users.

Last month, CollegeHumor. com announced a contest to help out the average college student who tends to fall somewhere in the middle academically. Such students aren't typically rewarded or even recognized for their work, and the company wanted to change that.

of CollegeHumor.com, has been working with the website for approximately eight years now. "I was thinking about how I never every single day because my won anything ever. I never received any awards, I never won any scholarships, and I thought it was pretty unfair," Seidell said.

most average student and award me perfectly," Lowe said.

them for their "averageness." "Kids that are at the very top and kids that are at the very bottom receive a lot of financial help, and then there are kids like me, the normal kid that falls in the middle and receives nothing."

CollegeHumor.com received about 2,000 applications, one of these being Lowe. She had signed up to receive notifications regarding scholarship newsletters where she discovered the contest. "I scream average. I am average height. I am average looking. I am an average student. Everything about me is average," Lowe

Lowe applied for this scholarship approximately a month ago, and as any average college student, she submitted her application three minutes before the

'Our staff read every single application," answered Seidell. "A lot were easy to disregard. They were either too accomplished or they showed an extreme lack of effort in everything."Seidell and staff finally narrowed it down to 50 serious contenders, and at Streeter Seidell, editor-in-chief a further look they were able to find the most average of all.

"In high school, I was marked absent in my French class almost teacher never seemed to recall me being there, despite me attending every class. I was even left out of my yearbook sophomore year. Seidell was inspired to find the This scholarship seemed to fit

Stephen Lang, freshman social work major and close friend of Lowe's, said, "Jess is far from average, so there is no surprise that she did not win. She is a smart and funny girl, and once you get to know her she will instantly become one of your favorite people. She is different from everyone else in the aspect that she truly cares about the people closest to her, with everything she has."

In comparison to the winners of the contest, David Cole of Ball State University and Jordan Bass of the University of Central Florida, Lowe was just an aboveaverage student.

CollegeHumor.com would like to create an ongoing scholarship fund to reward random students on an almost monthly basis. "The responses were so overwhelming, and we never had a contest that had this much press coverage. It was extremely encouraging," said Seidell. "Maybe we will not necessarily award the most average student again, but maybe we will try to find the student with the worst car, or something fun and interesting like that."

Lowe has applied to approximately 100 scholarships so far this year. In the future she plans on applying to all of the scholarships she sees fit that CollegeHumor.com has to offer. "The final result may be just a tad average. my apology is pretty average too."



PHOTO COURTESY of Brianna McCabe

If so, I apologize but then again, Jessica Lowe is such an average student that she was left out of her yearbook sophomore year of high school.

Redwood Incident

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campus policy with regards to guests in the dorms.

"A lot of times when a situation happens a student has a right to press charges criminally and they choose not to," said Holfelder. "Then that turns it over to us and we enact our protocols whether it is suspended visitations privileges, if we have to contact people, if we have to move people out temporarily, there is a myriad of things that can happen. It's really situ-

Despite the incident there will be no tightening on the other resident's guest visiting policy. "I think this is an extremely safe campus, and even in my email I want people to be reminded that we do have an escort service. And I think this is really an opportunity to remind folks that we but we do our best to make sure have these services for the campus to that our residents and building are use," said Swannack.

While Vice President MUPD, and Residential Life all made themselves available to be interviewed. Vice President and General Counsel Grey Dimenna refused to share the police report with reporters because he felt, "Private information like this is not meant or collected with the intention of being public."

Many Redwood residents were

surprised about the incident when they heard about via e-mail from the area coordinator. "I'm shocked that something like that would happen. It seems so out of line and I can't believe someone would actually try and do that to someone who is in such a place of power," says Tess Blumetti, a sophomore resident of Redwood.

Captain of Police Dean Volpe said its MUPD's job to answer calls and look out for the University. "In the end we are here for the students and to make them feel safe and comfortable," says Volpe.

Senior Pinewood Resident Assistant Alissa Catalano believes the whole incident could have been avoided if the proper guest procedure was followed.

"Being an RA is not an easy job safe, however in order to do so, we need the help of our residents" Catalano. "I can't even count the number of times I am sitting desk duty and some residents just try to sneak guests passed us because they feel that signing in guests is such a hassle. If they just took five minutes out of their night to do what they are supposed to do incidents like this can be avoided."



PHOTO COURTESY of Maggie Zelinka

Redwood Hall was the site of "unruly behavior" on Friday, March 1 at 3 am.

MU Takes a Look at Fire Safety

CHRISTOPHER ORLANDO

Since 2000, when Seton Hall's Boland Hall dorm caught fire killing three students, dorm fire safety has increased dramatically across the country with the hope of preventing another similar tragedy. Universities across the country have made changes called for by federal and state politicians.

Richard J. Orlando, assistant chief of the Brick Township Bureau of Fire Safety, said the Boland fire led to major changes including the installation of fire sprinklers in college dorms, smoking bans in dorms and fire drill participation across the

According to Orlando, within six months of the fire, the state Legislature passed legislation requiring New Jersey's 43 residental colleges and high schools to install fire sprin-

Orlando also said that colleges were now required to report their statistics about fires for the first time. Fire safety advocates also continue to improve fire safety in off-campus housing.

The University Police Department works to eliminate safety hazards by cooperating with various campus departments. In addition to assisting with campus fire safety, Chief Bill McElrath and Captain Dean Volpe also serve on the University Fire and Safety Committee, which meets regularly.

According to Captain Dean Volpe, the University police works with departments across campus to ensure a safe environment on campus

The Seton Hall fire led to universities being more fire conscious. Melissa Dale, Director of Compliance for Facilities Management, said, "It (Seton Hall) was a big eye opener and it became apparent how big of an issue fire safety really is."

Dale said that all residential assistants are trained in fire extinguisher use and, "We would be more than policy, you are only allowed to have happy to open that offer to student groups on campus," said Dale.

Alan Jean, a residential assistant in

Laurel Hall, said that residential assistants receive training in fire safety. "It typically consists of a fire safety video and fire extinguisher training,

though we are told to evacuate instead of combating a fire," said Jean. Dale does say that students should not fight a fire and put themselves in harm's way. Dale said, "Our number

our upmost concern." The University has proactive plans to make sure students and the campus community is prepared in case of a

one priority is student safety. That is

Jean said, "The University conducts regular fire drills every semester, there are safety inspections during room inspections, and every room is equipped with an evacuation chart with primary and secondary routes."

Dale added that fire sprinklers are inspected over winter break while the students are not in the dorms. Other things that Dale and her three member team of fire specialists is an event in October that is dedicated to fire safety.

Dale continues that the University takes inspections of fire sprinklers, fire extinguishers and fire drills very seriously and hopes that students do

"I hope everyone understands how big and serious an issue fire safety is," said Dale. She does admit that students have been frustrated by doing fire drills in cold weather but wants to students to know that fire drills are planned well in advance.

Emily Booker, junior communication major, lived in Redwood Hall last Educating all students and staff prior year. She feels that dorm fire safety is not taken as seriously as it should.

Booker said, "The most common offense I saw or was aware of was the use of Christmas lights and other strung lights for decorations, and covering the walls with posters, pictures, and other decorations. Under campus

a certain amount of flammable items on the walls, but I know people whose walls were covered in picture collages and posters."

Orlando recommended that universities, in addition to maintenance of fire sprinklers, regular fire drills and not allowing smoking in the dorms, it is also important for colleges to limit drinking on campuses. Both students who were charged with starting the fire at Seton Hall in 2000 admitted to being intoxicated and setting paper on fire as a practical joke.

Prospective students and parents of students should take dorm fire safety very seriously," Orlando said. "Parents should ask questions. Have the dorms been retrofitted with the required fire sprinklers? How often are they inspected? Is all testing up to date for all fire systems?" Orlando

While the Seton Hall fire did take lace overnight, the University do not perform overnight fire drills but they do have "Night time fire drills." Dale does say that there are occasions when fire alarms will go off on the overnight, any time after midnight.

"These are unplanned overnight fire alarms, normally just burnt popcorn or something like that but we are prepared and our staff is notified," said Dale.

Booker, however, feels overnight fire drills could be beneficial to the students. She also said that she has only experienced afternoon fire drills.

Jean said that most University students take fire safety very seriously. Orlando agreed that this is a step in the right direction.

'Prevention is the key to fire safety. to admission to the dorms is also important and the control of under-age drinking," said Orlando.

Orlando also recommended showing students a documentary titled From Hell and Back about the Seton Hall fire to reinforce the dangers of dorm fires.

Photography Exhibit Documenting New York City After 9/11 Presented at University

Joel Meyerowitz Aftermath Series on Display at Pollak Gallery Until March 22

BRIANNA MCCABE CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The University's Center for the Arts is presenting selected works from the Joel Meyerowitz Aftermath Series, an exhibit documenting New York City after September 11, 2001 through photographs.

After September 11, 2001, the Ground Zero site was classified as a crime scene, and only those directly involved in recovery efforts were allowed inside. With the help of the Museum of the City of New York and certain city officials, award-winning photographer Joel Meyerowitz obtained unlimited access to the area. The press and other photographers were not as fortunate in gaining unrestricted rights of entry into Ground Zero.

Day and night, for nine consecutive months, Meyerowitz documented "the pile" as the World Trade Center and the estimated 800 people that helped during the recovery process came to be known as. Meyerowitz knew that if he did not make a photographic record of the recovery efforts

"there would be no history."
"Using photography to document history really helps to get an accurate historical perspective on a particular event because it demonstrates physical proof and evidence," said Harmony Bailey, sophomore history major. "Seeing these pictures of the tragedy that occurred on September 11 really hits home. I remember watching it on televiing these pictures really brought that reality back."

The exhibit contains 53 photographs, including Cave of Steel (2001), Remains on a Stokes Basket (2001), Paper Flag on a Wall (2001), Fresh Kills, Sifted Objects (2002), and First Anniversary (2002). The pictures all convey pride and unity in an effort to restore the country after the terrorist attack.

These works have been gifted to the school over the past two years. The first group of 25 prints was given to the school last year and the remainder was received in this most recent donation to the University.

"All of these prints are part of our permanent collection," said Scott Knauer, Director of Galleries and Collections. "We are fortunate to have such a rare collection of completely original prints from a photographer. We have the first-run, first-print photographs, and that is extremely unique."

A number of Meyerowitz's compelling photographs have been made into a book, "Aftermath: The World Trade Center Archive," which contains over 8,000 images recalling the event.

Tatianna Lesien, sophomore art major, stated, "I appreciate these photographs not only because I am an art major, but because I am an American. The photographs capture how we as a country united and overcame such a difficult time period." She continued, "My absolute favorite piece was Chief (2002). It shows sion back in third grade and see- the Chief of the New York Fire



Joel Meyerowitz's photograph Fresh Kills, Sifted Objects (2002) was one of the works Meyerowitz took while at Ground Zero for his 9/11 aftermath project.

grow from that point forward."

Department standing in front of in the Pollak Gallery. "I apprea mound of rubble, smiling. It ciate the fact that the University is a great contrast, and it truly allows photographers and artists shows that America would only to display their artwork on campus for us to see and reflect on," The exhibit is free and on dis- stated Bailey. Pollak Gallery is Mrs. Charles Zucker, and Mr.

from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm.

This exhibition is made possible by the generous gifts from Mr. and Mrs. Simon Levin, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Gross, Mr. and play to the public until March 22 open Monday through Friday Jeffrey Newman.

A Delicate Balance: School vs. Work

Serving on the ASRC, O'Halloran often deals with students falling behind due to overcompensating one's self to work rather than complete homework. He explains, "We usu-ally limit those readmitted from dismissal to only 12 credits per semester as long as they are on probation and encourage them to work less hours per week."

Each student is different than the next, what one student may be capable of can differ tremendously from what another student can accomplish. "I have worked all throughout my life and I am accustomed to managing my time around working. I know that this is not true for all. I have friends that work only a few hours while in college because they know their grades will suffer," Alysha Zimmerman, sophomore business major, said.

In many ways, a job can be beneficial for college students. While in college, a job can often lead students to excel in academics, gain new contacts, recognize a new interest or learn skills that will prepare them for future employment. "If the student is working in the field he/she is interested in working after graduation then the benefits of working during school may be multiplied," Robert Scott, economics professor, said.

Dorothy Clearly, Director of Tutoring and Writing Services, explains that a part-time job in college is an excellent opportunity for students. "Besides making some money to help with daily living expenses, I think it teaches students time management skills, responsibility, helps to develop learning how to be part of a team, and

Part-Time Jobs continued from pg. 1 in some cases offers students a chance to apply some of what they are learning in the classroom to the real world."

"Working at [Writing Services] was not only advantageous to my undergraduate career, but also seriously prepared me for law school and for a career in which excellent writing and communication skills are essential," said alumnus Lindsey Melody, "My experience as a tutor has impressed employers, and my time with [Writing Services] is one of my fondest college memories."

As of Friday, February 22, the University Student Employment Department reported to have 1,229 students placed in 1,628 jobs on-campus and off-campus at non-profit agencies. This does not include students jobs not affiliated with the University.

According to Aimee Parks, Assistant Director of Human Resources for Student Employment, the average freshman works eight to ten hours per week. Full-time undergraduate students and all international students are limited to work a maximum of 20 hours per week and part-time students are allowed to work a part-time reduced schedule.

While working on-campus jobs, University students are paid between \$7.50 to \$10.25 per hour. The majority are paid between \$7.50 and \$9.00 an hour, explained Parks.

"As we all know, time is a scarce commodity. If we spend more time on one activity (part-time work), that necessarily means less time available for a different activity (taking more credits per semester)," O'Halloran said. Therefore, students must choose wisely where they want to spend their time during their college years.

Phi Eta Sigma Welcomes New Members

ISABELLA PAOLA

Last Sunday, 230 of the University freshmen were inducted into Phi Eta Sigma (PES), one of the largest national honors societies in the United

Opening remarks were given by Golam M. Mathbor, Associate Dean of the McMurray School of Humanities and Social Sciences and faculty advisor for Phi Eta Sigma. He told the first-year students, "Your character is your destiny."

of the School of Science and biology a good start on her academic career professor, took the stage as the guest speaker after all freshmen were inducted. Palladino complimented the students on achieving such a high level of success in their first semester and starting their college career off so well. "Only 20 percent reach the mark," Palladino said, "You are all leaders of your class; you lead by example and by motivating others.'

Palladino spoke about many of the distinguishing features of PES but focused on one, which was goals versus expectations. Palladino said all stu-

and keeps her on the right track, but as the president of her high school's National Honor Society, she is used to ceremonies like this and was not nervous at all. In the crowd, parents of freshman Angela Morres stressed how important this opportunity was for their daughter. They said, "It will keep her on the right track and help her continue to get good grades and keep us proud."

At the ceremony, a scholarship was given for students in PES to buy books for the following semes-Lori Mueller, president of PES, dents have the expectation to get good ter. One scholarship recipient was

"Only 20 percent reach the mark. You are all leaders of your class; you lead by example and by motivating others."

MICHAEL A. PALLADINO Dean of the School of Science and Biology Professor

spoke in front of inductees and family members about the responsibilities that come with being a part of this national honor society, such as scholastic excellence and impeccable character. Mueller explained the importance of a disciplined mind as well as a well taken care of body. Some other responsibilities given were to always be truthful and helpful, live clean, and have charity when judging others.

The inductees took an oath before being called to the stage. Each student committed to uphold the responsibilities and qualities that come along with being a part of PES. They all stood up and said, "I will," after being read that they would uphold these responsibilities and qualities in everyday life.

Dr. Michael A. Palladino, Dean

grades and graduate.

Some students that are involved chose to be because they wished to meet others concerned with their academic standings. Jaclyn Vinciguerra, freshman accounting major, said, "It's a good way to meet new people and to have opportunities that otherwise I wouldn't have." Jessica Duda, freshman education major, also agreed that this would open a wide variety of opportunities for her in the future and stressed on how it means a lot to be involved in something as big as PES.

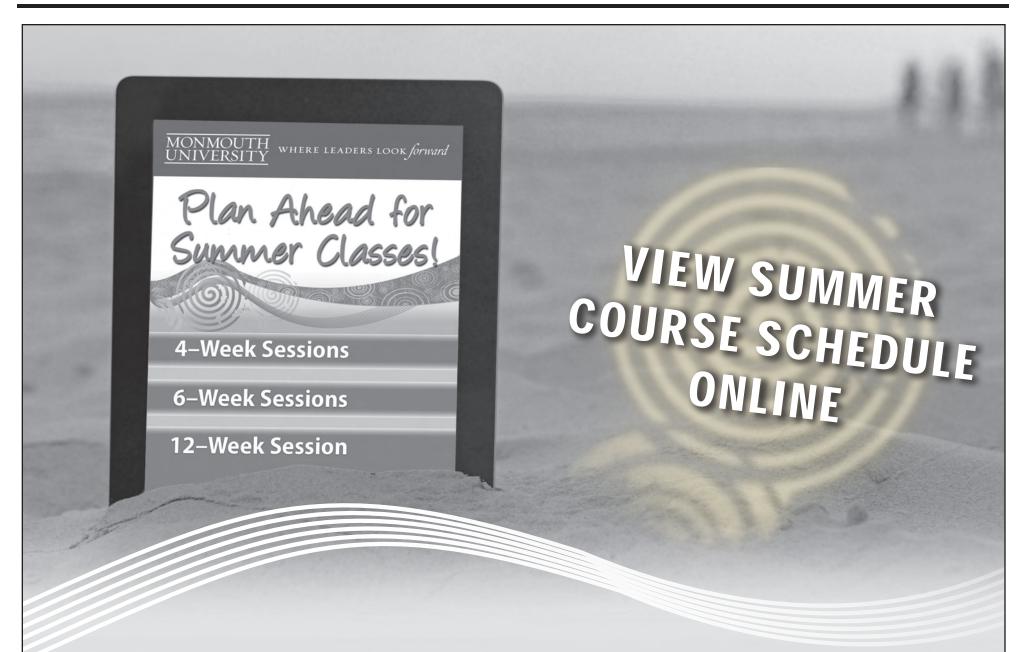
Sarah McGail, freshman English major, said, "PES is a great community of people who are as passionate about learning as I am."

Rebekah Varin, freshman English major, is glad that it establishes

Michael Burke, sophomore music industry major, who joined PES last year and was happy to be getting a scholarship to pay for his books. Burke also commented on how being a part of this honors society has helped him continually stay motivated and get good grades since he was inducted.

Mueller ended the ceremony by stating how these students' high ideals represent a love of wisdom and knowledge.

PES was organized in 1923 at the University of Illinois and now has over 200 chapters throughout the country. To be admitted, freshmen must have at least a 3.5 grade point average during their first semester at the University.



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Has Spring Break Calmed Down Since the Early 2000s?

THE OUTLOOK STAFF OPINION

Legend has it that when spring break happens, everyone gets wild and crazy. We're supposed to travel to exotic locales with beaches and a lower legal drinking age. We're supposed to spend the nights out on the town and spend our days sleeping off hangovers. That's what MTV taught

The weird thing is, for most of us, spring break involves more sweatpants than it does wet t-shirt con-

stereotypical MTV spring break for something more relaxed.

Spring break is in the middle of the semester, meaning our responsibilities don't just go away. Many students have jobs that don't follow University's the schedule. Plenty

of professors assign papers to do over break. Even when papers aren't assigned, there is still a great deal of reading to do because professors know that we have a week off. Who has time to do keg stands when there are three papers due the week we get back?

Relaxation is what spring break is about for most of The Outlook staff. Midterms will finally be over and we can relax. Will we be sleeping in? Definitely. Wearing sweatpants? Yes, please. Watching "Boy Meets World" marathons? Absolutely. That isn't to say that we're all homebodies. Some of us will definitely be going out, but we'll be going to local hangouts to catch up with friends from

our hometowns.

Is this because we don't watch much MTV anymore? Probably not. The partying lifestyle is still pretty emphasized on the network, and their ratings are still up. The hype has just died down. Sure it was the thing to do when it was new. However, much like bellbottoms and slap bracelets, trends decrease in popularity over time. Why do something that has been done a thousand times

We also have to wonder how much tests. We've strayed away from the of MTV's "Spring Break" is staged.

> "The weird thing is, for most of us, spring break involves more sweatpants than it does wet t-shirt contests. We've strayed away from the stereotypical MTV spring break for something more relaxed."

> > Producers probably aren't pulling the a breather. The first half of the sewallflowers up on stage to participate in ridiculous contests. They're looking for whoever looks like they will be entertaining.

It's also worth considering that MTV's "Spring Break" was started back in the 90s when the economy wasn't in the toilet. Going to college is expensive. Really expensive. If we live off of Ramen noodles and Easy Mac, we probably can't afford a plane ticket to anywhere we'd like. We don't have a few thousand dollars to blow on a vacation that we'll be too drunk to remember. It's a little hard to convince parents to pay for a spring break trip when MTV has publicized the less than parent-

friendly activities that happen.

If we are lucky enough to go anywhere, it's usually a family vacation. As cool as our mothers like to think they are, we aren't bringing them to the club to do body shots.

Also, a lot of emphasis is placed on alternative spring breaks. About 20 University students will be headed to Guatemala as part of a service trip with Salud Y Paz, a nonprofit organization. They will finish building a school they started to work on last

Even MTV has a program with United Way (a volunteer organization) called "Spring Fix" which is for college students who want to help with Sandy Relief. It's a great way to contribute to a community and build your resume with just a one week commitment.

> Spring break is a great opportunity for

mester has worn us down, and spring break is our chance to re-energize. It gives us just a taste of vacation. We get to catch up with our homework, our sleep and our social lives. We see our families and eat some home cooked meals before our return. It gets us prepared to face the rest of the semester. None of us really feel like we're missing out on something by not going on a crazy spring break trip. We're perfectly happy keeping our plans low key and low cost.

Whether you're going crazy in Cancun or staying in your pajamas for an entire week, we at The Outlook hope all of you have a great spring break.



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What Do You Want to Be When You Grow Up?

One Student Shares Story of How Her Vision for the Future Changed Throughout College Years

VICTORIA JORDAN

When I was in the first grade, I remember writing down all of the things I wanted to be when I grew up; an astronaut, a teacher, a mommy, a puppy. I wanted to be anything I found inspiring and fun.

As I grew older and realized that I could be anything but a puppy, I realized the many other things I wanted to be along with my original ideas; a lawyer, a doctor, and an actress.

As I reached high school, I thought I had my dreams limited down to what I wanted to study in college. I wanted to be a television broadcaster and work in New York City.

After my freshman year at MU, I switched majors and decided I wanted to study Public Relations. What do I want to be now? I couldn't tell

of what I could see myself pursuing as a career. The truth is that I can see myself doing a lot. I still feel like the little girl who imagined flying to the moon in a space shuttle, teaching kids the alphabet and becoming a movie star.

slightly changed to be more realistic and tailored to my current interests, I find myself constantly wondering the same question: "What do I want to be when I grow up?"

This has been the toughest question I have had to answer during my

thinking about it. I am sure every senior feels overwhelmed thinking about what they will be doing after graduation.

There are things I do wish I would have considered pursuing, possibly some of the careers listed above from my childhood.

Thankfully, I can say I am genuinely happy with the path I chose to study. Finding a job that makes you happy is every person's goal. The question is how can we avoid the stress of finding a perfect career

After speaking with a close professor of mine, I have come to understand that I do not have to know exactly what I want to do right out of college. In fact, I am learning to find it easier to market myself as a diverse candidate for many areas of work.

Typing "public relations practitio-I honestly wish I had a clear image ner" or "public relations entry level job" into Google is not how I think I will find the job that will make me excited to wake up for work every morning.

I would rather learn about every type of career not only in public relations but also in similar fields such as Although those dreams have marketing, social media, web writing, and event planning.

For almost anyone that has declared a major, I am sure that you had a vision of what you wanted to do with that degree as soon as you graduated. As for me? I declared my major without knowing what it was,

get caught up in moments of stress do with it. Honestly, I am still figuring that out.

> If you are stressing over an unclear career path, stop and take a breath. You do not need to plan out the next fifty years of your life right now. It is literally impossible to do.

> The only thing you need to focus on is finding your passion and pursuing something that feeds that fire. Doing so will make for a much simpler and enjoyable job search as well as life. Do not assume that you are limited to anything. As long as you have the knowledge, skills, and love for something, run with it.

> My biggest concern is losing my passion for something because I am not able to utilize it in my career. How do I overcome that fear? By doing something that allows me to show my enthusiasm for what I find enjoyable in my life.

If I choose a career path that affords me the opportunity to go to work everyday knowing that I will be doing something I enjoy, I can ensure that I never lose my drive to do the things I love.

The best advice that I learned about not knowing what I want to do after graduation is that I do not have to know. I do not need to have my vision of a perfect career set in stone and remain unwavering until I reach it. That will simply leave me with a heck of a lot of pressure to live up to the hype that I created.

I do, however, have a vision of who I want to be as a person and what entire college career. I still tend to the work it entailed, and what I could kind of lifestyle I will enjoy the most.



Victoria Jordan is an active member of PRSSA and looks to pursue a career in public relations.

Fitness, nutrition, and overall health and what you want out of life, but do those aspects of my life high on my list of priorities is key.

You should do the same. Decide what is most valuable to you and find a career that suits your personality and lifestyle.

and wellness is important to me, so not feel pressured into having evfinding a job that allows me to keep erything figured out by the time you graduate from college. It is best to take the time to find yourself before choosing a career, rather than settling for something you will live to regret.

What it really comes down to is what makes you happy, right? So Always be conscious of your goals choose to live a happy life.

Spending Spring Break at Home

Ways to Spend the Week For Those Not Traveling

ANNA CHAMBERLAIN

"What are you doing for your spring break?" has been the most popular question in my classes I have heard over the past few weeks. As usual, there are the general responses of going to Florida, cruises, skiing, and, of course, visiting grandma and grandpa for the week.

However, among those exciting plans I heard in a surprisingly dreadful tone: "You guys are so lucky. I'm just going to be stuck at home again this year," from one of my female peers.

Like several of my other classmates, I will also be spending my a breath of fresh air, and Spring Break this year homebound in North Jersey. While it would be nice karma points. to travel some place warm and sunny with consistent weather, I can attest whole week off with no that as a college student, my budget classes, practice, or extrais currently kept on a tight leash making travel a low priority for now.

Still, to those of you who are staying home, you can still have just as much fun with a well-planned "Staycation" this year. You just have to see for yourself instead of moping around on Facebook looking at everybody else having fun.

If you are looking to do something fun over the break, try planning a day trip somewhere. As long as you have some type of transportation and an open mind, you can go anywhere and have a great time. It could be going to a museum in the city, the beach, or simply having a day in the park with your friends.

Something as simple as going out to dinner and a movie with friends can be a great way to shake your stay home blues, and if you are short on cash, have dinner and a movie at your mosphere can help you get the bulk house.

This is a great way to try those new recipes you have on your Pin- done, and treat yourself when you

trest board you have been waiting to try, and show off your wicked cooking skills to all your friends.

However, I know that, like myself, several of my friends from home are on different Spring Break schedules. If this happens to be the case, try to meet someone new, or invite a friend from Monmouth to come hang out with

Also, if there are volunteer groups, go and help out your community for a day. It will be will get you some major

Seeing as you have a curriculars, use this time for yourself. Catch up on that book that you have been trying to read since the beginning of the se-

mester, organize your room, or have some quiet time to yourself.

Experiment with hobbies too, or try at least one new thing that you did not have time for while school has been in session. I know that over break I will probably be trying to make some sort of plan to work on some creative writing that has been on the back burner since January.

If none of these ideas have you packing your bags to rush home, you can always use the week to get ahead.

Whether it is fixing up your resume, finising a paper due at the end of the semester, or simply doing some reading, doing work in a relaxed atof your work done.

Plan ahead what you want to get



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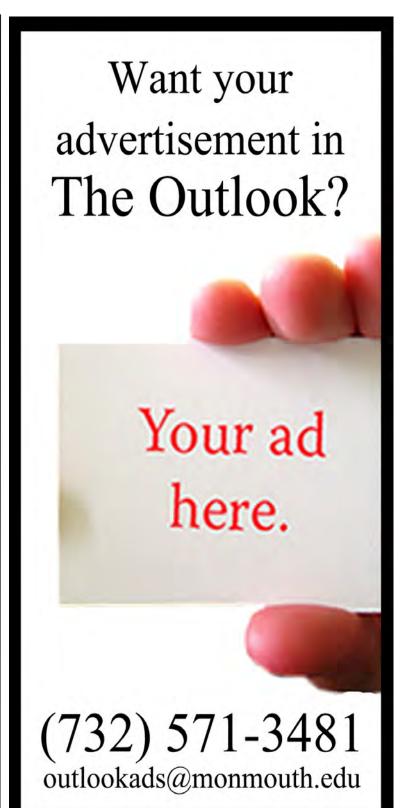
Spring Break is typically a time to travel to warm climates and spend days on the beach, but there are also enjoyable ways to spend the week for those staying home.

accomplish the goal. This will be a huge benefit later when the end of the semester arrives and almost everyone is buried in work. You can then have a bit of breathing room to enjoy the spring weather, and it is a fun way to give yourself an excuse to spoil yourself.

These are only a few of the multiple ways that you can have fun on a "stay-cation." Just because you are at home does not mean it will be a bad time. It will only seem that way if you have that type of attitude about

So whether you are traveling to Florida, or down the street, I think we can agree on one thing: Spring Break can't come soon enough.

FOR MORE ON SPRING BREAK CHECK OUT PAGE 14



New Jersey Taking on Gun Control; 22 New Laws Passed

KATIE MEYER

New Jersey lawmakers passed 22 new gun laws on February 28 that focus on gun and ammunition sales, improving mental health services, gun safety, stopping illegal gun trafficking, school security, and stopping gang violence.

a "hot button" topic, with some saying the Second Amendment allows them the right to own firearms, and some saying that the Second Amendment has been laws. misinterpreted all these years and that it simply allows us the right to form a militia, which we already have in the form of the United States Armed Forces.

In the past two years alone, there have been multiple shootings: the shooting in Arizona at a grocery store where former Representative Gabrielle Giffords ers were wounded and six people died that January day in 2011 because the shooter was able to get his hands on a high powered rifle.

When The Dark Night Rises came out in July of last year, James Holmes entered the movie theater and killed 12 people, injuring 70 others.

The most recent mass shooting was Newtown, Connecticut, where Adam Lanza shot his mother, killed 20 first grade students and six teachers at an elementary school, before killing himself. These are just the shootmake the evening news.

It is precisely these shootings that have people asking for something to be done. It is precisely these shootings; especially the Newtown shooting that has some lawmakers in New Jersey paying attention.

The Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence gave New Jersey an "A-" for its already strict gun laws. When ranked with other Gun control has always been states in the country, New Jersey falls in the "second-strongest tier," along with Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New York. Only California has stronger gun

Chief William McElrath of the Monmouth Police Department said, "Yes. I believe that tougher gun laws, as they apply to the illegal possession of a weapon, may assist in reducing violence. That being said, gun violence is the urban areas of our state."

A report released by researchwas shot in the head. Eleven others at Boston Children's Hospital and Harvard University found that states that took the time to pass strict gun laws saw less crime and death by gun shots.

However, NBC's Rock Center with Brian Williams visited Camden, New Jersey on March 8, and found that 2012 saw the most homicides ever in the city's history: 67 people were killed. That averages out to "someone being shot every 33 hours."

So, what's the deal? Are these laws helping or not?

In 2011, Camden experienced cutbacks in their budget and had control laws would affect those ings that were awful enough to let go of half its police force. citizens and their Second Amend-

Williams, that left just 200 police illness is certainly an issue in require ammunition purchases officers to patrol a city of 77,000 people.

Another report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that focused on gun-related homicides and suicides found that states that had the most laws pertaining to gun control had 42 percent less gun-related deaths than states that had the least number of gun related laws. This means that even though Camden saw more death last year, the state - as a whole - saw less.

Yet. New Jersev lawmakers are passing 22 more gun prevention laws, despite the lower crime rate and being one of the toughest states on guns. And that is because gun violence is still occurring, and everyone is arguing about why.

Samantha Wilson, a senior still much too high, especially in criminal justice major said, "I think there are many factors that contribute to gun violence. Currently, I think mental illness needs to be examined as a contributing factor to gun violence. It is easy to blame a gun for violence, but what needs to be examined is the person using the gun."

Dr. Michele Grillo, assistant professor of the Criminal Justice Department added, "In New Jersey, if you are issued a gun permit, you are not required to take a firearms course, and no course is required to obtain a permit."

Grillo continued, "However, most citizens of the state are law abiding citizens. Stricter gun According to the report by Brian ment right to bear arms. Mental

after the recent school shootings. comes in all forms and degrees, one in New Jersey."

Lawmakers are making sure that examination will happen. and Sociology Department, said Four of the bills signed into law that she thinks a lot of things last week are about mental health and background checks.

Chief McElrath said that he thought easy access to illegal weapons was one of the causes of ners of our cities than it should

Aaron Goldner, a senior communication major with a minor in psychology, said, "I'm sure gun laws have made some sort of impact on violence in New Jersey, but we still have cities like Camden and Newark where crime is is no simple solution to gun viuncontrollable and has basically set up permanent shop in these areas. That's not going to change alone will not solve the probanytime soon unless something lem. There needs to be a broad dramatic is done."

might keep the guns out of the grams, along with strong ensuburbs, but in lower income forcement and prosecution of areas where gang life thrives there is still devastating violence where guns are the main weapon of choice to handle a conflict of and take responsibility. We all any kind. So until these crucial need to admit that this problem areas are addressed tighter gun will not be solved overnight. laws are not going to stop the vio- There are so many reasons why lence."

many states and brought to light to be made in person, identification to include a picture and for I have not heard that this is an identification of gun owners to be issue or a significant concern in updated every five years. These New Jersey. But mental illness laws are meant to keep a closer eye on who is buying guns and and all it takes is one occurrence bullets and to make sure that the for the issue to become a serious purchaser is who they claim to be.

Professor Johanna Foster, instructor for the Political Science contribute to gun violence, and yes, mental illness is one of them, so is easy access. But she also said, "I do think that one of the major social factors that doesn't gun violence. "It is far too easy to enter the conversation, but does obtain a weapon on the street cor- absolutely need to enter the conversation is masculinity. I think that until we're willing to tackle the meaning of manhood, and the willingness to use violence, and the willingness to seek revenge we will have a tough time stopping gun violence."

Chief McElrath said, "There olence. Although enforcement is very important, enforcement approach to gun violence that Goldner continued, "Gun laws includes education, social proviolators."

If we want to see an end to gun violence, we all need to step up gun control is a problem, but it is Lawmakers included laws that a problem that needs to be solved.

Kurtzer Discussed International Dilemmas in Israel, Egypt and America

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sustain another failure, but by not trying, the situation would not freeze in time. If you're not constantly operating on it then it is always changing for the worst."

Another topic addressed by the ambassador was the Israeli Palestinian conflict over land in the Middle East. "The narratives of Israelis and Palestine's mirror each other - injustice, exile, etc. both has suffered the same - classic mutually hurting stale

According to Kurtzer, in 2008 there were negotiations to settle tensions between Palestine and Israel in which the United States wasinvoled in broking the deal. However, the negotiations fell through once it was made public and the Obama adminis- of pride and accomplishment betration has not picked up the negotiations since he took office

Kurzter claimed that in order to have peace in the Middle East, three criteria must be set: Urgency, Demography and Democracy, and a Pathway to Peace.

In discussing urgency, Kurzter said, "Israel has not suffered a single death due to an act of terror so to them, the need for negotiations with Palestine is not an immediate problem."

Demography and democracy are two areas in which Kurzter discussed Israel in detail. Israel has a large population of land in which non-citizens live and cannot vote. Kurzter believes this will end in the next 15 years while some scholars believe it won't end until 2040 or 2050. Kurzter said that equal voting should be provided to all and Israel should look to remove "Jewish state"

Pathway to peace, Kurzter believes, is a job for the United States. "You cannot leave it up to the parties to bridge their differences. It is not our conflict but it is in our national

self-interest to fix these issues and we cannot rely on these parties to fix these issues. It's time for the U.S. to get serious and develop a policy strategy that will lead a serious process of peace making," said Kurzter.

Following his discussion, Krutzer took questions from the audience. One University student, Alexandria Fitzgerald, a senior communication major asked the question, "If U.S. is fatigued, wouldn't we seem weak to the rest of the world?"

Kurzter responded that the United States does look weak. "They [The Middle East] believe we are weak when we don't act in their peace process," said Kurzter.

Fitzgerald said that getting to ask the Ambassador a question was an honor. "I definitely felt a sense ing able to apply what I learned in

Aside from being able to ask a question of the Ambassador, Fitzgerald took a lot away from the event. "Overall, I was able to take away a better understanding of the United States' presence in Middle Eastern foreign affairs, especially in the peace-making process, and how imperative it is for our leaders to use their influence to thier advantage," said Fitzgerald.

Gaffney was impressed by Kurzter. "I knew he was accomplished but I was very impressed by the depth of his knowledge. He spoke un-haltingly for 40 minutes about a very complicated issue without one note," said Gaffney.

Fitzgerald was also impressed. "I thought the ambassador's presentation was so informative and was presented in such a unique style. His lecture spoke about some extremely deep issues but he effectively organized them in a way for the audience to follow along," said



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Former United States Ambassador David Kurtzer spoke at the University on Tuesday about how America can help the Middle East peace process.

President for Jewish Cultural Studies Initiatives, said that he enjoyed Kurzter's presentation for its wellbalanced approach.

"I was impressed by his candor. depth of knowledge, and empathy with both Israelis and Palestinians. The approach he followed and the sentiment he expressed in his lecture are most needed for advancing the peace process," said Sarsar.

Sarsar believed that Kurzter of-

and surrounding community to in-

'Bringing Ambassador Kurzter to campus makes possible the interaction of our students, faculty, administration, and staff with public servants and public intellectuals and such events enables the campus community to interact with attendees from outside the University," said Sarsar.

Gaffney said that students should Dr. Saliba Sarsar, Associate Vice fered a chance for the University take away a sense of awareness.

"I think students should be generally aware of major global issues - maybe not expert on any particular issue, but generally know what the big and lingering issues are and understand that U.S. positions on those issues are important to the rest of the world."

Sarsar recommends that all interested in global events attend the Global Understanding Convention on April 8-12 on the University campus.

Medical Marijuana Has High Expectations

BRITTANY HARDAKER

The New Jersey Senate was handed a bill last week that would protect the state's medical marijuana patients from being denied medical care, including organ transplants. Sponsored by state Senators Joseph F. Vitale (D) and Nicholas P. Scutari (D), the bill was approved by New Jersey's Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee and is now headed to floor vote in the NJ Senate.

The bill, Senate Bill 1220, requires that "any registered, qualifying patient's authorized use of medical marijuana is to be considered by medical providers equivalent to the use of any other prescribed medication, rather than an illicit substance." It is designed to ensure that a patient's use of medical marijuana would not prohibit them from receiving much needed medical care, the bill explains.

Advocates of medical marijuana recognize the treatment as a compassionate and humane way to manage pain and provide relief from side effects that often accompany chronic and terminal conditions.

"The thought that someone would be denied treatment that could help cure their condition or greatly reduce their suffering because of their legal use of this prescribed drug is abhorrent. We must address this issue," said Scutari in a press release regarding the recent bill.

S1220 would supplement the "Compassionate Use Medical Marijuana Act," (S119) which legalized medical marijuana for New Jersey residents suffering from chronic and terminal diseases in 2010. The Act explains how modern medical research has found beneficial use for marijuana in treating certain "debilitating conditions" and their

The New Jersey's Department of Health website offers a list of debilitating conditions that can be resistant to conventional medical therapy and are approved by the state's medicinal marijuana program. Some of the approved conditions include multiple sclerosis, terminal cancer, muscular dystrophy, seizure disorders, and glaucoma.

Patients who have cancer or who

are positive for HIV/AIDS are also eligible to treat their conditions and debilitating side effects associated with their treatment and therapy, the NJDOH website explains.

Although federal law currently prohibits the use of marijuana, a total of 18 states and Washington D.C. have enacted laws to legalize the drug for medical use. California was the first state to establish a medical marijuana program, enacted by Proposition 215 in 1996. Some states, such as Colorado and Washington, have legalized marijuana for recreational use.

Despite criticism, many physicians throughout the state have accepted medicinal marijuana as a remedy for a number of conditions.

However, implementation of New Jersey's medical marijuana law has been a slow and daunting process for many residents and their physicians. On August 9, 2012, more than two years after the act was signed, the Medical Marijuana Program (MMP) registry opened to qualified patients. On December 6, 2012, the first state-approved dispensary, "Greenleaf Compassion Center of Montclair, NJ," opened for business.

Since that time, New Jersey has approved six medical marijuana facilities, but Greenleaf has been the only one to open its doors, according to an article from politickernj. com. "New Jersey has 562 registered patients eligible to receive medical marijuana, but Greenleaf, which is only open two days a week, has been able to serve about 20 percent of them so far. There's currently a two-month wait for an appointment," the article explains.

Dr. Charles Cotton of the Political Science Department said, "Medicinal marijuana has certainly proven to be beneficial for the more than one million American citizens who use it on a daily basis to fight their specific health problems including cancer and AIDS."

"However," Cotton said, "Medicinal marijuana will continue to be controversial until the federal government takes a firm stance on the issue, and even then, the controversy will not fully rest." He explained that until more than two thirds of states pass medicinal marijuana laws, federal law and support on this subject is unlikely.

Chief William McElrath of the University's Police Department expressed his support for the use of medicinal marijuana in the treatment of individuals suffering from chronic or terminal diseases.

He said, "The University Police have been issued guidelines from the State Attorney General's Office on how to handle medical marijuana qualifying patients and the State's medical marijuana program.'

However, McElrath explained, "It is important to remember that only those individuals who have lawfully applied and been issued a State Registry Identification Card are entitled to participate."

Courtney Woodards, a sophomore political science major said, "Medical marijuana helps patients, it's that simple. I've never heard of any negative side effects, only recent studies showing the benefits of medical marijuana."

She also believes that medicinal marijuana should eventually be legalized throughout the country. "Yes, it has a high potential for abuse, but what drug doesn't?" Woodward said.

Dr. Christopher Hirschler of the Department of Health and Physical Education explained how all medications, including cannabis, must be evaluated using a cost/benefit analysis. He explained that we must ask the questions of whether or not the benefits outweigh the side effects or, if safer or more effective alternatives to medicinal marijuana exist.

"While inhaled cannabis has been shown to be effective in reducing chemotherapy induced nausea and vomiting, neither the American nor the European oncology societies recommend cannabinoids as a first treatment choice," Hirschler said.

Hirschler cited a review published in the journal Critical Reviews in Oncology/Hematology, which concluded, "Medical cannabis remains a paradox in many ways. Cannabis smoke may be carcinogenic but it has been difficult to conclusively link cannabis use and cancer development epidemiologically, and cannabinoids have shown some promise as anti-cancer therapies.

Senior communication major Aaron Goldner explained how medicinal marijuana is ideal for many patients because it lacks the harmful



Medical marijuana is available to those with certain terminal illnesses in New Jersey, but is very difficult to receive.

side effects and addictive properties that painkillers and other prescribed

"Medicinal marijuana works wonders for mental disorders such as bipolar disorder and depression, but New Jersey won't recognize these as serious illnesses," he said. Goldner expressed, "People are suffering because of the United States losing the war on drugs and their prohibition on a substance less harmful than Advil."

"The wrong people are in charge of these kind of decisions," he continued, "They are misinformed and have some sort of false war against pot morale that is based off of propaganda and is created by those who have motives to keep marijua-

Jim Shaw, a sophomore biology major said, "Even though many praise California for having very relaxed marijuana policies, I don't believe that New Jersey should run their medical marijuana program the same way." Instead, Shaw explained his belief that medicinal marijuana should be put in the hands of pharmaceutical companies rather than in the hands of those who choose to open dispensaries.

"By extracting the THC molecules from marijuana and putting them in pill-like form, people won't be as encouraged to smoke, promoting a healthier alternative for taking a medication that so many people legal under national law.'

depend on," he said.

Dr. Robert Scott of Economics and Finance Department said, "There are many arguments for whether or not medicinal marijuana should be legalized throughout the country." One of those arguments, Scott explained, is that "by taxing, regulating, and getting marijuana out of corrupted hands, it will be easier to control distribution domestically.'

He explained that the government's "War on Drugs" has largely been a failure across the board and that by "allowing for medicinal marijuana to be grown on American soil, there is a higher chance that it will be put into the right hands."

Scott compared New Jersey to states like California, the first state to establish a medicinal marijuana program and a state that is notoriously lenient in their marijuana policies. He explained that if New Jersey ever moves towards a "California-style" of regulating, the state could see more of a financial

"Legalizing medicinal marijuana can lead to taxation which would also open up many different jobs and could stimulate the market," he said. However, Scott warned, "At this time, medical marijuana is limited in New Jersey because the program is very highly regulated, contained, and is still considered il-

Peace Be With You: Vatican and U.S. Diplomacy

BILL SCARANO

The news of the first Papal resignation in 598 years has focused the attentions of nearly the entire Western dent state, and secured the Pope's website states that diplomatic ties are world upon a tiny, yet world-famous, independence from national obliga- purely of a state-to-state dynamic; for so long and it still holds such a 're-invent' itself and always has been

Many states around the world Church. maintain diplomatic ties with the Holy See, and the United States is no different. From the earliest years of American independence, the United States maintained consular ties with. what were at that time, the Papal States, which were territories in central and northern Italy over which the Pope exercised control. After Italian unification in 1861, the Papal States were incorporated into the State of Italy and the Pope was sent retreating into within the Vatican walls.

The Vatican, or Holy See, is the world's smallest sovereign state. With its territorial claims consisting of a mere 109 acres, a population of less than 850, and the distinction of being the only state on Earth where the Latin Language is still spoken in a day-to-day context, the Vatican is dwarfed by the sizes of most American municipalities. Its leader and sovereign, the Pope, is also the shepherd of the world's estimated 1.2 billion most recognized and influential individuals on the planet.

In 1929, the Lateran Treaty, an agreement between the Holy See and the State of Italy, established the Fr. William's sentiments are echoed Vatican as a sovereign and indepenenclave within the city of Rome, Italy. tions in his leadership of the Catholic "The United States and the Holy See

Although informal relations between the U.S. and the ecclesiastical state had existed for decades after the ratification of the Lateran Treaty, the United States officially recognized the Vatican's independence in 1984 and has maintained diplomatic ties

One of America's longstanding attributes, however, has been the lack of an official state religion as well as the implication of a separation of church and state. Given the Vatican's position as sovereign territory of the Catholic Church; can the United States' continued diplomatic ties with the Holy See be interpreted as an endorsement of Catholicism?

Fr. William Lago, the University's Chaplain and Campus Minister, believes that this does not yield a contradiction in American precedent. "There are several countries which maintain diplomatic relations with the U.S. whose governments are Roman Catholics and is one of the inextricably linked with other religions. Our government's diplomatic is a fact not lost to senior political

relationships with these other countries have not meant that the U.S. government endorses any religion." by the U.S. State Department, whose consult and cooperate on international issues of mutual interest, including human rights, inter-religious understanding, peace and conflict prevention, development, and environmental protection."

U.S.-Vatican relations have, however, been an asset over the years with regard to U.S. foreign policy as well as for international security and human rights concerns. The work between the United States and then-Pope John Paul II served to sow the seeds of change in terms of beginning to tear the Iron Curtain which separated Western Europe and the Soviet-dominated East. The ability for America and the Holy See to unite their message on human equality, religious tolerance, and civil liberties helped to embolden formerly oppressed populations in Eastern Europe, particularly in John Paul II's homeland of Poland.

The power of the United States coupled with the influence of the 1.2 billion-strong Catholic Church

science major Alexandria Fitzger- serve as an opportunity for the Cathger poses a danger in the eyes of the in America, opinions are divided. United States, Fitzgerald argues that "the Vatican has been established lic Church has never had the need to supreme role in world affairs; the relevant. The Church, in its mission, United States is right to maintain its diplomatic ties with them." Fitzgerald also stated that, despite a far different geo-political outlook at present than there had been in the 1980s; future U.S.-Vatican relations could "include combined efforts to combat humanitarian issues such as women's and children's rights, forced labor, and sexual abuse.'

What does the future hold for U.S.-Vatican relations? After the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI, the Holy See is considered *sede vacante*. Latin for "vacant seat." At this point, the 115 cardinals who make up the papal electoral conclave hold the key to future ties between the ecclesiastical state and America. Until a new pope is elected, which is thought to occur by Easter, relations are effectively in a state of suspended animation, as the new pope, in his role as sovereign of the Vatican city-state, will assume the role of being its chief diplomat and, as such, will dictate Vatican policy moving forward.

As to whether this new era could Latin, Habemus Papam.

ald. Although Communism, still olic Church as a whole to reinvent its extant but much weakened, no lon- image in light of a declining audience

> Fr. Lago believes that "The Cathois relevant because its service is always needed - to serve people in their needs and to assist people in the quest for truth."

> Others, such as a professor who requested to remain anonymous, stated that "The Church needs to address its loss in influence among America's youth. Issues such as gay rights and clergy celibacy turn many young people away from the Church."

> Despite the relative uncertainty over the exact details of future U.S.-Vatican relations as well as possible implications it could have for the social influence of the Catholic Church moving forward, it is almost certain that America and the Holy See will continue their collaboration for the sake of advancing the human condition around the world. Until then, the world will watch and wait for the beginning of a new era which shall commence with a proud announcement of great news from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica: We have a pope, or, as is said in the customary



Local St. Patrick's Day Parades and Pub Crawls



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Saint Patrick's Day is a unique day when people nationwide all of the sudden finds their Irish roots. Unlike the traditional holidays, there may not be much gift giving but instead there is still a need to celebrate. Every year, March 17 marks the day when America gets painted green. Practically everywhere one turns, they can spot Irish flags, green attire, leprechaun accessories and numerous "Kiss Me I'm Irish" t-shirts running around the town.

Junior communication major, Mike Migliaro, reveals that he will celebrating St. Patrick's Day by "being Irish for the day with my fraternity brothers." In his opinion, college students "can still celebrate the holiday while on a budget by staying close to home.'

on the town to honor the day, it is almost certain you are bound to find an event celebrating this March holiday. Both local and major cities plan events beginning in the early weeks of March to the end of the month to honor and celebrate this day.

Depending on who you are, you may view St. Patrick's Day falling right in the beginning of our spring break lucky. This coincidence makes a great opportunity to explore different St. Patrick Day events happening in the tri-

One of the most famed St. Patrick's Day Parade happens an hour north in New York City. The city will be entering its 251st year of hosting a St. Patrick's Day Parade making it the oldest city in the nation to do so. Saturday, March 16 marks the date NYC will be hosting its annual St. Patrick's Day parade.

Dr. Helen O'Brien of the Uniand has close ties to the holiday as well as NYC.

"I have attended many St. Patrick's Day Parades both in NY New York."

and in Ireland since childhood. We always met many, many people who enjoyed the lively and fun loving spirit of the day and of course everyone is Irish on St. Paddy's Day!" O'Brien said.

Although O'Brien is very fond of the traditional parade, she is opposed to one of its elements. "Gay & lesbian folks are still not permitted to openly march and that casts a shadow over a day that celebrates the spirit of the Irish; that undeniable Irish way of laughing, singing, and enjoying family and friends even in the midst of hardship - which are experiences we all share no matter who we love."

O'Brien also notes that homosexuals are allowed to participate in the Ireland parades, and there St. Paddy's Day is considered a catholic holiday.

One person who will be in attendance at the NYC parade is If you are planning to go out freshman communication major, Carly Lubsen.

'St. Paddy's Day is the best, every year my friends and I hop on the train to the city to see the parade. It is a fun tradition for us that we look forward to every year," Lubsen said.

The parade will begin at approximately 11:00 in the morning on Forty-fourth Street and will continue marching its way down Fifth Avenue. It is suggested to arrive a few hours early as large crowds will be expected. From personal experience, the north end of the parade has the best viewing spots if you want to avoid the crowds that swarm the sidewalks below Fifty-ninth. The parade concludes at Seventy-ninth, around 2:00 pm or 3:00.

With more than 150,000 participants marching in the parade and more than 2 million spectators lining Fifth Avenue, the St. Patrick's Day Parade in NYC is billed as the largest parade in the counveristy's Social Work School is try. All participants are on foot; the daughter of irish immigrants there are no floats, no motorized vehicles, and no balloons. Every year the parade is televised live in



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The St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City has been an annual event since Irish soldiers who were part of the British Army began the tradition in 1762.

want to keep the celebration going, the question now is where to go next? If a bar or pub is not really your scene and are looking for more of family atmosphere, head over to Regis High School on 60 East Eighty-Fifth Street for the second annual alcohol-free party, 'Sober St. Patrick's Day.'

On March 16 from 3-6 pm, spectators can enjoy participation of celebrities from the arts, worldclass musicians, as well as dancers and senior Irish politicians. Light food and soft drinks will be served and tickets are only \$12.

For those who are looking for the party scene, grab some friends and head over to Hoboken, NJ. Hoboken is a trendy, urban area only a 15 minute car ride from the city that will be hosting a threeday St. Paddy's Day bar crawl the 15 to the 17. Numerous bars are participating in this fun event ranging from downtown to west Hoboken.

Green Rock Tap & Grill on Hudson Street. One day or three day tickets can be purchased at barcrawls.com and prices range from \$10 to \$15.

If the city or Hoboken is not in your proximity, Philadelphia will also be entertaining crowds this weekend. While the city has already held their parade, Philadelphia's annual pub crawl on Saturday, March 16 will last all day from 11:00 am to 2:00 am on Sunday. While all the bars taking part in the pub crawl are obliged to open at 11:00 am, they do close at different hours.

For example, Tavern on Broad Street will be open from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm with a ticket price of March 23, Atlantic Highlands will \$15, but as previously mentioned not all pubs will be in corresponding hours.

Philadelphia holds a plethora of Irish pubs, two of the best known tate a parade, St. Patrick's Day is being McFadden's and Fado's. Located on 461 North Third Street, the day and do not forget to do it Some of the bars include Room McFadden's always brings in a in Irish style.

Once the parade is over and you 84 on Washington Street and large crowd. If you wish to feel a definite Irish vibe, go to Fado's which is located on 1500 Locust

> If you prefer avoiding the city, there are still some parades taking place at the beloved Jersey Shore. On March 16 at 1:00 pm, Atlantic City will host their St. Paddy's Day parade where marchers will travel all the way along the board-

> You could also travel a little farther south to North Wildwood where the town will be have its annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration and Parade beginning at noon and will procede north on Atlantic

> The following weekend on continue to be in the St. Paddy's Day spirit with their own parade starting at 2:00 pm at Huddy Park.

Whether you bar hop or speca fun-filled holiday for all. Enjoy

Get 'Em While They're Hot: Irish Recipes

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In America's view, St. Patrick's Day is typically filled with drinking and dressing in green accompanied by a party or attending a parade. Though the focus of the cook an Irish meal on the holiday for your family or offer your pals some Irish treats, there are plenty of ways to celebrate by eating.

If you want to hold a traditional dinner, there are a number of foods available. For starters, you can make Irish potato and leek soup, two vegetables often eaten in the Emerald Isle. This soup requires two leeks, one pound of potatoes, half a teaspoon of white pepper, an ounce of butter, two thyme sprigs, half a cup of heavy whipped cream, half an onion, and vegetable broth.

Begin by dicing the potatoes, chopping the onions, and chopping the leeks much like you would celery. Use butter instead of spray in a pot and turn on the stove. Then combine the potatoes, onions, and leeks into the pot. Let this cook for around 15 minutes while stirring every three minutes.

Once the 15 minutes is finished, add the broth to the pot along with

the pot sit while stirring occasionally until the soup begins to simmer. At this point, let the soup cook for another ten minutes, then puree the soup using a blender. Finally, mix in the whipped cream and your soup will be complete.

If you are looking for a heavier holiday differs from Ireland, there meal, Shepard's Pie is a baked are still traditional Irish foods you dish that only takes about 30 can incorporate into your celebra- minutes. This pie is layered with ness major Kyle O'Grady. tion. Whether you are looking to meat, gravy and mashed potatoes.

beef. Recipes for this meal vary depending on your unique tastes. For example, some include sour cream while others do not.

Corned beef and cabbage is also a well-known Irish meal, which takes a little longer to prepare than the Shepard's pie but is worth the wait according to sophomore busi-

"Corned beef is one of the most Typically lamb is in the meal, but delicious dishes my mom makes. simple, and healthy," Harris said.

this year, so we will be serving it," O' Grady shares.

Tyler McCue, a senior criminal justice major, agrees. "Corned beef is my absolute favorite."

Unlike O'Grady and McCue, Communication Professor Mary Harris prefers the cabbage side of nate in Ireland, but this does not the dish. "My favorite Irish food rule them out as a dessert treat. is cabbage because it is delicious,

After the dinner platters, if you possible as well. Soda bread is essential when discussing Irish traditions and can be made in many different ways. To be considered old-fashioned, it is made with only flour, baking soda, salt, and soured milk (or buttermilk) according to sodabread.info.

"My favorite Irish food is definitely soda bread. My family has passed down the recipe through generations," sophomore physical education major, Mike Kulik,

If you are looking for something with a little more sweetness but want to include soda bread, you can create brown bread ice cream. This includes soda bread with brown sugar and stirs the bread into ice cream.

In the springtime on the countryside, people often go blueberry a meal for your family and friends picking. The result of this is the and show them the luck of the dessert known as fool. To make

it can be substituted for ground My family is starting our first an- this creation, cook blueberries, nual O'Grady St. Patrick's party raspberries, blackberries, or any other berry you like with some sugar, then puree them and fold into whipped cream to make a mousse like dessert.

> While Irish potato candies are a common dessert found in the United States, they did not origi-

If you are nervous about experimenting with Irish foods, you can offer green vegetables such as peas want to serve some sweets this is and green beans as sides. Lay out a tray of fruit including strawberries, oranges, pineapples, green grapes, blueberries and blackberries to reflect a rainbow. Put Rolo candies at the end of the plate to symbolize a pot of gold.

If you are looking for a quick dessert, you can bake cupcakes and decorate them with green frosting. Shamrock cut out cookies, or green pudding with lucky charms are options, too.

Whether you choose to stick to food of real Irish origin this St. Patrick's Day or check out some creative American ideas, there are countless ways to eat in celebration. Most people use food as a way to socialize, and you can do just that on March 17. St. Paddy's Day includes anybody who wants to be included, so why not cook up



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the white pepper and thyme. Let Irish potato and leek soup is topped with bacon for extra flavor.



GREAT DISCUSSION BUILT FROM "THE RUINED COTTAGE"

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The University hosted a talk entitled Imagining Harmony: Loss, Literature, and Human Flourishing on Monday, March 4. The event took place at 4:30 pm in Wilson Hall as part of the Distinguished Speaker series, run by the School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

The talk was led by Adam S. Potkay, English professor at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va. He is also the author of a wide variety of articles and books, including "The Story of Joy from the Bible to Late Romanticism" which won the Harry Levin Prize of the American Comparative Literature Association. In addition, he had "Wordsworth's Ethics" published through the Johns Hopkins University Press in 2012.

The intention of the talk was to discuss the strange correlation between loss and human happiness by focusing on William Wordsworth's narrative poem "The Ruined Cot-

away some time prior. Despite seeing a formerly happy home overrun by nature, the narrator, Armytage, turns away in joy, a paradox that confuses some. Potkay would not only discuss this scene, but its extension onto literature as a whole.

After a brief introduction by Jeffrey Jackson and Dr. Lisa Vetere, both professors of English, Potkay stood in front of a full room to discuss and critique "The Ruined Cottage".

The discussion featured a powerpoint presentation that started with a single quotation from the aforementioned poem. These lines, which happen to be the last two in the piece, read, "I turned away/ and walked along my road in happiness." While the loss of a home is typically a sad event, the lines project the image of someone who is glad to have nothing, preferring the openness of the path in front of him, never looking back.

Potkay didn't reveal their source at first, instead challenging the audience to think of how a story that begins in such a way might end.

While the audience was mulling Wordsworth (1770-1850) is wide- over the question, he reminded them ly considered to be one of the found- of various other situations of loss in ers of romantic poetry. He later at- classical texts. He pointed out intended Cambridge University. In stances where looking back was very

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threatened, triggering attempts to

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ADAM POTKAY

English Professor at The College of William and Mary

1838, he was given an honorary costly, such as with Lot's wife in the

doctorate in civil law from Durham story of Sodom from The Bible. After

those who once inhabited it passed in which one feels happiness. There is the subjective, which is when one "feels good," such as when someone drinks and becomes more euphoric. Then there is objective happiness, which he explained is more like understanding and contentment. The latter, he said, is most often felt by those who are "free from an undue dependency on things.'

To support this notion, he referenced Socrates, who is purported to have been walking through a market place and remarked, "How many things are here that I do not need?"

The discussion then focused on "The Ruined Cottage" and, of course, Armytage's ending remark. He noted that the house in question was once inhabited by an elderly woman whose husband goes off to war but never returns, prompting her to obsess over his absence to the point where her sons die and her home is overrun by wild plants. She ultimately passes on

Potkay then turned to the sources of happiness, which for the purpose of his talk, he said were "deep anthropological humility" and "the elevation of human consciousness over nature." These, he indicated, led to happiness because it prompts the person to understand his or her place in relation to others and the world at large, in that the final result is the same for everyone: our life ends, and the things we love return to the earth beneath us.

The speaker also drew on the notion of humor, indicating there is an almost laughable quality in how the widow performs the same robotic actions repeatedly- not because her situation was a joke, but because laughter is the way mankind marks and, for some reason or another, admires unusual behavior.

In closing, he spoke about Jack Gilber's "A Brief for the Defense," noting "the sweet happiness of leaving it all alone." He added, "Consciousness and well-being is often at its highest when it's threatened, triggering at-



Adam Potkay, professor of English at the College of William and Mary, discussed loss and human happiness in Wordsworth's poem.

tempts to find protection against its loss" before opening the floor to a question and answer session.

Jackson stated that he found Potkay to be very insightful, noting his appreciation for the idea of "anthropological humility as grounds for against his own ending." He felt solace" in a life that might otherwise seem stressful and full of pain.

Frank Cipriani, a professor in the Foreign Language Fepartment, also enjoyed the discussion. "I felt your description of comedy is the antithesis of happiness. It struck me [that] happiness really isn't funny," he said. To this, Potkay smiled, noting how humor tends to revolve on pain, injury or confusion in media from The Looney Tunes to Shakespearian the-

However, not all audience mem-

bers were in agreement on the quality of the final lines. Prescott Evarts. professor of English, commented on the ending of "The Ruined Cottage" by saying "it's bologna!" and that Wordsworth "stacked the poem the joyful closure was at odds with the morose nature of the rest of the text, and removing the final lines would've been an improvement.

This hour-and-a-half event drew to a close, allowing interested attendees to meet Potkay. Classic literature is known for having many interpretations that can astound or enlighten the reader, but this discussion was certainly a rare gem. The English department welcomes all majors who wish to attend such an event in the future.

Irish Peace Activist Performs on Campus

NICK SEGRETO

University, then received the same

honorary degree from Oxford in

that has fallen into disrepair, since

The poem is about a small house of salt.

The Irish folksinger Tommy Sands paid a visit to the University on Monday, March 4. The Irish peace activist performed here as the start of a tour across America.

Sands has been a peace activist for much of his life. Being the son of two musicians, he used his talent to write songs in order to bring to light serious issues such as The Troubles, a brutal religious and political military conflict that lasted for roughly 30 years in Ire-

Sands also recently paid a visit to Reno, Nevada, and wrote songs for imprisoned juveniles to help appeal to a local judge.

Sands performed live in Wilson Hall with his son Fionan Sands. The Sandses performed many of their more popular songs, such as "There Were Roses," a song about a friend of Sands's being murdered during The Troubles.

Sands also stitched his songs together using various stories, such as a famous fiddler player he knew growing up who managed to heal his dad through music when doctors failed.

Sands was very humble in his performance. Some of his songs and stories were meant to make the audience laugh, while others were more serious and dramatic. For example, he shared one song he wrote about a runaway girl who

pealing to the judge.

being commanded to flee and never

look back, she turns to gaze upon the

city anyway and is turned into a pillar

He moved on to define two ways

Sands's music and stories brought to light problems with our world, but never once did they make the audience cry. Instead, they made the attendees think.

Near the end of the show, Sands

was in juvenile hall and was ap- invited the audience to join him for anyone who brought one with Sands's music is very engaging," in song as the chorus. Before the them. night ended, Sands performed a few songs he was currently working on for his new album, giving on his new work.

Sands was enjoyed by both the faculty that attended as well as the students. Elizabeth Rimassa, those in attendance a sneak peek a graduate student, found the music to be very enjoyable. "I He also autographed the albums love acoustic guitars and Tommy

Rimassa said.

Joe Rapolla, professor of music industry, was also in attendance. Rapolla thought that Sands has a big fanbase because he has a remarkable history in the Irish folk genre and peace activism. "For Tommy to bring this kind of culture and history in song is just wonderful," Rapolla stated.

I also really enjoyed Tommy Sands' performance. Having never really heard Irish folksongs before, I enjoyed his music very much. I can see why he has such a large fanbase; his humble and soft voice works in tandem with the messages within his lyrics.

His stories were also very funny, and I was impressed with how he could talk about serious issues but still keep the tone light.

Like the rest of the audience, I laughed when he told jokes, I gave another thought towards the more serious issues of the world, and I even joined Sands in song when he invited the audience to sing his songs with him. Most importantly though, I was inspired by his belief that conflicts can be solved with words and, in his case, songs.

Tommy Sands is an amazingly inspirational musician who uses his art to settle the larger problems in the world.

If you ever wanted to hear the songs that helped bring an end to an era of violence, Tommy Sands is the man to listen to.



IMAGE TAKEN from iiofpitt.org

Tommy Sands, an Irish peace activist, brought his unique musical talents to campus to begin his new tour.

Justin Townes Earle Rocks Pollak



in the whole world to play in a where, you just gotta own it," theatre with well behaved people," Merritt said to the crowd before closing with "Another Country."

After intermission, Earle took the stage and was welcomed with a warm round of applause from the audience. He fired off with his quick guitar finger picking and began singing "They Killed John Henry" off of Midnight At the Movies. He performed a variety of numbers from his discography including tracks like "Maria" from his upcoming album Nothing's Gonna Change the Way You Feel About Me Now due for release on March 27, 2013 with Bloodshot Records. Earle also announced early on that he's in the middle of writing a new record and will start recording this May.

In blues music, there's something about the live performance that conveys more depth and soul than it ever could on a record, the same held true for Earle's performance that night. Some would describe Earle's music as alternative country driven by blues-rock, even though Earle might disagree on the definition of country. "The reason why country is no good no more is le's statement about country because it lost its connection to the blues," Earle stated.

He kept the audiences attention by switching up the tempo of his set. One second we were engaged in the full sound of the band and the next we were captivated by Earle with just his ain't country," said Earle. For guitar and blues licks. "You can more on Earle visit www.Jusput a blues lick pretty much any- tinTownesEarle.com.

Earle teased. He went on to explain how even though happy songs piss him off, they "don't have to be all sad and teary."

"This is the fist time I've seen him live. He seemed really genuine and real," said audience member Tiffany Woodward of Woodbridge, NJ. Near the end of his performance, he was given a standing ovation and called back to the stage to play an encore of three songs.

Liz O'Connell-Thompson of Navesink, NJ expressed that she has been a big fan for a while and admires his style of music. "I've seen him a lot of times, this was the fist time I saw him perform his new songs," said O'Connel-Thompson, referring to the songs off of Nothing's Gonna Change the Way You Feel About Me Now. She went on to explain how she was glad the show was resched-

Stephanie Solomonsen, also from Navesink, NJ, said, "This is the second time I've seen him. I liked this setting a lot more, it was a lot more intimate." Solomonsen commented that she also agreed with Earmusic.

Whether you call it alternative, blues or country Earle holds true to his own style. "When you grew up in Nashville, Tennessee you're allowed to get sick of country. This ain't country," said Earle. For

Rejoice for Tomb Raider Reboot

ALEX CHASE CO-ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Whether you've played the original games or not, you've probably heard of the "Tomb Raider" franchise. Made from nine games, two movies, three novels, a number of comic books and an animated television series, this wildly successful venture has always revolved around the protagonist Lara Croft, a young, female, British archeologist.

However, all of these have had a very similar outlook on the leading lady. She's purported as a fiercely independent, able-to-handle-anything woman who can be shot at, blown up and stranded in a hostile wasteland without breaking a sweat. To top it off, she's known for her disproportionate frame (huge breasts and a disturbingly narrow cliff side bluff. waist), which is squeezed into a vcut tank top and booty shorts.

The "Tomb Raider" reboot doesn't have any of these features, and I couldn't be happier.

Throwing the player into the perspective of 21-year-old Croft, the game begins with her aboard the Endurance, a ship exploring the Dragon's Triangle, a place that "makes the Bermuda Triangle look like a picnic." She is one member of a team looking for the lost Japanese Kingdom of Yamati, home to the mythical sun queen, Himiko. Minutes into the opening sequence, a storm rips the ship in half, casting Croft into the surging ocean.

She wakes on a foreign shore, only several hundred feet from the other survivors, but they can't see her. Moving to call out, she's struck across the face, once again getting knocked out.

You get to control Croft when she wakes, having been hung by her feet from the ceiling of an ancient cave in preparation for sacrifice. Though you manage to free her, she

is impaled in the fall when a small spike rams through her side. Gasping for breath, you guide her through the cave, lighting material that blocks her path on fire.

This eventually creates an explosion that causes the cave to crumble. Fleeing for her life through falling rocks and collapsing floors, the game introduces a number of survival mechanics that you'll use throughout. For instance, if you fail the first quick-time sequence, Croft is very graphically crushed by a boulder. If you don't navigate the sliding sequence well, you'll see her impaled.

After being shipwrecked, kidnapped, almost sacrificed, impaled, set on fire, blown up, cast down hundreds of feet of wet or crumbling rock and nearly killed half a dozen times, she emerges into sunlight on a

And all this happens within the first ten minutes of gameplay.

Published by Square Enix and developed by Crystal Dynamics, this wild reimagining of a formerly predictable franchise blew me away. The first, most easily noticeable aspects are the incredible graphics and sounds involved. You can see every streak of dirt and fleck of blood on Croft's face. When a crow caws, you can not only hear exactly where it comes from, but you can turn and make out the individual feathers as

However, the truly remarkable aspect of this game is how you simultaneously gather that Croft is a very capable but also very vulnerable person. On one hand, she can scale cliffs and handle a wide variety of weapons with surprising efficiency. I was especially shocked when, halfway through the game, she jury-rigged a grenade launcher to her assault rifle. That ingenuity shines throughout in other moments, like when a creatively placed lighter allows her to shoot flaming arrows.

she's not an expert survivalist. She hasn't had any training; she's not used to combat and it shows. Without spoiling the scene, the first time she really kills someone is probably one of the most heart-breaking murder scenes I've seen in a game in years. When injured during a movie sequence, there's no magical quick fix. There's no first aid bandage lying around for her to patch herself up, and she still shows signs of the pain afterwards.

The plot of the game is that a group of stranded raiders have kidnapped Croft's best friend, Sam, whose ancestors supposedly descended from Himiko, the sun goddess. Croft is left to round up the surviving members of the Endurance, enter the raider stronghold and free her companion. Though the plot can seem inconsequential at times due to the small number of scenes, the protagonist explored it, but also that the tombs it for hours. It's definitely worth the

Yet, at the same time, you know reminding herself and the player that tomb, just involves placing metal a very important life is going to end without your help.

> A clever weapons-and-upgrades system, combined with a smooth combat dynamic and a variety of fighting styles makes this a very enjoyable game. You can be stealthy, creeping around with her bow to kill your enemies one by one, or you can charge in with a rifle and blow them apart. Certain skills allow for extremely dramatic finishing moves which not only give you extra experience, but can be a very satisfying way of taking out that last heavilyarmored foe.

The only downside is that some of the side quests seem unnecessary and are often disappointing. I was really looking forward to the optional tomb exploration, not only to find that the raiders had, in every situation, beaten me there and fully frequently gives herself pep-talks, were small and easily navigated. One money, so be sure to check it out.

cans on a fulcrum so that you can run across and jump to a nearby grappling point, allowing you to get the treasure. These simplistic 'puzzles" could've been taken out without changing the game much.

Of course, you don't just have to take my word that this is a great game. It won: Best Overall Game and People's Choice from IGN; Most Valuable Game from Games Radar, the Official Xbox Magazine and the Official PlayStation Magazine; and Most Anticipated Game of 2013 from Digital Spy.

I give this game nine out of ten stars, with the only detriment coming from the poorly integrated side missions. Regardless, the amazing graphics, driving intensity and the delicate balance between Croft's unstoppable determination and her vulnerability will have you playing



IMAGE TAKEN from gamezone.com

The "Tomb Raider" reboot gives audiences a more realistic Lara Croft, both physically and mentally

Have a Productive Spring Break 'Stay'cation

RACHEL GRAMUGLIA STAFF WRITER

This is for whoever is not going to a beautiful tropical island for spring break. Hello to all staycation-ers! Even with all of this snow, we are going to take back our spring break! Spring break is when all of us get a taste of warmth (but with this weather who knows). The hints of summer are fast approaching, so close, and yet so, so far away.

But who said that you need to travel to a tropical island or beach to enjoy spring break?

For anyone who is keeping their spring break local, here are some great tips to enjoy your staycation. Your spring break will definitely start to heat up even at home.

In order to get out of any staycation slump, you need to get off your couch-potato bums! What Even if the weather doesn't grant was that you say? You like to shake your bum? Well, here is just the thing for you!

Taking some zumba classes are great to do over your staycation for two reasons. One reason is so you can stop watching re-runs of "Toddlers and Tiaras", eating Nutella and actually move. Second, there are discounts. Oh yeah, I'm talking coupons.

the sun. Right now they are advertising 40-70 percent off local fitness deals in your area. They have deals from zumba, to yoga, and yes, even something called Bad Ass Fitness. So for anyone that is looking to get in shape to start the interior. Being a broke college looking good for the summer, sign student is not the ideal for spring

discounts on some of your favorite or new favorite fitness classes.

Now wait, wait, a second. Don't run off your couch just yet. There's

If you're not into the whole "Bad Ass Fitness routine", and if this weather decides to stop being cold and provide us with some sun, throwing a party may definitely be the cure for any staycation blues.

Throwing a pool-side party is a great way to kick off the spring season. Invite family and friends over for a BBQ, music, mocktails (unless you're of age), games, and pool-side fun. And for anyone that doesn't actually own a pool, invest in a Nerf water gun, you'll be glad you did.

You can even make it a themed party if you'd like. Bring out the leis and the Hawaiian Punch! you the sunny warmth you are looking for, bring the warmth and fun inside to keep the spirit of spring in play.

Another way to get involved during your staycation is to help out around your area. By logging onto to volunteermatch.com, you can be matched with perfect volunteer opportunities that are just for you! With all of the wide range Livingsocial.com is great for scale of volunteer opportunities, finding deals on anything under you'll be sure to be busy during your staycation. At the end of the day, no matter how small the service, it definitely provides a very big impact to your community.

Some of you are fiddling with your wallets, seeing nothing but

up on livingsocial.com and get break, especially if you're staying to her spring break this year. home. But have no fear, summer applications are here! Start to take out your pens and information, because now is the time to make sure you will be making money over the summer.

> Spring break is a prime time to start applying for jobs and internships for the summer season. You can update your resume, personal website, portfolio, and anything else you need to apply for jobs and internships.

> Students on campus are doing a wide range of things throughout their spring breaks to keep them-

> Olivia Caruso, sophomore, will be taking a more crafty approach

"I'll be doing crafting for my sorority," said Caruso. "I get to take some time away from school work, and put all my energy into my artistic side."

forward to relaxing when they come home for their spring break.

Raquel Warehime, sophomore, is looking forward to coming nally have it done." home and getting away from the stresses of schoolwork. "It's nice to just come back home and see your friends and family, and to just relax," Warehime said.

of college can be cured by a week of just relaxing.

But sometimes, there is also a make of it.

call for celebration.

Peter Ireland, sophomore, will be celebrating his 20th birthday on the very first day of the University's spring break.

"I will be getting my first tattoo Students are definitely looking that really means a lot to me," said Ireland, "it stands for my four best friends that died in a car accident in 2011, and I'm so excited to fi-

So who said that you need to travel the world and get a tan in order to have a great spring break? Whether you actually are vacationing to a tropical hot spot or Getting away from the stresses staycationing and throwing your own kiddie poolside tropical party, spring break will be what you



IMAGE TAKEN From seeds is

Spring break spent at home can be rewarding by spending it with friends, family and maybe making some money or donating your time as shown above.

Digital Demise: The Social Media Takeover

BRITTANY HARDAKER

We're under attack, and it isn't looking good. The ear-splitting echo of white noise permeates the air like the slow trickle of acid rain. There is no silence. There is no calm. There is nothing but the sound of droning machines in a world that is overflowing with media madness.

They walk among us, of that we can be sure. They are the technologically obsessed: a generation of unimaginative, unqualified, and unrelenting robots. Gone are the days when you spent up six and a half minutes listening to the demonic calling of America Online at your computer desk. Stay tuned for an all-access pass to an instant 21st century-style hell.

As social media and electronics

used to be considered a precious treasure is now the cause of a complete lack of concentration, unspeakable communication skills, and a society filled with half-wits who can't form sentences longer than their 150 character limits allow.

Pretty soon the entire universe is going to be speaking in Internet slang. OMG, LOL, R U SRS?" I wish I wasn't. We're breeding a generation of agoraphobics, an entire population of demoralized hermits who refuse to leave their homes for fear they'll miss a groundbreaking social notification.

Technology makes an excellent living by sucking the imagination out of us all. Meanwhile, our hypnotic eyes remain fixated on fuzzy dancing pixels and our bodies begin to mold into our sectional sofas. We have become intellectual you are. The Internet has

continue to take over the world, what a society linked 24/7 in an endless cy-become the world's most accessible cle of calamity. According to Forbes magazine, Facebook alone has over 1.6 billion users, or should I say 1.6 billion voyeurs spying on each other without ever having been forced to have face-to-face communication?

Social media keeps you connected to all of those people you swore you'd never talk to again. The Internet has made the never-ending search for privacy next to impossible. If that isn't bad enough, technology has created a senseless generation of know-it-alls who know absolutely nothing.

They get all philosophic on us like they're the next best thing since Aristotle, dropping bombs of wisdom on us like, "Anything worth having is something worth waiting for." Please tell us more about how much of an

psychologist. I can't wait to hear more about how horrible your day was. Look out Sigmund Freud, Zuckerberg is coming for you.

Polite disagreement? What's that? The Internet breeds a population of world-class debaters. Oh, so you want to argue? BRING IT. I got my CAPS LOCK on and I'm ready for a digital duel. Please, I'm begging you. Post just one comeback where you spell something, come on...anything, correctly. Forget it, just follow @GrumpyCat on Instagram for some advice: "Row, row, row your boat, gently off a cliff."

Tell me why we have zero mutual friends but you're still trying to add me to your friend's list. As face-toface communication becomes a thing of the past, technology has allowed for all inhibitions go out the window.

Oh, sure, random guy on Facebook, I definitely believe that you are a fitness model judging by all your to leave your house and embark on lovely (stolen) Sports Illustrated and Google image profile pictures. It's your Wi-Fi connected technological like the entire world is wrapped in a cloak of invisibility, far away from any direct human interaction and free to engage in a world of anonym-

Technology has provided the world with the ultimate method of avoiding responsibility. It's too bad procrastination isn't a major at most accredited university's today, or college students would have perfect GPA's all due in part to their magnificent ability to lurk the "interwebz" for hours on end.

Okay, time to hit the books. I need to get this assignment done by tomorrow and I'm freaking out. Let me just sit down here and crack open this giant age-old textbook that reeks like homework. Hmmmm, okay, interesting, I see. But wait, I don't understand this term here on page 307. Let me Google that real quick. Okay, got it. Oh, hi shiny new e-mail. Don't mind if I do. I'm just going to click on a few... OMFG, Charlie Sheen followed me on Twitter! Thought

process eliminated.

Then there are those types. You know, the sitting in your basement taking pictures of yourself like you're walking the runway in "America's Next Top Model" or posing for the freshest, hot-off-the-press edition of Vogue types. Yeah, those. Brace yourself, it's #SelfieSunday, the day of the week when everyone's a professional photographer in their bathroom mirror. Oh, you took a picture of yourself looking longingly into the distance? You must be so deep.

If for one second, you truly have time to interact with anything other than a computer screen, SPOILER ALERT: there isn't anything like catching up on your favorite show through someone else's Facebook status. Hope you didn't miss last night's episode of "Walking Dead" or you're doomed upon log-in. Don't even bother typing in your username.

And if heaven forbid you choose a journey outside of the confines of wasteland, it will be cloudy with a definite chance of everyone reporting the morning forecast. Apparently, I've befriended 619 meteorologists. Whatever man, YOLO, the weather is weather.

At the depths of technological torture are those mouth-breathing video game superstars who chug Mountain Dew and live in their parents basements. After they spend three millenniums slumped in their chairs raiding dungeons, rescuing princesses from ivory towers, and slaying fire-spewing gargoyles, you hear the muffled headset sounds of "Mom – more pizza rolls!"

I guess we owe all this magnificent folly to Al Gore. After all, he created the Internet, didn't he? Didn't he?!? BRB, must consult Google. Seeing as it seems to be all the rage these days, I'll leave you with a little proverb of my own: "May your life someday be as awesome as you pretend it is on Facebook." G2G now, TTYL.

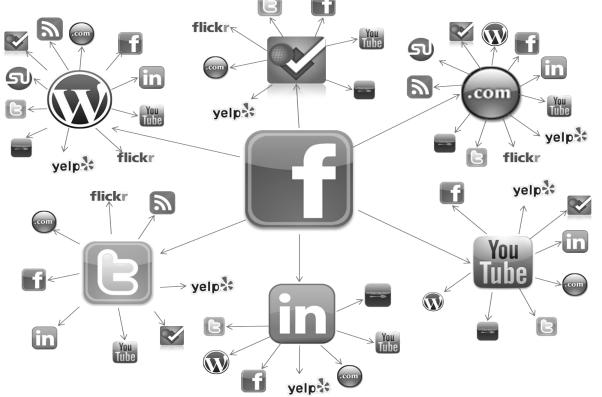


IMAGE TAKEN from meme-comics.com

The Internet has become the dictator of billions of users making privacy impossible and face-to-face communication scarce.

We Stand Corrected: Adjusting Another's Behavior

EMILY TAYLOR STAFF WRITER

Frustrated on Larchwood Avenue as a driver fails to abide by the four-way stop, you have a split second decision to roll down your window to express your anger or you can simply accept another careless act of driving. Unfortunately, in today's crazed world of political correctness, we hesitate to say what we really think in fear of being chastised or worse.

"Keeping your opinion to yourself will refrain you from controversy," said junior communication major Danielle Rakowitz. A lot of times we are forced to bite our tongue in some pretty terrible situations. So when should we speak up about our grievances? And what stops us from truly conveying our thoughts?

Rakowitz said, "It's appropriate when something needs to be addressed and changed."

In matters of public safety, like witnessing a fender bender or an intoxicated stranger attempting to start their car is without a doubt the best time to speak up. But addressing an issue simply because it is bothersome to us is something we can't commit to.

President Paul Gaffney II said, it is impossible to make and remember a rule for each. As one matures (this includes all students, I think) one is able to apply his or her best judgment to the situation based on general principles."

Gaffney offered a few of these principles:

1.) Students come to each oth-

up when someone is being treated disrespectfully by fellow stu-

2.) Simply standing by when safety is involved is inexcusable.

3.) Experts such as residential administrators, counselors and health professionals can help when a student is unsure but worried about a situation concerning another student.

"Many times I have heard that a student has approached an administrator because he or she saw something troubling. In most cases the situation was resolved without anyone suffering," said Gaffney.

He added, "There is a fine line between being a tattle-tale or butting in and getting some help. If there is real danger, one should

Ever taken an exam next to a student sounding obviously unoreoared? Clearly their inability to study for the test is demonstrated through an over emphasis of exhales and a series of fist pounds to their desk. Did anyone say anything or did the class secretly pretend like they weren't distracted by their classmate's tantrum?

It's the classic observation of watching a child acting up in pub-"There are so many scenarios that lic and parents who completely neglect the situation. You watch the child scream, arms flailing, and the look on your face says it all. You roll your eyes, shake your head and whisper to yourself, "I'm never having kids," until you wake up one day with a litter of your own and realize you're that parent.

Hypocrisy may be the reason

one else. Besides, correcting another's behavior is often not justified and may come off as rude.

Rakowitz said that happy attitudes should be embraced if you want to correct another.

"I have been corrected and have corrected others before for simple things. If you approach the statement in a polite way, taking it offensively shouldn't be an issue," said Rakowitz.

Adversely, senior business major William Crane said, "I don't people I'm not close with."

in the Student Handbook of the University's Student Code of Conduct is for students and employees to "act responsible, respectful and professional at all times.

Christopher Monahan said, "I necessary at all when correcting them is the way to go. I once had to calm down a friend at a party

er's aid when needed and speak we fail to bring attention to some- feel it's my place to correct other who was being just plain loud and obnoxious. You have to remember Appropriate behavior defined that under certain situations a person may become really offended and the situation might escalate if you try to help someone out."

> Professor Sherri Sukienik of the Communication Department Senior criminal justice major said, "We sort of have to judge situations. I don't know if we don't feel like physical contact is can necessarily classify things as black and white and we have someone's behavior, just talking to to recognize the circumstances someone is in and use common sense.'



IMAGE TAKEN from commons.wikimedia.org

Professionals such as law officers, residential life administrators and health professionals can help students who are unsure about others' potentially harmful situations.

Spending Saint Patrick's Day Abroad

MAGGIE ZELINKA

It's freshman year all over again for theatre major Gavin Ó Cianáin as he deals with a new school, a new campus, and a new social life. The only difference is that Ó Cianáin is a sophomore but was given Monmouth," from out of town—way out of town.

He is originally from the countryside of Ireland but attending Regents College in London.

the differences in European and American education at MU.

abroad students the University ways identified with the city life semester.

It is required for students enrolled in Regents College to study abroad in one out of the six

universities their program offers. "I chose Pace in New York Ó Cianáin explained. "I've wantwhile so I thought that this was the perfect opportunity."

Ó Cianáin is one of two study tryside, Ó Cianáin's heart has alnation.

is hosting for the current spring style. "I'm used to living in a big city so Monmouth is different for me," he said. "I feel like the student life here is very together and in London it's like you go to school, then you leave school and you have your life outside of school. Here it's intertwined."

There are many other differed to live there [New York] for a ences between Monmouth and Regents which Ó Cianáin notices every day, one of which is very While he grew up on the coun- apparent to teenagers across the

"The drinking thing here, it's a very weird concept," Ó Cianáin tween Regents and Monmouth said. "In Europe you generally lifestyle is the dining situation. can be 16-years-old and drink. "I noticed here was that when I

Another major difference be-

"Here it's funny how you guys celebrate [St. Patrick's Day] so much. We just like it as an excuse to have a day off."

GAVIN Ó CIANÁIN Study Abroad Student



PHOTO COURTESY of Gavin O Cianain

Gavin O Cianain, originally from Ireland, and studying abroad from Regents College in London, is learning

casual thing."

He also mentioned how it was rather odd, in his opinion, that tention to the social scene at the people would ask each other if University, he has not neglected they planned to get drunk later the academics that night, a concept which is even more prominent with the here," Ó Cianáin continued. "I'm upcoming St. Patrick's Day.

the holiday more than we do," Ó Cianáin said mid-laugh. "There is usually a parade and we just go to that. People do drink but we go to church and stuff, we do that. But here it's funny how you guys celebrate so much. We just like it as an excuse to have a day off."

Another difference Ó Cianáin noticed is the accepted wardrobe attire for students when attending classes. He noted how many girls at Regents would be wearing heels and dresses to go to class, while at Monmouth girls wear sweatpants and Uggs. Ó Cianáin also noticed that some people at Monmouth reflect a particular reality show. "I knew that no one would be to the extent of The Jersey Shore, but I did feel like a lot of that might be similar [to life here] and it's true. There are a lot of people like that here."

We go to lunch and have a glass go to the dining hall, everyone is of wine. I've been doing that really segregated. It is very catsince I was like 17, it's a really egorized, and it's not like that at my school," said Ó Cianáin.

While Ó Cianáin has paid at-

"I really enjoy the courses taking six courses and I really "I feel like you guys celebrate enjoy the classes and professors. Nicole Ricciardi is my acting professor and she is amazing."

> One extracurricular Ó Cianáin is participating in is working on the stage crew for the current production of the Shakespearian play, Twelfth Night, or What You Will, playing at Wood's Theatre. Ó Cianáin plans to audition for another play that the University intends to put on before the semester's end.

> Before Ó Cianáin leaves the states, he dreams of visiting California. "I want to go to the West Coast right before I leave. I want to check out LA, San Diego, Las Vegas and San Francisco, but I would be exhausted after that.'

> Whether it be California, New Jersey or New York, Ó Cianáin is making sure to take full advantage of his time in America and soak up every culture he can.

Roll the Dice with SAB

SAB Hosts Monte Carlo Style Casino Night

KELLY CURRIE CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Student Activities Board (SAB) hosted their annual Casino Night at 7:00 pm on Saturday, March 23. Students were invited to join the club in the venue decorated the room. Stu-

were given the opportunity to partake in various games, mimicking an actual casino.

Game chips were given to the guests upon their arrival to use at the game tables located throughout the hall. Betting on Student Center's Anacon Hall the games with chips was up where displays of a Monte Carlo to the players, as they could be DJ; they contributed what they exchanged for raffle tickets. At

dents participating in this event the end of the event, the raffle winners were announced and claimed the gift baskets they won. The night also featured a DJ booth, food buffet and photo booth available to all the guests.

SAB worked together in organizing the event from purchasing decorations to booking a could to create a fun night for the students. Sami Kosky, junior and festival chair for SAB, ran the event. Anticipating a successful event with regards to previous years, Kosky hoped to have a good turn out. Her expectations were filled while guests continued to arrive with the crinkling of game chips in their hands.

As expected by SAB members, Casino Night turned out to be a success. Everyone seemed to be having a good time, including junior Dana Hochstaedter, who is also a SAB member. Hochsraedter said, "It's a good turnout. There are a lot more people than I expected." Casino Night has proven to be a success among students with a good reflection on the proceedings of SAB.

Students participating in the event flooded the game tables, taking full advantage of the fun the night had to offer. Freshman Rosemary Feliz, being a frequent participator in school events said, "I had a lot of fun. I especially liked the photo booth." She then added that she days in room 106 of Wilson Hall Casino Night.







SAB provided various prize baskets for the winners including a carthemed basket, a spa night basket and a yoga-themed basket.

would definitely attend SAB's at 2:30 pm.

Along with Casino Night, SAB holds many events taking place on campus for students' benefits. Students participating in the club come up with ideas for all students to enjoy. The club is always taking new members and they meet on Wednes-

SAB intends to hold their next event on March 14 in the Dining Hall at 6:00 pm. The event, The Pie Day Cash Grab, will be held with the theme of pi day where students will be held in a booth with money blowing around. The members of SAB expect another successful event following

Anacon Hall was transformed into a casino resembling Las Vegas' well-known Monte Carlo resort and casino.

CLUB AND GREEK ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Verge

Monmouth's Online Magazine is intently searching for new writers to help expand our base. With close to thirty writers at the moment, any sort of contribution from a Monmouth student will help to exemplify the magazine's growing presence on campus.

As feature writing has become our stronghold, your creative works may now have a ample outlet for you to 'communicate.' (It's also a very strong resume' booster). For more information, contact Editorin-Chief Dan Gunderman at s0784904@monmouth.edu or Faculty adviser Marina Vujnovic atmvujnovi@monmouth. edu. Hope to hear from you soon!

Sociology Club

The Sociology Club will be hosting their second annual Stratified Streets Tour on Saturday, April 13.

This visual tour of inequality will include a guided tour of the Tenement Museum in New York City's Lower East Side. Here, students will see the Lower East Side through the eyes of the immigrants who have lived there for 150 years.

A bus will be leaving for New York City at 7:00 am on Saturday April 13 and will be returning to campus at about 7:00 pm on that day.

Please contact Amanda Divita, president of the Sociology Club at s0736434@monmouth.edu or come to a meeting if you are interested in attending this event.

WMCX

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

Outdoors Club

The weather is getting warmer, and ODC is back in full swing! We will be having a gen eral meeting today, March 13 in Bey Hall 133. We will be talking about day trips, and a camping/ kayaking trip in Wharton State Forest sometime in April. As always, feel free to bring any trip ideas.

Zach Rosenberg of the Lakewood Blue Claws Speaks at PRSSA

PRESS RELEASE

West Long Branch, NJ – The Monmouth University Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) will host sports PR information session with Zach Rosenberg, Director of Sponsorships of the Lakewood BlueClaws minor league baseball team. Presentation will be held in Plangere 234 on March 13 at 3:00 pm. Attendance is free.

Information session features the ins and outs of sports PR, specifically baseball. All those interested in any type of sports PR are encouraged to attend. Come with questions, resumes and/or business cards.

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

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Delta Phi Epsilon Raises Over \$2,000 for Cystic Fibrosis

DPhiE Hosts Annual Lip Sync Fundraiser

CHRISTINA GROTHUES

Delta Phi Epsilon raised over \$2,000 dollars at their annual lip sync contest. On Wednesday, March 6, at 10:00 pm over 400 people arrived at Pollak Theater to support this event that provided funding and awareness for The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Eight acts performed.

Casey McCabe, a junior in Delta Phi Epsilon who organized the event said, "It has been tradition to do our lip sync event in the fall and this year, even though it got canceled due to Hurricane Sandy, we rescheduled and tried our best to make it a success because we still really wanted to support The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation."

Delta Phi Epsilon's lip sync competition consisted of performances by students who danced and sang to an array of different genres of music. These performers not only had to impress the spectators, but also had to earn the crowd laughing or clapping the votes of the judges.

The judges for this event were Sigma Pi, Brielle Douress from Zeta Tau Alpha, and Raven Lake from Alpha Xi Delta.

The hosts of the event were Marisa Meiskin of Delta Phi Epsilon and Thomas Bongiorno of Sigma Pi.

MBA student, Cameron Nichols, also known as DJ Cam, proa fantastic cause and it was an life for a cause such as raising money for Cystic Fibrosis I



Delta Phi Epsilon hosted over 400 people in Pollak Theater for their annual lip sync event and were able to raise over \$2,000 towards The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

The show began with Phi Psi Stephanie Marte of Phi Sigma executing a hilarious lip sync of Sigma, Travis Whitney from a remix of songs from the movie Grease. Tau Kappa Epsilon followed with a remix performance that had the crowd cheering them on. Three members of Alpha Kappa Alpha entertained with "No Scrubs," by TLC. Beyoncés'
"Single Ladies," was executed by Theta Xi.

Joseph Nardini, a junior and a vided the music for this event. member of Theta Xi fraternity Nichols said, "I provided the said, "We were so excited to be DJ services for free, but it's for part of such an amazing event and it is a great way for the Uniawesome show. Anytime I can versity's Greek community to provide my services to Greek give back to organizations like the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation."

Sigma Tau Gamma placed three bicycles on the stage and All the performances had performed the Flobot's song,

"Handlebars." Next, Alpha Xi Delta performed a remix of "I Knew You Were Trouble," by Taylor Swift and Beyoncés' "End Of Time." Sigma Pi performed Justin Biebers' "Beauty and a Beat." Lastly, Delta Phi Epsilon performed a remix of "Pon De Replay," by Rhiannna,
"One, Two, Step," by Ciara and
"When I Grow Up," by The Pussycat Dolls.

The first place winners were the women of Alpha Xi Delta. Second place went to Sigma Pi.

Freshman Andrew Mucci, who performed with Sigma Pi, said, "I was a little nervous at first but once we all got out there it was a lot of fun!"

The third place prize went to the Phi Kappa Psi.

with a combination of

Michael Angelo's Pizzeria, Scalas Pizzaria, The Windmill and in the show and a huge part of Cake Bake and Roll.

Jon Buchalski, Assistant Director of Student Activities For Fraternity and Sorority Life, a student is performing on stage said, "These events are a fun way to celebrate one of our community's values: service. The members of the community really come together to raise funds and awareness for great causes."

Greek Senate President, Victor Nazario, said, "I am very proud of how this community is so closely knit that each organization shows up and supports the others events. Other schools are as a community." do not have the same luxury as

Stephanie Friscia, a new mem-"This event has definitely been out and amazing acts."

prizes including gift cards to a success. Many organizations from Greek life are involved Greek life is here supporting us and our philanthropy.

> or cheering on from the crowd, everyone gets to enjoy themselves.'

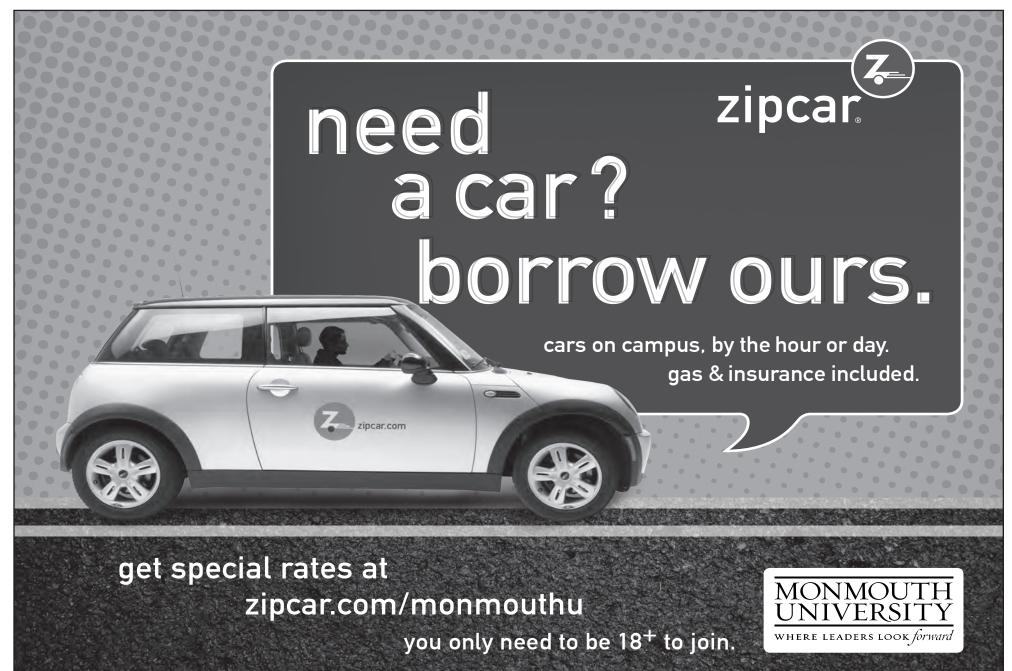
Buckalski also said, "Whether

Throughout the show, people were clapping, singing along and even dancing themselves.

Nazario said, "The cause of

Greek unity is by our actions and not by our words. It is only by our attitudes and actions alone that we can show how united we

"The event went very well," said McCabe. "The chapter and I are so happy with the way the All three winners walked ber of Delta Phi Epsilon, said, event went. We had a great turn-





Do you think it is important to get involved on campus?

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Halley sophomore

"It's important to get involved because school can get boring and this gives you something to look forward to."



Lauren sophomore

"Yes. I'm a transfer student and I think it's important to get involved and meet people. There are so many activities and people should take advantage of them."



Jon sophomore

"It's very important because you don't want to be sitting around doing nothing all day."



Brandon freshman

"Yes. It helps me meet people and learn more about the school."



Joe senior

"Yes. It's different for me because I work a lot so it's hard to get involved. But if you have the time, yes."



Carson sophomore

"Yes I do. It makes you feel better to help out and do other things and it's great for meeting people."



Stephanie freshman

"I would assume so. I'm not very involved and I regret it sometimes."



JoAnne Assistant Education Professor

"Yes because it's a good opportunity to meet other people and learn about programs you might not know about."



Bryana Junior

"Yes, it is good for future jobs to see that you were active on campus."



Kevin freshman

"I guess it's important, it gives you a sense of community."





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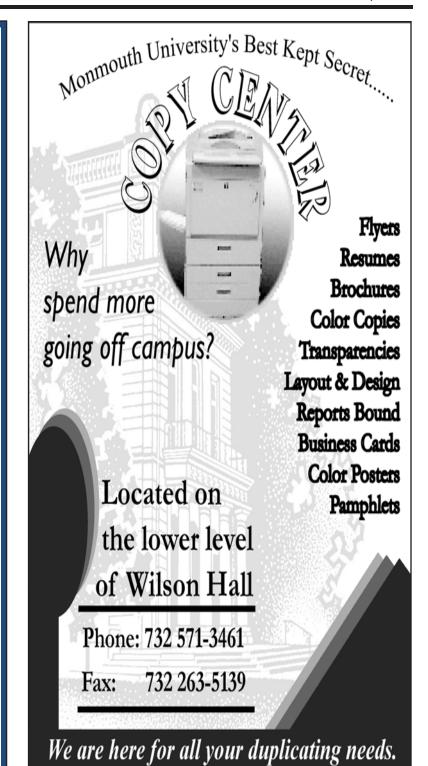
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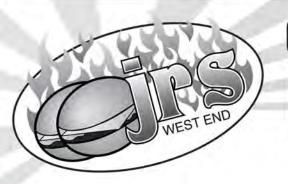
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Horoscopes

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

Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19) -This week is a 9

The planets are all aligned for you this week. You experience great delights as a result so bask in the joys, you've earned it! Try to remain objective though and try to make a commitment to something you'll keep on enjoying.

Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) -This week is a 7
If you find any old managing problems lying around, now is the time to tackle them. Don't feel afraid to have people help you, and maybe even supply a little emotional support, when you're stuck. If you have any further doubts trust your intuition and you'll go far.

Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) -This week is a 7

Not everything is what it seems; keep on the lookout for strange requests as a result and remember there is no shame in turning anything down if you have your doubts. Keep your head about you and make wise investments that will take you to the next level.

Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) -This week is a 7

Good new and fresh ideas come in from far away. Listen carefully to what they say, but keep your objectives in mind. The more you take the time to think out and plan your next steps, the surer you will be in actually making them; people will be impressed as a result.

Leo • (July 23- Aug. 22) -This week is a 7

Take a walk on the wild side this week and live it up a little! You've been working very hard and the needed break will do you some good. Just because you are feeling happier though doesn't mean you should allow yourself to be taken advantage of; let others earn their own keep.

Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) -This week is an 8 Throw yourself into a potentially explosive moment. Controversy

could arise in turn, but if you play your cards right it could turn into something beautiful. Remember that if it is too wild though, it won't work; the simpler is the better option in this case.

📤 Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) -This week is a 7

You have what you need to make all of your current endeavors work this week. Clear away any confusion before you proceed and use your intuition now, for it is very strong. If things don't work out at first, remain calm and just think it over; otherwise you will just trip over your own feet.

Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) -This week is an 8

A serendipitous moment of connection occurs, so open yourself to all that is offered right now- especially to love and learning. You know what is right in your heart so allow it to point you in the right direction. You never know you might just discover another treasure.

Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) -This week is a 7

You're starting to realize how much you actually have. It could be a chaotic moment, with confusion heading the cause but do not fret all too much. Keep gathering that valuable information and let go of any unattainable expectations; a brilliant revelation will come about.

Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) -This week is an 8 Take a theory to heart and act accordingly. The possibility of error

is high though so proceed with much needed caution. Discipline will be required, but allow your intuition to assist in the decision making. Let your work inspire you to find new goals worth achieving.

Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) -This week is an 8

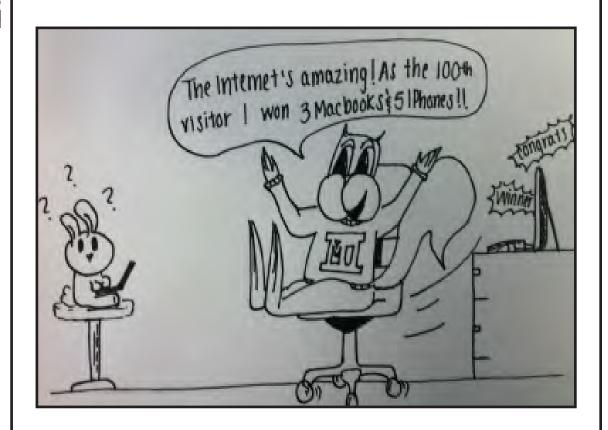
Explore new work possibilities that could open those important doors for you. Write it all down so you don't forget anything that could be of use in the future, and remain dedicated to your goal. You're about to attain some popularity because of your devotion, just don't let it ruin anything already in the works.

Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) -This week is a 9

Take a chance this week and go out on a limb! In a hint of blinding insight, perhaps consider taking that chance via investing in your career. Associates will contribute worthy ideas to your cause, and having a meticulous partner will help. Remain a bit skeptical as a small form of defense, but be assured you are right on the mark.

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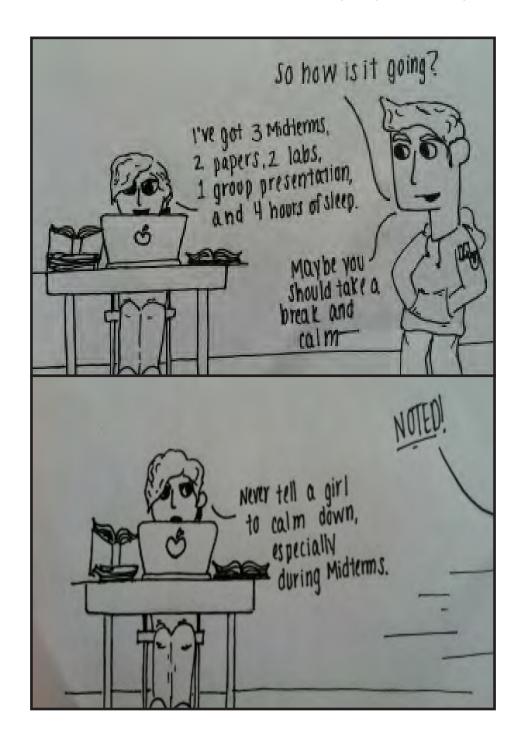
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Women's Basketball Knocked Out by Mount St. Mary's

The Hawks Lose in Final Seconds of Overtime, Eliminated From NEC Tournament

RYAN CLUTTER STAFF WRITER

The women's basketball season came to an end Sunday in the quarterfinals of the Northeast Conference (NEC) tournament when MU suffered a 59-57 overtime loss to Mount St. Mary's in the third meeting between the two teams this season.

Mount St. Mary's guard Ashley Christie hit the game winning layup with eight seconds left to stun the Hawks, who took a 54-49 lead with 3:42 remaining in the overtime period. MU senior guard Gabby Singer failed to connect on an off-balance, contested shot at the buzzer.

Mountaineers guard Sydney Henderson scored a game high 17 points. Jacqueline Brewer added 12 in the win.

Sara English paced the Hawks with 13 points and 12 rebounds, while Alysha Womack scored 12 and Abby Martin chipped in 11.

"I've been a little speechless since the end of that one," MU head coach Jenny Palmateer said. "Hats off to Mount St. Mary's, I thought they played a great game. I'm really proud of our team and the way we fought

MU got off to a slow start, falling behind 16-2 after scoring the first basket of the game. They used offensive rebounds and size advantage to get back into the game. The Hawks had 12 offensive boards in the half, including five by English.

The Blue and White used their court vision to steal two passes in the final 1:30 of the first half and cut the Mountaineers lead to eight, 26-18, at

second half, starting an 18-4 run and taking a six point lead, 36-30, with just under 13 minutes remaining. The run saw a pair of threes from senior Carly Thibault and a pair of lay-ups from Martin.

'We got in a huge hole to start the game," Palmateer said. "We really did a great job picking up our intensity and getting ourselves back in that one. They're a group that, when their backs are against the wall, their best foot comes forward. Sometimes we're able to overcome what we created and sometimes we're not."

After a back and forth final 12 minutes, with three points being the largest lead for either team down the stretch, the Hawks found themselves in great position to win the game. Down 49-48, a hard foul that knocked down Womack at half court sent her to the line for a 1-and-1 with 13 seconds left. Connecting on the front end to tie the game, she missed on the back end. Getting back on defense, English recorded her fourth block of the game to send the game to overtime.

determination our team showed to get us in a position to be able to win that one," Palmateer said. "It didn't come easy today."

In overtime, MU carried over the momentum from regulation. A couple of lay-ups and a free throw gave the Hawks a five point lead early in overtime. The Mountaineers battled back to tie the game twice. It was 57-57 with 1:45 remaining.

'We went on that run in overtime," Womack said. "I was like, 'okay this is our run, this is the push we're going to have for the end of the game,' The Hawks came out strong in the but Mount capitalized on every op-



PHOTO COURTESY of MU Photography

"I'm really proud of the grit and Sophomore forward Sara English led the Hawks in scoring with 13 points and rebounding with 12 in the Hawks' Northeast Conference tournament loss to Mount St. Mary's.

portunity they got."

After a defensive rebound by English with 43 seconds left, MU was able to quickly get the ball across half-court with a three-on-one advantage. Palmateer called a premature timeout before seeing what had developed. This left senior Betsy Gadziala to inbound from the Mountaineers side of half-court.

Mount pressured the ball and there was nobody open. Coach Palmateer was calling for a timeout, but the officials didn't award one to most of all. It's just definitely not the nament.

that was stolen by Tara Lonergan and led to a Mountaineers timeout. When Christie made the lay-up and the buzzer sounded, the MAC fell silent. The effort that MU gave wasn't enough to advance.

"Not many people can get in a hole in a playoff game and have what it takes to get yourself back in position to actually pull it off and our team did," said Palmateer. "I just hate that

the Hawks. Gadziala forced a pass way we wanted to see our season

MU shot 33.3 percent from the field while the Mount shot 33.8 percent. MU had the edge in rebounds, 50-43.

Womack described the locker room scene after the game as, "silence and tears."

The Mountaineers win was their first in the playoffs since 2001. They'll move on to face Quinnipiac we fell short, hate it for these guys in the semi-finals of the NEC tour-

Women's LAX Falls to Rutgers & Lafayette, Tops Siena

EDDIE ALLEGRETTO STAFF WRITER

The women's lacrosse team lost to Rutgers on Saturday March 2, record falls to 0-4. The Scarlet Knights jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in the first 13 minutes of the game. Freshman MU midfielder Marial Pierce scored off an assist from junior midfielder, Kaleigh Gibbons, to make the score 3-1 shortly after.

kept the momentum going by scoring and closing the gap on the Scarlet Knights lead. At the the game up at three.

Rutgers would again take the lead on another goal from Amanpiring, the Hawks tied the game yet again when sophomore midscoring forty seconds in to take a 5-4 lead.

The Scarlet Knights took a 7-5 goals, including a pair from Megan Clements. Pierce would cut the deficit to one when she scored Hawk Allison Stathius traded off of a pass from Gibbons with 17:46 left to play in the game.

with two goals from Clements to ards. Jessica Rothstein would increase their lead to three. Gibbons scored again with 8:14 left, but quickly after that, Trandell scored again. Gibbons and Trandell traded goals over the last four would combine for nine saves to plus minutes as the Hawks fell 11-

close as the Hawks had 14 and the Scarlet Knights had 12. The Hawks lost to Lafayette on

March 5 in a thriller by the score of 16-15. The Hawks record fell to by the score of 11-8. The Hawks 0-5. Both teams battled back and forth throughout the game, especially in the first half.

The first half saw three lead changes and eight ties. Gibbons and the Hawks wasted little time to take the early lead 1-0 just fiftysix seconds into the game. At the 26:05 mark, Lafayette scored to Senior midfielder Sam Savona tie the game. However, senior attacker, Cassie Campasano scored to give the Hawks the lead.

Lafayette's Carlianne McCabe 13:34 mark of the first period, the tallied a pair of goals to take the blue and white would score on a lead for the Leopards. The Leopfree position shot from sophomore ards fought to take the lead all midfielder Allison Stathius to tie first half, but the Hawks always answered right back.

The second half began with an 8-8 tie until McCabe scored backda Trandell. But, as time was ex- to-back goals to take a 10-8 lead over MU at the 25:40 mark. The blue and white battled back and fielder Karlee Dean scored on a tied the game at 13 when sophofree position shot. MU would start more midfielder Emily Barbieri the second half off with Gibbons scored a pair of goals. MU pulled goalie Katie Donohoe who allowed 13 goals in 45 minutes. Freshman goalie Caroline Huellead after scoring three straight ster would get the nod in her first career action.

Lafayette's Ana White and goals until the 6:38 mark when Addie Godfrey scored her 28th Rutgers answered back again goal of the season for the Leopscore the eventual game winner on a free position shot.

MU outshot the Leopards 33-24, but the goalies for Lafayette just four for the Hawks.

On Saturday at Kessler Field, RU is now 11-0 all-time against the Hawks won their first game of the Hawks. The turnovers were the season by topping Siena 12-5.



PHOTO COURTESY of MU Photography

Junior midfielder Kaleigh Gibbons was named NEC Offensive Player of the Week and scored three goals on five shots as the women's lacrosse team won its first game of the season against Siena.

The blue and white now post a 1-5 record on the season.

The first half would start off scoreless until the 13:11 mark when Pierce scored to give the Hawks the lead. A little over a minute later, she would score again for a 2-0 lead.

Gibbons and Meaghan Hess combined for four goals as MU went up 6-0. Lauren Smith broke the run at the 4:08 when she scored to finally put Siena on the board. But Hess, who had a career game. The blue and white had a commanding 7-1 lead going into

Stathius scored the first goal

of the second half, but back-to-guire at the 1:48 mark, making the back goals by Katie Maguire and score 12-5. Alyssa Treanor would cut the Hawks lead to 8-3 with 24:24 to play. Gibbons answered back just take advantage of some of the twenty nine seconds later scoring things we were doing well and I her third goal of the game.

Gibbons said, "Our attack is definitely working really well together on and off the ball. A lot of them do on film. We did a nice job it is that we are using our strengths of really finding their weaknesses and we know our weaknesses, and we're utilizing what we have."

day, tallied her third goal of the Siena late in the second half 3-1 with goals from Hess, Pierce, and freshman midfielder Michelle Gonzales. The final goal of the game was scored by Siena's Ma- Saint Joe's at 3:00 pm.

Head Coach Denise Wescott said, "We felt like we needed to thought we did that today. We did three things really well, our defense took away the things we saw defensively and allowing some of our other players to step up be-The Hawks would outscore cause we knew we could pick on their weaknesses. We were very selfless today."

The Hawks return to action on Wednesday, March 13 as they host

Track & Field Finishes First in ECAC and IC4A

Eight Hawks Received All East Honors for their Performances

MAGGIE ZELINKA LIFESTYLES EDITOR

The men's and women's track teams took home two first place prizes in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference and Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletics the first weekend of March.

The men's distance medley relay (DMR) team took home a huge win. Racing against 30 teams on Saturday in order to qualify for the finals on Sunday were sophomores Andrew Langille and Alex Leight as well as freshmen John Malespina and Graham Huggins-Filozof. Replacing Malespina and Huggins-Filozof in the finals on Sunday were senior captains Ford Palmer and sophomore Ben Boyd.

According to Palmer, the reason behind a six-man squad was because the competition lasted two days.

When asked if he was nervous that his squad would be at a disadvantage because of their youth, Palmer said, "No, not at all. We were working day in and day out throughout the year, so it was only a matter of time for their time to shine."

Head Coach Joe Compagni agrees with Palmer's opinion when it comes to the young team. "It's great to get them [underclassmen] the experience of not just being there, but being there and competing with the best folks of the east.'

With the DMR win, this became Palmer's second IC4A victory in his career at MU. "Palmer actually won the thou-sand last year," Compagni said. "He was the first person to win a track event [in the IC4A]. We had other people win field events but we never had anybody win a track event.'

ing than a team victory, but not have to be in the top eight for

in Palmer's eyes. "This year is completely different because we won as a relay," Palmer said. "Running the relay is ten times better because you get to celebrate with someone else."

All six members of the relay team were awarded All East Honors for their work.

Although junior Mariah Toussaint did not win in the ECAC, she was also awarded with an All East Honor.

"Mariah did a great job. We always want to get to the end of our season and be our best," Comopagni said. "Maybe do something we haven't done before. Sometimes that's hard to do, but that's what she did in her long jump.'

Junior thrower Errol Jeffrey took home the team's second win in the IC4A as he came in first for the shot put with a distance of 59 feet and 9.75 inches on his second attempt. "I was excited [when I won]," Jeffrey said. "It ended the season on a good note. I didn't expect it, but I trained for it four times a week, four hours a day.'

Jeffrey finished his indoor season with an All East Honor earning praise not only from his coaches, but also from his teammates.

When asked who he thought was the most impressive this indoor season, Palmer replied, "Hands down Errol Jeffrey. He won IC4A, he swept NEC. He's been unbeatable."

With Jeffrey's All East Honor, MU had eight individuals given the award. Receiving an All East Honor, whether it be one's first year on the team or last, is always treated as a big deal.

"It's [All East Honor] hard to get because we are talking about 98 schools from Maine to Virginia," Compagni said. "It's all Some may think an individual the division one schools in the victory would be more reward- Northeast. To be All East, you



Senior distance runner and captain Ford Palmer was a member of the MU distance medley relay team that finished in first. It was his second IC4A victory, after winning the thousand meter last year.

your event."

The teams will hold their 18th Annual Monmouth University Track & Field Season Opener, March 29-30.

When asked if he thinks the to week outdoors. I hope it's a ing day, Saturday, March 30.

indoor season will reflect the good sign of things to come." outdoor season, Compagni said, we do and we have to rebuild ev-

Starting time for field events "I hope so. We established what on Friday, March 29 will be at 1:30 pm with the women first and sparking the outdoor season, on erything as far as our training. the men to follow. Track events We have to get better from week will begin at 9:30 am the follow-

Softball Wins Three of Four at George Mason

THADDEUS RICHARDS CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The softball team continued their stretch on the road at the George Mason University Tournament and picked up three wins in four games to move the Hawks to 7-3 on the season.

The Hawks opened up the tournament with a grueling extra-in- cut the lead to one run. The Hawks Nikki Sandelier scored on a passed ning battle with host George Ma- were able to end the comeback as ball. son that ended with a 6-5 victory they put together a double play to for MU. Senior Jordan Barnett finally close the game. threw a ten-inning complete game, totaling six strikeouts and allowing three runs on seven hits.

Head coach Louie Berndt said, "You can just see it, I think the determination, the energy, and enthusiasm is there, where in the past I didn't see it."

George Mason took an early lead in the game posting two runs in the first, while the MU bats were relatively quiet as they weren't able to score a run until the fourth. In the fourth, sophomore Kayleena Flores was able to explode into a pitch that resulted in a triple and brought in a run. Flores was also able to score on an error on the throw home which tied the game.

Neither team found any more success at the plate until Flores brought in two more runs on a double to left-center in the eighth inning. George Mason then was able to knot things up when Brooke Blankenship brought in a run and then was brought home by a Megan Blank triple.

The teams then were at a stalemate until the tenth, when senior Kayla Weiser brought home the go-ahead run to give the Hawks the lead. The lead was then extended to 6-4 when senior Christina Scherr brought in Weiser on a sacrifice fly. Due to errors in the bottom of the inning, George Mason was able to

"Everybody on this team has a role to play, and when they're given the opportunity you have to take advantage of it," Berndt said. "I think the unity of this year's team is going to lead us to great things."

On the next day of the tournament, the Hawks were able to come up with wins against both the Cornell Big Red 2-1 and George Mason for a second time in the tournament 3-1, pushing their win streak to three games.

Cerissa Freshman Rivera pitched against the Big Red and finished with six strikeouts and only allowed one run in her complete game win. The difference in the game was a fourth inning RBI by junior Kaitie that broke an early stalemate to give the Hawks a one run lead. The run proved to be the game-winner as Rivera was lightsout on the mound for the remainder

of the game. The rematch of the teams that went ten innings the night before

saw the Hawks garner an early lead and never squander it. Weiser brought home a run on a double and senior Kate Kuzma added to the lead with a single to bring in Weiser to push the lead to 2-0. George Mason cut the lead to one when Lauren McColgan singled in the third, but MU solidified their lead in the sixth when freshman

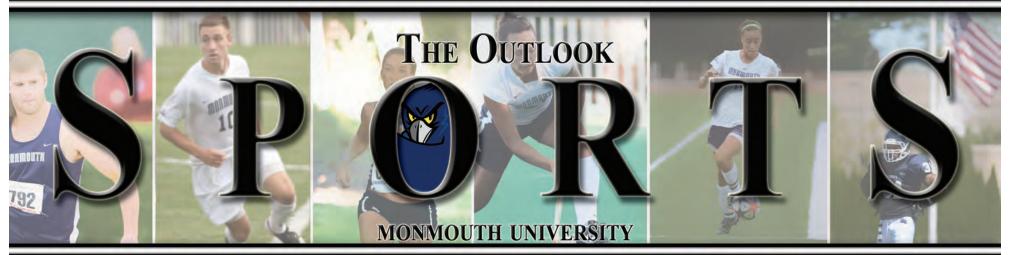
The Hawks did not find as much success on the final day of the tournament dropping the final game to the Longwood Lancers 8-4. The Hawks were up early in the game after Schumacher brought in a run in the first. The lead was then cushioned by RBI's from sophomore Vanessa Cardoza and junior Alicia DeSanto, extending the lead to 3-0 in the second.

Barnett started the game for the Hawks but gave up five runs in a huge third inning for the Lancers and senior Lauren Sulick was brought in for relief before the end of the inning. Longwood then added three more in the sixth to lock up the win and give the Hawks their only loss of the tournament. The Hawks are now 4-1 in away games and 3-2 in neutral site games.

The team will look to rebound when they leave tournament style play for the first time this season on Wednesday, March 13 at 3:00 pm as they take on in-state rival Rider University in Lawrenceville,



Senior pitcher Jordan Barnett threw a ten-inning complete game in the Hawks' first tournament game against George Mason.





Senior guard Alysha Womack described the locker room scene as "silence and tears" after the women's basketball team was eliminated from the Northeast Conference tournament by Mount St. Mary's 59-57 in overtime.