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PHOTO TAKEN from gomuhawks.com The Great Lawn (pictured above), which is comprised of the grassy area behind Wilson Hall, will soon be transformed into a turf field for the use of the University's atheltics and club sports teams.

# Great Lawn Tacks on Turf

**BRIANNA MCCABE** CLUB & GREEK EDITOR

After much debate, the University will begin removal of the Great Lawn's grass field to build a turf field benefiting the University's soccer teams, club sports programs and recreational activities beginning April 1.

The new field will be named Hesse Field in recognition of the private donation from Marianne Hesse, a member of the University's Board of Trustees.

As stated on FieldTurf.com, field turf is an artificial playing surface intended to replicate natural grass. The field is composed of a polyethylene fibers layer, an infill layer of silica sand and cryogenic rubber, and a backing layer of woven polypropylene fabric.

According to Marilyn McNeil, Vice President and Director of Athletics, this project, with an estimated \$1.4 million budget, is scheduled to be complete by mid-

The trustee decided to donate Hesse Field as a gift to her two grandchildren who are currently attending the University, one of whom plays club soccer. "I was blessed to be able to donate,' Hesse said. The Hesse family has been involved with the Board of Trustees for a number of years and has donated previously.

The final plan to convert the field was finalized by the Board of Trustees in February after confirmation of the gift from Hesse was received.

Robert McCourt, head coach of

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#### Textbook Relief New Bill Could Provide \$100

**CASEY WOLFE** 

provide a tax credit to college students for textbook purchases, and their dependents to choose NI educational institutions over out-of-state schools.

The tax credit, introduced in would equal 10 percent of texting an undergraduate education ther don't use them or we try to became law it would benefit stu- to affect overall student tuition

lege or accredited post-secondary money back," said Morrison. "It school in NJ. Taxpayers with a NJ bill, A1823, which could gross income of up to \$150,000 would be eligible for the credit.

Douglas Stives, Specialist Pro- textbooks." has been proposed with the in- fessor of Accounting, said if a stutention of encouraging taxpayers dent pays more than half of his/ her own college costs the credit would go to them rather than their family.

Alexis Morrison, a junior comthe State Assembly on Jan. 16, munication major, said this bill would be good for students. "I dent completes the coursework book costs and cannot exceed know, not just myself, but all of which necessitated the textbook \$100. Students may be full time my friends spend hundreds of purchase," according to the bill. or part time and must be pursu- dollars on textbooks and we ei-

would be beneficial for us to get that money back because I feel like a lot of times we waste it on

Paul Dement, Director of and Community Government Relations, said the bill, if passed, would only affect students age 22 or under and their families. These taxpayers will be eligible "so long as the stu-

Dement added that if this bill

at a four-year school, county col- return them and we don't get our dents by reducing the total cost or fees according to William of textbooks at the University after the tax credit. The credit would not be limited to purchases made at college book stores, but other sellers as well such as Chegg, Amazon and others.

> According to William Rainey, manager of the University's book store, the bill should not affect the initial cost of textbooks. He added that he does not believe that the bill will affect students' willingness to purchase books because it is not a large deduc-

Similarly, the bill is not likely

Craig, Vice President of Finance. He said that students and their families would only benefit from the tax credit.

While the bill would be a benefit for students, the state of NJ would be taking an economic risk, according to Rainey. Considering the current economic state of NJ, he said, "If the law does not apply to students who go to school out of state, I think it is pretty safe you can expect a fight on their behalf. That would

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#### The Security of Apple Devices Questionable is

PAUL WILLIAMS

Apple users were recently subdue to security breech concerns in February, which has led to further product protection concerns.

An update to Apple's iOS software for its iPhones, iPads and iPods released in February to for a number of months, covered up the vulnerability that should have encrypted information on

the Apple devices emails, social media information and financial over by a series of software information.

ject to possible software hacking have allowed hackers to obtain cording to nbcnews.com. personal information sent through insecure networks, such as the boastful reputation as the safwifi in public coffee shops, ice cream shops or gyms.

Apple did not indicate how it became aware of the issue, alfix a security issue that existed though Matthew Green, a Johns internet without an anti-virus Hopkins University cryptography professor, said in a Reuters report, "It's as bad as you could imagine."

The flaws were patched updates without a sizable This breach of security could number of reported hacks ac-

> Apple has developed a est operating systems on the market, particularly for their desktop and laptop computers, which can safely navigate the

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# Monmouth Professors Explore Inequality Through Rhetoric

## Two Business Professors Begin Production on Their Second Book

**ERIN MCMULLEN** 

Hess Business School published a critically acclaimed book in 2009 titled, "The Provocative Joan Robinson: The Making of a Cambridge Economist" and are currently working on the manu-

Nahid Aslanbeigui, professor of economics, finance, and real estate, and Guy Oakes, Jack T. Kvernland professor of philosophy and corporate social policy, wrote about the life of Joan Robinson, one of the few famous women economists.

"The Provocative Joan Robinson" focuses on Robinson's struggles to make a career between 1929 and 1938.

ics at Cambridge University in release in 2009. The Times of the early 1920s in what Aslan- London and the Journal of Ecobeigui calls "a very sexist environment." Women who attended the many publications to review Cambridge were not awarded the book. In 2010 the History degrees until 1948, making it of Economics Society awarded

establish careers after finishing Book Prize. their time at college.

Despite that her chances of be-Two professors of the Leon coming a successful economist was incredibly low, Robinson overcame the gender inequalities of her time and eventually became a renowned woman in the field of economics.

"The book is not as much script of a second book, set to about economics as it is about be published around the start of how someone built a career," Aslanbeigui said.

Leading up to the creation of "The Provocative Joan Robinson," Aslanbeigui studied letters that were written by the British upper-middle class between the two world wars. Aslanbeigui was intrigued by the content in these letters and saw the potential to write a book about it.

Since her particular area of research was the history of eco-

#### nomic thought, she approached The book is not as much about economics as it is about how

NAHID ASLANBEIGUI Professor of Economics, Finance and Real Estate

someone built a career."

The book has been widely Robinson studied econom- reviewed and praised since its nomic Literature were among

Oakes, who has expertise in the sociological, intellectual and philosophical aspects of career production, and the two professors worked together to write the book.

"We wrote the book as we thought it ought to be written hard for those who graduated "The Provocative Joan Robin- without first securing a publish- area concerned with the impact a woman who reached success before then, like Robinson, to son" the Joseph J. Spengler Best ing contract," Oakes explained. of economic policy on the well- during a time of gender inequality.

"That's not the conventional way academic publishing is done. Generally, authors attempt to get a contract on the basis of an outline and a chapter," Oakes

After finishing the book, they approached the *Duke University Press* and received a contract. "This is the first book to be published by a university press that has emerged from the MU business school in the last 15 years," Oakes said.

Although neither author uses the book about Robinson in any of their classes, "use of the book in a course is less important than the contribution that the writing and research made to our skills as teachers," Oakes said. "Nahid [Aslanbeigui] has incorporated the analytical tools we used in the book in teaching her courses and I have done the same," he continued.

Currently, Aslanbeigui and Oakes are working on another book about another important economist, Arthur Cecil Pigou, the founder of welfare economics. Welfare economics is an

being of specific social groups as well as entire nations.

Palgrave Macmillan, an international academic and trade publishing company that distributes textbooks, journals, and professional and reference works both in print and online, will be publishing Aslanbeigui and Oakes' book about Pigou and his work.

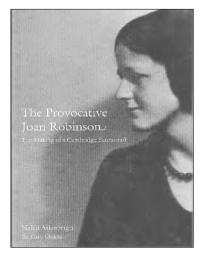


PHOTO TAKEN from ecobook.com "The Provocative Joan Robinson" illustrates the life of

# Apple's Secure Software Raises Concerns Among Buyers

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system installed. However, the recent security flaw could serve as a warning to Apple users to not be lulled into a false sense of security.

Despite the inherent security risks that mobile phones carry, they are a large part of everyday life for college students. As of January, almost 80 percent of college students used a smartphone, according pewinternet.

Kretsch explained that sometimes a phone's security features are not the main issue for keeping a phone safe from any potential threats; rather, most of the time it is contingent upon the type of network the phone is connected to.

"Using a mobile browser for secure transactions isn't the main security concern...A secure wifi network, such as those on campus and on home systems using a properly configured firewall and reasonable precautions, should be fine," Kretsch said.

She also warned that "using an unsecured network such as cept transmissions."

Kretsch added that students should, "follow the same precautions you'd follow on a laptop such as not automatically downloading email attachments or visiting questionable sites." Kretch also said always keep software up-to-date, and protect devices with a password. "Yes, it might take you a few extra seconds to get into your phone, but it will give you some short-term

you just give to others."

Dr. Edward Christensen, Vice President for Information Management, said students should on your mobile device, it is public already."

Christensen believes the best way to protect personal data is to exercise caution when accessing the internet through unsecured networks and to utilize run more applications. He states

and maintained. For example, not save any passwords for her worried about battery life and performance, many iPhone users have not updated to iOS 7 "assume that if [information] is at all and thus may have vulnerabilities they are unaware of."

Another precaution that Christensen warns is that phone users should resist the temptation to "jailbreak" or tamper with their phone's software to allow it to protection from others accessing the protection that their phone is that in doing so the user removes

social media accounts saved on her phone. Therefore in the event her phone is ever stolen she does not have to worry about anyone remotely accessing any personal information from her accounts.

"I never really thought about doing it because of hacking. It just seems like common sense to not save your passwords so no one can get into your profiles and your online accounts in case you lose your phone," Zuczek

As mobile technology continues to grow, Kretsch said that as long as users remain prudent with what they share and how they protect their data they should remain as safe as they can from hackers trying to access their devices.

"Mobile devices are safer than they were in the past but those who make it their job to break into the previously unbreakable have also become more sophisticated," said Kretsch. "The key always comes down to the precautions users take to use their devices where it is safe, to be smart about what they transmit information compromised from and how well the users evaluate what they allow onto their de-Jennifer Zuczek, a sophomore vices and how up-to-date they

### "Using an unsecured network such free networks at coffee shops or airports is asking for trouble, as others on the network can intercept transmissions."

JAMIE KRETSCH Professor of Computer Science and Software Engineering

your system."

Kyle Browne, a criminal justice major, said he always makes sure he protects his phone with a password and refrains from putting a plethora of personal information about himself on social media applications. "If you put your info out there, it can become easier for hackers to free networks at coffee shops or access it," he said. "I use social nism." airports is asking for trouble, as media, but I don't check-in at careful about what information safer if it is not kept up-to-date chemistry major, said she does keep their devices."

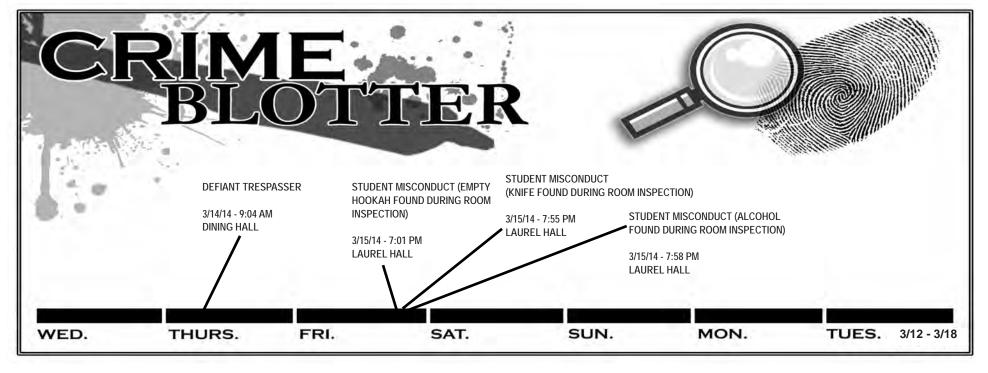
already equipped with.

"The weakest link in any technology security is often not the technology, but the people who use it," Christensen said.
"Consider that many people share their passwords with 'trusted' others, more than half of smartphone owners don't use a PIN or access locking mecha-

Christensen continued, "No a lost phone, he added. others on the network can inter- certain locations. You have to be [operating system] is inherently

the device's protection against

malware. The most common form of hacking occurs after a device has been misplaced or stolen, Christensen said. Merely installing a "find my phone" application and utilizing a phone's automatic lock password can help reduce the risk of having any personal



# Communication Department Honors Four Alumni

The Communication Department honored four University graduates for their personal and professional achievements during an induction ceremony into the Alumni Academy's first inaugural

munication degrees from the University made on their careers.

Haskell Berman, the Senior Vice President of State Affairs for the HealthCare Institute of New Jersey, said he uses the communication skills he learned every day in his profession.

"These are skills which I first learned at Monmouth," said Berman. "And where I was presented with opportunities to practice, such as The Outlook, on WMCX and student government, to name a few," he continued.

Communication skills are valuable to every student, regardless of their professions, Evan Krach-Each of the four inductees man, who works in the Medical shared the impact that their com- Division of Sony Electronics, said. "Monmouth University set the stage for me to challenge the norm and relatively think and solve problems; this is a skill that I believe all majors should utilize," he added.

Jim Hickey, the Chair of the Communication Department Council, said each of the induct-

"We simply wanted to find a way to honor and shine a spotlight on some of the really exceptional folks who have come out of the department and graduated from Monmouth and have gone on to do amazing things."

> CHAD DELL Chair of the Communication Department

every communication class she took at the University.

Berman said on a day to day basis he is drafting legislation, writing speeches, and working on campaigns, government relations and public affairs, which he Dell, Chair of the Department of said he learned while attending the

Alitia Faccone, 1986 alumnus, ee's speeches made it "evident that told the audience she carries a none of them have forgotten what "pearl of wisdom" with her from being an MU student did for them and how the University was so instrumental in helping to shape their adult lives."

> To allow the inductees to also share their experiences and achievements with students, Chad Communication, invited the inductees to speak during the 4th



PHOTO COMPILED by Angela Ciroalo

Four alumni were honored in the Communication Department's first inaugural Alumni Academy class. (From left to right) Haskell Berman, Alitia Faccone, Evan Krachman and Peter Miller

annual Communication Career Fair held prior to the induction ceremony on March 3. "I think each of them stands out as someone we would like to present to our current students as an example of a life well lived," said Dell.

Each inductee spoke on a panel during the fair and gave students advice for the future. "I consider being asked-and having the opportunity to-speak to the students a privilege," said Faccone. College is a stressful and exciting time for students, she explained. Therefore, she hoped to ease the student's fears of post-graduation through her guidance.

Faccone's advice for students: work diligently toward your goals and follow your passion. "Don't think you have to make a life decision about a career today, as your mind and career may change many times," she said.

Communication During the Career Fair, Berman shared his thoughts on transitioning from college into the working world and advised students to enjoy their time in school. "It's a great time ... choose opportunities for the right reasons. Do what interests you and

what you enjoy," he added.

The goal in creating the Alumni Academy is to honor the graduates and create a model for students to look up to, Dell explained. The department wanted to give students a goal to aim towards and in creating the academy, they made that possible, he said.

The honorees were selected by a nomination committee of three faculty members. The candidates were chosen based on the successes they have exemplified and the examples they have created through careers, Dell said.

"We simply wanted to find a way to honor and shine a spotlight on some of the really exceptional folks who have come out of the department and graduated from Monmouth and have gone on to do amazing things," said Dell.

The original idea to create the Communication Department Alumni Academy was delivered by Hickey. He was inducted into the communication Alumni Academy at his undergraduate college, West Michigan University, and felt the academy would be a great addition to the University.

"The Alumni Academy is a

valuable and exciting way for the University and the Department of Communication to say to its alums, 'We are proud of you when you were students and we are just as proud of your accomplishments since you graduated from MU,"" Hickey said.

The inductees were each shocked and flattered to be given such a prestigious award. "I am not worthy," Faccone thought as Dell originally told her the good news. "After the initial shock wore off, however, I gave myself permission to be flattered and honored.'

"As I said at the induction dinner, to me there is no greater honor than to be recognized by either your peers or alma mater,' Berman said. "In the case of the latter, these are people who knew you as a young student starting out and now are saying that you have done well and achieved a level of success.'

> For more on the Alumni Academy Induction, turn to pg. 7 for Evan Krachman's account of the night.

# The Pros Outweigh the Cons of the Great Lawn Debate

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the men's soccer team, said, "The Great Lawn is such a unique place and [the turf] will only continue to enhance our ability as a team"

McCourt believes the turf will serve as a recruiting tool for prospective future athletes. "This replacement will only enhance and the Great Lawn." enrich the opportunity to bring fantastic players to the University," he added.

McCourt feels this change will be successful in terms of allowing the University to better host tournaments in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) affiliated in National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I. McCourt believes the turf field will relieve stress incurred by constant maintenance of the grass and ease the worry of playing in uncertain northeast weather conditions.

Joseph Schmid, previous captain of the men's soccer team, said, "Since I got to Monmouth, the grass has been declining every year in no fault to the grounds staff, but all fault to the weather conditions. Grass is ideal but turf is what is needed ..." Turf is used for all professional sports, therefore it is the ideal condition to play games, Schmid added.

The idea to replace the grass on the Great Lawn with turf has "always been under discussion," Mc-Neil said. Since natural grass has limited use and is difficult to maintain over one season, turf has been found to be the solution, she added.

University President Dr. Paul Brown announced the upgrade to the Great Lawn through an email to the campus community on Monday, March 3 at approximate-

turf will improve the conditions of the field, which will increase the opportunities for the nationally and internationally recognized University soccer teams. Brown said, "It is important to know that these renovations will be done in a way that enhances the beauty of

Pedram Daneshgar, an assistant professor of biology, is not optimistic about the turf field's appearance. He said, "I believe that the Great Lawn is a part of a historical ball, whereas playing on grass

ly 6 am. Brown explained that the world. The aesthetics and how it looks just makes the game incredible.

> Turner believes the home grass field has been an advantage to the women's soccer team. "Opponents are intimidated by the environment of the Great Lawn, but I don't think that will change because of the turf," she continued.

> John Egan, a soccer player, believes that one benefit to playing on a turf field is the ability to better control the bounce of a soccer

the Great Lawn.

These potential injuries lead to the concern of infection. As explained in an article published by EOEarth.org, Methicillinresistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) is thought to spread easily among athletes because of repeated skin-to-skin contact, frequency of cuts and sharing of equipment.

Chuck Whedon, Associate Athletic Director for Sports Medicine, does not see a bacterial infection as a significant concern

said. "Most of the water on our campus flows southwards where it is deposited into Whale Pond Brook. This causes the stream to be heavily polluted and harmful to aquatic organisms."

Despite some debatable environmental health concerns, both McCourt and Turner agree field turf has become common for sports. McCourt said, "Every one of my players has grown up playing on turf, apart from a few of my international guys. More and more teams are playing on artificial turf for the very reasons the University has decided to use it."

"Although grass is certainly the best surface on which to play, current advances in both the materials and design of artificial turf surfaces, especially subsurface padding, make them a better overall choice to have available for athletic participation," said Whedon.

Egan said, "[The turf field] will provide the teams with a permanent field that will remain in all four seasons throughout the year." In the future Egan would also like to see improvements made to the fan section and believes a permanent bleacher or stadium should be constructed. He believes this development would make students more excited to attend games, urge the University to schedule more home games against higher ranked opponents and continue to make the program rise.

Turner believes Hesse Field is another step in the direction of making the Great Lawn seem more professional and exciting. "Hopefully the environment [of Hesse Field] is still intimidating so we can continue to dominate at home on our own turf."

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**CHUCK WHEDON** Associate Athletic Director for Sports Medicine

landmark. How does the University justify destroying it, covering it up with artificial turf? Permanent changes are not made to Wilson Hall for the same reason."

Daneshgar does, however, believe the change may be beneficial from a financial aspect of cutting costs due to decreased maintenance.

In her sixteenth season as the head coach of the women's soccer program, Krissy Turner said the team loved having a grass field but believes the shift towards turf is necessary for MAAC. However, Turner added that although it may be necessary for the University, "[grass] is the true surface that soccer is played on around fields can redirect the ball due to ditches and divots.

Because of the material, it is contemplated by health officials whether or not a turf field can increase the likelihood of athletes' cleats getting stuck and tangled in the artificial grass blades. However, Turner does not believe that there is a potential for injury, due to a lack of evidence. "As long as the athletes are wearing the right shoes and have the right approach to the game, there shouldn't be an increased concern," she said.

According to Turner, this past year two players incurred significant knee injuries, with one occurring on an artificial field and

since there has been a lack of turfburn related infection at the University. He said, "Our sports medicine staff inspects, cleanses and dresses the wounds regularly so the risk of infection is minimized. The University's investment in appropriate medical coverage through adequate staffing who can monitor our student-athletes and manage the turf wounds and other conditions is the main preventative measure."

Another preventative measure the University can take, as explained by Daneshgar, includes treating the fields with chemicals to eliminate the bacteria. "Water flows laterally on the surface unthe other on the natural grass of til it can penetrate," Daneshgar

# SAB Raises Awareness of the Dangers of Distracted Driving and Driving Under the Influence

ASHLEY BROUSELL CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The University's Student Activities Board (SAB) provided driving under the influence (DUI) and texting while driving simulators in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center (RSSC) to raise awareness about the dangers of drinking and/ or texting while driving. The simulators allowed students to experiwhile driving through a virtual video game.

"Approximately 2.8 million college students between the ages of 18 and 24 report driving under the influence of alcohol, and over 1,800 die annually from unintentional alcohol-related injuries" according to the Journal of American College Health.

Alicia Torello, a freshman communication major and the Awareness Chair for SAB, explained that the purpose of the event was to give students a "wake up call without anyone getting injured."

The issue of drinking and/or texting while driving is particularly large among college-aged students. According to the Journal of American College Health, 70 percent of college-enrolled youth report drinking alcohol on a monthly basis and 44 percent report binge drinking, which is defined as the consumption of four or more drinks for women and five or more drinks for men during a single drinking occasion.

Not only has drinking and driving become a major issue among young adults, but texting while ers.' driving, which can cause similar affects, is becoming an issue for young adults' actions can re-

Libery Mutual and Students Against Drunk Driving reported that, "A depressing 78 percent of teenagers reported texting while driving themselves: 27 percent often or very often, 24 percent sometimes, 28 percent at least

"If we can change one person's mind, we accomplished something," Torello added.

Steve Schukin, a senior acence the risks of these occurances counting major, believes students use their phones so often that they do not see texting while driving as

"Most kids our age are taught throughout life that drinking and driving is dangerous and that they should call a cab or have a [Designated Driver]," said Schukin. "But to some, texting and driving just doesn't seem to be as big of a risk as drinking and driving because the penalty is not as harsh."

The problem that students must realize is that texting while driving can be just as dangerous as drinking while driving, Schukin

Fiona Lynch, the Rutgers University head fencing coach, shared her philosophy on drinking and driving during the presentation in the RSSC.

"I know what it's like to be in college, I just was. I also know what it's like to have a few beers, feel invincible, and have a car," Lynch said. "The point I drive home with my fencers is that they have a name to uphold if they do something stupid. They're responsible for themselves, not just oth-

Sometimes, the explanations



PHOTO COURTESY of Ashlev Brousell

Driving simulators were set up in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center to allow students to understand the dangers of drinking or texting while driving first hand.

A survey completed by Liberty Mutual and Students Against Drunk Driving found teenagers blaming parents for "do as I say, not as I do" hypocrisy. The study found that 59 percent of teenagers reported seeing their parents text and drive.

"But regardless, when you're driving you're responsible for every beating heart in the car. There's a reason why a driver's license is a responsibility, not a privilege," Lynch added.

'By 1988, all states in the United States had raised their legal as well. A national survey from flect back to their parents' actions. drinking age from 18 to 21 and

an analysis of 57 published studies on the effects of this change conducted that higher legal drinking ages reduced alcohol-related vehicle crashes," according to a study in the US National Library of Medicine National Institutes of Health.

However, this does not change the fact that when young adults drink too much, decision-making is not the same as if they are sober.

Torello originally hoped to attract up to 150 people to the event, although she said she was happy if the event impacted even a few people.

In addition to raising awareness about drinking or texting while driving, the issue hit home with a few students. Michael Lubischer, a senior accounting major, said. "I know someone who hit someone drunk driving and the person who was hit was paralyzed and the driver went to jail for a few years."

Torello faced the issue in her own life. "I have a family friend who was speeding and texting and is now paralyzed and slightly mentally disabled because of the accident," she said. "I have not text and drove, or drank and drove. I'm too nervous to."

# Students Study Art in Greece

ALYSSA GRAY COMICS EDITOR

Eighteen students studied ancient art in Greece during a 10day spring break trip along with professors, family and alumni.

The trip was led by Professor Vincent DiMattio, a professor of art and design, who has lead the trip for several years.

The group left Newark International Airport on March 14, traveled to Germany for a layover and March 15. During their stay, the group went to several museums focused on art and history and took day excursions around the city of Delphi, and the island of Aegina.

The planning takes a lot of ef fort and is started months in advance," said DiMattio.

"I start the planning in the summer. [The tour company, Michelangelo Tours, and I] have to start figuring out which places we are learned the most. going to go to while we are there and how everything is timed,"

said DiMattio

A two-credit optional drawing class was offered while on the trip. Which was another factor that DiMattio had to take into account while preparing for the trip. The course this year was a two credit drawing course called Art in Athens in which the students had to create a compilation of drawings that showed their understanding of the artwork observed on the trip.

Whether involved in the course then landed in Athens, Greece on or not, everyone on the trip was encouraged to "dive into the culture," and find something to take away from it, DiMattio said.

Keleyn Wraga, a senior art edu-Athens, parts of the Peloponnese, cation major, has been on several spring break trips with DiMattio the past two years, making this her third trip abroad with him. She said that though she has been to other locations on previous trips, Greece was by far her favorite and the one where she

> "The country was beautiful and the amount of information I

learned about Greek Mythology and art has inspired me to further investigate the topic. As an art education major, Professor Di-Mattio's enthusiasm for culture, art and his students has taught me what a true teacher should be," said Wraga.

Amber Ross, University alumnus, said that this trip gave her a new perspective on culture and the world as a whole. "I didn't just fall in love with the ancient ruins and the history and tales behind them, but I also fell in love with the culture, food, people, and the scenery," said Ross.

Mostly there were students who saw the Greece trip not only as a learning experience but a bonding experience. Olivia DiMattio, the professor's daughter, has been go ing on the trips for 12 years and said this year's group might just be the "tightest knit group" she has ever traveled with.

"DiMattio makes every trip so inspiring...The group of kids are incredibly adventurous, eager to learn, and become lifelong friends even after just 10 days abroad," Olivia DiMattio said. "We become a family together, and it is such a rare thing for a group of 18 people to do. We learn together, we explore together, we travel together and most importantly we share together. Ten days fly by but the memories and lessons learned last forever."

Overall, Olivia DiMattio gives credit and appreciation to her father who made the trip possible. "DiMattio gives us such an amazing opportunity. He gives us the appreciation of culture, the broadening love for art, and unique friendships that last longer than just a few days," she said.

## Career Services Visits Software House International



PHOTO COURTESY of Jeffrey Mass

alumni and is looking for future MU employees.

Will Hill, the Assistant Dean of Career Services and Jeffrey Mass, the Career Counselor, visited the offices of Software House International (SHI), a software development company with corporate offices in Somerset, New Jersey on February 26th.

SHI currently employs 30 University alumni which all have fulltime positions. Jeff DeModna, their Senior Corporate Recruiter, and other members of SHI management team have been greatly impressed by the quality of the University's students and they wish to continue hiring more graduates in the near future. In the past they have hired our graduates into sales, purchasing, project management and technology based positions.

"Monmouth University is a great pipeline of local talent and SHI provides a fantastic local employer option to our graduates," Jeff Mass, Career Counselor, said. "We have developed a great relationship between our organizations that has resulted in a beneficial business relationship, and we hope this continues to grow for years to come."

SHI has transformed itself from a \$1 million "software-only" regional reseller into a \$5 billion global provider of information technology products and services. Career Services has established a strong relationship with this firm over the past three years.



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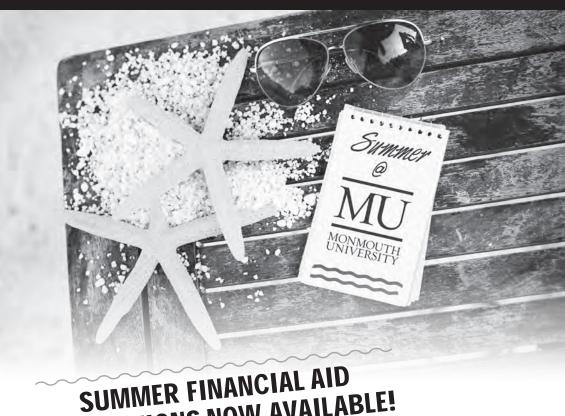
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## Is This on the Syllabus?

THE OUTLOOK STAFF OPINION

If NYC were to come to life and take the form of a human, it would be a college student. From sunrise to sunset, college students are constantly engaged in some sort of activity. Whether you're cramming for tomorrow's Advanced Abstract Algebra quiz, or listening to the sweet sounds of your unfinished chapter readings serenading you, just like city nightlife, there is always something else to do.

When a student registers for a class and is handed their syllabus, it acts as a binding contract between the student and professor. As students, we schedule internships, extracurricular activities and work around the course schedule given to us by our professors. When a professor spontaneously decides to make it mandatory for a student to attend an event outside of class, it dishevels the student's schedule and puts the student at a disadvantage if they are unable to attend an event due to a prior commitment.

The Outlook believes that students should not be required to attend events outside of scheduled class meeting times because the events tend to conflict with prior engagements. We feel that it is unnecessary for professors to force students to attend events on campus causing students to skip a class, leave early or cancel other obligations just to attend this event and not get penalized.

Often, professors also assign students a supplemental reaction paper to be handed in after the event, which can be frustrating to students who were not able to attend the event. One editor said that it is completely ridiculous and counterproductive to assign more work to a student that was unable to attend the original event due to an over-packed

schedule. Professors need to understand that some sort of compromise needs to be created for students who cannot attend mandatory events because, in most cases, the outcome usually isn't fair for students.

Aaron Furgason, an associate professor of communication, feels that students should decide on their own whether or not they want to attend events outside of class. Furgason said, "I would never make it mandatory for students to attend an event on campus, but I will make the students aware of the event...If I do assign students to attend a mandatory event, it would be clearly outlined in the syllabus."

Although the staff is opposed to being required to attend events outside of allocated class instruction time, we understand the benefit of attending these events. Events hosted by the University offer additional instruction from our peers, professors or even guest speakers that we would otherwise not have access to. As students of the University, we expect a high return on investment in regard to our education and events on campus provide students with additional opportunities to learn and participate in activities they may never do again.

Another editor said, "Honestly, I have yet to go to an outside of class lecture or presentation that hasn't taught me anything, and usually I remember the outside of class content better than the inside class stuff. Overall, we as students are here at the university to learn."

Some professors choose to offer extra credit to attend events as opposed to forcing students to go. The Outlook feels that offering the incentive of extra credit to attend events is a better approach than making an event mandatory. There are times where events on campus do compliment the classroom instruction and having a professor recommend an event to the class that students can further benefit from shows that professors are truly invested in the students and want to enhance their educational opportunities.

Eleanor Novek, an associate professor of communication, is in favor of providing extra credit to students who attend campus events. Novek believes attending events on campus allows students to be exposed to things they haven't had the opportunity to partake in. Although many professors believe that requiring us to attend events on campus enhances our education process at the University and prepares us for the future, The Outlook feels that it is a disservice and an inconvenience to the students.

By forcing students to attend events outside of class, it suggests that the students do not want to be there in the first place, leading to inattentiveness during events and resistance towards the presenter. If professors want students to benefit from events on campus, the best they can do is make students aware of them. The students who want to take advantage of the opportunity will do so and the others will either miss out or fulfill their previous obligations.

Professors need to understand that they shouldn't require students to attend events outside of class, because if someone isn't interested in attending something, that's it, check please. Professors already have the attention of the students for two and a half hours a week in the classroom and for countless hours while doing homework. As students, we cannot afford to take time off of work or skip class just to make one professor happy, but we will gladly consider the event if we finished that 20 page paper early and if extra credit is of-



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# Is America an Unfriendly Place?

JENNIFER MURPHY CONTRIBUTING WRITER

With the world increasing and advancing rapidly, human interaction is constantly a concern.

How humans treat one another is often discussed because it to visit multiple European counhas changed so much from what it used to be and we have be- Italy and Switzerland and I have come so technologically depen-

What is at risk is the ability to develop a conversation and have communication face-to-face with another person.

But is this change in interaction, friendliness, and conversation starting a change for everyone or just the citizens of America?

It's hard to call America an acclaimed society for friendliness when there are constant polls being put out for America's most unfriendly places.

Papers like The New York Times, Huffington Post, and the Washington Times have all published polls and articles for the unfriendliest places in

to being badgered for our technology dependence and how it is affecting our daily lives. I would confidently say most people use their preferred technology like tablets, cell phones, or laptops laid back society, which I feel to avoid human interaction. But causes the people to generate is this just in America, or everywhere?

One of the most common other areas in life. phrases I hear when discussing this topic is "Europe is so much more friendly, the people there

though?

Europe and the friendliness there is such an assumed topic. For instance, most of the people saying this have never visited

I myself have had the pleasure tries, including Greece, Spain, developed my opinions on personal experience.

When it came to the people,

"What is at risk is the ability to develop a conversation and have face-to-face communication with another person."

But, we have all fallen victim they were just as friendly as people I have come across in America. When I said hi they said hello back. When they said hello I said hi back.

Europe definitely has a more conversation better because they don't feel as much pressure in

For instance, a place like NJ, where there are great schools, a great amount of money, the presare so nice." Is that really true sure or the success is measured

based on those two things, so people become concerned with that rather than having a conversation with their neighbor to see what they are up to.

The real difference is between the different regions of America. When looking through these polls between The New York Times, Huffington Post, and the Washington Times, it seems the real difference is between the North and the South regions of the country. Some of the friendliest places of America were GA, TX, and MI.

Some of the unfriendliest places in America were CT, NY, and NJ. The most fast paced, busy areas were named unfriendly and the slower, more laid back areas were claimed friendly.

This brings up a point. In the busier, urban regions, human interaction and friendliness lacks much more than in more rural areas, where people have much more time on their hands and live a more relaxed, simple

I believe the problem is technology and America is one of the most technologically developed countries in the world.

However, I wouldn't give all the blame to the American people because the lack of happy interaction is happening every-

You are going to come across unfriendly people everywhere you go, there are no more and no less in one specific area.

If we all tried to be a little nicer, and a little friendlier to each other, the world would definitely be a better place.

# Summer Classes at the Jersey Shore

Isn't it every student's aspiration to get in and out of college with their degree in hand within the standard four or five year time frame? Unfortunately though, many college students struggle with completing their education and required amount of credits in

As a student, it is easy for life to get in the way sometimes; with internships, part-time jobs, sports, clubs and organizations, and maybe even a social life (if you are lucky). It is easy to understand why many graduates end up completing their education a little later than expected.

Luckily, there are actions you can take to ensure you graduate on time and even make your life a little easier along the way. One of the feasible steps is to take a summer course at the University.

There are three important reasons that make summer classes at MU worth considering; the flexibility, the price and the location.

MU offers a very flexible schedule for summer courses with a wide array of classes you could choose from.

The perk of taking a summer class is that pesky three credit requirement you simply want to get out of the way can potentially be completed in only four to six weeks rather than in over three months during the fall or spring.

MU offers different sessions with various time spans and months for different courses,

making it easy for you to earn those three credits in a shorter period of time and still have the rest of the summer to enjoy. So you can complete the same three credit classes you would during the regular term, with the same professors, but in far less time.

Now if you are wondering "how am I going to pay for it?" you are in luck; MU offers a 15 percent discount on all summer classes. In addition, many students can even use their standard financial aid to cover summer sessions without ever having to pay out of pocket or seek loans from private lenders, which can be a hassle.

The last reason you should consider summer courses as MU is the location of the campus. Summer at the beautiful Jersey Shore; need I

The fun and vibrant Pier Village is no more than a five minute drive down the road. Even other destinations such as Seaside, Point Pleasant, Belmar, Asbury, or Sandy Hook where there are plenty miles of boardwalk, sand and sun are also no more than a half hour

If you take summer classes at MU, you will be right in the middle of some awesome beach towns and have plenty of time to enjoy the beach.

So why not take four or six weeks out of your summer to hit the books and get a class or two out of the way to reduce some of the stress during the school year? You will be saving time and money while being one step closer to getting their degree quicker.

## Alumnus Looks Back on Years at MU

**EVAN KRACHMAN**ALUMNUS WRITER '85

You have good days and you have bad days in life. How many times have you heard that one? Things had been very hectic for me so the mood at the office was frazzled and bleak.

Jarring me from my possible despair, my cell phone rings and it's Chad Dell, the Chair of the Department of Communication. He explained to me the new Alumni Academy and goes on to inform me that I am being inducted. I think my first reaction was shock

new President of the University would be in attendance. Dell informed me I could invite a friend, I immediately called my wife Kerry.

I had the great honor to be inducted with two old friends from the communication department, Alitia Falcone '86 and Haskell Berman '86. I also had the pleasure to meet Mr. Peter Miller '71, an inductee who's known in the Literary Industry as a "Literary Lion."

It was great to catch up with old friends and meet new friends. Dell had tasked each of us to prepare a speech for the attendees. Here I thought it would be a relaxing evening with no pressure. Well we are communication majors and it shouldn't be a surprise that all of the inductees were great. Sorry a bit of bias in that review.

fond memories like; Alitia Fac-University walking down the steps of their lives.

of Wilson Hall and Peter's audition for "Woody," aka Lauren Woods with a propeller prop in hand.

I shared some of my memories which seemed to have come alive that night as I recalled the great professors who inspired us and my favorite College Center Staff member, Blanche who was the mother of us all on the third floor. She would often visit the radio station or my yearbook office, to make sure we weren't getting into trouble. Blanche would love to say; "I am going to tell John Martin on you!"

Kerry was very touched and unbut then a sense of pride started to derstood why I wanted to give back to the University after that night. Dell explained we would have a MU created a place that enabled dinner in which Paul Brown, the us to do whatever we wanted and as Professor Huber said that night, "Nobody told the students no." We didn't have a state-of-the art TV studio but a place in the barn with a small VHS editing system. The radio station was just a couple of rooms and a small studio, but we had the best time and we learned how to be creative and use the tools we had to excel.

> Earlier in the day I participated in the "Thinking out of the Box" Career forum, which is perfect for me because I am the guy who's always way outside the box. MU set the stage for me to challenge the norm, creatively think and solve problems which is a skill that I believe all majors could utilize.

So, it's with great honor to be a part of this Alumni Academy and look forward to continuing my We heard some great stories and involvement with the University and helping future alumni make an cone's story of her first week at the easier transition into the next phase

# The Parking Lot is Not Always Greener on the Other Campus

WILLIAM ROMBA STAFF WRITER

Yes, we are all relieved that midterms are over and that means we are just that much closer to summer vacation.

However, that doesn't mean that the rest of the spring semester will be without its aggravating moments. I am speaking of the parking lot situation at MU, that I think I can speak for all of the student body how aggravating and frustrating it truly is.

I know for a fact that one of the biggest annoyances for MU students in recent years has been the poorly orchestrated parking situa-

Finding a spot was always a hassle at this campus. However, now with the current construction of Pozycki Hall, the parking lot is crazier than ever, at all times of the day. With the ongoing construction, several of the parking spots in front of Bey Hall are fenced off and inaccessible.

This means available spaces are even fewer and farther between which, speaking as a commuter who has to show up 30 minutes early for a 1 pm class to fight for an open spot, can get very old, very fast.

Not only are cars following students back to their cars, people are challenging one another on who can pull into the spot first.

This issue has made me very curious to wonder how other schools orchestrate their student parking lots and if the asphalt is any greener on the other campus.

To see if this is the case, let's look at Rutgers University as an example. The largest college in the state of NJ handles student parking very differently from MU.

Ashley Fedor, a 21-year-old psychology major at Rutgers described



Lot 16 (pictured above) is located behind the Jules L. Plangere Communication Center and is only available to faculty members. However, Lot 25 is located behind Lot 16 and is open to everyone.

the school's policy. Since Rutgers' New Brunswick campus contains three of its own campuses, College Avenue, Douglass and Livingston, majority of their classes on.

Fedor said that students can register their cars online and they receive a tag to hang from their rearview mirror, similar to the stickers that MU students stick in their windows.

This tag means students essentially have their own parking spot. Fedor said, "I park in a four level parking deck and I can park in whichever space I want in that parking garage."

However, this convenience of always having a place to put your car comes at a price. Fedor mentioned that students need to pay \$299 a year for parking (pretty affordable when compared to the \$350 MU resident students pay annually).

Depending on the weather, your ability to park in your assigned lot may be affected and finding another one isn't as easy as landing in the next open space you see.

After one of the many snowstorms we experienced this winter, Fedor, who commutes to New Brunswick for class, said when she got to the Douglass campus to park

before class; the top level of her parking garage wasn't plowed.

Because of this and the other spots being full, she couldn't find a parkthe school allows students to park ing spot. "If I parked on another on whichever campus they have the campus I would have been fined," Fedor said.

> "I could have parked at a meter, but you have to pay for the two hours, or whatever it is, and you can't always find a spot there either" Fedor said. So she decided it wasn't worth risking the fine and missed class that day.

> So while it seems like Rutgers has a better parking setup, their system is also not without its downsides.

> MU students may sometimes have to arrive early and play parking lot roulette, hoping to get lucky and snatch up the first empty spot, but there are parking attendants to watch your car and you can drive to another lot on campus and park without risking a hefty fine or being forced to find a working parking

> Pozycki Hall will eventually be finished and the parking situation will return to normal. So while it's irritating now, we just need to make the best out of a bad situation.

Yes Rutgers' system is different, but it isn't perfect either.

# NJ's Most Expensive Budget Plan Unvield for 2014-2015 Fiscal Year

## Major Costs Include: State Workers' Pensions and \$159 Million Set Aside for Higher Education Expenses

**JASMINE RAMOS** 

NJ Gov. Chris Christie proposed a \$34.4 billion budget, the state's most expensive budget ever, on Feb. 24.

In his Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget proposal, there is a required \$2.25 billion payment to the public worker pension funds without raising taxes, however it leaves no money left over to fund major new programs or ini-

Part of Christie's spending plan for the fiscal year that starts July 1, gives slight increases in K-12 and municipal aid. The budget for some school districts has increased by five million dollars, allowing them to implement longer school hours. There is also an increase in the funding for higher education by eight percent, or \$159 million.

Claire Alasio, Director of Financial Aid said, "If we assume the best case scenario, that the entire \$159.3 million goes to students and it goes to students at both public and independent students, then that would mean an average of \$178 spent on each of the 893,433 students enrolled in NJ colleges and universities for fall 2013. Although that scenario is unlikely, even if it came to pass, the impact to the individual student is minimal."

There is also an increase in funding for Tuition Aid Grants, or TAG. Christie is adding an additional \$14 million to the nearly \$47 million funding to this aid.

Alasio said, "I do not understand how this will equate to an across the board increase, given that the Dream Act passed in the fall and there will be more students eligible for TAG.

Alasio continued, "That said. if we take this at face value, the highest TAG grant amount for independent institutions is \$11,958 and the lowest amount is \$1,922; a two percent increase would mean \$239 on the highest amount and \$39 on the lowest amount. Again, this is not an impactful increase.

Acting on his commitment to higher education, Christie's budget provides \$1 million to in danger of having these costs independent colleges and universities.

independent colleges and universities that would share in this. Generally, an institution's share is based upon enrollment and the number of students enrolled who have financial need. [Monmouth University's] share would be larger than some but smaller than others. But, if we assumed an equal share, it would equate to about \$77,000 to each of the 13 institutions. If you divided that by the approximately 4,800 full-time undergraduates at [Monmouth University] it is about \$16 per student.'

Pressman continued, course, higher tuition leads to lots of complaints, and then gets lots of attention by state legislators who then attempt to legislate controls on tuition. Just last week two New Jersey legislators, Celeste Riley (D-Cumberland) and Joseph Cryan (D-Union), introduced a series of bills that seek (among other things) to freeze tuition for nine semesters for incoming students and to have universities graduate a large fraction of incoming students within five years. Schools failing to do this will receive even less state funding.'

"In either case, revenues will decline at state universities. Under no circumstances will universities get more money from the state under the Riley-Cryan bills--although declining state aid is one of the main reasons that tuition at public universities is soaring. The result will be fewer classes and faculty, larger class size and a lower quality of education at state universities," Pressman said

Christie's new budget is 4.2 percent larger than the one he signed last year and he is depending on revenue growth of 5.8 percent, according to thr budget.

"Due to our pension, health benefit, and debt obligations, only six percent of new spending can be focused on the areas where we really want to dedicate our resources: education, tax relief, public safety, higher education, drug rehabilitation, health care," Christie said.

Christie continued, "We are overwhelm our budget, monopolize our resources, and threaten Pressman said, "There are 13 our ability to continue to fund

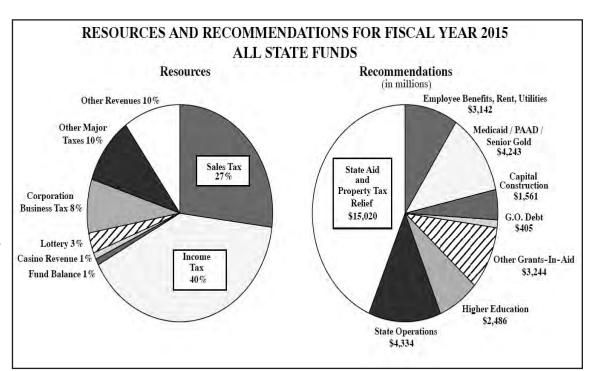


IMAGE TAKEN from Summaries of Appropriations

The pie charts (above) show the amount of projected tax revenue (left) and the amount of expenses (right) in Gov. Chris Christie's budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

most.'

Dr. Steve Pressman, professor of economics and finance, said, "required state spending on health, pensions (and a few other things) have left little money to do the important things that our state government should be doing to grow the state economy. These are best thought of as investments--projects that will improve worker productivity, attract business firms to start up in the state because of a high quality workforce here, and enhance the quality of life within the state.

Pressman continued, "To take my favorite example, budgetary constraints kept Governor Christie from accepting massive Federal money to build another tunnel underneath the Hudson River. The Governor turned this down because NJ would have had to contribute a little bit of money to the project."

Pressman continued, "Since there was no extra money in the budget and the Governor refused to raise taxes even a tiny bit for the project, the project was cancelled (even though it was one of the 'shovel ready' projects that the government was ready to fund in early 2009). This project

into NY and improved property values throughout the state.

Medicaid funding will increase by \$200 million, with the cost split between the state and the federal government. According to the budget and online retailers will be subjected to state sales tax that would bring in about \$200 million in the new

Several cuts from previous years that have been kept include cuts to women's health centers and the earned income tax credit, which is aimed at the working poor.

State Treasurer Andrew Sidamon-Eristoff said to reporters before the governor's speech, "This budget represents a long [term] process of setting priorities and making choices. We have limited resources and we have some significant non-discretionary needs that we have to address. So under these circumstances we're doing what we think is prudent, fiscally responsible thing."

"The point here is that while it sounds like a lot of money is being directed toward higher education, when you consider the number of institutions and would have created lots of jobs doesn't translate to a big impact the budget negotiations.

the priorities we care about in NJ, reduced commuting time at the individual student level." said Alasio.

Phil Sarpong, a freshman business major said, "It is devastating how much higher education cost, and there is not a lot money going towards fixing that. Even though there seems to be at least an effort, it still does not seem like enough.'

According to The Wall Street Journal, Christie was seen as very humble and avoiding fights with the Democrats, facing the scandal over his administration's role in the traffic jam near the George Washington Bridge from back in Sept.

Heather Haddon, a writer for The Wall Street Journal, said Christie's ability to negotiate with a "Democratic-controlled Legislature will be the first significant test of his capacity to govern" since the scandal broke.

A Monmouth University Polling Institute survey indicated that only 40 percent of residents surveyed gave Christie's administration an A or B, down from 72 percent in Sept. "The fact that Christie's popularity is significantly diminished simply puts him in a weaker position," said Patrick Murray, executive director of the polling institute, number of students attending, it to The Wall Street Journal about

# NJ Bill Could Give Tax Credit for Textbook Purchases

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increase the deductions and loss of revenue to the state even more."

Rainey added, "I figure the vast majority of full time students will be able to take the \$100 maximum deduction over the course of a year of book buying, so the deductions students who wish to go back to will add up."

Stives said. "Whatever is given in credits will cost the state money which they don't have. If 100,000 taxpayers claim the \$100 credit, it will cost the state 10 million dollars," said Stives. "Couldn't this ing to Stives. money be used for better use such that was cut from NJ colleges a few years ago?"

Stives cites other negative points concerning the bill such as the limitation of who the bill affects.

bill will only affect NJ schools, it was reintroduced two years ago, "This again is ridiculous since NJ schools are overrun and cost NJ taxpayers money to subsidize. In my opinion, a family is doing NJ a favor by sending their children to schools in other states."

The bill also disregards older school after the age of 22 and increases the financial burden of families with an income of over \$150,000 who has to pay costs as high as \$75,000 per year for their kids to go to college in NJ accord-

This is not the first time that a as restoring some of the state aid NJ bill concerning textbook costs has been proposed, according to Rainey. He referenced a bill from six or seven years ago that would require state schools to offer textbook rentals. "It languished in He said regarding the fact that the committee," he said. "By the time

every state school offered rentals, so it was moot."

As with other tax deductions, the responsibility of documenting textbook purchases is on the buyer, Rainey said. He added that if needed, the University book store can usually retrieve record of textbook purchases made with a credit card, but cash receipts cannot be replicated.

The bill has not been passed by the State Assembly, who must consider the effects it will have on taxpayers and the state of NJ. "I think this is a bad idea because it discriminates against successful families and those who go out of state for college," said Stives. "Our income tax laws are far too complicated now and another arbitrary law to help a few politicians look good is not needed."

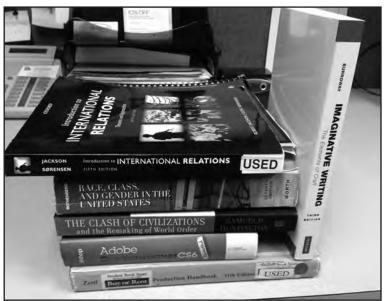


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If passed, A1823 would give students a tax credit toward the cost of textbooks.

# Is This Search or Seizure Legal?

## United States Supreme Court Rules on Two Cases This Year That Could Impact Students

VICTORIA RODRIGUEZ STAFF WRITER

The United States Supreme Court recently ruled on two search and seizure cases that involved searching an individual to avoid evidence destruction and house searches that could affect college students.

cent case about a robbery that turned violent. Abel Lopez was attacked and robbed near an alleyway. The cops were called in a rather quick fashion thus reand the victim identified the attacker as Walter Fernandez.

They reached the door of where bystanders saw the rob- DUI was given to a man whose ber run to and Walter Fernandez answered the door refusing to let the police in. He was arrested and taken in for questioning. The police came back and preceded to search the residency because of Roxanne Rojas, the ter median of the road and was co-tenant of the home allowed the search through both written and verbal consent Even though Walter did not approve, he was then detained and police were permitted to search the apartment, which revealed a plethora of gang weaponry.

The Court ruled that the level. search was reasonable and sided with California, according to the it violated his Fourth Amend-

Professor Gregory Bordelon, lecturer of political science said regarding Fernandez vs. California, "What I think is most a fact intensive area of the law alarming about these particular facts in the context of how the Supreme Court fleshed out a rule of law on co-tenant consent and Bordelon. shared dominion over property is the nature of how the police in this case could have gained ally whether the dissipation of pectation of privacy," said Bor-

courts having to decide what would become ultimately a new rule of law, excepting the rule in Georgia v. Randolph (where simultaneous objection by one co-tenant trumps the consent presumably given by the other co-tenant).

He continued, "It seems in the In California, there was a re- Fernandez case that the police could have temporarily detained the objecting party on valid grounds and gotten the warrant moving the need for this case to go to the Supreme Court."

In Missouri vs. McNeely, a blood alcohol concentration was clearly above the legal limit in Missouri, but the way that was found out was not by his con-

McNeely had cross the censpeeding, which led a cop to pull him over. The cop proceeded to attempt to give him a Breathalyzer test and he refused. The cop then arrested McNeely and took him to a nearby hospital for a blood test that revealed his blood alcohal content (BAC)

The Supreme Court ruled that ment right because they extracted it without a warrant and his BAC was quickly decelerating.

'Criminal procedure is such that it's hard to say whether one scenario was right or wrong in a general sense," according to

Bordelon continued, "In the McNeely case, the issue was reprobable cause and possibly also alcohol in the blood stream con-

gotten a warrant instead of the stituted an exigent circumstance so much to the extent that a warrant shouldn't be needed.'

> Chief of University Police, William McElrath said the topic of personal feredom and public safety is a heavily debated topic.

> "Many people believe that personal freedoms may be overlooked when a life is at stake. To a certain extent, the law also supports this concept. There are exceptions to the need to get a search warrant when the police want to conduct a search. One of them is called the 'exigent circumstances' exception. This allows the police to conduct a search when emergency circumstances do not allow the police the time to obtain a search warrant, and any delay may harm someone or could destroy evidence," McElrath said.

> He continued, "On a college campus, it could be information leading the police to believe that someone has drugs, liquor or evidence of a crime."

> Bordelon said, "The Court was mindful of the factual sensitivity of such cases in this decision and it ruled that it would not issue a blanket rule on exigency exceptions and such invasive procedures – had the facts been different, the analysis could have gone a different way.

> "Justice Scalia, known for his pro-state conservative reasoning, has consistently sided with the liberal wing of the Court in these types of Fourth Amendment cases not on principled ideological terms but on his position on upholding precedent and that these types of cases do violate a person's reasonable ex-



IMAGE COMPILED by Christopher Orlando

The major issue regarding search and seizure is the balance between public security and personal freedoms.

McElrath said, "The laws concerning search and seizure are always being updated as technology changes. Most of our search and seizure laws were made long before IPhones, emails, and Facebook accounts. Judges and legislators are now trying to bal- to be educated on your rights, ance privacy concerns as they more common then not people relate to Internet crimes and cyber bullying. We are in a period more likely to get victimized of time where law enforcement unknowingly because of how is playing catch up with crimes uninformed they are".

utilizing advanced technology." Joe Dellera, senior political science major said, "the most

common mistake we make as citizens of this country is giving up rights without realizing it. The most important thing is who don't know there rights are

# A Panel Clears Christie of Involvement in "Bridgegate"

## Legislative Investigation Still Ongoing and Searching for Answers

BRENDAN GREVES

A legal review board of Governor Chris Christie's involvement in "Bridgegate" has cleared the governor of any wrong doing or prior knowledge of the lane closures on the George Washington Bridge in September, according to Politico. com on March 24, 2014.

However, two more investigations are still in place by the New Jersey State Legislature and the view former staff members Bridget U.S. Attorney's office in New Jer-

According to CBS News, the review was done by the Gibson Dunn & Crutcher law firm. The lawyer that led the investigation, Randy M. Mastro, dismissed any speculation and will release information about the timeline of communications leading up to the lane closures. According to the CBS article the review included 70 interviews with every member who is currently on

Christie's senior staff, and included Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno, top officials at the Port Authority, and Governor Christie himself. The firm also went through private email accounts, text messages, phone calls, and Governor Christie's private IPhone.

This review will receive some skepticism because it is somewhat controversial. Although 70 members of Christie's staff were interviewed, the review failed to inter-Anne Kelly and Bill Stepien, according to Politico.com. These staff members have been removed but were key players because their emails linked the administration to the scandal. David Wildstein, an ex-Port Authority official that was appointed by Christie, was also not interviewed. Not to mention that the review also cost more than \$1 million in legal fees that will be paid by New Jersey tax payers.

Even though it is looking as if

Christie will be proven not guilty, the media coverage of this scandal has had a damaging effect on his reputation. There are many differing opinions about this. On March 11th, a Farleigh Dickinson poll showed that Governor Christie's approval rating has dipped down to

Dr. Joseph Patten Chair of the Political Science and Sociology Department said that he does not see Governor Christie as a serious presidential candidate. "Governor Christie's strengths were that he worked well with members of separate parties, that he's honest, and that he relates to average people." He continued to say, "This scandal contradicts those three strengths, so this scandal really hurts his chances of making a run in 2016," said Pat-

Assistant professor of communication, Dr. Michael Phillips-Anderson added that, "The scandal has reduced Christie's ability to focus

"The scandal has reduced Christie's ability to focus on his agenda following his re-election ..."

> MICHAEL PHILLIPS-ANDERSON Assistant Professor of Communication

on his agenda following his re-election, which is difficult in a case like tion. The huge media focus when this. He really needs it to pass so he the scandal broke has died down, can get onto what he clearly wants but there is still a mention of it in nearly every story about him." He continued, "Christie will have to continue to moderate his communication style. He doesn't want to come off like a bully, even though that style is what brought him attention and political success in the first

Phillips-Anderson continued, 'He can't really get on with his agenda until there is a clear resoluto be his main focus, running for president."

The Monmouth University Polling Institute actually shows that 89 percent of Republicans still approve of Governor Christie.

Will Grant, a junior communciation major said about the bridge scandal, "I think it will blow over. People are always trying to find something to bring someone

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IMAGE TAKEN from The Monmouth University Polling Institute



# Sprucing Up For Spring Tips and Tricks to Get Yourself in the Mood for the New Season



Spring has officially sprung, but have you transitioned from winter? With cooler temperatures and constant reminders of the past season, it may be difficult to get yourself out of that winter slump. But, if you try these simple tricks, you may find yourself revitalized and ready for sunshine and a new beginning.

Get a fresh start. No one likes cleaning while they're in the middle of scouring and scrubbing, but who doesn't like the end result? Although it may not seem like a fun activity, spring cleaning will help you feel refreshed. The winter may have brought clutter and stuffiness to your room or dorm, but sprucing it up will help make it feel more open

Dust off surfaces, vacuum rugs and get rid of any old papers and junk you may have laying around. When you're finished with the dirty work, open your windows and let the fresh spring air enter your space. Light a floral scented candle or spray a citrus air freshener to create even more purity.

Revamp your closet. Before you hit the mall, check out what you have hiding on hangers and in bins. Go through your winter wardrobe and see what you want to save for next year. If there are items you haven't worn in a while, pile them

and have more room in your closet for fresh spring apparel.

Hit the mall. Engaging in retail therapy is sure to make you feel rejuvenated. Spending a day shopping with friends will allow you to search for the season's newest trends while having quality time with your shopping buddies. Make a day out of trying on clothes, scoping out shoes and having lunch. This activity will take away your stress and ensure that you'll be in style for spring.

Revisit your New Year's reso-

feel good about making a donation lutions. You may have gotten sidetracked from your goals when the stresses of school and life got in the way. Spring is the perfect time to have a renewal, so remind yourself of what you'd like to accomplish this

Whether it is eating healthier or exercising more, try to make time in your busy schedule for yourself. This will only help you to feel better because accomplishing goals is extremely rewarding. Plus, you'll be happy when you hit the beach in the summer knowing you worked hard to improve yourself.

A junior chemistry major Sabrina Alfassa said, "I'm starting off the season by throwing away all the junk food in my fridge. I also want to create a vision board to help motivate myself to get in shape for the summer."

Manage your money. Spring may tempt you to spend your earnings way too quickly, whether it be on a new bathing suit collection or happy hour at the bar. When the weather gets warmer, we tend to reach into our pockets in order to enjoy ourselves. Have fun, but use your cash wisely.

Start saving a small amount from every paycheck or eat in more frequently instead of taking out as often. When you see your bank account grow, you'll be happy that you spared yourself that drink or expensive dinner. Plus, you'll have more money to spend when summertime rolls around, which is essential for hitting the beach or purchasing concert tickets.

Spend more time outdoors. You were probably cooped up in the house all winter, so why would you want to spend any more time inside? When the weather allows, get outside as often as you can. Do your homework on the quad or go for a run around the neighborhood. The warm air will make you feel refreshed and excited for the warmer weather ahead. With the beach less than a mile away from campus, there ning that lies ahead.

is always a spot to relax and unwind.

A junior education major Brianna Mahoney is looking forward to spending more time outside. She said, "I can't wait for the nicer weather so I can run outdoors. Running near the beach will remind me that I will be wearing a bikini soon, and this will make me want to run faster!"

Take up a new hobby. You may not have much time away from school and work to engage in leisure activities, but it is important to spend time doing something that interests

Whether it is crafting, growing plants, signing up for a yoga class, or trying out a new sport, there is bound to be something you want to try. Exploring a new pastime will allow you to discover your hidden talents, which can be extremely beneficial for your future. Plus, it might lead you to create or accomplish something you thought you never could. Spring is the perfect time to make new beginnings, so take the opportunity to try something out of your comfort zone.

Winter is officially behind us, which means there is warmer weather and a fresh start to look forward to. You may find yourself still in a wintertime funk, but there are plenty of things to do in order to get yourself back on track.

By utilizing these tips, you'll find yourself ready for the new begin-



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up and give them to charity. You'll **Monmouth students** enjoy the warm weather outdoors on campus.

# Give Old Clothes New Life with Vinted



JACKLYN KOUEFATI

College students are known for several things, such as: sleeping way too late, eating way too much, drinking on the weekdays and being absolutely broke. We are constantly complaining about how we have no money to spend on anything. Well, here's a simple way to earn some quick cash and do a little spring cleaning as well.

Vinted is a website and a smart phone app that people can use to sell their secondhand clothing. Their website states, "It's our mission to make secondhand clothing the best and easiest choice. You liked those shoes enough to buy them - someone else will, too. Save them from rums and private messaging ..." the landfill and earn yourself some cash. What's not to love?"

not only allows people to sell their you must create a profile. Then you clothing online but it can also be used to buy clothing from other sellers. Alex D'Errico, a senior social work major, said that Vinted made her think of Ebay or a consignment shop. "... I use Ebay so maybe I'd look into something like this. It depends what I was looking for," she said.

Kristine Simoes, a specialist professor of communication, has never heard of Vinted before. She said, "I think it's a fabulous idea if there's ease of use. Ebay is an outdated business model for items below a certain value. Plus people don't want the hassles of setting up an account, financial info, paypal, etc. to make \$4 on a Hollister hoodie. But if you could bundle items, save on shipping, etc. it might be worth it."

Vinted has a similar concept as a consignment shop except Vinted allows users to shop and sell without ever leaving the comfort of their own bed or having to lug around a huge bag of clothing from shop to shop.

Jenn Pacheco, a senior psychology major, has her own profile on Vinted. "[Vinted is comparable] to apps like Poshmark or even Twice, so anyone looking to shop frugally can now thrift [shop] right from their phone," she said.

Kelsey Carlsen, who is leading the U.S. Vinted team in San Francisco, CA, explained that Vinted is in fact different from other websites, apps and shops alike. "What really sets us apart from our competitors is the 'community feel' that we nurture," she said. "Vinted isn't just a marketplace, it's also a social network and place for inspiration. We encourage our members to get to know one another through fo-

If someone is interested in selling their clothing, there are a few sim-However, this website and app ple steps that must be done. First, take a picture of the item you want to sell, post it on your profile and it is now available to be bought.

Vinted has a chat feature that lets buyers and sellers communicate directly. This allows questions about shipment or anything else to be answered immediately. There is also a "forum" feature that enables anyone on the website to interact with each other, whether it's about the products or just getting to know one another.

Once an item is bought, the buyer pays through the app. However, the buyer is not charged once the purchase is made. According to Vinted's website, buyers are not charged until the item is delivered and the buyer confirms that the item is in good condition.

Even though Vinted also has a website, 75 percent of its business happens through the app, according to venturebeat.com.

Pacheco said, "... I've made a little over \$100 in a month just selling

things I would never use or wear," she said. "It was the first time I tried an app like that but was relieved to find that it was easy to understand and get the hang of ...'

D'Errico believes that Vinted could be beneficial to anyone trying to make some money on the side.

Simoes said she would use Vinted if it was convenient for her. "We go through a ton of clothes, shoes, [and] athletic equipment [at] my house that I bag seasonally. I end up just giving it to Goodwill or I put it in those dumpsters outside the Target. I don't think to try to recoup money off of it or anything," she

Vinted actually started five years ago as a side project in Lithuania, according to Carlsen.

Justas Januaskas, the CEO and founder of Vinted, said in a recent article in TechCrunch, "Initially it was designed to be a website where girls in Vilnius could swap or sell mid-priced clothes from brands like Zara and H&M. But with an early angel investment from Lithuanian serial entrepreneur Mantas Mikuckas, who joined as chief operating officer, the company personalized and grew its European

According to Carlsen, Vinted is present in France, Poland, Czech Republic, Germany, Lithuania and the U.S. She also said that this week they just launched their website and mobile app in the U.K.

Vinted offers various categories that people can shop/sell under. The categories are under the "catalog" tab and they are: pants, blazers, accessories, footwear, tops and t-shirts, pullovers and sweaters, outwear, dresses, skirts, shorts and capris, other clothing and see all.

Selling slightly used clothing is a fast and easy way for anyone to making extra space in your closet.

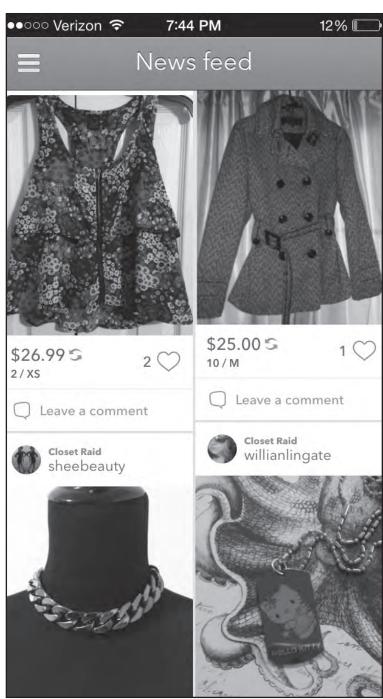
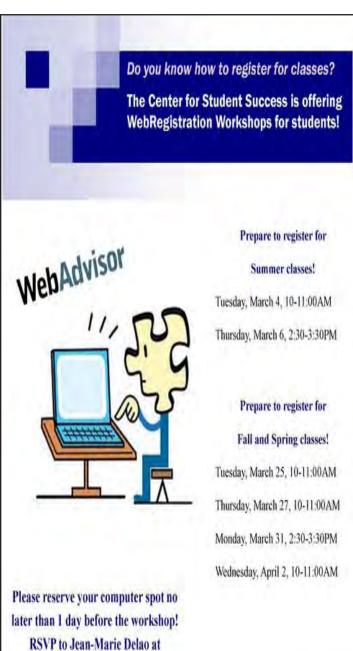


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# DEVILISHLY GOOD: THE PRETTY RECKLESS

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When The Pretty Reckless first broke onto the scene with their album "Light Me Up" back in February of 2011, their blend of hard rock roots and aggressive, sexually charged lyrics set them apart from both other bands and from their female-led musical predecessors. One of the other main factors for their huge popularity was the chatter all across the internet at the band's choice of frontrunner and leadsinger, Taylor Momsen, a name that left some going, "Who?" while others said, "Cindy Lou Who!"

Despite the hype over Momsen as the band's lead, she has not overshadowed her bandmates, Ben Phillips (lead guitar, backing vocals), Mark Damon (bass), and Jamie Perkins (drums, percussion). Phillips had a notable role in their newest album release, titled "Going to Hell." While he only sang a few verses in one song, this is a huge jump from "Light Me Up," where he only sang a few lines.

"Going to Hell" begins with one of their hit singles, "Follow Me Down," where a brief dramatic introduction (with porn will.' star Jenna Haze faking an orgasm) segues into a guitar-heavy opening riff, allowing Phillips to set the album's tone with his signature style. As with a number of songs from "Light Me Up," this one deals with Momsen singing the age old, "Since I've met you, I've been crazy" line, talking about the influence of a significant other, though the song ends implying that heartbreak killed her, leading appropriately into

the next song.

"Going to Hell," the second track on this release, is a faster, more excited song with echoes of "Goin' Down" from "Light Me Up." It even features the priest to whom Momsen confesses her numerous sexual dalliances, singing, "Father, did you miss me?" A line later followed by, "For the lives that I take, I'm going to hell. /For the laws that I break, I'm going to hell," a wholehearted embrace of the vice and decadence for which the band is now known.

This is followed by "Heaven Knows," where the band's hard rock influences shine, creating a song that feels cut straight out of the late 80s/early 90s, though the lyrics are weaker and the instruments aren't given the attention they deserve.

After, "House on a Hill" softens the album's mood, serving as the first slower, poignant track. There are subtle critiques of religion in this and not in the rebellious way the previous lyrics suggest. About those in the house, Momsen sings, "Their intention is to kill, and they will, they will/ but the children are doing fine/ I think about them all the time,/ until they drink the wine,/then they will, they will, they

Through a use of a carefully played acoustic guitar and more longing vocals, the band keeps the listener's attention despite this huge departure from their normal chaotic energy.

The song "Sweet Things" might be the heaviest, hardest track, but it isn't for the faint of heart, as it deals with what one would assume is pedophilia. Phillips sings about luring a girl inside, to which Momsen responds that she is "Evil knocking at

your door," an exchange that feels features similar criticism, the lyr- are slightly changed to have more right out of the movie "Hard Candy." This is followed up by a very short farewell song titled "Dear Sister," that ends, "Looks like I'm not coming home/but I don't mind./ Please don't cry."

Returning to their usual dynamism, the following track is titled "Absolution," and bears some slight country and blues guitar influences. The lyrics come back as hard-hitting as the first tracks on the albums, with Momsen singing, "Run, boy, be a man/ with legs too weak to make a stand." The track itself declares a need for absolution, simultaneously criticizing those who expect redemption without working for it.

After, the song "Blame Me" comes, though this feels like a slightly whiny criticism of those who criticized the band's take on morality, especially the explicit sexuality. Starting off with a series of very shrill guitar notes, Momsen sings "Blame me for all your life." The rest of the song is similarly uninspired.

This is followed by "Burn," a short song of only two verses and two choruses, that, despite the slightly cliché lyrics and simple instruments, manages to be catchy and sorrowful at the same time.

The 10th track, "Why'd You Bring a Shotgun to the Party," is the most damning song on the album, and suggests the band might take a twist toward social criticism. In addition to the skillful instrumental work, which makes the song gripping from the first notes, Momsen sings, "Everybody's got one, there's nothing new about it,/if you want to make a statement, you should've come without it."

"F\*\*\*d up World," the next song,

ics running, "No mountain made of money/can buy you a soul" and "You ain't getting what you want/ unless you get it for free." The music itself is a little lighter than other songs, and the chorus falls short of the impressive verses, but overall it's an entertaining track.

The regular version of this album ends with "Waiting for a Friend," in which the lyrics compare many things (Momsen's room, her bed, her head) to a prison cell, because "I'm all by myself." The prison theme is appropriately supported by the use of a harmonica throughout. The guitar is also a gentle, even peaceful, acoustic rhythm. While this is a decent song, it made for a surprising end of the release and feels very out of place for this band.

However, the deluxe edition ends with acoustic versions of "Going to Hell" and "Sweet Things," which

lonely, haunting melodies without forsaking the charged, exciting feeling these songs have in their original versions. This is a much more fitting end to the release, and as much as I usually dislike acoustic tracks, I recommend spending the extra two dollars for the songs.

In this release, The Pretty Reckless manage to not only retain the same powerful instrumentals and dominating vocals (in many cases, exceeding the work from their previous album), but they advance beyond mere provocative imagery to occasionally embrace more critical messages, a move that the band will hopefully continue to explore in the future. This album is definitely worth the money, and even the weaker tracks will bring you in for repeat listens.



PHOTO TAKEN fromtprbenelux.tumblr.com "Going to Hell" had to be completely rerecorded after Superstorm Sandy destroyed the original tracks recorded in a Hoboken studio

# VERONICA MARS" CAPTURES FANS AGAIN

AMANDA GLATZ STAFF WRITER

Of all the feisty teenage heroines that have populated television culture in recent years, perhaps none were more quick-witted or unflinchingly self-aware than high school detective Veronica Mars. Played with a familiar snarky attitude by the pitch perfect Kristen Bell, Veronica was revived from a premature televimystery on March 14 in the film adaptation, "Veronica Mars.'

The beloved cult classic show, which originally ran under the direction of Rob Thomas from 2003 to 2007, made headlines last year with a record-breaking Kickstarter campaign. The online funding platform saw an unprecedented amount of traffic on the site when Thomas and Bell made a promise that hit all the right notes for fans of the quirky and boundary-pushing television show that met with an untimely demise: raise two million dollars, and we'll make a movie.

The fans raised \$5.7 million, and it was time for Thomas and Bell to make good on their promise. The goal, Thomas said at a Comic-Con panel, was to create a stand alone film that would be a "love letter to the fans." This wish fulfillment strategy turned out to be both an asset and a crutch for the final product, turning "Veronica Mars" into a satisfyingly funny but slightly watered-down version of the original hit.

The film wisely opens with a beautifully-edited montage and a voice over, filling in audiences on the show's basic premise. The

opening establishes Veronica's herself from a self-diagnosed adpast, which was fraught with betrayal, vengeance, and an unflinching desire for the truth. All of this led to her joining the family business by becoming a detective. At the center of this drama is Veronica's high school enemyturned-boyfriend, Logan Echolls relationship has always been complicated.

As the story opens, we meet a sion graveyard to solve one more new Veronica: one that is no longer obsessed with solving crime, but has successfully distanced

diction to finding truth in a troubled town, and is on the cusp of landing a job at an impressive law firm nine years after graduation. With promising career prospects and a stable relationship with college boyfriend Stosh "Piz" Piznarski (Chris Lowell), Veron-(Jason Dohring), with whom her ica has little reason to return to the class war that grips her hometown of Neptune, CA.

Everything changes when news breaks of the death of Veronica's former classmate, Bonnie DeVille (Andrea Estella). The homicide's

PHOTO TAKEN from hitfix.com

"Veronica Mars" is being considered a game changer in the world of cult tv shows. After the 2007 cancellation, the studio eventually turned down the film idea and the creative team then asked the fans to fund the movie.

desperate call for help, Veronica finds herself torn between the life she's always thought she wanted, and the one she'll never quite be able to walk away from.

The central murder-mystery plot, while occasionally intriguing, feels a little too convenient: Veronica happens to arrive home on the week of her high school's 10-year reunion, and the murder's victim, perpetrator, and accomplices are all former students of Neptune High. While this allows to make the film more of a "love past and weakness for Logan

Though the central plot lacks some substance, "Veronica Mars" finds success in the core dynamics that still have all the emotional appeal of the original show. In returning to Neptune, Veronica reunites with old pals Wallace (Percy Daggs III) and Mac (Tina Majorino), who are overflowing with a goofy nostalgia and encourage our begrudging title character to attend the high school reunion. Even more meaningful than the central friendship between Veronica and her misfit friends is the cardinal father-daughter dynamic played with a consistent believability by Bell and Enrico Colantoni.

It is the organic rapport between Veronica and Keith Mars that grounds the film (and ultimately the story), by being both emotionally charged and subtly an important figure in Veronica's time of turmoil.

number one suspect? Veronica's life, and Colantoni shines in the ex-flame and Bonnie's boyfriend, film while playing a father that Logan. When Logan makes a is protective enough to warn Veronica about letting the corrupted forces of Neptune get the best of her, but wise enough to let his daughter make her own decisions.

As Veronica struggles to choose her path, we finally get a clear glimpse of the dark edginess present in the original television show but slightly lacking in the film. Veronica's story has always been about a push-andpull between her desire to leave her broken town and her desire to fix it, and the film addresses for some fun role reprisals and this inner turmoil on a much bigreferences to the original show, it ger scale. We see a darkness to harkens back to Thomas' desire Veronica, visible in her troubled letter" and less of an actual story. that clearly marks the addiction she references early in the movie, and helps the film to transcend beyond a corny story and become an exploration in character development.

Regardless of the lackluster plot that draws the heroine back to town, Thomas' screenplay shines and is packed with punchy one-liners that we have come to expect from Veronica. Nine years later, she remains as whip-smart and immune to insults as ever, verbally (and sometimes physically) destroying those that cross her. It's impossible not to root for Veronica Mars, whether you want for her an opportunity to make a new life or a chance to solve just one more mystery. With snappy dialogue and versatile acting, Thomas and Bell ensure you'll want the latter, because just like Veronica, we're all a little addictpowerful. Keith has always been ed to finding a greater truth in a

## THIRD TIME IS THE CHARM FOR RECORD LABEL

**AMANDA GLATZ** STAFF WRITER

The University's studentrun record label, Blue Hawk Records, will be dropping their third EP and hosting a live show outside the Rebecca Stafford Student Center on Wednesday, April 30. Having already launched two successful compilations since the label's inception in 2013, Professor Joe Rapolla and his Music Industry students are currently working hard to write, record, and deliver new tracks.

Students can expect Blue Hawk Records' third EP to contain music from the university's own Abby Devey, The Trusties, and Kevin Stryker's Band, as well as a collaboration between JPiFF, Jax the concert outside the Student Cen- label. Genius, and Joe Faenza. All featured music was written by the artists and recorded at Lake House Studios in Asbury Park, NJ.

Because Blue Hawk Records is still fairly new to campus, the University's Applied Muwith developing an effective public relations program to spread awareness about the label's new EP. This campaign music world. will include video and radio promotion, press releases, and both campus and social media culminate with a promotional



PHOTO TAKEN from youtube.com The Trusties, pictured playing at Brighton Bar, will make their Blue

ter on album release day.

Hawk Records debut on the label's third EP.

In developing a final product that is for the students, by the students, the University's Music Industry majors have the unique opportunity to learn about all areas of the field in a real world situation. Blue Hawk Records sic Industry II class was tasked gives students the chance to expand their knowledge beyond the classroom and gain crucial experience in the professional

Dave DePaola, a freshman tions. and member of contributing band, The Trusties, feels that he outreach. The program will has gained valuable knowledge from his time with the record

"I have really learned the amount of effort and coordination that it takes to produce an album," DePaola said. "There is a lot going on behind the scenes, and it takes a lot more people to make an album than just the artists with their music. There are numerous different roles, each with different responsibilities."

Courtney Davis, a freshman studying music industry, helped to clarify some of these posi-

"There are plenty of roles," said Davis, "ranging from leadership positions to marketing and promotion, as well as graphics and social media."

Davis is looking forward to the album's release and hopes students will listen to the EP because, "there are many different gram to better guide students artists and styles of music represented and [students] will get a feel for different genres."

As Blue Hawk Records looks to make a big splash around campus and the local area with the launching of its third EP, its contributors are hopeful that more students will get involved with the record label. Freshman Huascar Holguin, a music industry student, says that it's easy to become a part of the project.

"Letting people know you're willing to help is the best way to find out what's going on and how you can contribute," Holguin advised.

DePaola added that students can successfully get involved with Blue Hawk Records by "[taking] the initiative and [taking] advantage of every opportunity possible."

While all students involved are currently working hard to meet their rapidly approaching release date, they are looking forward to the live performance that will celebrate the launching of their third album. The University community can expect this concert to feature music of all genres that will be available for purchase outside the Student Center on April 30.

Through launching their third

EP, Blue Hawk Records has grown to better reflect music's ever-changing culture, and has adapted the original protoward success. The record label features many talented and up-and-coming musicians, all of whom are garnering school credit and portfolio experience to set the foundation of their future careers.

Come support these artists and album contributors by checking out Blue Hawk Records' third EP next month. By purchasing the album or attending the promotional concert, you'll be giving valuable support to local music, and you can learn more about the University's flourishing Music Industry program and how you can get involved.



PHOTO TAKEN from itunes.com Blue Hawk Records uses EPs once a semester to give students experience making records from

PETER QUINTON STAFF WRITER

The films of director Wes Anderson have always had a sort of architectural sense to them, with every minute detail, from the dialogue to the music to the stance and position a character is standing in a shot, being meticulously crafted and constructed as a small piece of a greater, more elaborate whole.

With this logic, one would imagine "The Grand Budapest Hotel," Anderson's latest, to be his most baroque-like and grandiose construction yet, and not just for the lavish model of the hotel appearing through the film. From its dense, fast-paced plot to its lavish, treme precision detail, but is bursting with enough heart and personality to make it all seem effortless and fun.

Set in the fictitious Eastern European nation of Zubrowka, where the enormous Grand Budapest resides, the film tells stories within stories in order to uncover the history of the fictional hotel and the characters that ran it. Set initially in the 1960's with the hotel in decline, the film starts with a writer – known only as "The Writer" (Jude Law) – who writes a book about The Grand Budapest, based mainly on a conversation he had with Zero Mustafa (F. Murray Abraham), the hotel's then-owner, while staying their one evening.

At this point, the older Zero (who's younger self is played by Tony Revolori) tells his story about his experiences there as a lobby boy working under the guidance of concierge Monsieur Gustav H. (Ralph Fiennes) in 1932, which makes up the bulk of the film's narrative.

From here, we are taken through Zero's perplexing tale of an old lady's will, a priceless painting, prison breakouts, an oppressive, intimidating army, and more, all with the purpose of explaining how Zero ended up owning the once renowned hotel.

The story might seem convoluted, and definitely encourages multiple viewings to pick up on the details, but everything glides along at such a brisk, energetic pace and is loaded with so much freaking charm and wit that it's hard not to watch the film without smiling continuously, even when dealing with such heavy themes as military oppression and loneliness.

This mostly has to do with the gorgeous cinematography and art film's colorful, often ridiculous design, every facet of "The Grand characters, which "The Grand Bu-Budapest Hotel" is crafted with ex- dapest Hotel" has in spades. Anderson has always had a gift when it comes to crafting nuanced, memorable characters, but never has one film of his had so many all at once.

The all-star cast certainly helps, with Anderson's regulars (Jason Schwartzman, Bill Murray, Owen Wilson) making memorable cameos alongside that of Adrien Brody, Edward Norton, Jeff Goldblum, and more, but the director's imagination for odd personalities, from a grizzled, brass-knuckled hitman (Willem Dafoe) to a black-clad, tyrant of an heir (Brody), should not be unaccounted for

The undeniable showstopper, however, is Fiennes as M. Gustav, who might be the single-greatest character Anderson has created (and that's saying something in a filmography of Max Fishers and Royal Tenanbaums). Poised, elegant, and "well-perfumed," the English concierge of the Grand Budapest is a marvel to watch on screen, spouting endlessly witty dialogue on his love of poetry and old ladies while constantly striving to keep everything fabulous. However, the man is still not above fighting a man in prison merely to prove he's not a wimp, only to be riend the guy right after.

Gustav might be at his best, though, when paired with the young, wide-eyed Zero, who is played with a dry, stone-faced charm by newcomer Revolori. Gustav may do the bulk of the talking when the two are together (as he should, given the constant brilliance he spews out), but you really get a great sense of the warmth and friendship the two develop through their adventure, as Zero is often seen mimicking Gustav's actions while Gustav grows more and more respectful of the diminutive lobby boy the more he comes out of his shell.

Though performances characters shine throughout Grand Budapest Hotel," one cannot underestimate the brilliance the film shows in its art design and cinematography. Anderson has always been known for the intense attention to detail he puts into his elaborate, symmetrical shots, and "The Grand Budapest Hotel" does this on speed. Even the simplest scenes in the film, from characters riding an elevator to Gustav reading aloud a letter from prison, are so acutely poised and structured they seem more like living tableaux's than natural actions.

Anderson also utilizes some fun and impressive camera work within many scenes throughout the film to give these living paintings he crafts even more depth and personality than they do naturally. Scenes involving Zero sprinting on a rooftop – running off camera one way and coming back another in the background in the same shot – and a man pulling what looks like one small ladder off a wall, only to



PHOTO TAKEN from collider.com

"Grand Budapest Hotel" uses miniature models for wide outside shots of the hotel instead of choosing a real building or using CGI.

see it's one huge ladder carried by five men as it crosses the shot, are deeply elaborate and meticulous, but come off more as amusing gags that help color the film even further.

Speaking of color, it's impossible to ignore that – aside from the camera work and shot compositions the film is just artistically beautiful in its set designs. This is especially true with The Grand Budapest itself, which is filled with lavish decorations and glows with bright reds, yellows, and purples. Costume design should also not be ignored, as the bold purples and yellows of the hotel uniforms not only stand out, but feel somewhat appropriate of the early 20th century time period.

One of my only true gripes with

the film is its length, as it feels like it somewhat stops short at only an hour and a half. The film does a good job at not leaving too many loose threads, but I still would have liked to have seen more of Gustav and Zero by the film's end.

Anderson's reputation as a strict auteur has always worked for and against him, with some loving his totally distinct style while others feeling his tricks have become predictable. "The Grand Budapest Hotel" is no less true to the Wes Anderson formula but pulls everything together with so much depth and imagination that it feels totally unique regardless. It will easily stand as one of his "grandest" statements.

# English Second Language Support Service is in its First Year

**CASEY WOLFE** 

Learning to understand a foreign language well enough to fit into a new social setting is difficult, so imagine having to master that language with enough proficiency to pass college courses and ace job interviews. Many international students still struggle with the English language, but some are overcoming the challenge through the University's English Second Language (ESL) support service, a part of Tutoring and Writing Services in the Center for Student Success (CSS).

Dr. Charles Cotton, an adjunct political science professor, is a Master Tutor in Tutoring and Writing Services and instructs the ESL service that began last semester. Since the start of the program, Cotton tutors 10 international students over 12 hours a week, providing one-on-one assistance in learning proper English speech and writing.

Cotton said that the biggest challenge for many international students is un-learning the improper English that they may have been taught by other non-native English speakers. "[International students] have really kind of fallen into habits which they've become very accustomed to, which they considered to be fine or acceptable, and they might be acceptable talking with friends, but in terms of academic writing [they're] not," said Cotton.

Dorothy Cleary, Director of Tu-

toring and Writing Services, said that the number of international students who have come for help with writing and grammar has increased, contributing to the need for an ESL service. When Cotton applied for the open Master Tutor position, it all fell into place.

"This is an opportunity to give them one-on-one attention which they very much appreciate, and again, it's all tutoring," said Cleary.

Cotton said that the support ser-

that the students are writing about but rather their writing skills and how they express ideas and opin-

Students of all grade levels from freshmen to graduate, have come to the Tutoring and Writing Center for help. Cleary said that one student who has been a part of the ESL service just recently accepted a job offer. "He came, he sought the support, he worked in Career Services with job interviews, the whole bit and he accepted a job offer just last week. He had two offers and he had to pick one or the other," said Cleary.

Cotton also helps international students prepare for the American citizenship exam so they can officially become citizens after their time at the University. The citizenship test includes an oral examination of the English language, so Cotton focuses on their accents and pronunciation of English words.

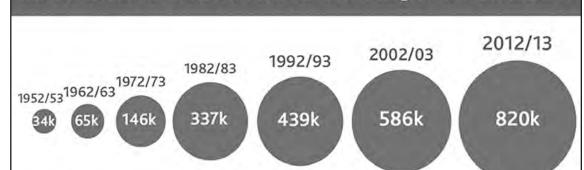
"I heard [Cotton] once say, 'I'm going to make you sound like an American," said Cleary, laughing.

Cotton said that the students are all for it, both in and out of the classroom. "My Civic Engagement class is on mentoring people for the citizenship test, becoming naturalized citizens," said Cotton. "The first day, their eyes lit up. They're like, 'oh this is perfect, you're going to help us!"" To Cotton, this support service is the first step for students to get where they want to be.

Not only is Cotton well educated in teaching the English language, he has a passion for it as well. While he has taught political science for three years he has been teaching ESL for seven years, both locally and in Spain.

"It's something that I hope to do as long as I can. I hope to do both careers in tandem because it's special to me," said Cotton. You're able to interact with people who really want to learn and really want to improve their situvice does not focus on the content ation and their lives, and I know





The number

of international students studying in the U.S. grew by 7% over the prior year and is now at a record high.

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The number of international students studying in the U.S. has increased in recent years, making English Second Language (ESL) courses more necessary.

firsthand the difficulty of living somewhere where you don't speak the language."

Many of the international students taking advantage of the ESL service come from the athletics department, though Cleary would like to reach students outside of that realm. Cleary and Cotton are hopeful because of the reactions and overall attitudes of their current students.

"They definitely have more confidence when they come back," said Cleary. "They see it as such a positive thing and it makes their life better here at Monmouth so we're going to just keep moving in that direction." She added that the ESL service supports students during their time at the University while preparing them for the future.

Cotton added, "There are stu-

dents who were hesitant at first to come but now they've seen really positive results and now I don't think they could imagine not com-

Derrick Edney, a senior sociology major came to the University from Ghana and is involved with the ESL support in Tutoring and Writing Services. "I just took Civic Engagement in order to graduate and I got in touch with Professor Cotton," he said. "We talked about English tutoring and I felt it would help me to improve my grammar and writing." He added that he sees progress in his writing because of the support service.

Busy schedules sometimes interfere with students' interest in the ESL support. Cotton said that some students have come once to meet with him and wish they could come more often while others are email dcleary@monmouth.edu.

able to make time to learn.

"I know that there are definitely a lot of motivated people here, I see it every day here with the people I tutor, but also in my courses," said Cotton. "I see that there is a drive and a willingness to work and take advantage of the things that we have here.'

The most important thing to Cleary and Cotton is for students to be aware of the service. Besides those who Cleary has contacted directly, many students and faculty do not realize the resource that is available to them through Tutoring and Writing Services.

Students who are interested in learning more about the ESL support service can call Dorothy Cleary in Tutoring and Writing Services at 732-263-5721 or

# Before you Graduate...

JESSICA DEIGERT

Graduation is approaching quite quickly for most college students around the world. It is no different at the University. Time flies during college years. One minute you are entering your very first class and before you know it, last class of undergraduate col-

your life, but what are some ex- more. One of the biggest mustperiences that every University student should have before they graduate? As the unforgettable movie character Ferris Bueller once said, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss

As a student, it is a given that you're walking out of your very the academic opportunities are great, but fun times are a must as

do's for any MU student is to go to the beach during their time here. It's only a mile down the road and a nice way to relax. Plus, how many colleges can say that they are right by the beach? When the weather is warm and class ends, grab your sunscreen and head toward the coast.

University is to visit the nearby

boutiques, cafes and more for you to spend a day wandering through. The nightlife is equally as energizing as well. Come time for the warm weather and the social scene is bursting with even more vivacity. It is not uncommon to overhear students on campus asking others to "meet me at Pier"

Another popular outing near the the experience, but let's not forget of Student Activities and Student about the collegiate side as well. Center Operations. There are plenty of academic op portunities that truly can enhance your experience.

> "Taking advantage of working with a faculty/staff member on a project or on research is a great idea," said Jordan Levinson, a ju-

College is prepping us for professional work and can you guess who already has a lot of experience? That's right, our very own faculty and staff. Creating working bonds with the faculty/staff can do more for you than you may think. Don't be afraid to pick their brains. Learning from these professionals can be a lesson in itself.

"I think students should use their time in college to experience opportunities that they may not have had before. For example, we have clubs that pertain to skiing, hiking, camping, club sports, singing, radio, television, community service, etc. They can join something that gives them a chance to do something different. on WebAdvisor anymore.

Also, they have a chance to learn about career options by joining clubs related to different majors. They don't have to make a big commitment to the club to learn about what these areas are like. A lot of the opportunities are free or low cost, and they will not have all this at their fingertips after col-Having fun is a hefty part of lege," said Amy Bellina, Director

> make sure to not forget about the little things surrounding you. Hang out in the dining hall with friends. Spend an afternoon relaxing on Shadow Lawn with your roommates. Participate in Battle of the Buildings. Go eat a late night dinner at Shadows. Even if vou commute, vou sure can join in on it all. Go to the annual Winter Ball for a night of semi-formal dancing in historic Wilson Hall and Spring Fest for an outdoor concert experience. As students here, there are numerous events to have fun at.

> No matter if you commute, live on campus, are a freshman, sophomore, junior or a senior, don't let your time at the University go by without experiencing the memories that can be made. Your college time is what you make it. Before you know it, that diploma will be in your hand and you won't be looking for your grades



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With Pier Village just a few miles from campus, students should take advantage of the beach and shopping opportunities before they leave.

## TEN COMMANDMENTS OF COLLEGE LIFE

**ANNA CHAMBERLAIN** STAFF WRITER

As a graduating senior, I have had my share of experiences at the University. Whether it was finding myself at McDonalds for midnight dollar big macs, all night sessions in the library, painting splatter paint squares at 3 am (long story), or explaining to all my peers and professors why I had a cast on my hand in class when it had not been there 48 hours before (even longer story). With less than two months left before I walk across the stage at PNC and shake President Paul Brown's hand, there are some things that I learned over my four years here.

#### 10. Thou Shalt Get Involved either.

heard this from every professor since your freshman seminar class, but it is the truth. Often I have heard, "there is never anything to do around here unless have a tendency to email the student I love and respect all my Grecian peeps, there are so many other ways to get involved on campus, from the outdoors club, the harmonic jewels glee club, community service club, and not to mention all our intramural sports. Also remember being in a club is only half the battle. You have to contribute otherwise it will feel like there is no reason to be there, and you might be missing out on meeting some great people.

#### 9. Thou Shalt Cut the Cord

Coming from someone who is extremely close with her family, I understand how hard it can be away from your family in college. It is a big change and there is always the "what if" scenario running the back of every student's mind (even if we don't want to admit it). Trust me, there were several days during my freshman year I would have done anything for a hug from Mom. However, remember you are in college to make something on your own, to grow up and be independent. That doesn't mean you completely have to shut your parents or siblings out to have your space, but you also don't have to go home every weekend

"It is important to test your I know, I know. You have wings," said Lorna Schmidt, professor of communication. "So getting away from your parents gives you the opportunity to do that. Then when the parents still call, I usually you are in Greek Life." While saying, 'Your mom, or your dad called,' and then the student usually takes it upon themselves to say, 'okay, I'll take care of it.'

As my mother Judy would say, 'Go out, have fun, and learn something. We will be here if you need us, but you gotta learn to pick yourself up when you fall." Trust me. Enjoy the time away while you can.

#### 8. Thou Shalt Not Abuse Social Media

can be tempting to post inappropri- Otherwise what's the point, right? to have some Pepto Bismol on ate pictures, statuses or other internet tell-alls on sites like Twitter and Facebook, but that could spell trouble down the road.

Senior criminal justice major Katie Musa said, "I think us as students should be aware of what we put on our social media sites just because it can hurt us as we start applying for jobs," which is very true seeing as most employers will at least skim over your profile before hiring you. So be wary of the 3 am grammatically incorrect rant statuses.

#### 7. Thou Shalt Not Take Themselves Too Seriously

While grades are important, a main part of college is to go out and make connections with people. Simple things like going for a run, hanging at the beach for an hour, or taking a mental health day are important too. You will get that paper done, get the A, graduate, and get your dream job. But in the meantime don't forget to enjoy yourself.

#### 6. Thou Shalt Burst Thy **Bubble**

Going along with number seven, there are times where things aren't going to work out as planned. Maybe you hate your class, or decide that you want to try a different major. It may be frustrating, but you have to learn what you like and don't like, and to go outside your comfort zone. Follow your heart, you are paying to go to school, you should be This is pretty self-explanatory. It happy with what you are doing.

#### 5. Thy Roomies Don't Have to be Besties

I have lived with several people over the past four years and I am happy to say that I have been living with three close friends I know I can go to anytime. However, it took me a while to get there. So if you and your roommate aren't skipping along wearing "Thing 1" and "Thing 2" shirts, don't worry. Sometimes, that is actually better if you and your roommate are different and do your own things. It will allow you to learn new things and be your own person.

#### 4. Thou Shalt Buck up or Shut up

There are going to be times when you are in some rough spots and will have to choose, and it will be difficult. But you have to make sure you stand up for yourself and your voice is heard, and don't complain if you aren't willing to make a change.

"You are grown up and have the ability to make your own decisions," said Matthew Fernandez, a senior. "Just be sure that the action you choose is something you'll be able to live with and not regret a day, a week, a month, or a year from now."

#### 3. Thou Shalt Try Nelly's at **Least Once**

You'll enjoy it and regret it all within the same hour. Be sure the ones around you.

#### 2. Thou Shalt Travel Great **Distances**

It doesn't have to be a grand scale trip. Traveling in college could be a day trip to NYC, Washington D.C., or a town like Red Bank. There are so many ways to travel as a student whether it is study abroad, a school trip, or a club community service project. Going off to new places will give you a better sense of perspective and some great new memories.

#### 1. Thou Shalt Enjoy the **Little Things**

Most of my favorite memories at the University have been what most would call ordinary. Little trips to Dunkin' Donuts in between classes, grabbing lunch at Surf Taco, taking trips to Anne's craft store in Shrewsbury, or simply looking for shells on the beach included. Doing all these activities are so special to me because of who was with me, and they are little moments that will remain a part of me forever. So for all of you (and you know who you are), thank you for four years of fun, wonderful, and exciting little moments. Be sure to remember the little moments that make you smile as I always will, and get your head out of the books, away from the computers, and off the phones, and enjoy yourself and

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# Hawk TV Tunes in to NBS Convention

**HEATHER MUH** STAFF WRITER

Seven members of the University's Hawk TV stato attend the 2014 National Broadcasting Society (NBS) Convention at the Burbank Marriot Hotel in Burbank, CA, from Wednesday, March 12 through Saturday, March 15. *Hawk TV* left with four grand prize awards and seven honorable mention titles.

Students Olivia Caruso, Courtney Carr, Erik Massimino, Eric Brewer, Jessica Rossi, Alexa DeRosa, and Andrew Bern boarded a plane Tuesday morning and headed for the California convention. The convention began with opening speeches from speakers such as Steve Mosco, President of Sony Pictures Television, and Marc Summers, the former host of Nickelodeon's show "Double Dare" and the current host of "Unwrapped" on the Food Network.

Throughout the convenattend a series of panels where they gained knowl-

edge and advice from professionals in the broadcasting and television field. The panels took place every day from 9 am until 2 pm.

"Each panel was 45 minutes tion had the opportunity long and had anywhere from one to three panelists presenting and answering our questions," said Carr, a junior communications major. "There were always three panels occurring at once, so we had to be careful which we chose."

On the third day, students were allowed to participate in a networking event. This two-hour event gave student the opportunity to meet with thirty professionals from different companies and job titles.

The award ceremony, where students were recognized for the work they submitted, took place on the final night of the conven-

"There were various categories in which students were allowed to submit work," explained Caruso, a junior communication major with a double concentration in television and public relations. "These categories included music videos, scriptwriting, audio, newscasts, promo, comedy, website, and documentary, among many others."

Hawk TV was up for eleven tion, students were able to awards and came home with four grand prizes, which went to Massimino, Brewer, Carr, and Rossi,

and seven honorable mention ti- NBS trip was the best decitles, which went to Carr, Caruso, DeRosa, Bern, Rao, Massimino, and Blair.

"I received the grand prize in the 'Drama - Scriptwriting' category for my script entitled 'Bumpers," said Carr. "DeRosa, Caruso, and I also received honorable mention in the 'Promo' category, for Hawk TV Open House Promo," she continued.

Throughout the trip, when the students weren't attending panels they were exploring California.

"I was able to attend a 'Chelsea Lately' show at Universal Studios, see the 'Captain America' movie premiere red carpet event, and even hike halfway up the mountain to see the Hollywood sign!" Caruso said.

"One of the biggest benefits of attending the conference is the chance to network," said Meyer, a first year graduate student in the corporate and public communication program. "NBS is a professional organization. Students can network and meet people in the profession." These network opportunities included people from companies such as Disney, Yahoo, ESPN, Tosh.0, Mac Miller Productions, TLC, and KIIS FM, among others.

Caruso was blown away by all of the people she got to meet and the adventures she got to go on while on the trip. "Attending the sion I could have ever made," she said.

Caruso continued, "Not only was I able to listen in on the panels and learn more about my career, but I was also able to network with professionals in the field. I had the chance to speak with music video directors, entertainment reporters from E! News, casting directors, and executive producer of 'American Idol.'

Now that she is home, Caruso plans to keep in touch with the professionals she met while on the West Coast. "I find myself getting more and more excited about my future when I think back about the NBS trip.'

Carr explained that her favorite part of the convention was listening to keynote speaker, Marc Summers, because he was honest about how the industry really works and answered a lot of helpful questions.

"He said he would love to have students come shadow some of the positions where he works, so he told me to call him," Carr continued. "And he also told me that I was hilarious. That was definitely the most exciting part for me, personally."



# **CLUB AND GREEK** ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Alpha Sigma Tau

Alpha Sigma Tau will be hosting their annual Love Struck event on April 16 at 10:15 pm. The event is run like a dating game show with prizes for the winners. We will be selling tickets closer to the event for \$5 in advance, or you can buy them for \$7 at the door. All proceeds will be going toward one of our philanthropies. Please come out and support the lovely ladies of Alpha Sigma Tau. Contact Jessica Stern if you are interested in participating in the event. Her email address is s0881955@monmouth.edu.

## club Softball

We were just accepted into the NCSA (National Club Softball Association) Mid Atlantic North conference for their 2014 - 2015 season! This means we will play schools nearby, such as Rutgers, Rowan, SJU, TCNJ, Lafayette and others. For now, we have open weekend scrimmages with schools who over to play with us! We're really excited to have started this club and to finally start playing again! So grab your gloves, bats, and cleats, and let's play some ball!

#### The Running club

The Running Club will be meeting this semester on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:30 pm. For now, we will meet at the track in the Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC). Contact Club President Mitchell Parker at s08886/0@monmouth.edu for more information.

#### catholic center

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

#### Italian (lub

Festa Italiani will be held on April 2 from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm in Wilson Auditorium.

### Residence Hall ASSOCIATION

RHA will be hosting the annual Spring Egg Hunt on the Residential Quad on Sunday, April 6. The hunt will begin at 1 pm. There will be prizes, candy, entertainment, and more

#### Alpha Psi omega

Alpha Psi Omega, the National Theatre Honor Society, will be inducting our first pledge class on March 27.

#### Accounting Society

Accounting students mark your calendars! On April 17, the Accounting Society will be hosting its first annual networking event in Wilson Hall. You will have the ability to interact with accounting professionals, alumni, and faculty.

### Institute for Global understanding

Institute for Global Understanding is announcing 13th Annual Global Understanding Convention to be held from April 7 - April 11. This year we are featuring many interesting events and speakers (among them UN Senior Advisor on Social and Cultural Development Dr. Azza Karam, Mr. David Zirin, Sports Editor for The Nation, and Mr. John K. Werner, TED Speaker, Co-Founder of Citizen Schools and Project Innovator of the Camera Culture Group at the MIT Media Lab).

# Free Sustainability Event at Monmouth University

West Long Branch, NJ- The volunteers at the Monmouth Area Vegetarian Society (MAVS) are hosting a free vegan potluck and presentation led by Theresa Lam, who has worked as a formulations chemist and a certified middle school science teacher. The event will take place at Monmouth University's Magill Commons Club Dining Room on Sunday, March 30 at 1 pm. The event is free and open to

During the presentation, Lam will discuss society's ability to choose resources that will leave a safe and productive environment for future generations, rather than cause future narm. "We can all drive the market to create a system that supports vibrant homes, communities and regional ecosystems by taking actions that encourage sustainable choices in food system, energy use, waste reduction and water conservation."

Our environment is currently being challenged by unsustainable practices, Lam explained, such as land erosion from unsustainable practices, the production of excess waste, the misuse of water supply and the current lack of energy resources. Lam believes that we are ethically responsible for shifting our actions to allow future generations to not just survive, but to thrive.

Individuals who wish to attend the presentation and potluck are encouraged to contribute a vegan dish. Anyone interested in attending can RSVP by emailing Mary Harris at mcharris@monmouth.edu. To learn more about MAVS, please visit www.monmouth.edu/wellness/ MAVS.asp or visit their Facebook.

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

# PEP BANDS WILL MAKE YOU DANCE

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group of approximately 45 students who are responsible for the band. Although the Univeruplifting the spirits of students and athletes. Deemed "The Big Sound of the Jersey Shore" by former President Paul Gaffney, this "Spirit Team" ensemble plays vour favorite tunes like camp to hone his skill at play-LMFAO's "Party Rock Anthem" and DJ Khaled's "All I Do is Win" at basketball and football games in an effort to new members and catch up with lead the teams to victory.

The University Pep Band falls under the umbrella of the Department of Music and Theatre Arts, according to Bryan friends, and I now live with two Jenner, the advisor of the organization. The band is open to any student of the University Pep Band students places a high of any talent level who has any interest in participating in the organization, and even encourages alumni of the University to only playing an instrument, but Band for almost any student participate in the organization after they graduate.

school, band members such as Meaghan Brandt, President of the Pep Band, who primarily plays the flute, recognized that there were certain stigmas that may have applied to members the diversity of majors Pep of a band that are absent in college. Brandt, a senior education that the varying areas of study major, said, "There is no such contribute to the success of the thing as a 'band geek.' I don't feel that at all. The athletic teams are very embracing of us and they recognize that we play a huge role in their success."

There is an overwhelming sense of community that the doesn't host fundraising events.

on campus of its size. The reason for the tremendous sense of At the heart of our hawk is a family is band camp, according to Kevin Dillon, Treasurer of sity's band camp is nothing like the "American Pie" version, it's still Dillon's favorite part of being involved in the Pep Band.

Dillon doesn't only use band ing the clarinet in hopes to be a better player than Squidward, it's his favorite time to meet get the crowd going and help to his band members in hopes to make lifelong connections. "I came to this school not knowing many people, but because of Pep Band, I was able to make of the band members," he said.

The self-sufficient group of emphasis on education. Besides being talented musicians, they recognize the value of not thriving inside the classroom as well. "We're very proud of In middle school and high the fact that out of all of our members, 18 of them were Dean's List students. Many of our members have 4.0 GPA's, or close to it," said Jenner.

Jenner is also impressed by Band members have. He feels organization academically. Jenner said, "Students tutor other students of the band to keep the band in such a high academic standing."

Although the Pep Band Pep Band gives off that is al- they focus on supporting phil-

most unparalleled by any group anthropic events and playing at events such as the University's Student Employment Appreciation Day, Long Branch Columbus Day Parade, Homecoming Parade, Relay for Life and any other events that they are invited to. "It's very awarding to give back to the community," said Jenner.

The University Pep Band has made connections with companies and organizations outside of the University as well. The Pep Band has endorsement deals with instrument manufacturing companies like Jupiter, and Maypex, Vic Firth and is sponsored by Scala's Pizza in Long Branch.

Jenner is looking for more driven students to become members of the Pep Band. He encourages passionate students to express their musical abilities and effort at their informal auditions.

There is a place in the Pep on campus. Even though this diverse group of students is made up of many different areas of study and musical backgrounds, they all have one thing in common - the love for what they do. These students, who have an astounding love for music and place an extremely high importance on academia and completely embody the school's mantra, "Monmouth Hawks Fly Together." This organization is more than just another group on campus. They are a family.

Mara Cige, Secretary of the Pep Band and the Spirit Officer, said it perfectly, "We are just a bunch of quirky kids who love to make music."



The University Pep Band gets fans riled up and encourages team spirit at football and basketball games.

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### MU Welcomes Delta Phi Tau



Brothers of Tau Delta Phi gathered in Boylan Gymnasium for a dodgeball tournament.

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BRIANNA MCCABE

The University welcomed Tau Delta Phi as an official fraternity chapter of Greek life on Wednesday, March 5. The fraternity, along with its 26 members, is in the process of completing its colonization process in hopes of becoming a nationally recognized chapter by the fall 2014 semester.

As stated on TauDelt.net, 'Tau Delta Phi is a way of life. It is deeply concerned with the growth and development of the individual. It is a way of life which seeks to develop personality, promote mutual understanding, and provide a college home."

Jon Buchalski, Assistant Director of Student Activities for Fraternity and Sorority Life, said the Interfraternity Council (IFC) worked together with a group of interested students, through the expansion process, to help them find a fitting organization at the University. He said, "After much consideration, Tau Delta Phi seemed like the perfect addition.'

According to Brandon Wasylyk, Vice Consul and Social Chair of Tau Delta Phi, the brothers spent the past semester and a half working to be a recognized colony on campus. The brothers, in good academic standing, submitted their roster of the first 15 interested men to Buchalski and awaited approval, which, as stated by Wasylyk, took several

Once approved, the information on Tau Delta Phi was passed along to Mary Nagy, Vice President for Student Life and Leadership Engagement. Nagy said, "I think it is great when we can a good, strong Greek community... [Tau Delta Phi] is a good group of young men who want to contribute positively to the greek community and campus and we welcome them here."

Nagy noted there is no promise that a Greek organization can or will be recognized by the University.

Buchalski believes Tau Delta Phi will offer a rich history of fraternity life in this region of the country with many local chapters and nearby colleges and universities.

Joseph Carrara, President of Tau Delta Phi, was encouraged to become a member of this organization because of the fraternity's Enlightened Gentleman's Program (EGP). As stated on TauDeltaPhiEGPBlog. wordpress.com, EGP is a developmental membership program to create a continual learning that emphasizes the personal development of Tau Delta Phi's members.

Cararra said, "This program is put in place for all members to learn what it means to be a gentleman and improve themselves personally and academically for all four years of college.'

Wasylyk was also drawn to Tau Delta Phi because of EGP. He said, "It encourages continued education within the organization throughout our four years of college as well as in the classroom. In addition to this, is also encourages you to never stop improving yourself."

As President, Cararra plans to get the fraternity involved in supporting and co-sponsoring events with other student groups. With Active Minds, a national organization that seeks to promote mental health awareness, as its philanthropy, Tau Delta Phi is working towards planning fundraisers to spread awareness.

Jason Caianiello, Vice President of Active Minds and Philanthropy Chair of Tau Delta Phi, believes it is vital to promote Active Minds. "Today, especially on college campuses mental illness is widespread, yet under-reported," he said. "The stigma that surrounds mental health, and getting help for these issues, needs to be eliminated."

The University chapter is in the process of working with the Active Minds club to run a spring fundraiser and awareness event.

Wasylyk has high aspirations for the chapter and said, "We hope to expand and welcome men from all different walks of life into our organization and expand the Greek community."

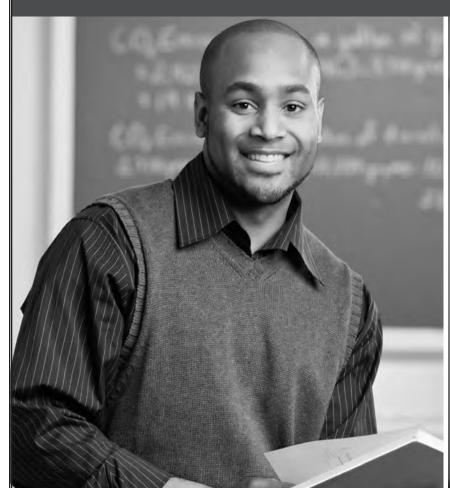
Other events the fraternity will be participating in include the Out of the Darkness walk on Wednesday, April 16 and Relay for Life on Friday, April 25.

Juliann Schwartz, Chapter add a chapter that understands President of Alpha Omicron Pi the expectations we have set for (AOII) sorority, believes the expansion of Greek Life at the University has given more students the opportunity to get involved and make a difference both on campus and in the local community. She said, "I am very happy for the brothers of Tau Delta Phi and am excited to see what they will bring to the Greek community. Each organization has something different to offer and now TDP has the chance to create their own image of brotherhood that they may have felt was missing at the University."

Wasylyk said, "I love the group of guys we have gotten together over the past two semesters they have become my second family.

Caianello said, "Tau Delta Phi provides the opportunity to build lifelong bonds of brotherhood. Through Tau Delta Phi, I not only can become a better leader, but I can excel academically and give back to the community all with the help of my brothers.'

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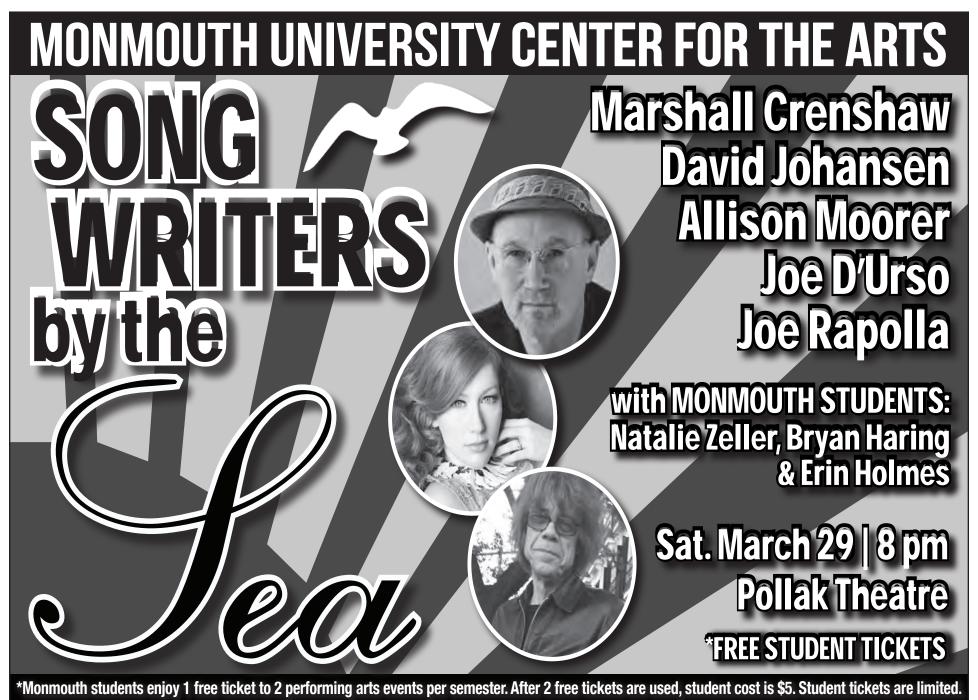
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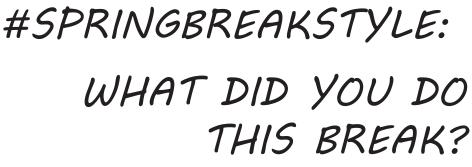


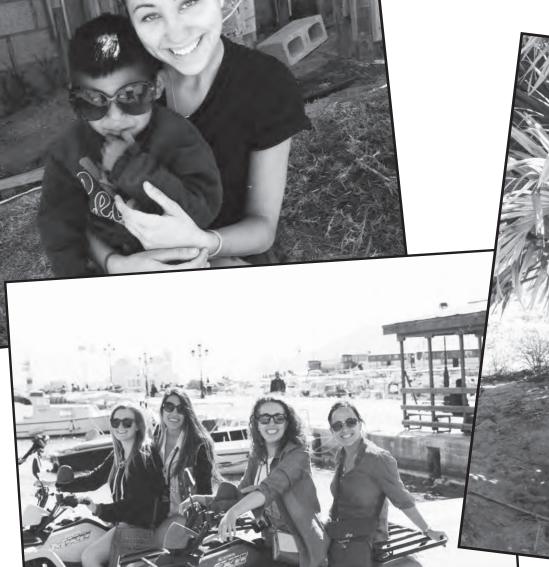


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A GROUP OF MONMOUTH STUDENTS POSE FOR A PHOTO WHILE TAKING IN THE SUNNY RAYS IN FLORIDA ON THEIR SPRING BREAK. (PHOTO COURTESY OF KELLY HUGHES)

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A GROUP OF STUDENTS FROM PROFESSOR VINCENT DIMATTIO'S GREECE SPRING BREAK TRIP TAKE A PHOTO ON THEIR ATV'S WHILE VISITING THE ISLAND OF AEGINA. (PHOTO COURTESY OF OLIVIA DIMATTIO)

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# Baseball Sweeps Marist in First MAAC Series

MAGGIE ZELINKA SPORTS EDITOR

For most students, spring break means relaxing, going on vacation, and getting away from all things related to school. For the University baseball team, spring break meant playing against the George Washington Colonials, Saint Joseph's Hawks, Towson Tigers, and Marist Red Foxes.

The Hawks started their break with a three game series against George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Senior southpaw Andrew Mc-Gee fell in a pitchers' duel to GW starter Jacob Williams in the series opener, 1-0. McGee tossed eight innings allowing only one run off of five hits. The Colonials' shortstop Kevin Mahala scored the only run in the game when teammate Colin Gibbons-Fly placed a sacrifice fly into shallow right field.

With two men on base in the bottom of the ninth, MU was given a chance to tie, however, shortstop Jon Guida hit into a double play and finalized the loss at 1-0.

The Hawks wasted no time gaining ground as they beat the Colonials the follwing day, 6-5.

Junior TJ Hunt picked up his first win of the season for the Hawks as he threw the first 5.2 innings and held the Colonials to three runs off of eight hits. Junior Jeff Paglione finished the game with a scoreless ninth inning to earn his second save this season.

Senior outfielder Joe Bamford went 4-for-5 and scored three runs. Senior first baseman Danny Avella batted 3-for-4 and notched three RBI's in the contest.

The Hawks lost the series to the Colonials as they fell in the final game, 1-0. Junior Chris McKenna had a strong showing on the mound for the Hawks tossing 7.1 innings and allowing only one run off three hits. MU's offense provided McKenna with only one hit off GW's sophomore ace Bobby LeWarne who threw a complete game shutout striking out seven in the process.

The sole hit came off the bat of freshman Grant Lamberton who ended LeWarne's perfect game gamble with a leadoff advanced to second on junior him home.

off double from Owen Beigh- lost, 14-4. tol. A sac bunt moved Beightol lonial.



PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reme

TJ Hunt (above) recorded his first shutout and second win of the season against Marist on Saturday, March In the game, Hunt recorded seven strikeouts and registered no walked batters.

University. Transfer student Jeff Singer was deemed MU's starter and lasted three innings before being replaced by junior Charlie Battis who made his season debut.

After 1.1 innings and three single in the sixth. Lamberton runs, sophomore Harry Paytas was on the mound making his Kyle Perry's sac bunt, however, collegiate debut. Paytas pitched the Hawks were unable to bring until the game was called during the fifth inning because of GW scored their lone run in the rain. Without four innings the eighth inning with a lead- to play catch up, the Hawks

Singer allowed 11 earned run outs. to third and a RBI single from off 12 hits giving him his third Bobby Campbell plated the Co- loss of the season. Both senior run after Towson's left fielder

delphia to face Saint Joseph's Perry had one hit in his one at The Tigers scored in the fifth,

MU then went to MD to face Towson University on Thursday, March 20.

The Hawks jumped out to an early lead courtesy of Sweeney hitting a two RBI double. Towson answered with one run of their own in the bottom of the

The teams then traded runs in the third, however, MU still Marist Red Foxes. held a one run lead. The Hawks

Lamberton scored the first

sixth, and seventh with their victory run coming off a bases loaded walk. The final score

Senior southpaw Stephen Frey, who came in to pitch during the sixth, suffered his first loss of the season.

MU ended their spring break with a three game sweep over new conference opponents, the

"We go into every year with pulled away again in the fourth the same mentality," head MAAC opponents, the Niagara by scoring two runs with two coach Dean Ehehalt said on the University Purple Eagles, this team's new conference. "We weekend. There will be a douplay as many games as we can early against quality opponents second baseman Jake Gronsky made an error while freshman and this year was no different. The Hawks had a two day rest and Sweeney had two hits and Ryan Bailey scored the second I think the adjustment we will before they travelled to Phila- one RBI in the contest while run off a triple from Bamford. have to make is not really that

The series opened with a doubleheader on Saturday. March 22. Starters for the day were McGee and Hunt who both tossed a complete game shutout.

McGee allowed just five hits in nine innings pitched and improved his record to 2-3 for the year. The only thing keeping McGee from a perfect game were two hit batters.

MU provided McGee the runs he needed in the third inning when Perry was walked. Guida advanced Perry to second on a sacrifice bunt while sophomore Robbie Alessandrine hit a single to put two men on base. Bamford then loaded the bases with a single of his own bringing Wilgus to the plate.

With a hard line drive off Wilgus's bat, Perry was able to score, but Alessandrine was tagged out at home. MU furthered their advantage to 2-0 after Gronsky hit a ball down the middle scoring Bamford.

In the second game of the doubleheader, Hunt allowed one run off six hits and improved to 2-2 for the season.

"I just tried to take what [Mc-Gee] was doing and apply it to the second game," Hunt said. 'We really stuck to it. We made some big plays when we needed them and we got some key hits too."

The Hawks scored the first run of the game in the bottom of the first after Avella drew a walk with the bases loaded. The Red Foxes responded in the fourth with a run of their own. The blue and white took the lead once again in the fifth when Alessandrine was knocked in from third by Gronsky. Sweenev furthered the Hawks lead with a single which brought Gronsky home and secured the game's final score of 3-1.

Sweeney lead the Hawks offensively for the day as he went 4-for-5 between the two games and had one RBI.

McKenna secured MU's first MAAC series win on Sunday, March 23.

The right handed pitcher surrendered only one run off five hits and compiled four 1-2-3 innings

MU totaled four runs off seven hits. Gronsky led the offense hitting 2-for-3 with an RBI double and run of his own. Bamford also had two hits in the game and an RBI.

The win puts Monmouth at 3-0 in MAAC play with a 6-11 overall record.

The Hawks will next host bleheader on Saturday, March 29 with the first game at 12 pm and the second set for 3 pm. The series finale will be on Sunday, March 30 at noon.

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## Women's Lacrosse 0-3 on the Road

KYLE WALTER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The women's lacrosse team went 1-2 in the three games they played over spring break. They first lost to the Towson University Tigers and the University of Delaware Blue Hens respectively, but then picked up a win over former Northeast Conference rival, the Sacred Heart Pioneers. MU currently holds a 2-5 record on the year.

Coming off their first win of the season against Wagner, MU first traveled to MD for a tough matchup against the 11th ranked Towson, where they fell 13-5.

"I thought we played well, especially in the first half," said MU head coach Denise Wescott. "The team stuck to our game plan and the attack worked the ball to create some good shots. Our biggest problem was too many turnovers which created some goals for Towson."

Fifth-year seniors Cassie Campasano and Stephanie Anderson led the Hawks with two goals a piece while junior Emily Barbieri added a goal of her own. Towson's Ashleigh Rohrback led all scorers with five goals, and Andi Raymond had a game high of three assists for the Tigers.

In addition to the turnover issue mentioned by Wescott, shots on net were also an issue for the team, with Towson recording 37 compared to only 19 from the Hawks.

The blue and white showed a lot of fight and determination during the first half of play as they twice battled back from multiple goal deficits to get within one.

After falling behind 2-0 in the first 10 minutes, the Hawks cut the lead in half when Campasano scored her first goal of the game, and season, with 14:49 remaining in the period. Two more Towson scores then extended the lead to three, but back-to-back goals from Campasano and Anderson made the score 4-3 with a little over two minutes to go in the first half. Unfortunately for MU,

The Monmouth softball team

traveled to CA over spring break

posting a 3-5 record and conclud-

ed the week with an overall season

record of 7-10. In the final three

games of the week, the Hawks fell

Riverside, but achieved a come-

After five games played in Santa Barbara, CA, the Hawks

traveled to face the San Diego Aztecs on Tuesday, March 18 ending in a 1-5 loss. The Aztecs

kicked things off in the bottom of

the first, when a double down the

right field line by Hayley Miles al-

lowed Leia Ruiz, a walked batter,

losses to their record.

ror by the Aztecs.

hump, and the Tigers managed to find the back of the net once more with 20 seconds left. Towson led by two heading into halftime.

The Tigers came out hot in the second half as they netted three consecutive shots in the first five minutes of the period to give them an 8-3 lead. Despite two straight goals from Barbieri and Anderson, this surge all but put the Hawks away, and the Tigers ended the match by scoring five unanswered goals to seal the vic-

their second straight game when Delaware doubled MU's scoring in a 12-6 Blue Hen victory. In similar fashion to their matchup against Towson, the Hawks again played well in the first half before giving up eight second half goals.

Freshman Claudia LaMarca and senior Danielle Rakowitz paced MU with two goals each. Junior Allison Stathius also chipped in with a goal, and Anderson again scored for the Hawks. Caitlin Mc-Cartney recorded a game high of four goals while three other UD players scored twice.

Things looked good for the Hawks as they jumped out to a 1-0 lead three minutes in when Rakowitz scored her fifth goal of the season. The Blue Hens weren't fazed, however, and they responded with their first goal of the game just over two minutes later to even the score.

Both teams managed to pay dirt once more over the next 15 minutes; the score was knotted at two with eight minutes to go in the half. After a foul was called on LaMarca, the Blue Hens were able to successfully capitalize a scoring opportunity and break the tie at the 4:38 mark.

Just a couple minutes later, the Blue Hens built on their lead when McCartney netted one of her four goals, but MU battled back and LaMarca scored her first goal of the contest to send the game to halftime with UD leading 4-3.

The second half was then all Delaware as the Blue Hens scored they could not quite get over the early and often, and never led by and seized the momentum by

"The team stuck to our game plan and the attack worked the ball to create some good shots. Our biggest problem was too many turnovers which created some goals for Towson."

> DENISE WESTCOTT Head Coach of Women's Lacrosse

Four days later, the Hawks lost less than two after the 27-minute responding with three straight

"It's nice to see we can compete with teams in the top 30," Wescott said after the loss. "The disappointment is that we haven't won a game like this against a team like this yet. We just need to build more confidence so we can handle competing against teams like Delaware."

The experience of playing against two powerhouse programs paid off for the Hawks as they were able to get past Sacred Heart relatively easy on Saturday, March 22. With the win, MU ended its two game losing streak and evened its home record to 2-2 for the season.

Rakowitz and Stathius both had big games for the blue and white, with each of them recording four goals. Two other Hawks scored multiple goals on the game as Campasano beat the keeper three times and Barbieri found the back of the net twice. Contrary to the previous two games, the Hawks led in both turnovers and shots on goal. MU managed 34 total shots while turning it over 16 times compared to 20 turnovers and only 18 shots for the Pioneers.

In a fast-paced and exciting first half, MU took control from the opening faceoff and built a dominating 6-0 lead with only 10 minutes gone by in the game. Rakowitz highlighted the six-goal outburst by scoring three times during the stretch, including the first two goals of the game; both of which were unassisted.

SHU did not give in, however,

goals in less than two minutes of play. The quick spurt cut MU's lead in half, and brought the score to 6-3 with just under 20 minutes remaining.

Scoring slowed down for the rest of the half, but did not stop completely, as both teams scored two more goals and headed to the locker room with the Hawks holding an 8-5 advantage.

MU dominated from the opening whistle of the second half by scoring seven straight times. This time Stathius led the charge, netting three of the seven goals. However, unlike the first period, this scoring run lasted over 22 minutes and gave MU a 15-5 lead with only seven minutes left in the contest.

The Pioneers managed to score three late goals, but the game was never in doubt for the Hawks and they came away with the 15-8

"It was a team effort today," explained Rakowitz after the win. 'We worked as a team, and we all came together. We really needed this win. Now we're just trying to build up our W's and see what comes next.'

The Hawks are now beginning to gear up for conference play, as they are scheduled to make their MAAC debut on Saturday, March 29 against Siena. However, the team still has one more non-conference matchup before they get into conference play when they head to Philadelphia to face Saint Joseph's University on Wednesday, March 26. Game time is scheduled for 4 pm.

to get on base and scored after a

Both teams scored an addition-

al run in the final innings of the game: the Highlanders added an

insurance run on Anderson's RBI

double, and the Hawks pushed in

a run after Freese's single to right

center. The game concluded in

a 3-5 loss for MU, dropping the

Though the Hawks still post a

losing record, head coach Louie

Berndt remains optimistic about

"I thought we improved in ev-

ery game," said Berndt. "We still

have adjustments to make, but as

we continue to play outside we are

her team and their future games.

hit by sophomore Jill Freese.

# SIDE



The men's tennis team defeated Coppin State, 7-0, and Morgan State, 4-0, on Thursday,

March 20 and Friday, March 21. The team only dropped two seats in the matches.

Against CSU, junior Victor Pugliese and freshman Bee Kumthonkittikul registered 6-4, 6-2 victories at No. 1 and No. 2 singles, respectfully.

While versing Morgan State, Pugliese notched a 6-1, 7-5 win in the number one seed.

The doubles saw Pugliese and freshman Christian Vieira defeat their opponents, 8-6 in the number one seed. The number two seed featured an 8-2 win from junior Freddy Marcinkowski and sophomore Ramy Bekhiet.

The men now improve to 4-6 for the season.

On Saturday, March 22 the men's lacrosse team furthered their losing streak to seven games after an 8-3 loss to Siena. The men will next face Lehigh University (6-3) at Bethlehem. PA. The Mountain Hawks are 3-1 at home this season.



MU field hockey was named the National Academic Team Award recipient for the fifth-straight

year by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFH-CA). In addition, five Hawks were recognized as members of the NFHCA National Academic Squad: Amanda Schoenfeld, Trish O'Dwyer, Lauren Horner, Melanie Dawson, Casey Hanna.

#### **UPCOMING GAMES**

Wednesday, March 26 BSB at Fairleigh Dickinson Teaneck, NJ 3:00 pm

WTEN at Marist\* Poughkeepsie, NY 3:30 pm

WLAX at Saint Joseph's Philadelphia, PA 4:00 pm

MLAX at Lehigh Bethlehem, PA 7:00 pm

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WSOC at Rutgers Piscataway, NJ 5:30 pm

MSOC vs Alumni Game W. Long Branch, NJ 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 29 TRCK vs MU Season Opener W. Long Branch, NJ 2:00 pm

WTEN at Niagra\* Niagara U, NY TBA

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WLAX vs Siena\* Loudonville, NY 12:00 pm

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SB at Quinnipiac\* Hamden, CT 1:00 pm

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ter this game, the Hawks dropped 6-4 in favor of Monmouth. AMANDA GLATZ to 6-9 and the Aztecs improved to

The Hawks concluded the week with a double-header on Thursday, March 20 against Dartmouth and UC Riverside. MU split the double-header, with a 6-5 comeback win against Dartmouth and to both San Diego State and UC a 3-5 loss against UC Riverside.

Game two of the doubleheader from-behind victory over Dart- was dominated early by Dart- spring break against UC River-

The Big Green threatened a comeback in the bottom of the seventh, loading the bases and scoring a run on a groundout, but the Hawks were able to hold off Dartmouth for a final score of 6-5. Both Monmouth and Dartmouth posted a 7-9 record after the game.

MU played its final game of Hawks' record to 7-10, and ad-oring break against UC River- vancing the Highlanders to 16-12. mouth, adding one win and two mouth, whose Big Green offense side's Highlanders, who took an

### 'We still have adjustments to make, but as we continue to play outside we are getting stronger."

Softball Posts 7-10 Record After Break

LOUIE BERNDT Head Coach of Softball

to score. The Hawks countered in was up by four runs by the third the fourth inning, when a single inning, courtesy of RBI's by Katie McEachern, Kristen Rumley, by senior Alicia DeSanto turned and Kelsey Miller. They shut out into an unearned run after an erthe Hawks until the fourth inning, Freshman pitcher Sydney Unwhen the bases became loaded derhill held San Diego State at with no outs. Freshman Justene a tie until the fifth inning, when Reyes contributed a RBI to make a single by Dominique Dinner the score 1-4 before freshman Raearned an RBI, giving the Aztecs chel Shotzbarger hit an impressive grand slam to left field, her the lead. In the sixth, a triple by Jaylene Ignacio and a single by first ever home run with the team. A double in the seventh by senior Dinner helped score three more runs, which Monmouth was un-Katie Schumacher pushed in anable to answer in the seventh. Af- other run, improving the score to in the fifth, when Reyes doubled are set for 1 pm and 3 pm.

early lead against the Hawks after Dionne Anderson scored off of a Karina Romero single. The blue and white quickly tied the game, with a lead-off home run by sophomore Raelynn Galindo in the top of the second inning.

The Hawks fell behind again when Haley Harris contributed a RBI double, and Highlanders Kaylie Atkinson and Ashley Erconlano scored back-to-back home runs, increasing UC Riverside's lead to 4-1. MU countered

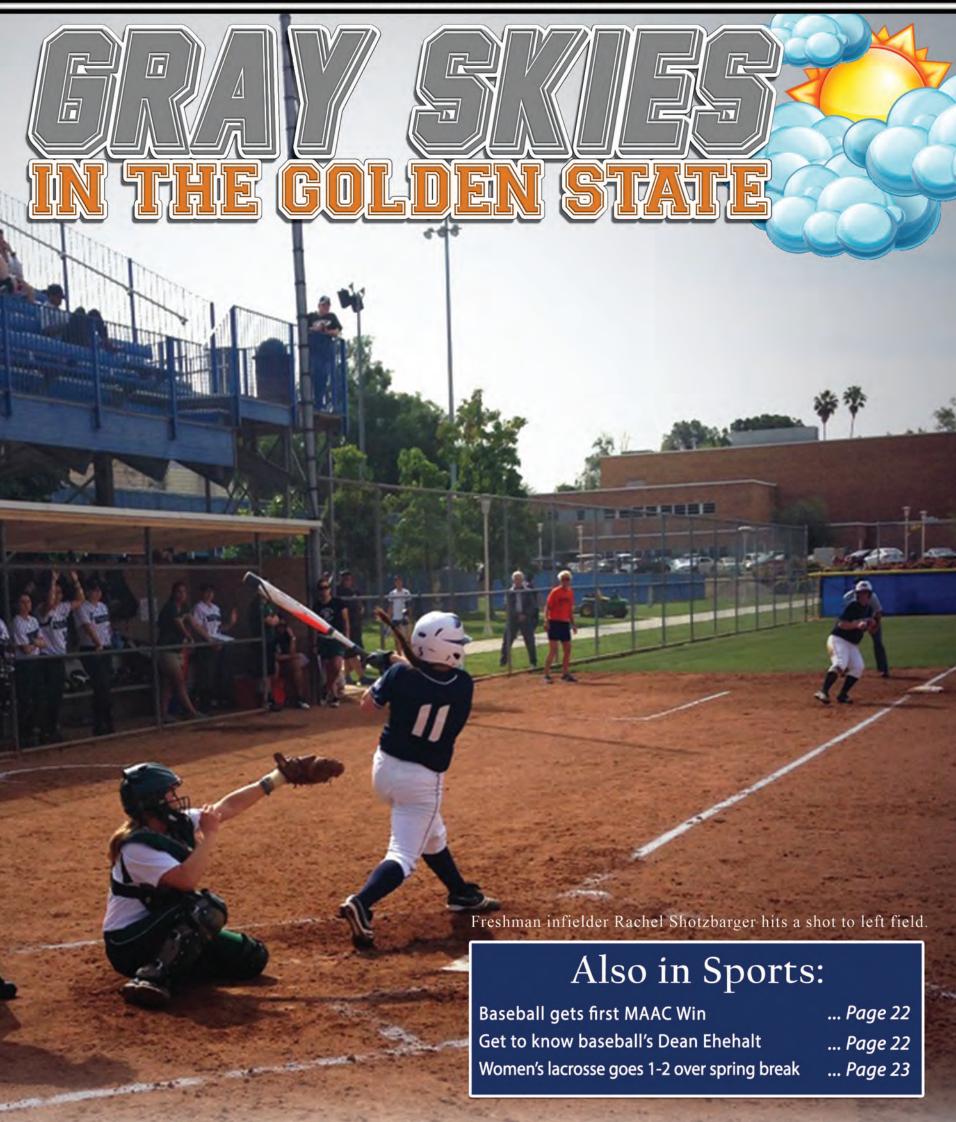
In terms of where the Hawks can go from here, Coach Berndt notes that the defense is getting stronger everyday, but she would like to see more out of the team's "We need to score runs, early

getting stronger."

and often," Berndt commented, noting that she hopes to accomplish this by getting the team out on our home field upon the Hawks' return to campus.

The team will next play in a doubleheader on Sunday, March 30 against MAAC opponents, the Quinnipiac Bobcats. Game times





The softball team took a trip of their own over spring break when they traveled to California to compete in the Gaucho Classic II and three other regular season games. The team went 3-5 on the road trip, and now has a 7-10 record on the season.