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The Environmental Impact of Super Storm Sandy

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The shores of New Jersey are summer hot spots for tourists. Most participate in boating, fishing and beach-going. However, that may not be so safe this summer.

According to a report from the National Hurricane Center, "Whole communities were inundated by water and sand, houses were washed from their foundations, boardwalks were dismantled or destroyed, cars were tossed about, and boats were pushed well inland from the coast."

The report also said that the fishing industry suffered due to damage to docks, marinas, restaurants, and fish processing plants. "BoatUS, the American Association of Boat Owners, estimated that Sandy destroyed more than 65,000 boats and caused marine-related damage of about \$650 million to New York, New Jersey and Connecticut," it said.

James Nickels, marine scientist for the Urban Coast Institute at

the University, said environmental damage from Sandy is vast. "Large areas of coastal flooding and dune destruction, inundation of saltwater into freshwater lakes along ocean, release of quantities of oil, fuel, pesticides and other chemicals were some of the problems. There was failure of sewer infrastructure and pumping stations which released large amounts of sewage and untreated waste water. Another issue is the forming of new inlets with the ocean from coastal lakes and bays. Large quantities of debris spread throughout water ways and marshes," said Nickels.

He also said that major clean-up of debris has taken place since Sandy. "The breaches in the barrier islands have been closed. Most sewage systems are back to operating normally. Debris clean-up is underway and making good progress. Work has recently been started to find and remove debris from local waterways as a result of Sandy."

BoatUS Assistant Vice President of Public Relations Scott Croft said in a press release, "The combination

of boats stored ashore at low elevations and record high surge levels caused hundreds, if not thousands, of boats to float away into neighborhoods, parks and marshes."

The issues beneath the water may be just as important as those on top of the water. Dr. Ursula Howson, assistant biology professor at the University, is currently working on a project with micro-organisms in Barnegat Bay.

"We have seen unexpected increases in zooplankton in the water column. This might be the result of nutrients being stirred up from the bottom as a result of the storm or as a result of tidal surge. The nutrients in the water column help the phytoplankton to grow, which then feed zooplankton," said Howson.

Howson said there are other problems that scientists may not be able to confirm for a while. "One danger may be a greater influx of salt water into coastal freshwater systems - when dunes are lost there is a greater over wash of salt water

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Dr. William B. Stanley to Receive Distinguished Alumni Award From Rutgers

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Dr. William B. Stanley, professor of education, will receive a distinguished alumni award from Rutgers University Graduate School of Education on April 6. Stanley graduated from Rutgers in 1979 with a social studies doctorate degree after receiving a master's degree in history. The award symbolizes Stanley's dedication, numerous contributions, and many influences during his career in the education field.

"I am flattered to receive the award. Rutgers University provided me with an excellent graduate education, and I'm honored to receive the award as an alum," said Stanley.

Stanley began his teaching career in 1966 as a social studies teacher at Cranford Public School in Union, NJ. "I decided I wanted to teach during my senior year

in high school," said Stanley. "I was influenced by a wonderful social studies teacher, Larry Carebonetti, of South Plainfield High School. I have always been intellectually curious and I enjoy helping others learn."

After 14 years in Cranford, Stanley chose to further his education in pursuing a master's degree in history at Rutgers University. "This confirmed my desire to teach. But I wanted to increase my knowledge and improve my teaching skills, which led me to study more history and methods of teaching in graduate school," said Stanley.

Stanley began working as an assistant professor teaching social studies education at Louisiana State University in 1980. In 1985, he was promoted as the Associate Chair and Graduate Program Director.

After spending seven years at Louisiana State University, Stanley

continued at the University of Delaware as the Chair and Professor in the Department of Educational Development. In 1995, Stanley was promoted to Interim Dean in the College of Education.

"I won a teacher of the year award as a professor at the University of Delaware," said Stanley. "I was also invited to be a member of the Social Science Education Consortium and the Professors of Curriculum professional organization."

Between 1996 and 1997, Stanley taught at the University of Hawaii, University of Utah, and Navajo Community College in Arizona as a visiting professor.

In 1997, Stanley returned to teaching at the University of Delaware as the chair in the department of educational development, human resources, education, and public policy.

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Molly is Becoming A Common Drug on College Campuses

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Drugs have been a presence on college campuses for many years now. Recently, the appearance of MDMA or molly has been popular among college students, Suanne Schaad said, the substance awareness coordinator.

"I think it has grown in popularity due to the fact that it is marketed as 'pure' MDMA and people think is safe or safer than ecstasy," Schaad said.

According to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), molly is the power or crystal form of MDMA, also known as 3,4-Methylenedioxymethamphetamine. The website explained that the drug acts as both a stimulant and psychedelic. It produces "an energizing effect, distortions in time perception and enhanced enjoyment of tactile experiences."

Molly is a Schedule I Controlled Substance, according to the Office of Diversion Control making the drug illegal. The DEA explained that the drug is mainly distributed in tablet form, comes in a variety of colors and is stamped with logos. It can also be found in capsules, powder and liquid form.

Known as a "party drug," MDMA

is usually swallowed, but the DEA states it can also be crushed, snorted or smoked but it is rarely injected. Users often mix molly with alcohol and marijuana the website states.

"MDMA causes changes in perception, including euphoria and increased sensitivity to touch, energy, sensual and sexual arousal, need to be touched, and need for stimulation," the DEA stated.

An anonymous junior from the University said, "[People] do it for concerts and such because it gives you so much energy and you can dance forever." The junior said it ties into the new techno craze because the people on molly feel and understand the music more while sober people do not have that connection.

He/she continued, "The reason people do it is because it gives you sort of a new found energy and a lot of people say it helps them feel the music. You're no longer interested in anything else that is going on besides dancing and listening to how the music will change when the beat will drop."

Molly has also been mentioned by celebrities such as Kanye West, 2 Chainz, Madonna and Childish Gambino, according to Schaad. She feels that the media has also added to the popularity of the drug.

Jillian Ketchel-Stach, nurse at the Community Medical Center in

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MDMA or "molly" is a popular new drug that causes effects similar to the drugs LSD, mushrooms and ecstasy.

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How Does the University Protect You?

University Blackboard Website Promotes a Safer Campus

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After recent tragedies throughout the United States including school shootings, schools are implementing resources to better protect students and faculty.

The University uses a free system called Blackboard Connect for this type of service. According to the University website, this system is designed to call, leave voicemails, email, and text any student, faculty or staff member who is signed up with their ID number and a registered phone and/or email. The system can also use a backup number such as a student's parent to notify in case of an emergency.

William McElrath, University Chief of Police, believes the campus is well-trained to respond to emergency situations like an active shooter. The police department is trained on how to respond to such situations and there have been presentations made for students and faculty on what to do if caught in an emergency situation. McElrath said he is "fully supportive" of conducting mandatory drills on campus for students and faculty.

Zachary Diamond, business major, said that for the most part he feels safe while on campus. "When I drive on campus, there's someone there checking for parking permits. I've seen cars without permits get stopped and that made me feel like they were on top of seeing who was coming onto the property," Diamond said.

Mary Fulco, junior social work major, felt differently. "They might check permits, but not everywhere. Anyone can walk into the buildings on campus during the day without an ID. When I'm in a classroom, I sometimes feel paranoid that if someone were in the building, there wouldn't be a way to keep them out. The doors can't be locked," Fulco said.

Dr. George Kapalka, Chair of the Department of Psychological Counseling, said that he thinks that the University is prepared for an emergency in most cases. "However, any major organization can only prepare for those emergencies that pose at least some real risk. For example, should we have earthquake drills in NJ? Probably not, but in California these should be commonplace," Kapalka said.

The University also has a website in which recent alerts and notifications can be posted and read for more information. According to the Hawk Safety Alert Listing from the University website, there have been eight recorded alerts listed since January of 2010. Within these reports there is information on burglaries, possible sexual assaults, and other instances on-campus and in the surrounding areas.

Fulco said that many students she knows aren't aware of the website or signed up for Blackboard Connect.

Eric Macik, junior health studies major, is not signed up for Blackboard Connect. "My house gets a call, but I'm not signed up through my cell. I feel like I'd



IMAGE TAKEN from notify.monmouth.edu

Blackboard Connect is a website that students can sign up for in order to receive notifications that will assist in safety precautions around campus.

know if something was going on by word of mouth or social media, so I just don't think it's that big of a deal to sign up," Macik said.

McElrath thinks the system is something that all students should utilize. "Blackboard Connect is a great system and I recommend that everyone participate, as it is our primary way of notifying individuals during an emergency," McElrath said.

McElrath said that having a backup system is important in the chance that a problem occurs, which is taken into account by the emergency notification policy. "If the Blackboard Connect system was to go down, we could still communicate to everyone through emails, voicemails, electronic signage, police PA systems, and megaphones," McElrath said.

In regards to making the University campus safer, McElrath said the police outside agencies such as local fire departments and ambulance services as well as the campus community can be trained further and educated about the actions taken during an emergency.

To learn more about Blackboard Connect or to sign up for calls, emails, and text notifications, please visit www.notify.monmouth.edu.

Ecstasy Revamped to Its Purest Form: Molly

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Toms River, said that she has met many younger patients on molly. "We started learning more about the drug and its side effects and it became easier to tell which patients were on it. Many of them came in with extremely dilated pupils and most experienced nystagmus, or uncontrollable rapid eye movement, and trisma, which is extreme jaw clenching."

The effects of molly usually occur 30 to 45 minutes after swallowing the pill and can last up to four to six hours, according to the DEA.

"While overdose is not so common with using molly, the side effects are what poses danger for users," Schaad said. "Since it is often used while people are dancing, people suffer from dehydration and fatigue. As blood pressure rises, so does the risk of the dangerous side effects which include: hypothermia, seizures, car-

diac episodes, electrolyte imbalances and coma. Other side effects include: insomnia, dilated pupils, sexual arousal, dizziness, dry mouth, and appetite suppression."

Kelly Ward, professor of social work, explains that molly can also cause a high spike in body temperature which can result in vital organs shutting down and severe dehydration.

The DEA explained that some other psychological effects include confusion, anxiety, depression, paranoia, sleep problems, and drug craving.

Clinical studies suggest that molly may increase the risk of long-term, perhaps even permanent, problems with memory and learning, according to the DEA.

An anonymous East Stroudsburg University student experienced using molly firsthand. "Everyone was talking about how it was a 'pure' drug and it sounded safe, so I tried it," he said. "At first I just felt energetic and

a little sweaty, but then I started feeling anxious. By the time it hit, I was biting down so hard my jaw hurt the next day and drinking a ton of water. Nothing could quench my thirst. My eyes were darting back and forth which made me dizzy and the next day, I felt awful."

His overall experience on molly was not one that he wanted to repeat. "I think new drugs get too much hype and students don't realize what could actually happen," he continued. "People react differently to things and molly definitely made me feel depressed for a few days. I wouldn't recommend it to anyone."

Jessica Ketchel, University junior, has heard multiple stories about Molly and its effects. "I've heard around campus and at work that people take it mainly before raving or going out, but wasn't sure what effects it had at first. Then I started hearing rumors of depression and anxiety."

Ketchel said that as far as being

the new college drug, she thinks students find it appealing. "If students think they are taking a pure drug, the risks seem less, so more people agree to it."

"It is most similar to ecstasy of course, but the interest is the ability to hallucinate like LSD or mushrooms or to create a more intense ecstasy high," Ward said.

Ward, who also specializes in adolescent substance abuse, continued by talking about the people more interested in trying molly. "Those curious about the openness of thought process or better sex are the people who try but most often quickly regret," she said.

The DEA said that adolescents and young adults use molly to promote "euphoria, feelings of closeness, empathy and sexuality."

According to the University's policy on drug use, possession, or presence of controlled dangerous substances; for a first offense students

could face residence probation, up to a \$200 fine, disciplinary probation for one full semester, a mandatory meeting with a Substance Awareness Coordinator, and arrest by University Police Department.

The third offense is expulsion from the University. Selling or distribution of a controlled dangerous substance includes expulsion and criminal prosecution. Although molly is not included directly by the University under these substances, ecstasy is.

Schaad explained that the University is aware of the increase in molly. "Unfortunately, there is no way to 100 percent rid a campus community of any drug. We do our best to be aware and keep communication open on new trends we see on and around campus as well as national trends. I am appreciative to *The Outlook* for bringing attention to this drug so students know the facts about it and the dangers associated with it," Schaad said.

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Life After Hurricane Sandy

Update on Progress of New Jersey in the Aftermath of Super Storm

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Hurricane Sandy was a super storm that swept the East Coast in late October, leaving many families devastated. On October 29, 2012, the category 1 hurricane curved north and headed towards New Jersey, New York and Connecticut. Two hundred and eighty-five people were killed in seven countries due to the storms severity. A majority of people found themselves without homes and possessions. For some, all that is left is the memories they can cling to. Reconstruction began as soon as possible for some people, while others are still waiting

for their turn. Those who were not affected too severely by the storm with power outages and no belongings damaged were able to return to their everyday lives. Madalyn Messina, junior, was able to move on fairly fast. “I lost power for a little over a week but that was the severity of my problems. I went to work every day to keep myself busy. I was lucky,” Messina said. On the opposite side of the spectrum, Judith Cumbia, a retired teacher, lost everything she had. Cumbia was a newly-retired high school teacher beginning to embark on the rest of her life. The storm crumbled her home from top to bottom, leaving her

homeless. “No money has been granted yet because it is unclear if I have to raise the house since the new flood maps have not been finished. I’m at a phenomenal level of frustration,” Cumbia said. Agencies are available and have made efforts to help people affected by the storm. According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, so far \$1.27 billion in assistance has been approved, 525,724 registrations were issued, and 4,004 FEMA personnel were deployed. As of late February, a total of 24 Disaster Recovery Centers have been set up; ten in New Jersey and 14 in New York. Insurance companies are also assisting in giving money to those in need. However, some insurance companies are working slower than expected and giving families issues along the way. Tori Rymer, junior, received damage to the entire first floor of her home. She has received no money towards any of the damages. “We paid out of pocket for all of our fixes. The only money we received was a tiny bit from insurance, which wasn’t even accessible until we brought the bank receipts as proof of what we paid. They would not give us a cent more than the paper showed.” Rymer has almost finished reconstruction, but everyday needs are still a challenge. Rymer adds, “We haven’t been able to cook for four months now since we do not have a single appliance.” People just want to be able to get back to their everyday lives and routines. On February 26, Governor Chris Christie announced that he proposed the establishment of a \$40 million Sandy Contingency Fund for



PHOTO COURTESY of Jenna Intersimone

Seaside Heights residents have slowly but surely begun to rebuild their homes and communities with money from the government and their own pockets.

expenses not reimbursed by the federal government. Businesses also took a big hit. Giuseppe ScottodiRosano, owner of a restaurant in Laurence Harbor, did not lose his business but lost a great deal of revenue during the eight days they were closed. “We had to get rid of a couple thousand dollars’ worth of meat and food. So on top of losing all the money from being closed, we lost even that much more from spoiled products,” ScottodiRosano said. Workers have been out in the field since the day after the storm hit. Christopher Ventola, union worker, was first sent out

to restore power lines as soon as Christie deemed it was safe to be out and working. Ventola said, “It took a while for things to get done, longer then we hoped in some instances, but we are still working to this day restoring really damaged areas. Our job is not done until things are 100 percent back to normal.” For many people, getting their lives back to the way it was prior to Hurricane Sandy will eventually happen, but it is going to be a long journey. Many people are striving off good faith and hope. Cumbia said, “I have myself and good friends and family. With them, I can get through this.”



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For many New Jersey residents, returning to their normal lives following Hurricane Sandy will be a long and expensive journey.

Choosing Sides in the Classroom

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Political beliefs are always an intimate subject, especially in an academic setting, but do freedom of speech and individual liberties translate over in the classroom for professors without legal infringements? University professors enjoy academic freedom in classroom teaching, and it is detailed in their faculty contract, but, “If faculty are expressing political beliefs in their lectures that are not related to their subject

Smith, senior psychology major. “It is important to gather all of the information first, and then make a decision on what best suits you. Everyone is entitled to a different opinion and there is no straight ‘right’ or ‘wrong.’” Pearson said that as indicated in the University Faculty Contract on page seven, “Academic freedom means freedom of teaching and research and of extramural (off-campus) activities... Faculty members are entitled to freedom in the classroom in presenting and discussing their subject. Faculty and instructional staff members

impression that they speak for the University. “I try never to share my personal beliefs because when I was a student I grew irritated and would drift a bit when I thought a professor was trying to indoctrinate me into a particular political mindset,” said Dr. Joseph Patten, Chair of the Political Science and Sociology Department. “A professor’s personal view never had any influence on me. I always enjoyed being in a class when the professor knew how to discuss politics in an objective and non-partisan way,” he continued.

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matter and are imposed on students without any openness to discussion, students have the right to bring their concerns to the attention of the department chair,” said Dr. Thomas Pearson, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. Students at the University employ professors to introduce all types of political beliefs in the classroom because it creates openness and a bilateral line of communication. “I think it is beneficial for students to hear other viewpoints whether it is from peers or professors. Most students are taught what their parents believe in, but there is so much more out there to know,” said Casey

must have primary responsibility for selecting instructional materials, defining course content and determining the methods of evaluating student performance in their classes.” Pearson continued by saying that the contract states, “They should be careful, however, in their teaching not to introduce and dwell upon matter, particularly controversial matter, which has no relation to their subject. Free inquiry includes pertinent controversy.” The contract also details that faculty should exercise appropriate restraint, attempt to be accurate at all times, show respect for opinions of others, and should avoid creating the

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from the ocean into coastal freshwater lakes,” said Howson. This could hurt fish and other animals that are not adapted to fresh or salt water, she said. George Murphy, 22, of Brick Township, believes this summer will be tough for boaters. Murphy, who worked in a marina for several years and is a recreational boater, said, “Just navigating the Barnegat Bay this summer, let alone the Manasquan, is going to be hazardous, from all the debris still in the water.” Nickels echoed the statement, saying that water depths have changed and many navigation markers and buoys were either destroyed or moved off station during and after Sandy. Sarah Hurst, 22, of Point Pleasant, works for Tow Boat USA, a boat recovery company. She said the salt water deteriorated trees and foundations of houses in some flood areas, which could lead to collapsing of trees and making rebuilding very difficult. Nickels said that when he helped with the clean-up of debris, he saw houses, boats, cars, dumpsters, trees, mannequins, toys, beds, docks, and other items in Barnegat Bay. He recommends that if students wish to get involved, they can help with beach clean-up and restoration projects such as dune replenishments. Lindsay McNamara of Clean

Ocean Action said that the organization has developed a new program called, “Wave of Action” program is a long term volunteer effort to assist the people, businesses, habitats, and waterways impacted by Super storm Sandy through monthly clean up days. The first three “Waves” occurred on December 8, January 19, and February 23 and had over 4,500 volunteers to 87 clean-up sites in many towns affected by Super storm Sandy from Cape May, NJ, to Hampton Bays, NY, said McNamara. The most common item found at these clean-ups has been lumber from boardwalks, docks and houses. But beach sweepers are finding other items as well. “We have even found couches and other outside furniture. We also found keepsakes in Normandy Beach. It was showed the reality of how bad the storm really was,” said McNamara. McNamara said that students who wish to get involved can go visit onto the Clean Ocean Action website to learn about the next beach sweep scheduled for April 27. Nickels believe another issue is dune and marsh replenishment. He said, “It will take some time before all the marshes have debris removed. When dunes are finally replaced they will require extensive work to replant dune grasses so that the wind doesn’t remove them.” However, Nickels said that reports indicate that most areas should be safe by Memorial Day.

Students Participate in Alternative Spring Breaks Internationally

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While some students from New Jersey planned on spending their spring breaks catching up on sleep at home or partying on the beaches of Cancun, others spent their breaks making a difference in a community or foreign country.

Many colleges around the country are now offering alternative spring break trips. These trips are created for students who are interested in spending their week off helping others in their communities or in other parts of the world. Students who are interested can plan a trip through their school or through an organization, such as Habitat for Humanity.

Since Super Storm Sandy hit New Jersey, some schools have decided to create alternative spring break projects here at the Jersey Shore. Max Dolphin, Drew University student, spent his spring break not too far from his home in Seaside Heights. Dolphin said that coming home to devastation is humbling. “To see the devastation firsthand in my hometown and surrounding area is an experience that really leaves you shell-shocked,” said Dolphin.

A group of students from Drew University had difficulty trying to find a place to sleep during their service project because hotels and homes around Seaside Heights are still damaged from the storm. For example, in Seaside Heights, the destruction of Hurricane Sandy is still present in every direction. “When I first saw the image of the roller coast-

er and missing pier I was left in shock and awe,” said Dolphin. The roller coaster was recently dismantled and Seaside Heights is beginning the restoration process across town.

Dolphin mentioned that he worked with a non-profit organization, Community Collaboration International (CCI). According to the CCI website, the organization specializes in disaster relief efforts within the United States, along with ecological and environment-related projects across three other continents. They are also currently running alternative spring break trips to Louisiana to help with Hurricane Isaac relief.

Even though the Jersey Shore is a “hot spot” for alternative spring breakers this year, other spots across the country are also attracting students. Dan Suskevich, Villanova University student, traveled to Athens, Georgia during his spring break.

Suskevich helped out at the Oasis Católico San Rafael, located in the outskirts of Athens. Suskevich explains the location as a convent that is run by nuns for undocumented immigrants. Suskevich worked on many projects there, from tutoring third graders to doing home repairs.

The most significant part for Suskevich was interacting with the third graders. Suskevich explained that he learned about their living conditions while reading an Arthur book to the children. According to Suskevich, one character in the book had many possessions, such as her own hair dryer, TV, and bed.

In addition to tutoring children, Suskevich also ripped out

floors in some trailers that surround the convent. He said that the living conditions were terrible because there were five people living in a bedroom meant for one. “It was an eye-opening experience,” said Suskevich. “You start to realize everything that you have that’s great, and realize that you can’t take it for granted.”

Here at the University, the Residence Hall Association (RHA) planned an alternative spring break trip to Guatemala for the third consecutive year.

For some students, this was their first major service trip. Danielle St. Vincent, University student, was excited to go to Guatemala this past spring break. Students built classrooms in ChiChicastenango, a small mountain town two hours northwest of Guatemala City.

St. Vincent said that the biggest challenge on this trip was communicating with locals. “Where we [went] in Guatemala, [the locals] speak K’iche’,” she said. “Some people down there don’t even understand Spanish.” In addition to the language barrier, she also said that the water in Guatemala is not safe due to cholera, therefore only bottled water can be consumed.

Another difference between this trip and domestic trips are the precautions that need to be taken before traveling. St. Vincent said that she needed to get shots for tetanus, hepatitis A, and typhoid. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends these shots for travelers in certain areas, in addition to malaria shots.

One of the reasons St. Vincent

went is because of the positive feedback she has heard from some of the orientation leaders she met over the summer.

Students who go on alternative spring break trips are able

to not only help people, but they can also learn about the cultures and traditions of other countries. Students also learn more about themselves and how to better other people’s lives.



PHOTO COURTESY Geena Basso

Alysha Zimmerman and Jenna Tsudy took part in the Alternative Spring Break to Guatemala in 2013 to build classrooms for children.

The National Broadcasting Society Honors Two University Seniors

Chris Down and Diego Alessandro Win for Their Achievements in Radio and TV Broadcasting

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Chris Down and Diego Alessandro, both seniors and communication majors, were recently awarded grand prizes in their fields of submission by the National Broadcasting Society (NBS) for their achievements in radio and television broadcasting.

The NBS began its award tradition in 1962 with the intentions to highlight worthy college students with a passion for broadcasting. NBS student chapters are featured at college campuses nationwide, including at the University. In fact, Alessandro is president of the University’s chapter of NBS.

“I am a musician and amateur music historian so radio just made sense. I was doing internet radio a few years before I came to Monmouth and declared my major,” Alessandro said. “I just need to be around music, it’s all that I am.”

Although he received two honorable mentions last year and three honorable mentions this year, Alessandro was still in shock when he won the grand prize. “Going from a high school dropout to a college grad with a national award has been a hard, long road. It’s so fulfilling to have come so far from someone with no future to someone with a chance. I was so excited.”

Alessandro won the grand prize for his WMCX Core Music Sweeper. His honorable mentions were for three of his creations: Project Paul PSA, Project Paul Feature, and Jersey Devil Sweeper 2.

While all of these productions hold great value and show Alessandro’s diligent work ethic, the Project Paul Feature is embedded into his heart. When asked the reasoning behind Alessandro’s creation of the eight minute clip, he said “I wanted to help out this wonderful organization who does so much for the hungry and homeless in Monmouth County.”

All of Alessandro’s submissions can be heard at soundcloud.com/diego-alessandro.

Unlike Alessandro, Down chose to follow the television side of broadcasting, a path which was not always in his mindset. “Originally, when I was applying to Monmouth, I was coming in to be a graphic design major, but during my orientation I had a big change of heart and ended up pursuing a communication degree with a concentration in television and radio,” Down explained. “Now, since I have been here, what keeps me here is the wonderful TV station and the tremendous opportunities and experience I get here.”

Down was familiar with the NBS submission process as he submitted three productions last

year but did not have any make it to the final. Due to this factor, he was even more surprised when he won the grand prize.

“When I saw that my video had actually won a grand prize I was quite shocked, and I believe that showed in the quite lackluster acceptance speech that consisted mainly of me saying thank you about three times and walking off the stage awkwardly,” Down said.

Down notes that he did not expect to win an award at all in this category because the video he submitted for judgment was the first video he created for his job. “I made this video for my job in Enrollment Publications here at Monmouth. This was the first assignment I was handed and it took me a while to complete but I eventually got it put together,” he said.

After 14 years of being part of the University’s NBS chapter, co-advisor Chris Cavallaro believes every student victory should be given proper acknowledgment. “Of course I was very, very proud and very, very happy for them,” Cavallaro said. He also mentioned Alessandro’s grand prize award came from a project produced in one of Cavallaro’s class.

Both seniors intend to graduate come May with communication degrees and concentrations in TV/radio degrees. “At age 28, I’m tired of saying I’m a senior,” Alessandro said. “Proud to be Monmouth Class of 2013.”

MU Professor Receives Alumni Award

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The following year, Stanley became a Dean at the University of Colorado for three years. The third year, Stanley became the founding Dean of the School of Education at the University of Redlands in California.

During 2000, Stanley was presented the opportunity of becoming Dean of the School of Education at Monmouth University. Stanley was Dean for five years and currently is a professor of social studies education, educational foundations, and curriculum theory.

“His great accomplishment at Monmouth was stabilizing the School of Education from 2003 to 2008 and leading it to initial accreditation of its undergraduate and graduate programs by the National Commission for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE),” said Dr. Thomas Pearson, Provost.

“Thus, his wise and patient leadership and his great knowledge and experience with teacher education served Monmouth and its students very well,” Pearson continued. “He is a person who will give credit to many for our success but he deserves much credit for his point leadership and for setting up a foundation of good teacher-scholars in the School of Education.”

Over the past 47 years as an educator, Stanley has completed numerous efforts to enhance the social studies curriculum, serve as a mentor to students and faculty, and demonstrate leadership qualities through his Dean and professor positions.

Stanley made large impacts in social studies and history curriculums

published all over America. During his years teaching he became involved in numerous university organizations which lead him to fully understand the material to create curriculums on his own. He has given selected paper presentations and symposiums, has completed funded research, and edited an array of publications during his career.

Jack Nelson, a professor of Stanley’s from Rutgers University, said, “He is an educator’s educator, known for his incisive thinking, his intellect, and his extensive knowledge, but also widely recognized for his gentle manner and humor, his colleague- and student-nurturing talents, his engaging humility, and his responsible work ethic. This is a highly unusual combination.”

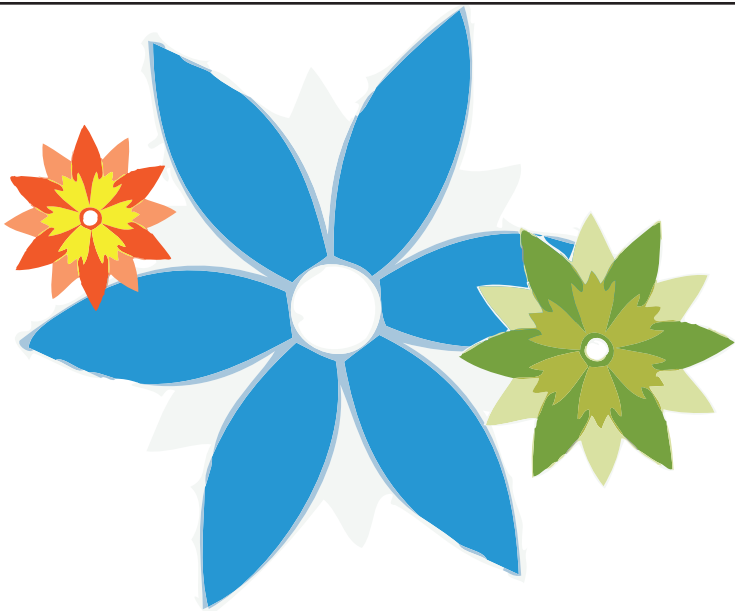
Nelson explained Stanley’s achievements and that he truly deserves such a high award. “It was my pleasure to have Bill as a student ... in every class there is likely to be at least one student who is smarter than the teacher,” said Nelson.

Stanley was very grateful in being selected for the award after numerous years of work improving the education field all over America.

“I was fortunate to have parents who stimulated my intellectual curiosity,” said Stanley. “I have also had a number of excellent teachers, colleagues, and mentors who provided help and guidance along the way. I’ll also give myself some credit for intensive study and hard work.”

The award will be presented to Stanley at the Rutgers Faculty Club on April 6. Administrators, former faculty, students, friends and family will attend to honor Stanley’s success.

APRIL EVENTS



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April 13 • 7pm RSSC Cafe
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April 19 • 8pm Pollak Theatre
Zombie Horror Theatre

April 20 • 3pm Shadow Lawn
Zombie Hunt

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	Easter Egg Hunt	7pm Catholic Center
	Late Night Lounge	8 - 10pm Res. Quad
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	Alpha Phi Sigma Induction	5:30 - 6:30pm Wilson Aud
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4/16	HERO Campaign Nite	10pm TBA
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	Giants of the Baroque	7:30pm Pollak Theatre
4/19	Room Selection	Thru 4/20 Anacon Hall
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	Baseball vs Wagner	3pm Baseball Field
4/13	Baseball vs Wagner	1pm Baseball Field
4/14	Softball vs Cen. St. Connecticut	12pm Softball Field
	Baseball vs Wagner	1pm Baseball Field
	Women's Lacross vs Sacred Heart	12pm Kessler Field
4/15	Women's Tennis vs St. Francis NY	3:30pm Tennis Courts
4/17	Softball vs Temple	3pm Softball Field
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4/26	Baseball vs Sacred Heart	3pm Baseball Field
4/27	Baseball vs Sacred Heart	1pm Baseball Field

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Is Constant Campus Construction a Positive or Negative?

THE OUTLOOK STAFF OPINION

If anyone has stepped foot onto the campus over the past year, the tall tale signs reading “Please pardon our appearance while we are under construction” signal that campus construction is still whirling in its constant motion.

For most students, the pounding of hammers and blocked-off pathways have become about as customary on campus as the historic Wilson Hall.

With the constant construction for the past few years, some are left wondering what there really is to improve. Even more importantly is there anything worth further correcting at this time?

Here at *The Outlook*, we ponder much of the same thing, and with all of us being students, the first thing brought up when the topic is presented is the matter of how will it affect costs and tuition.

When *The Outlook* asked Patti Swannack, Vice President for Administrative Services, she assured that every year a separate construction fund is set aside in the overall budget, and that the construction, as most recently shown with the Joan and Robert Rechnitz Hall, is commonly run on donations from outside, non-student sources.

Although that adds a bit of security, some of us still remain a bit nervous about the possibility of spending beyond the budgeted means. All of which lead to the scare of tuition hikes, leaving some to say that the money should be withdrawn from other areas of the University in order to finish the construction.

Aside from the improvements not adding an extra fee to student’s bills, the staff believes that the building process should only commence if there is a substantial amount of grants being awarded to students and, furthermore, that there should be a worthy reason for the construction in the first place.

Within the past four years, the school has seen the completion of the Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC), a new residential hall, Rechnitz Hall, another residential hall and an addition to Bey Hall is expected to begin production sometime later this semester. All of which are improvements to our campus, but the only buildings essentially created from scratch are seen on the residential side of campus.

While residential housing is an important aspect for students who consider dorm life a major factor and would naturally prefer the buildings to be modernized, Monmouth is primarily a commuter school. Dorming is not considered the largest draw amongst the majority of prospective MU students, despite the medial amount of revenue it brings in.

Instead, some argue that the construction approved should go towards the academic buildings, and all new ones at that. While Edison Science Hall did receive a facelift, it was still an add-on of sorts to a currently existing, non-residential structure. Even the MAC was considered an extension of Boylan gymnasium, and the newly erected Rechnitz Hall was a replacement for the 800 Art Building.

Furthermore, we have experienced the unwelcome side effects of the construction; the most begrudging being the use of trailers as temporary classrooms. The building woes even inconvenience those inside the classroom, with construction soundtracks disrupting the lesson discussions. Most simply would like to see the campus completed as a whole instead of in segmented parts.

However inconvenient the construction seems at times, it is seen as a privilege overall. The university prides itself on its beautiful campus, which serves as a draw to current and potential students alike. It is known that in order to maintain an appearance, effort is required, whether it be in the form of landscaping or construction. Therefore, credit must be given to the fact that this campus is able to find the resources, time, and individuals who are able to complete such jobs. All of these improvements are shown as a nod to how the university is always trying to change and modernize for its students.

All of this is hardly a bad thing, and if construction proves to have no worth and truly becomes as a great issue then perhaps a resolution should be found and proposed before full-blown criticisms are reached.

Until that time comes, we here at *The Outlook* are stumped for a solution, and until one is found we will simply bask in the improvements going on around us and take in the process, all until they are completed or tuitions rises whichever happens first.



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Full Time Student to Employee

Deciding When to Begin Working After College

VICTORIA JORDAN
STAFF WRITER

Some may disagree, but I think change is good. Whatever those changes may be, I firmly believe that a person is able to make changes to his or her life by taking a step back to look at things with a new perspective.

For seniors graduating in May, life is going to throw us a curveball, and we have to be ready to hit it out of the park. Graduation day is the beginning of the rest of our lives (I know, so cliché). Realistically, each and every one of us students hope to have a job lined up upon graduating. Knowing we have some financial security when we leave school would be an extremely comfortable feeling.

However, if those of you reading this are anything like me, job hunting is not the only difficult part of seeking full-time employment. The other is when to begin our lives as full-time employees.

Many of my friends that graduated last year have given me the following advice: do not start working right after graduation. Each of them decided to enjoy their last summer “off” and postpone their lives as working women until August or September.

They spent the few months after graduation vacationing and traveling. They also used that gap between college and the “real world” as a transition period. However, there are many graduates that begin working the

week after graduation. So, when should a recent college graduate begin working full-time?

The good thing is that there is no right or wrong answer to that question. In my mind, it really boils down to two things: the kind of person you are and the hiring employer.

Your personality, attitude, and decision-making abilities help decide when you really want to start working. If you are the kind of person that cherishes all of the free time you can possibly have, especially during the summer, then waiting until beach season is over is probably a better choice.

If you are the kind of person that doesn’t like having too much spare time on your hands, then you may want to start your job sooner than later.

Some people do not begin their job search until the middle of the summer with intentions of postponing any stress of interviewing and working until after beach season. Some started searching in January in hope of securing a job immediately upon graduation.

From what I have noticed, patient people wait until a few months after graduation to begin working. The more eager people, like myself, want to secure a job immediately and start right away.

The hiring employer is a huge factor in deciding when to begin full-time work. Some companies are seeking immediate hire, and those that are still in school

at that point often suggest that they can start right after graduation.

This limits your flexibility as to when you would prefer to start. Often, companies will interview candidates for job opportunities that may not be available until the business exceeds certain financial goals. This may postpone a candidate’s start date.

I have also heard from friends that negotiating a start date can be tough, but possible. You may be able to persuade them to allow you to start a month or so after graduation. I would not suggest telling them you won’t start working until after summer if they have not yet offered you the job. However, the employer ultimately makes the decision as to when they need you to begin working.

Transitioning from college life to the working world is already an unsettling thought. It is definitely going to be one of the biggest changes of my life and other graduating seniors.

The most important advice that I give myself and that I can share with others in the same situation as me is to decide what would make you happiest.

If enjoying the three months of summer and then working is what you want to do, then do it. If starting work the week after graduation is what you want to do, then do it.

A lot of people have told me, “You have the rest of your life to work”. So whatever you decide, keep that in mind.

Future of YouTube

Website Continues to Expand

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STAFF WRITER

On March 20, YouTube announced that it had reached a staggering 1 billion users per month. The site is continuing to grow, with higher production content for users, and with mobile devices becoming more prominent, it seems a shift could be in the near future. What will YouTube’s next step be to continue their consumer growth?

Among most members of my generation, YouTube has become more than just another site to see cat videos and people failing horribly at dares and physical activities. I’ll admit I have spent my fair share of time on YouTube, sometimes more than I probably should, but putting a limit on how many videos you watch is like being at a buffet and only eating at the salad bar. YouTube is a smorgasbord of something for everybody.

Since the site launched in 2005, there have been those that have created tutorials, dramas, music videos, and the list can go on and on. YouTube has reached over 1 billion users, which begs the question: What will this mean for video content in the future? It seems that if I want to watch a clip of a television show, the first place I run to is the Internet. YouTube is only one of the several sites that has been attracting consumers for years.

It’s not really hard to see why YouTube has become so popular. There are millions of videos and “YouTubers” that create weekly and daily content that is suggested by their viewers. It seems to be the best of both worlds: creators can make vid-

eos that they know will be viewed, the consumers get what they desire and can give feedback so they know that they are being heard. Imagine doing that with your favorite television show. With these trends, I can imagine that in a few years, if not sooner, content from bigger networks will be making their way to the site. Actors such as Neil Patrick Harris and Ricky Gervais already have their own channels that viewers can subscribe to with original content. It is a fast, easy, and fun way to quickly get content to the masses.

It would be of great convenience to watch shows for free online whenever you want, and wherever you want if you have a tablet or a smartphone. Sounds to good to be true, right? It probably would be. That is one of the elements users and the site itself would have to work with. Hopefully, YouTube could follow after Pandora and offer more mainstream content so viewers who do not want to pay will not have to, but there would be limitations on what they had access to. Let’s just hope that there is not a rebellion in the process. There were several complaints when Facebook changed their timeline design, but once people get used to the change, they learned to embrace it.

I like to think that networks such as CBS and NBC could eventually publish full length content. With technology constantly changing at such a fast pace, there may be a day when I can watch my make-up and hair tutorials and then catch up on the latest episode of “White Collar” all in the same place. I know that I would not be the only one to enjoy that.

Why the Rush? Time Management is Key

RACHEL GRAMUGLIA
STAFF WRITER

So, the saying is true. Time flies when you least expect it. Yet, how is it that time can always be slipping away from us?

We’re only human; we run late, miss deadlines, and occasionally forget to do things. But it all revolves around time. Students at MU are trying to master the ways of time management to rid themselves of any lateness whatsoever.

I know that if I could have one super power (other than flying), it would be the ability to control time. I would be a “time-bender.” If I had to meet a tight deadline but was short on time, I would magically give myself an extra two hours to get it done.

What a perfect world.

However, I have created some great tips to managing time and making time your friend, not your worst enemy. You do not have to do all of them- unless you want to be super-crazy organized, then by all means, go for it. But just by doing one of these, you will find that time will become your friend.

Keep your long-term goals in sight: I find that making a to-do list for the week is a good way to achieve your long-term goals. It may seem a bit overwhelming at first, but crossing things off of the list will alleviate stress and keep you focused and driven.

Schedule anything that you are aware of for that week: In your planner, write down any work times, social events, and even some study breaks to give yourself some down time. Scheduling on a calendar helps you see your weeks and allows planning accordingly.

Start planning tomorrow at

the end of today: This way you can know what to expect for the next day and you can set a list of priorities for yourself to make sure that you can check them off your list.

However, it is often easy to stop a task and immediately deal with anything that can be considered a small distraction, and as college students, let’s admit it, we can get easily distracted. But if something new distracts your attention, it is okay to come back to it later.

There is always tomorrow: Like any other skill, it takes patience to learn how to manage your time. Even professionals have days when their whole schedule falls apart, and if you are having one of those days, don’t give up on time management. Instead, pick up the pieces and start again the next day. Review your schedules at the end of each week to see what you did and didn’t do. Build on your successes as you develop plans for the following weeks.

Those are just some of my methods of handling time management. I also have post-its to last a lifetime. But hopefully you will utilize these tips and make time management your best friend, instead of worst enemy.

Students at MU who are immensely involved have their own ways to handle their time issues, and they don’t even know it. Ashley Alvaravo, sophomore, has to handle time between schoolwork, having an internship, pledging for a sorority, and commuting to and from home to MU.

“I use a planner and schedule on my phone religiously,” Alvaravo said. “Honestly, commuting and doing schoolwork is hard, but having a good work ethic gets

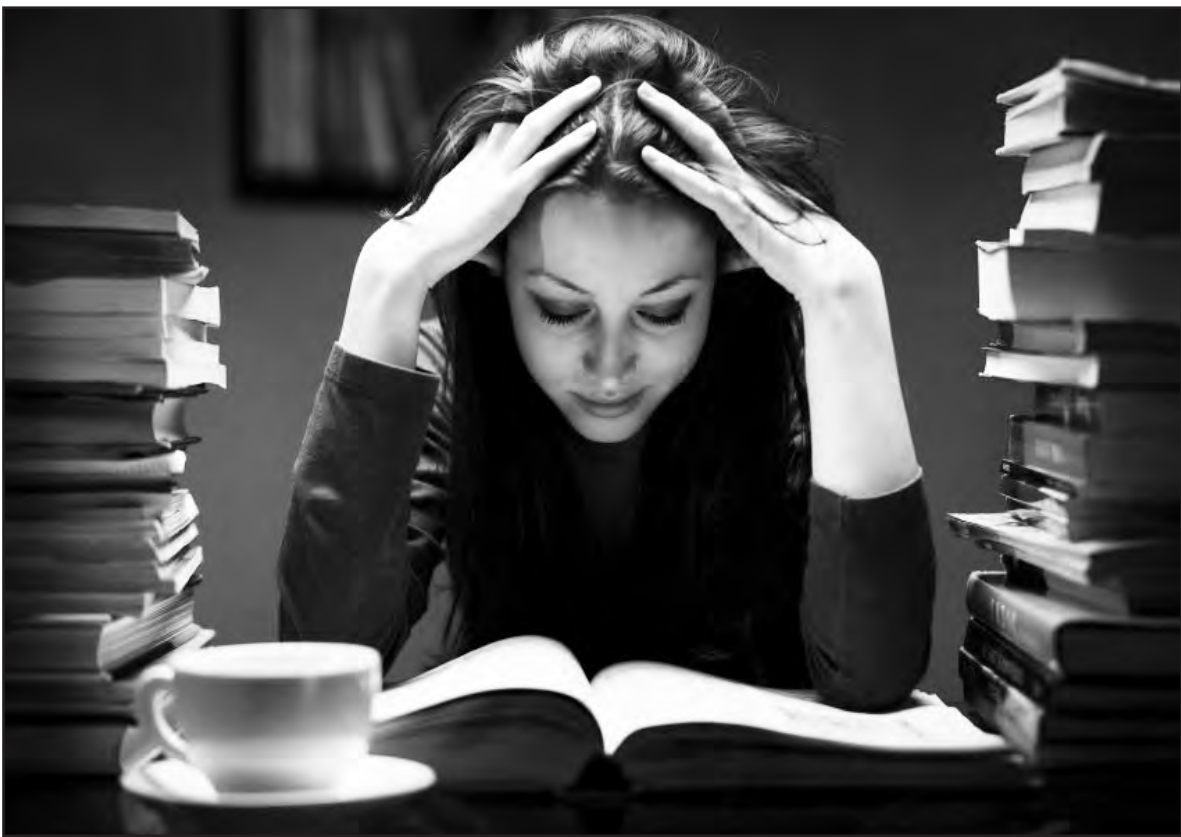


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Time management is essential for every college student. It is important to stay organized and stay on top of important events and dates.

me by.”

Some students, however, acknowledge that time management is really difficult to master. Junior Joe Boyle understands that people might not know how long something will take to finish.

“The most difficult thing to understand is that tasks are usually going to take longer than you think,” said Boyle. “Always over estimate how long it is going to take because you would rather finish up early than end up being late.”

And yet, there are students who need to sacrifice certain times of their day, and classes, in order to make sure that they get done with their work. Sophomore, Chelsea Schimpf, admits that she has done this before.

“I had to skip class because I left a big project until the last minute, and I just didn’t have the time to finish it,” Schimpf said. “Had I not skipped, I wouldn’t have finished it.”

We aren’t all perfect with our time management skills. All college students experience the time management crunches of our classes. We face distractions, interruptions, and little things that can take away from our priorities and cause us to lose a little bit of time. But we are only human; we do not have the ability to perfect everything at one time. The key is to make sure that you prioritize realistically. Never over schedule yourself, and take things day by day.

For right now, make a to-do list and enjoy the amazing feeling of crossing things off of it. And now I can officially cross this article off of my to-do list.

Chris Christie: The Man, The Myth, The Governor

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Governor Chris Christie has become famous for his town hall style meetings. I was able to attend one on Tuesday, March 19, along with 1,500 other residents of Manasquan. Now being a political science major, this was a must-attend event. I am not a fan of any politician in general but my thoughts were, “If he may run for president one day, it would be cool to say I saw him when he was New Jersey Governor.”

Being from an area severely affected by Superstorm Sandy, I was curious about the types of questions that would be asked and how the Governor would respond. As a student journalist, I wanted to ask a question of the Governor yet did not receive the opportunity.

What surprised me most about this event was how humorous the Governor was. He was cracking jokes about himself, government and his family, particularly his mother-in-law.

Most of the time you see a clip of the Governor at a town hall meeting, he is yelling at someone or being defensive. However, he was very calm and even warned the crowd beforehand to “disagree respectfully.”

Most questions were in regards to Superstorm Sandy recovery and how funds would be given out. This to me, as a taxpayer, was very interesting. He brought up his wife’s, Mary-Pat organization, which has not released funds yet but has accumulated over 33 million dollars from 24,000 do-

nors.

Every person in that building had a story about that storm, including the Governor. He spoke about how the Governor’s mansion had no power and how he spoke to President Barack Obama and former Florida Governor Jeb Bush. Bush told Christie his advice about dealing with storms.

“This is why they [the people] hired you. They didn’t expect this but this is why you hire a tough guy from Jersey. In the days following the storm, you will be what they need,” said Bush.

To put some perspective on how many people were affected by the storm, out of the 8.8 million people in New Jersey, 750,000 were without power following the storm according to Christie.

The big elephant in the room was whether someone would ask Christie about a possible 2016 presidential run. That question was asked by a sixth grade girl who looked so scared to be talking to him.

To my surprise, he did not talk to the 1,500 other people in the room but to this little girl. He walked up to her and explained some advice his mother gave him about “her ambitious son.”

He said that his mother told him, “Do the job in front of you and if you do, the future will take care of itself.” For a man who is often called a bully, I was impressed with how gently he approached this repeated question.

In my town, it is a Republican majority so many of those people who were there used their chance to ask a question in exchange for a hug or picture. Meanwhile, I

tend to not affiliate with parties because it clouds your vision.

One young woman challenged the Governor on his stance on minimum wage and severely disagreed with him. She identified herself as a Democrat and felt his policies hurt those middle class families who are trying to make ends meet. To me, that took courage but yet again, the Governor surprised me. He took her question, said he respected their difference and explained where he came from on the issue. He explained to her that he offered a conditional veto where he would consider the raise but not the \$1.25 that the State Democrats were offering. He did not want it put in the New Jersey Constitution or tied to the United States consumer price index.

As the Governor gears up for re-election in November, his time as governor will be defined by this storm. If he is able to assist all those who need help, he will be respected. However, if his administration fails to do so, the outcome may not affect him this November but could tarnish his legacy and potential presidential bid.

As I mentioned before, I am not a fan of politicians. I am skeptical, fact driven, and, in some cases, pessimistic about politics, yet I love it. Governor Christie and I have had times where we have not seen eye to eye but I do believe that I agree with Jeb Bush’s quote. I was one of the many shore residents who was happy to have him fighting for us, even by going against his own party, which is shocking in its own right.



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Governor Chris Christie attended a town hall meeting in Manasquan, NJ to discuss issues regarding post-Super Storm Sandy plans and a possible presidential run.

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Political Sex Scandals: Why Do They Happen?

Power Could be Major Reason for Infidelities

JESSICA ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

Political sex scandals have been occurring for so long that it is imbedded into our cultural norms. They are so imbedded that we have learned to accept and even praise leaders who have been unfaithful. For example, the continuously growing population of such Presidents as John F. Kennedy and Bill Clinton show the public’s acceptance of sex scandals.

New Jersey Assemblyman Joe Cryan has recently been accused of sending sexually explicit e-mails to former lobbyist Karen Golding. The e-mails are estimated to be nine to ten years old and sent during a time when both Cryan and Golding were single adults. These charges are coming only months after Senator Robert Menendez was falsely accused of paying for underage prostitutes in the Dominican Republic. However, this trend of sexual affairs is nothing new to the world of politics.

When you think about the young, charming, handsome President John F. Kennedy, the thought of his affairs comes to mind. Perhaps the most famous affair is the one that was never proven, but rumored to occur between the President and actress Marilyn Monroe. The rumors of the affair sparked fire after the young actress famously sang to the President on his birthday.

While it is the most famous affair President Kennedy was involved in, it certainly was not his only one.

Just last January, there was a new book published about the affair a young White House intern had with President John F. Kennedy. The book is written almost 50 years after the affair occurred, yet is still a predominant subject. Written by the once-intern Mimi Alford, *Once Upon a Secret Affair with John F. Kennedy and its Aftermath* described the 18-month affair between the two. The affair started in the summer of 1962 shortly after she had been offered an internship at the White House. She goes into detail of how the President shortly pursued their relationship, which she described as an unromantic affair.

Alford is quoted in an *ABC News* article describing the affair, “It wasn’t a romantic affair. I don’t really remember the president ever kissing me and it makes me sad. I don’t remember really kissing him either and I think that I didn’t, I certainly didn’t learn how to have a real relationship through that relationship.”

If it is not about romance, what is it that makes politicians cheat? Junior psychology major Jennifer Pacheco describes political personalities who have tendencies of cheating. “Politicians who feel ‘above the law’ can have narcissistic personality traits that affect the

way they act and think about themselves and others. Those who have narcissistic personality disorder lack empathy for others and have a strong need for admiration, whether by the public, a loving partner, or a secret mistress.”

Pacheco continues, “They believe that they are unique and above their competition, and such delusional thoughts about their status can result in rebellious behavior. After reaching such a height of success, they feel above societal norms, such as remaining faithful to a partner.”

Dr. Gary Lewandowski, chair of the Psychology Department at the University, claims that it has more to do with power.

“Research has shown that people who are in power do engage in more infidelity. Importantly, this effect is evident for both men and women. Many of the examples of politicians who cheat are men, but men still hold more of those positions. As a result of having power, people have more opportunity to encounter potential alternative romantic partners, and as perceived alternatives increase, commitment decreases,” said Lewandowski.

Sociology professor Alan Foster agrees, power is what the affairs are all about. “It’s all about the acquisitions of power, and then when power is achieved – in business, politics, religion, anything – it’s taken as a right that you can do whatever

it is you want to do – usually with those in a more subordinate position and those close to you.”

Perhaps the most famous political sex scandal would be the one between President Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky, the affair that is rumored to lead to the President’s impeachment. Clinton’s affair with the young intern was publicized after accusations were pressed regarding another sex scandal, for which the President was being sued.

Paula Jones, a former employee for President Clinton when he was Governor of Arkansas, sued the President for sexual harassment charges. While pressing charges, Jones called upon a young intern, Lewinsky, to plead guilty of having her affair with Clinton, in order to show that he is an unfaithful husband and to give evidence of extra martial affairs. Lewinsky signed legal papers stating the affair never occurred, which did not help Jones’ case that was eventually dropped on failure to provide any damages that have occurred to her.

Lewinsky’s lie came out to the public when her former coworker and friend Linda Tripp turned in taped phone conversations between Lewinsky and herself discussing the affairs to a member of the Independent Counsel, Kenneth Star, who was investigating President Clinton for multiple matters. Lewinsky and the President’s legal

lies would eventually push the limit for the impeachment case built up against Clinton leading to his impeachment.

The Lewinsky scandal stuck with Clinton through the years and has led to the running jokes about his cheating affairs in society. The affairs of political figures have seemed to always be a fascination with the public; especially after the Lewinsky scandal was revealed.

According to Foster, “Nothing seems to fascinate people more than to build certain men and women up, give them power, put them on pedestals, and then enjoy it tremendously when they screw up. Tie in a little sex, and that just makes things a little more titillating... Perhaps it goes back to our Puritan background and how basically – we, as a society, seem to be very uncomfortable about sex.”

Lewandowski agrees the public has a certain fascination with the sex lives of famous people. “I think a lot of the fascination has to do with cheating being such a fundamental violation of exclusivity, which most people consider a central feature of a loving relationship.”

The fascination will only continue through the years, as more books are published, shows are depicted, and movies are released. Sex and politics are forever entangled in our culture, especially after the affairs of Kennedy and Clinton.

Pre-Law Club Listens to Supreme Court DOMA and Prop 8 Oral Arguments

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The Pre-law club held a listening party about the oral arguments before the Supreme Court regarding Proposition Eight and the Defense of Marriage Act on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 26 and 27 in Young Auditorium.

Club advisor Dr. Gregory Bordelon said that the showing for the Proposition Eight arguments had about 10 to 15 students, but the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) arguments led to a full room of students and faculty.

Bordelon said the most interesting part of the arguments was the

believes that it will lead to more media coverage similar to the Affordable Health Care Act which news outlets, at first, incorrectly reported the results.

With DOMA and Proposition 8 being covered heavily, Bordelon said the Supreme Court will be cautious because the court’s role is to settle disputes, not set social justice policies. “I think with social justice matters, courts want to be particularly careful about their role in addressing these within the context of the political discussion,” said Bordelon.

According to the *CBS Poll* from March 20-24, 53 percent of Americans support same-sex marriage, 39

if any of these changes have been ‘good’ for the foundation of marriage, they are important issues to be aware of, especially for young adults college students.”

Giannopoulos said, “Many college students create life-long relationships in college and therefore could be heavily affected by this case, depending on the eventual decision. If the federal government is allowed to deny homosexual partners of the same rights that heterosexual partners possess, this may cause many college students to stray away from a same-sex relationship, even if they truly desire one.”

Hearing cases like this allows people to make their own decision

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DR. GREGORY BORDELON
Political Science Professor

mixture of law and policy. “Often times, when political forces clash with the courts, you see the latter frame the issues in very different terms - terms that are addressed in a legal framework. It’s what courts do and we saw that clearly in the substantial amount of time spent on each oral argument on matters of jurisdiction, standing and procedural matters,” said Bordelon.

Bordelon said that students are not exposed to the working of the judiciary enough. “The President is covered by the media the most, Congress is covered by the positions of party leadership in that branch, but rarely are we exposed to the ins and outs of the judiciary,” said Bordelon.

With same-sex marriage being a high profile topic, Bordelon be-

percent oppose, and 8 percent are undecided.

A *Washington Post/ABC Poll* from March 7-10 indicated that 58 percent of Americans support same-sex marriage while 36 percent oppose but also indicated that 52 percent of GOP-leaning independents under 50-years-old now support gay marriage.

Anthony Giannopoulos, political science major and treasurer of the pre-law club, said this is a topic that the younger generations of Americans should be paying attention to.

Giannopoulos said, “The definition and stability of the foundation of marriage has continued to change over the years due to factors such as growing numbers of divorce, sexual promiscuity and homosexual relationship. Although it is hard to say

instead of just seeing what the Supreme Court says.

“Most people follow the opinions that the Supreme Court creates after revealing their holding, but listening to the oral arguments allows individuals to create their own opinion on the matter. With this kind of delicate legal issue at hand, it is important for students to hear how both sides argued their case,” said Giannopoulos.

This has become more of policy issue versus legal, according to Giannopoulos. “It seemed that the Supreme Court attempted to show the other branches of government that they are indeed co-equal and were therefore not going to stand for being used as a mechanism for solving any issues with their political agenda.”

Students Go to U.N. About International Rights

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The University was represented at the United Nations at the first ever youth-led briefing on international women’s rights and violence against children on Monday, March 25.

The briefing, which was organized by the U.N.’s Department of Public Information and Non-Governmental Organizations, was attended by five University students under the auspices of the Department of Political Science and Sociology as well as the Institute for Global Understanding, Monmouth University’s NGO.

During the two-hour conference, which was presided over by the United Nations’ Secretary General’s Youth Envoy, Ahmad Alhendawi, issues such as domestic and sexual violence and gender-based discrimination were discussed by a panel of U.N. experts as well as by community leaders from the greater New York City area. The panelists later led an interactive group discussion which posed a series of yes-no questions to those in attendance with regard to the audience’s perceptions of race and gender-based inequalities, discrimination, and violence in everyday society.

Senior communication major Alexandria Fitzgerald was one of the students who attended the conference as well as played a role in organizing Monmouth’s participation in the event. She felt that this event presented a valuable opportunity to reach out to her fellow students and encourage their involvement in community outreach.

Fitzgerald said, “I wanted to be the facilitator for students to make connections both at school and in the community, especially for

those students who want to get involved but may be unsure as to how they should go about doing so.” Fitzgerald also added that the experience served as a valuable résumé builder for students interested in pursuing careers, not only in political science, but other humanities fields as well. “Not many college undergrads can say that they participated in a conference at the United Nations,” Fitzgerald stated.

Ryan Kennedy, sophomore political science major, said, “The trip being my first to the U.N., it was very interesting to see someone who answers directly to the Secretary General about a matter that has increasing significance in the world.”

Accompanying the students to the United Nations was Dr. Charles Cotton of the Political Science Department.

Cotton, who has taught several courses in International Relations, stressed the importance of exposing students to international organizations such as the U.N.

“Bringing students to the U.N. gives them the opportunity to see people from all around the world working under one roof. It shows them that diverse groups of people can rally around one goal,” said Cotton.

As the world becomes increasingly globalized and emphatic on international cooperation, organizations such as the United Nations are likely to play an increasingly vital role in world affairs, a prospect which may see many current students of political science pursue careers with international organizations.

Cotton elaborates, “More exposure as an undergrad to international organizations (such as the U.N.) will, in many cases, steer students, in that direction.”

Ixnay on the Ombré

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Lately, it seems everywhere one turns, ombré hair can be seen. The sensation of dyeing only part of one’s hair has been rapidly taking over the salon world.

For those that are a little behind on this latest trend, ombré is a French term meaning “shaded” or “shading.” Ombré hair color is dark rooted hair that gradually gets lighter through the strands of hair all the way to the tips. Depending on hair color and preference, the ombré effect can either be very drastic or subtle.

Celebrities such as Khloe Kardashian, Jessica Biel and Drew Barrymore have all fabulously rocked this new hair color. Others such as Christina Aguilera have gone with colored ombré styles rather than the usual brunette or blonde choices.

Many have mixed feelings about the trend. Freshman graphic design major, Talia Carney, gives her opinion on ombré hair. “I really like the ombré trend, but I’m not sure if I would get it.”

I have to admit, I fell victim to the ombré craze as well. I tried the trend myself and within a few weeks, I was back to my naturally dark hair.

Aside from seeing ombré hair all over the red carpet, what has people so obsessed with this new phenomenon? For starters, ombré is described as a low maintenance way to dye and change up your hair color.

Especially for college students on a budget and with limited time, ombré hair does not require weekly, long trips to the salon. Since the look of grown-out roots is the desired effect, more time is allowed between salon visits.

Communication professor Mary Harris has her own view on why ombré has gained such a following. “Some women in varying age groups like to dye their hair

regularly as a form of self-expression, as a way to keep up with current beauty trends, or as a way to, in their own minds, enhance their appearance,” Harris said.

Ombré hair style is also a good path for those who wish to test out a hair color. If you are indecisive when it comes to going blonde, brunette, red or black, test the waters by applying this color to only certain sections of their hair.

Ombré can last two to three months before getting it touched up. If hair is looking a bit dry or lackluster, a glaze treatment can be done approximately every eight weeks either at the salon or at home. A glaze can help neutralize and touch-up ombre hair from factors such as washing hair and sunlight. Although different brands such as L’Oreal Fera have advertised at home ombré kits, any professional hair stylist will tell clients that ombré hair is not an easy do it yourself job.

According to juicymag.com, “Don’t try to achieve this look at home. It’s a bit more complicated than it looks, and you’ll probably create a messy tie-dye effect instead of an ombré look.” When seeking professional expertise in achieving ombré hair, bring pictures and keep in mind ombré is a natural look. Each color should be within two color levels of one another.

On average for professional application, ombré hair can cost anywhere from \$60 to \$150 for a partial application and \$140 to \$350 for a full application. To achieve this look, hair colorists must bleach random tips throughout one’s hair depending on how severe they want the shaded effect.

Permitting your preference and shade of hair, the amount of time the bleach is left on will determine how light the hair gets. This bleaching process can take anywhere from 30-45 minutes.

For at home care, celebrity hair

stylists recommend always using color-treated shampoo and conditioner. From my own personal experience, Clairol Professional Shimmer Lights Shampoo neutralizes warm tones while Sally Hershberger Hyper Hydration Super Argan Serum works wonders on ends to prevent frizz and keep the lighter portion of the hair from looking too yellow.

People, especially males, may wonder why females always have this constant need to regularly change their hair color.

Ashley Worthington, a freshman English and special education major has an answer to this. “I get easily bored of my hair color being the same for a long period of time. I recently changed my hair from blonde to dark brown and I love the dramatic change,” she said.

Although ombré hair is loved by many, some feel that they want to be different and go against the trend. “I got random blonde highlights in my dark hair because I wanted something different,” Worthington said. “A lot of people I know have ombré hair and I didn’t want to look the same as everyone.”

Before you begin the dyeing process, keep in mind the trend is not for everyone. Especially in the case of college students, one must consider whether they are applying for internships or careers and what the professional setting of their workplace will be. If one is applying to a business type firm such as Wall Street, an ombré style would not be acceptable.

Another thought to keep in mind when deciding whether or not to invoke the ombré look is whether your hair has been dyed already. If previously dyed, the ombré look may not be as effective in certain cases.

Sophomore business major Kyle O’Grady believes that one of the most important aspects of perfecting the ombré look is knowing



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Actress Drew Barrymore is one of the first celebrities to embrace the ombré sensation, as she has sported the style for almost a year.

some shades clash with others.

“I think the right shades of dark and light can look very good, but if the contrast is too sharp, its winds up looking like you really need to get to a salon and have your roots done,” O’Grady said. “All in all the trend is pretty tired now and it’s not worth doing it to your hair.”

This summer, the ombré color

has changed from the favored blonde and brunette style to red headed tints. Whether you have virgin-hair that has never been touched with dye or modify your hair color as often as the seasons change, hair is a way for people to express themselves. Do not worry about what people think of your hair color, you did it for you and that is all that matters.

Spring Fever: Fact or Fiction?

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It’s finally spring. Well, that’s what the calendar tells us as March 20 marked the first official day of the spring season. Back in February, the groundhog told the nation that an early spring would wipe out winter this year. However, there still has been some recent snow and cold temperatures in the air.

We have been hearing the term “spring fever” since the 1600s, but what does it actually mean today? Is it just a term used to associate good weather and a good mood, or do we actually experience some type of psychological change?

Famous writer, Mark Twain, describes spring fever as the craving for something, people just do not know what that something is.

“It’s spring fever. When you’ve got it, you want - oh you don’t quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes you heart ache you want it so!” Twain wrote.

American colonists actually created the term ‘spring fever’ and knew exactly what they wanted. When the colonists would go long winters without fresh fruits and vegetables, they felt fatigue or weakness all winter and come spring, they nourished themselves with fresh fruits and vegetables. Besides fever describing a rise in body temperature, dictionary.com says “a state of nervous excitement or agitation.” Thus, the spring would create a nervous excitement for crops to grow.

According to the *LA Times*,

some scientists do think spring fever is more than just a phrase we use to associate good mood and good weather. They think it is a cluster of symptoms brought about by hormonal changes in the body.

In spring, people tend to leave the comfort of their warm homes and embrace these hormonal changes by enjoying outdoor activities such as playing an outdoor sport or biking.

Nutrition professor Amanda Enright has a first hand experience in the transition to outdoor exercise when spring rolls around.

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LAUREL WEBER
Sophomore

“My favorite thing to do on the first really nice, warm day of the year is go for a long bike ride on the boardwalk,” Enright said. “I love riding over to the Asbury Park boardwalk and treating myself to one of the many goodies they have like Korean tacos, crepes or ice cream.”

Another exercise which captivates many during the warm months is running, an activity that releases endorphins, which is often the known as a ‘runner’s high.’

During the change of weather to warmer months, people often experience a positive mood lift that

many merely blame on the weather, when in fact, the spring fever feeling is due in part to hormones in our own bodies.

In winter, the body secretes large amounts of melatonin, the hormone that is chief in administering sleep-wake cycles.

When spring comes around, the increasing amount of daylight is picked up by light-sensitive tissue in the eye, so it signals the brain to stop making as much melatonin. Though our sleep pattern can at first be disturbed by setting our clocks back, eventually, when the

hormone levels drop from the melatonin, it is actually easier for us to be awake.

Being more awake, in turn, puts us in a less drowsy mood so we have more energy to complete our daily tasks.

Graziella Ruffa, a freshman business major says her type of spring fever comes from exercise. “When you feel the spring breeze brush against your skin and smell the brisk air, you know it’s time to get outside and play some soccer.”

Furthermore, less severe sicknesses occur in the spring as well, like the flu, which may also

be contributors of positive mood changes.

People are also happier during the spring. These happy vibes actually come from an increase in the hormone, serotonin. Serotonin is the hormone responsible for a sudden lust for life.

“Spring makes me happy because it’s warm and the sun seems to be out more. It’s a time where everyone around you is happier, so all the positivity around me just reciprocates,” sophomore communication major Allie Phillips said.

According to the *Huffington*

pinned for the spring fever affect on relationships.

Elle reports that human beings generally feel flirtatious around the beginning of spring and assume many people feel the same way.

For instance, *Elle* says those affected by spring fever feel the “come-hither voice on the customer-service line is making you flushed.” While a little eccentric, it does bring up the point that many people are influenced by spring fever without even knowing it.

Besides these specific facts, spring fever can occur from just spending more time outside. With sunshine, comes Vitamin D. The University of Texas conducted a study as they examined 12,500 patients over four years. The study found that those who lacked Vitamin D were more likely to experience clinical depression.

For sophomore communication major Laurel Weber, the sun is enough motivation for people to be in a more pleasant state.

“I think people act happier in the spring because it’s almost summer and you’re not all cooped up trying to stay out of the freezing cold,” Weber said.

“I know I tend to act happier because I know classes are coming to a close.”

Whatever your way of welcoming spring is, get outside and enjoy the weather. Just beware that in the next couple months, if you are feeling especially good for no reason, watch out; you may have caught the fever.



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Actor Nick Offerman Performs in Pollak Theatre

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With no shirt on, Nick Offerman took the Pollak Theatre stage Thursday night with a guitar in one hand and an American flag shirt in the other. He approached the mic and gave a simple, deep-voiced “Good evening.”

“Life can be this delicious,” he said as he rubbed his stomach, which is far from a six-pack. Before placing his patriotic shirt on, he said, “I warned you. Minor nudity advertised; minor nudity achieved.”

Offerman plays Ron Swanson on NBC’s hit comedy *Parks and Recreation*. Besides the mustache, the audience got to see just how far the similarities between him and his character go.

He prepared the crowd by warning them of sing-a-longs, sea shanties, Bible talk and that, of course, meat would be mentioned.

Through the course of the 135-minute set, Offerman told stories about him and his wife, Megan Mullally, who is best known for portraying Karen Walker on *Will & Grace*. He shared how he believed The Bible was created, his times as a born-again Christian, and The Hobbit.

Offerman’s ten tips for a prosperous life was the umbrella of the whole performance. He assured the audience, “I’m not testing you, but life will give you pop quizzes forever.”

He then revealed that the first tip was to engage in romantic love.

Offerman advises to make homemade cards for everything. Everyone should do it except Rob Lowe because, well, he’s Rob Lowe. Going off on a “RoLowe” (as he called him) tangent, he admitted to messing up lines to do more takes with him.

“I get paid to look at his face,” he said, making the audience jealous.

The third tip was to carry a handkerchief, describing it as a “charismatic square of pleasing cotton” and then went on to sing about how he uses handkerchiefs.

Moving on to the fourth, he sim-

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CAROLINE BABULA
Senior

ply stated, “Eat red meat” then moved on. Any *Parks and Recreation* viewer knows his character loves meat and now we know Offerman does too.

The fifth tip, get a hobby, is just another reassurance that he is a real life Ron Swanson. His personal hobby is wood working. He gave the audience a quick lesson on how to make a toothpick out of a match. “Wood is so dope,” he exclaimed.

Noticing a flag hidden behind the curtain, he brought it out and started waving it around. After asking the audience what flag it was, he dragged it to center stage and shouted, “The Garden State,

F*** yeah!”

Peter Campagna of Rahway, N.J., said this was his favorite part because it was a “masculine display of patriotism,” which describes Offerman in a nut shell.

Swanson is a character with very little emotion. Don’t even think about trying to make him laugh, because he won’t. Offerman surprised the audience with his laugh, which was a bit of a giggle and sounded like that of a young boy.

Senior communication major Caroline Babula said the laugh was her favorite part. “As the actor who plays Ron Swanson, you kind of expect him to be like his character; a little gruff, very direct and straight-laced,” she said. “I cracked up every time he laughed.”

Offerman even touched upon this, saying the only other difference is that he dances. He said if Ron Swanson ever danced “a riff would open in the space time continuum and Teddy Roosevelt would walk through it and punch him in the face.”

David Boyle, senior business management major, said, “Despite the long show, he never lost enthusiasm or energy throughout the show and I thought that was pretty impressive.”

The show ended with a *Parks and Recreation* original song, “Bye Bye Lil’ Sebastian”, where the crowd joined in and made it a sing-a-long.

During the standing ovation, he did one last dance around the New Jersey State flag before walking off stage.



PHOTO COURTESY of Blaze Nowara
Parks and Recreation actor Nick Offerman delighted event-goers with two hours of patriotism and stand-up comedy.

SPRING IS HERE, BUT WINTER IS COMING: GAME OF THRONES RETURNS FOR SEASON 3

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Game of Thrones opened its third season Sunday night with “Valar Dohaeris.” The title of the episode translates to “all men must serve” from the language of Braavos.

Send a raven to all corners of the realm- Season three is off to a fast start and I’m already counting the hours until the second episode airs.

The 9:00 pm premiere was picked up by 4.4 million viewers, according to Deadline.com, which is a record for the original airing of any episode. After two replays at 10:00 pm and 11:00 pm, the show totaled 6.7 million viewers, despite competing with the third season finale of *The Walking Dead*.

The beautiful sights that we have grown accustomed to are back. The vast frozen land of the wildling camp, the beautiful view of Blackwater Bay from the heights of King’s Landing, and the scenic shores of Astapor in the east prove that we are in for a visual treat all season long.

As great as the scenery is, the plot is what keeps HBO as rich as a Lannister.

North of the Wall, Samwell Tarly (John Bradley) and the Night’s Watch, along with Jon’s direwolf Ghost, burn a white walker and realize that winter is FINALLY coming (We’ve been waiting for it since Ned Stark (Sean Bean) said the Stark words in the first episode of the series). The Lord Commander (James Cosmo) warns that, if the white walkers

are not stopped, “Everyone you’ve ever known will be dead.”

Farther north, Jon Snow (Kit Harington) comes face-to-face with Mance Rayder, the King-Beyond-the-Wall. Ciaran Hinds plays the deserter of the Night’s Watch. He left the sworn brotherhood and headed north to join the wildlings because he didn’t agree with the vows that go along with taking the black. Rayder has united the Free Folk and plans to march to the Wall and go to the southern side.

Jon’s courtesies do not matter in the wildling camp. Along with giants that stand more than twice as tall as normal men, the Free Folk don’t like seeing a crow walk among them. Mance isn’t sure whether he should accept Jon into the camp, because “What you (Jon) want most is to be a hero.”

Traveling south to the capital, Tyrion Lannister (Peter Dinklage) has plenty to sort through in King’s Landing. The chess match he has been playing with his sister and Queen, Cersei (Lena Headey), continues, as she is concerned with what Tyrion wants to tell their powerful father.

Tywin (Charles Dance), the patriarch of the Lannister family, has always been ashamed of his dwarf son. The victory on Blackwater Bay has not changed a thing. Tyrion requests a few things from his father, and he gets a response that he will not forget. Tywin shows why the Lannister words are “Hear me roar.”

The two male lions provide the best scene of “Valar Dohaeris.” Dinklage, as he did the first two seasons, plays George R.R. Martin’s Tyrion as perfectly as pos-

sible. The emotion on his face and in his words, as well as his ability to make the audience cheer for him, is never more evident than it is in his meeting with his father. I was barely able to stay in my comfortable throne and keep from slicing Tywin’s throat open with Valyrian steel.

Margaery Tyrell (Natalie Dormer) is making her presence known in King’s Landing. In one trip to Flea Bottom, she made more of an impact than King Joffrey (Jack Gleeson) has in two seasons on the Iron Throne.

Davos Seaworth (Liam Cunningham) has been on an island since the battle, and he was finally rescued and brought back to Dragonstone, where Stannis Baratheon

(Stephen Dillane) has been a broken man since he was defeated at King’s Landing. The only person he sees is the red woman, Melisandre (Carice van Houten). She has been burning anyone who speaks against the Lord of Light to death. Seaworth seeks to set Stannis straight.

The King in the North, Robb Stark (Richard Madden), arrives at Harrenhal with his army. They find the cursed city abandoned, and filled with dead northerners. He finds one man that is still breathing and will surely use him to find out what has happened.

On the other side of the world, Daenerys Targaryen (Emilia Clarke) and Jorah Mormont (Iain Glen) are on a ship heading for Astapor. Her

dragons are no longer cute little creatures. The greatest weapons that the realm has ever seen are growing fast and no longer need their mother to feed them. They will need to keep growing for the Khaleesi to rule the realm.

“The Whore of Westeros” will need an army as well, perhaps an army that has no need for unnecessary nipples. The Mother of Dragons may even find the greatest warrior of the Seven Kingdoms, who is revealed much sooner than he was in the book, “A Storm of Swords.”

If you read this on Wednesday at noon, there are only 105 hours left until the HBO series lights up televisions, laptops and social media across the realm like wildfire.



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Game of Thrones breaks viewership records as people from all over the world tune in to the epic new season.

Doctor Who Rings in Spring with “The Bells of Saint John”

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The “Doctor Who” 50th Anniversary season is finally here. The time-traveling alien time-lord is back for more action-packed fun and adventure in an epic blockbuster season.

If you are not a Whovian yet, this is definitely the season to become one according to the show’s lead writer, Steven Moffat. “Doctor Who” is the perfect show for anyone who loves adventure, crazy plotlines, some science fiction, and most importantly, time travel. While the season is mid way started, it’s not too late to catch up and join the fandom that continues to grow and captivate many.

While the one question the universe constantly asks continues to float around (“Doctor who?”), we are now confronted with a new mystery: who is Clara Oswald? The newest companion (Jenna Louise Coleman) of the Doctor’s (Matt Smith) is unlike any we have had in quite some time.

After her first appearance in the season premiere, “Asylum of the Daleks,” and her return in the Victorian Era in the Christmas special, “Attack of the Snowmen,” the newest sidekick has everyone on the edge of their seats and scratching their heads along with the Doctor.

Last Saturday, “Doctor Who” returned kicking off the second half of the season with an all-new episode, “The Bells of Saint John.” The Doctor is waiting in the year 1207 at a monastery as he contemplates the “impossible girl,” Clara Oswald.

She has so far appeared twice in the Doctor’s timeline, once on another planet and once in the Earth’s Victorian Era (3 times if you include the special prequel

where he runs into her as a little girl, unbeknownst to the Doctor). In both episodes we watched her die, but somehow, she continues to keep reappearing throughout time and space, giving the Doctor the same message, “Run, you clever boy, run.”

Now, in present day London, Clara Oswald winds up calling the Doctor looking for some assistance with her Wi-Fi. The Doctor is quick to respond to her call to further explore the mystery surrounding her.

Meanwhile in present day London, an unknown Wi-Fi link traps Internet users into a cloud-based data storage system once users access the link. It’s up to the Doctor and Clara to hack the system and try to save the human race before they are all uploaded and trapped in the cloud.

It seems that this newest episode is a social commentary on our dependence on the Internet and technology. Frequently, the show references popular social media such as Twitter, Facebook and MySpace. The Doctor tries to explain to Clara what is happening to the people in the Wi-Fi, “Human souls trapped like flies in the World Wide Web, stuck forever crying out for help.”

“Isn’t that basically Twitter?” Clara replies.

The idea of the controllers behind the Wi-Fi network easily getting into people’s brains and pretty much controlling them like puppets makes you wonder if this is so different from reality? Aren’t we all just mindlessly passing time away in front of our computer screens downloading information and believing whatever we come across? The storyline for this episode was really interesting and I personally found the connection to modern day society to enhance the episode. In a way, it made the whole story more realistic.

The newest episode of “Doctor Who” is both fun and exciting as we get to witness the Doctor pick up yet another companion. It is always a treat to fans to watch how the Doctor will impress or entice his newest companions into an unforgettable life of adventure, danger, fun and excitement.

Clara is instantly lovable and will most likely be a fan favorite, as her character seems to be the perfect match for the Doctor. She is always on her feet, ready for adventure, and most importantly she’s clever. It is clear that there is some good chemistry between actors Matt Smith and Jenna-Louise Coleman as we have seen them in three episodes together so far. And it will be interesting to see how the relationship between the Doctor and Clara develops over the course of this season.

I very much enjoyed the newest episode and was not disappointed in the least, other than I have to wait a whole week for the next episode. It was a fun and entertaining hour filled with typical “Doctor Who” humor that is sure to make everyone laugh here and there. The conclusion will also have you on the edge of your seat and in great anticipation of next week’s episode.

The new season of “Doctor Who” will be exploring the mystery of the Doctor’s newest companion, but that’s not all we have to look forward to! According to the BBC website, former Doctor, David Tennant and companion Rose Tyler (Billie Piper) will reprise their roles for the 50th Anniversary season. In addition to some familiar faces, the anniversary special will be featured in 3D.

“Doctor Who” airs on Saturdays at 8:00 pm on BBC America.



Jenna-Louise Coleman is the newest companion, Clara Oswin Oswald. The Doctor keeps meeting her in different time periods and she never has any recollection of him.

UNIVERSITY MUSICIANS FORM AN ALLIANCE

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Maybe you’ve heard about The Music Alliance (TMA). They’ve been giving out free CDs in the Dining Hall, and they’ve been putting on concerts at Brighton Bar. The Music Alliance is a new club designed to give students who want to work in the music industry some experience.

Co-founder Andrew Boxman described The Music Alliance: “We had an idea to unite the members of the music industry program at Monmouth by creating a club where we could promote all of our music while gaining the experience of actually working in the music industry...Whether as a musical artist, solo or in a band, or someone who wants to work behind the scenes, TMA allows individuals to follow their dreams of playing music for a living while gaining career building, team building experience,” Boxman said.

Boxman, a sophomore, raps as a part of Joe and Box with Joe Urso, and co-founder Steve Curtis raps under the name Slick Chops. That doesn’t mean anything about the acts with The Music Alliance. Their promotional album contains rock, folk, pop and rap. They welcome all genres of music, and they regularly have jam sessions on Fridays.

According to Boxman, it was the right time to start a club like this because of the sense of community among music students. “The community we have is special; it’s about the music and through that we so easily build friendships and have fun while doing so. We knew that this would come about if we actually got it off the ground and it’s been a great time,” Boxman said.

They work with many bands that have been Student Spotlight features in this section such as Seasons, 99 Regrets, Natalie Zeller and Climax Race.

Seasons’ lead vocalist, junior Bryan Haring, was excited to join The Music Alliance. Haring said, “When The Music Alliance had its first meeting, I was immediately attracted to the high level of energy and enthusiasm of all its members; we are driven by our ambition and desire to see ourselves, as well as our friends, succeed.”

They are not just jamming out though. The Music Alliance handles various business aspects of the music industry as well. “We do things like organize concerts for ourselves by handling all promotion and creating unique strategies. We try to fill the venues and popularize the music. Booking studio sessions, collaborating with musicians, social media marketing, and photography/film shoots for artists,” Boxman said.

As up and coming musicians, these are tasks artists usually have to face on their own. 99 Regrets lead singer Guy Battaglia, freshman, is grateful for the assistance. Battaglia said, “It’s a win/win because by sharing everyone’s fans, the fans are being exposed to every artist. As a music industry major, I love helping artists and receiving help along with helping is a good deal.”

While music majors make up much of The Music Alliance, don’t think non-music majors are unwelcome. Boxman assured that The Music Alliance is open to all majors. Boxman said, “Any student can join The Music Alliance. We are built off of the love for music and anyone who shares that feeling is welcome. Also, anyone looking for good experience in an industry can benefit by joining the Alliance.”

Boxman has big dreams for The Music Alliance. Boxman said, “I would like to see the club help the musical culture grow within Monmouth; I want people to see how much talent exists within the University. We want our artists to gain as much success as possible toward accomplishing their goal, whether that goal is becoming a platinum selling artist or a popular underground group within a music scene. Long term we would like to see the club branch out to other universities and spread the love for music.”

On April 11, fans can attend their concert, The 411, at Brighton Bar. The all ages show starts at 7 pm, features about a dozen musicians from the university and tickets are \$10. For tickets, call 908-692-5074.

For now, you can look up The Music Alliance on Facebook and YouTube.

Meetings for The Music Alliance are on Wednesdays at 2:30 in Woods Theatre. After two meetings, attendees become official members. For more information on joining, email themusicalliance1@gmail.com.

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Sophomore



99 Regrets member, Guy Battaglia, recently played at WMCX to promote The Music Alliance, a new club.

Crime in Syracuse Sparks a Fear of Local Danger

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With a sophisticated computer science and engineering background, David Renz, 29 of Cicero, NY managed to deactivate his court ordered electronic ankle bracelet in a matter of minutes. Disregarding his 9:00 pm curfew, he drove to the nearby Great Northern Mall. He then allegedly carjacked and abducted Lori Bresnahan, an Elementary school Librarian in the district and her 10-year old daughter after they were leaving a gymnastics class around 9:00 pm.

Renz allegedly raped the child in the car of the mall parking lot and then tied up the two females and drove them to a nearby park. The girl escaped and the mother later died of multiple stab wounds. Renz was found fleeing the park's wooded area around 11:30 pm and was tackled and brought into custody by authorities.

According to *The Post-Standard* and its affiliate, Syracuse.com, Renz was awaiting trial under federal jurisdiction for possession of 100 plus gigabytes and over 3,000 images of child pornography. According to court documents, these files were on an encrypted hard drive on a home-made computer in his residence.

During pre-trial, Renz was afforded free reign to continue to work at his longstanding job at Wegmans, but was hesitantly given an electronic monitoring device in the meantime. Due to his swift nature with technology, Renz was able to reconfigure the device's settings in a few minutes and the company didn't detect any problems until four hours later, which was four

hours too late for Lori and her daughter.

Senior criminal justice major Nicole Close and resident of Clay, NY said, "It's just a shock and really devastating. We never expected something to happen like this here. I live two miles from where it happened. My mom's a pre-school teacher and I've been around the man who did it. He used to attend a church I went to, so it hits really close to home."

The alleged murderer and rapist stands approximately 5'3. He attacked the mother and child in a well-lit parking lot and was carrying what authorities believe to be a knife. Authorities are unsure if the victims attempted to fight off Renz.

"Nothing good will happen if you get into the car," said Corporal Detective Jeffrey Layton of Monmouth University Police Department. "I would punch, scratch, kick and scream and try to get away."

"Along with this advice of course comes the warning that I give that could prevent this from happening," continued Layton. "Try not to go to places that don't seem safe. Walk with another person if possible, even if you have to wait in the building until you see someone walking to a nearby car. Park in well lit areas and be aware of your surroundings."

But what matters in the face of danger? The alleged attacker is small in size, but has serious facial deformities. Renz was born with the lower half of his left jaw and part of his cheekbone missing. He underwent years of extensive reconstructive surgeries to correct his face, but was left with a lowered-self esteem

and facial scarring. Quite possibly his fate was ruined simply at birth.

Syracuse.com recently posted an article titled "David Renz was the kid with the deformed face before being accused of horrifying crime," which concerned the upbringing of the assailant. His character showed signs of deviation even at a young age. He was the typical advanced, intelligent quiet kid who was isolated in elementary and high school, similar to the incidents of Uni-bomber

Ted Kaczynski. Draw your own conclusions, but the complexities of this case bring up the idea that childhood memories shape our adult disposition.

Senior communication major Alexandria Fitzgerald said, "If we lived in a society where diversity was more welcomed and people were embraced rather than excluded, these people going off the deep end wouldn't feel the need to take out their anger on innocent civilians."

When are the signs of devia-

tion noticed? Who's to blame? Parents or teachers? Television series? The answer is not simple, but it brings awareness to future generations.

Currently, Renz is under a 24-hour suicide watch at the Justice Center Jail in Onondaga County after he was previously attacked by an inmate.

"It makes everybody second guess things and a little more fear has been put into the mothers and families here. It's such an awful tragedy," said Close.



David Renz of Cicero, NY was convicted of the murder of a school librarian and the rape of her 10-year-old daughter in Syracuse, NY.

Monkey See, Monkey Do: Leading by Example

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STAFF WRITER

Early in our lives, we find ourselves following in other people's footsteps. We shape our decisions based on those made by the people around us, and most of our values and morals stem from the thoughts and opinions of our loved ones. But what makes some people more adept to becoming role models than others?

Although there isn't an official guidebook on how to become a good example for other people, there are several important details to keep in mind if becoming an admirable role model is your goal.

There is a very long list of qualities that any good role model should embody, but perhaps the most important characteristic is being responsible. Although a person of any age can have a role model, children that are much younger are the ones who normally do.

Young children are easily influenced, so it is crucial to act in a way that would not inappropriately rub off on a child. Older siblings are the ones who usually fill the role model position in most kids' lives, and Jillian McLaughlin, a freshman at the University, knows what it's like to have to set a good example.

With a 10-year-old sister and a 15-year old brother, Jillian feels that it is important to live a life full of positivity so that she can be a positive influence not only in her own life, but in her siblings' as well. "It is extremely important to set a good example because I have to teach them how to be when

they're older. I want to see them do well and go down the right path," McLaughlin explained.

Aside from someone who is able to set the proper standard for those who look up to them, role models should be understanding as well.

Jean Judge, the Associate Dean for Support Services and Articulation at the University, explained that role models should be able to empathize with people, but also encourage them at the same time, "particularly if you get discouraged or confused," Judge said. "They have to encourage you to pick yourself up, even if you're afraid to do something, and continue with it."

Not only is it crucial for role models to be supportive of those who think highly of them, but it is also important to acknowledge those boys and girls who look up to them.

Jean-Marie Delao, a Student Development Counselor at the University, said, "From the perspective of an advisor, it's important to be responsive." Delao explained that even a simple reply to an email is an important aspect of being a good role model in terms of advising because it shows that a person genuinely cares and that they can be counted on.

Also according to Delao, "A good role model helps you discover things about yourself." When a person has so much influence over someone else, their decisions and ways of life can greatly affect others. As a role model, those who look up to a person will try to model their lives after some of the decisions that they have made.

It is through this trial and er-

ror process that these people will come to find themselves. By being an influential factor in their lives, a role model will have helped someone learn new things about themselves that they most likely never would have discovered otherwise.

Defined in the Miriam-Web-

ster Dictionary as "A person whose behavior in a particular role is imitated by others," a role model is someone who needs to lead by example.

It is important for those with younger siblings or family members, as well as those who hold important positions such as ad-

visors or orientation leaders, to remember how much of an honor it is to be someone's role model. Those who look up to you will never forget all of the things that you've taught them, whether you had ever realized it or not. As Judge said, "I don't think you can ever outgrow a role model."



It is the responsibility of parents, teachers and older siblings to be positive role models for young kids who are easily influenced.

Tips for Getting Involved in New Student Orientation from an OL

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An orientation leader (OL) is given the important task of meeting new freshmen and providing insight of what life is like at the University and encouraging campus involvement.

Junior Rachel Connors had the privilege of being an OL for the past two years and said that it is a positive experience for the leader and students alike.

She wanted to give something back to the University, a home away from home. “I had an overwhelmingly positive experience at my orientation, and I wanted to be part of the process of giving the fun experience I had to other students,” said Connors. “I was also interested in being there for students who were more apprehensive about Monmouth or college in general. There is nothing more rewarding than making someone’s day or making a person feel at home at a place you love, so that was what ultimately led me to apply for the position.”

This involves more than being there for students. Being a positive role model is of the utmost importance for all groups during the two day programs. The difficult aspect of this is that while the groups of students rotate from week to week, activities can get repetitive for the leader.

“Orientation is essentially repetitive for the orientation leaders in that the schedule remains the same but the students are obviously different for each session. Keeping things interesting, fun, high-energy, and creative was a challenge we all faced at the start

of a new session as it wasn’t all that new to us,” said Connors.

All of the students are split into teams with two leaders each, determining where they will participate in various activities. Some of these include “I Got Involved” which highlights the many clubs and extra-curricular opportunities available. Icebreakers are used to get to know other students in the incoming freshman class and better familiarize themselves with the campus environment for the fall term.

“The New Student Orientation Program traditionally consists of six two-day sessions in which there are six color groups of first year students that a pair of OL’s guide throughout their stay,” said Connors.

She added that OLs serve as role model students and educate the new incoming class all while making their first experience at the University unforgettable.

The Orientation Staff hosts activities and sessions with their group of students throughout the two days to assist in the transition from high school to college. They are encouraged to be empowered, engaged members of the campus community and to explore new opportunities.

Programs and activities include fun games as well as informational tours and sessions to make students aware of campus resources such as First Year Advising, the Writing Center, Career Services, Counseling and Psychological Services, Off Campus and Commuter Services, Residential Life, and Monmouth University Police. Food is provided and students can make their schedule with Student Advis-

ing according to Connors.

Other major issues include students’ misconceptions about college and how to overcome them. This is a constant challenge each week for the team as each group presents different concerns ranging to work load, activities and more.

Connors, who was a freshman at the new student orientation program a few years ago is well aware of this. Students may even begin to learn about themselves during the program well before the academic term begins.

“Occasionally new students have misconceptions about what college is going to be like from stories they have heard from those already attending school or even from television and movies,” said Connors. “It was our job to be honest about what a Monmouth experience is like and to point out what is accurate and inaccurate about their expectations.”

She added that each student has specific concerns and worries but common perceptions about college are that it is a lot of fun and also a time to find oneself.

“Also, some students think it is going to be an overwhelming amount of homework, which it can be at times, but nothing accepted students can’t handle with a little help from the Center for Student Success and other resources on campus,” said Connors.

Connors has gained a lot of experience giving back to the University as an orientation leader the past two summers, but it is the reward of starting new students off on a positive path to their college experience that is the greatest.

Challenging the Legality of Gene Patents

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As the nascent field of genetics looms large across the frontlines of tomorrow’s medicine, the impact of the legality of gene patents today will have far-reaching consequences on how we may conduct genetic testing to assess the prognosis of various diseases.

Genes are the hereditary units of living organisms. They are composed of stretches of DNA and RNA that code for other RNA chains and proteins, one of the chief building blocks of life.

On May 12, 2009, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and the Public Patent Foundation filed a lawsuit charging the patents of Myriad Genetics, a Utah based molecular diagnostics company, on two genes associated with the risk of developing breast and ovarian cancer to be unconstitutional and invalid.

The plaintiff in the lawsuit filed, *Association of Molecular Pathology, et. al. vs. U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and Myriad Genetics, et al.*, represented women patients, breast cancer survivors, cancer research and health advocates, researchers, genetic counsel-

that she did have a BRCA genetic mutation when Maxian realized she could have sought preventative surgery to counter the ovarian cancer before its exacerbation. The ACLU attests that numerous labs across the U.S. could have stated that they are capable of providing a form of comprehensive genetic screening that would have helped people like Maxian, and would do so were it not for the patents.

As 20 percent of our genes are already patented, Dr. Greg Moehring, Associate Professor and Chair of chemistry, medical technology and physics, said, “Companies will patent as many genes that are commercially useful, if things continue as is.”

It is important to note that although Myriad Genetics’ gene patents may trim the milieu of BRCA testing to one company, the patents do not hinder scientific research itself. According to Myriad Genetics, their patents do just the opposite by facilitating research and ensuring a full disclosure of their discoveries.

Since the discovery of the BRCA genes about 20 years ago, almost 10,000 research papers regarding such genes have been published. Furthermore, Myriad Genetics provides test-

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SAM BROADBENT
Junior

ors, and various scientific associations consisting of “150,000 geneticists, pathologists, and laboratory professionals,” according to the ACLU.

This lawsuit was filed against Myriad Genetics and the University of Utah Research Foundation because they have patented the genes BRCA1 and BRCA2 on the human genome.

Under the First Amendment, the plaintiff charged the gene patents of Myriad Genetics to be unconstitutional because genes are the products of nature and therefore, cannot be patented.

The patents, which were originally granted in 1994 and 1995 for BRCA1 and BRCA2 respectively, allow Myriad Genetics to set its own terms and costs for genetic testing of these genes. Because all genetic testing must go through Myriad Genetics, this consequently makes it nearly impossible for at-risk women to access alternate genetic tests or get second opinions about their results.

The lack of alternate modes of genetic testing as a result of the gene patents has already yielded serious consequences. Kathleen Maxian from Buffalo, New York, is presently suffering from a late-stage ovarian cancer that she believes could have been prevented.

Maxian’s sister, a breast cancer survivor, attained a genetic test from Myriad Genetics that showed that she was negative for genetic mutations.

It would be years later however when her sister found out

ing, at cost, to any researcher funded by the National Cancer Institute.

In March, 2010, a New York federal district court ruled that the patents on BRCA1 and BRCA2 by Myriad Genetics were invalid. Sixteen months later, in July 2011, a federal appeals court ruled that gene patents can be obtained by companies but companies cannot patent methods to compare those gene sequences.

In response to its unanimous ruling in another decision, the Supreme Court directed the appeals court in March 2012 to reconsider its initial ruling regarding validity of gene patents, according to the Genomics Law Report.

In August 2012, the federal appeals court however, ruled once again that companies can obtain gene patents. The Supreme Court agreed in November 2012 to hear the plaintiff’s arguments on gene patenting in its current session.

Sam Broadbent, third-year chemistry major, said “It is frightening to believe that human genes can be patented and a select few individuals can have the right over the specific gene.”

He added, “With the current rate at which genes are being patented, it gives foresight into a future in which human genes are more aggressively controlled due to patents. This case serves as an important milestone in how far human genes can be patented and controlled by individuals.”



Here Comes Peter Cotton Tail

The Council for Exceptional Children Hosts Easter Party for Disabled Children

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The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) paired up with The Shore for Students with Autism Center to host an Easter party for students with disabilities on Thursday, March 28 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

The party was held in the gym at The Shore Center. The event was broken down into two different groups of students, an older and younger group.

The Shore Center is an education facility located in Tinton Falls that works with children with autism and their parents to help them learn and develop. The Shore Center also helps parents of autistic children by offering lectures to help them learn how to help their children develop and grow. The staff at The Shore Center uses research-based practices to ensure education for each of the students.

Members of the Council for Exceptional Children, including executive board members and general members attended the event to work with the students and coordinate the activities throughout the day. Staff members from The Shore Center also attended to help with the activities and students.

President of The Council for Exceptional Children, Kate Muller, used the group's Facebook page to promote the event inviting all CEC members and other University students to participate in the Easter party. She posted this as a way to get involved with the group as well



PHOTO COURTESY of Kate Muller

The Council for Exceptional Children is the largest professional organization dedicated to improving the educational success of individuals with disabilities and/or gifts and talents.

as build on community service hours.

"It's a lot of fun to put these events together. It's not just fun for the students. All of the CEC members who went had a great time helping out and just had fun with the students at the Shore Center. We know they had a good time and that is all we could ask for," said Muller.

The members of the club spent the day completing many activities with the two groups of stu-

dents. There were Easter egg hunts outside of The Shore Center for each group of students. There were also activities and games including pin the tail on the bunny, inflatable egg toss and a ring toss. There were Easter themed crafts the students could make and take home. The club also had items to give to the students throughout the day. These items included temporary tattoos, stickers, pinwheels and egg-shaped beaded necklaces.

Throughout the duration of the event snacks and music were available for the students and staff to help them enjoy the party even more. If the students wanted, there was a five-foot inflatable bunny that they could stand next to and take a picture with.

"All of the activities at the event were definitely a success. The kids seemed to really enjoy them. It was fun for us to watch the kids enjoy what we put to-

gether for them. Being a part of this club gave me a way to do community service that I really enjoy," said CEC member Madison Pinto.

For anyone interested in getting involved with The Council for Exceptional Children, contact Muller at s0751689@monmouth.edu to be added to the mailing list for meeting information. Students can also join the "MU CEC Club" group on Facebook to receive updates.

CLUB AND GREEK ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cheerleading Team

Cheerleading tryouts will be held April 27 9:00 am -1:00 pm and April 28 9:00 am until the team has been selected.

Theta Xi

Theta Xi's Ms Monmouth is upcoming on April 3 at 10:00 pm in Pollak Theatre. Tickets will be sold April 1, 2, and 3 in the Student Center as well as the Dining Hall for \$5 and also at the door the night of the event for \$7.

International Business Network

The IBN will be hosting Mrs. New Jersey Ceylone Boothe on April 3 from 3:00-4:00 pm at Magill Commons room 109 to provide insight on first impression interviewing skills. All majors are welcome.

Phi Sigma Sigma and Sigma Pi

Come support Phi Sigma Sigma and Sigma Pi at our charity event to raise money for the National Kidney Foundation and the Amazing Day Foundation.

The dinner will be held on April 8 at the Moose's Tavern at 1202 Sycamore Ave, Tinton Falls.

Political Science and Sociology Club

The Political Science and Sociology Clubs are sponsoring their fourth annual 5K on Friday, April 12 at 2:30 pm. Registration begins at 1:30 pm. Meet in front of Wilson Hall.

Benefits proceed The Kortney Rose Foundation for pediatric brain tumor research. You may register the day of the event or be one of the first 100 pre-registered to receive a guaranteed race shirt, by downloading a form from www.thekortney-rosefoundation.org. Suggested \$10 donation.

Outdoors Club

The kayak trip to Wharton State Forest from April 19-21 is officially full. Our next general meeting will be next Wednesday 4/10. Follow our Facebook group or *The Outlook* for updates on future events.

Alpha Sigma Tau

Alpha Sigma Tau will be hosting our annual Love Struck event on April 10 at 10:00 pm in Pollak. The money that we raise will be going toward one of our philanthropies, Habitat for Humanity. We will be selling tickets within the next few weeks. Hope to see you all there!

Sociology Club

The Sociology Club is hosting their second annual Stratified Streets trip to NYC on Saturday, April 13.

This tour will include a guided tour of the Tenement Museum in NY City's Lower East Side.

MU students and community members will see the Lower East Side through the eyes of the immigrants who have lived there for 150 years. After lunch, we will tour the African Burial Ground National Monument where both free and enslaved Africans were buried in Lower Manhattan.

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

To sign up, please bring a \$10 deposit to Bey Hall 241. The deposit is only to reserve your spot on the bus. We will return it to you on the bus ride home.

The deadline for sign up is April 5. Please contact Amanda DiVita, President of the Sociology Club at s0736434@monmouth.edu or come to a meeting if you have any questions.

Considering Grad School at Monmouth?

Attend the Corporate & Public Communication Graduate Program Session

PRESS RELEASE

WEST LONG BRANCH, NJ – The Corporate and Public Communication (CPC) Graduate Program at Monmouth University will host its annual information session on Wednesday, April 3 at 3:00 p.m. in Magill Commons Club Room 107/108.

The session will provide information about the program and give insight into the transition from undergraduate to graduate. Panelists will include current and past graduate students. Light refreshments will be provided.

Graduate faculty who possess a broad range of professional and scholarly credentials facilitates the Corporate and Public Communication program. The CPC program provides an in-depth, balanced study of practice and theory. Monmouth also allows students to focus their coursework in areas such as Public Relations, Public Service Communication and Human Resources Management and Communication.

For program details, please contact Dr. Sheila McAllister, smcallis@monmouth.edu, director of the Graduate Program in Corporate and Public Communication, at 732-571-7553.

The Outdoors Club Prepares for Spring Trip

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The Outdoors Club will be going on their spring trip on Friday, April 19 until Monday, April 22 at Hawkins Bridge Campsite in Wharton State Forest. Wharton State Forest is the largest single tract of land within the New Jersey State Park System.

President of the Outdoors Club, Greg Cenicola, senior and criminal justice major, commented, “We use our funds/budget to make trips as cheap as possible for students and to supply them with the gear to use.”

Cenicola has been involved with the Outdoors Club since his sophomore year when he attended his first trip and was secretary of the club last year. “We have done camping trips such as this one that double with an activity such as kayaking, ziplining, whitewater rafting, horseback riding, snowboarding, and skiing.”

There was no fundraising involved with this trip. The cost is \$20 per student for the three days. This cost includes a one-day kayak rental, seven meals, and their stay on the campsite. However, if the students have their own kayak, the price is reduced to \$10. The trip was limited to 25 students on a first come, first serve basis. Members and nonmembers of the Outdoors Club filled all 25 spots.

Mike Kulik, sophomore health and physical education major, said, “I’m really pumped for this trip; unfortunately, due to Hurricane Sandy, we had to cancel our fall trip and these outdoor nights are long overdue. Everyone is excited to get their heads out of their books for a weekend of hiking, camping, kayaking, and good times.”

Friday is planned, whereas Saturday is free, allowing the stu-



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Wharton State Forest is the largest single tract of land within the New Jersey State Park System.

dents to explore the campground and hike on their own. On Sunday, the students will go kayaking for five hours. The option to sleep over that Sunday night is open for students who want to relax and regain their energy before leaving on Monday morning.

“I am excited for the upcoming trip to Wharton State Forest because I will be able to spend time with friends in a relaxing environment right before the stress of

finals,” said Rachel Fox, sophomore English and p-3 education major with an endorsement in teaching students with disabilities. “I am especially excited to go kayaking on Sunday because I’ve never been kayaking in that area.”

To get involved in the club, meetings are held in room 132 or 133 in Bey Hall the first and third Wednesday of every month at 3:30 pm.

“I’ve been lucky enough to serve the club as vice president surf chair this year and it has been a blast to be involved on the e-board,” added Kulik. “I have recently been elected president of the Outdoors Club for next year and I am really looking forward to continuing the club’s success.”

Professor William Reynolds is the advisor of the club. The Outdoors Club’s description is as follows: The purpose

of the Outdoors Club is to promote the growth, understanding, awareness, and appeal of nature through the various activities we sponsor. Activities may include hiking, rafting, camping, surfing, and more.

“We do a lot of fun things and are open to new ideas. We don’t discourage people,” said Cenicola. “We allow members and students to come and go as they please.”

University’s Enactus Team to Compete in NY

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The University Enactus team will compete at the New York, NY Regional Competition on April 3, 2013. The event is one of ten Regional Competitions being held across the United States in March and April.

Enactus is a community of student, academic and business leaders committed to using the power of entrepreneurial action to enable human progress. Enactus looks to establish student programs on college campuses across the nation. Enactus students apply business concepts to develop community outreach projects, transform lives and shape a better, more sustainable world.

Previously known as SIFE, the global organization has changed their name to Enactus. The name stands for three different attributes that the organizations want to develop. “EN” represents the entrepreneur skills, which speaks to the mind of a potential business man or woman developing new and innovative ideas. “Act” is a call to action the organization has for its members. It’s not enough to develop an idea, one must also bring that idea to life. And “US” signifies the global community involving everyone in the pursuit of helping out those who are in need with a philanthropic mind.

Previously, the Enactus team travelled to Bokod Benguet in the Philippines, to volunteer in providing medical examinations

to those who were not able to get proper medical help. The team was in charge of registering the potential patients and also assisting the doctors in their duties when called upon.

They were able to service about 250 people, and offer free medical services that ranged from general check-ups, basic surgery, and dental services.

Mel Meneses, president of the club commented on the experience saying, “It was such a great opportunity to see the faces of the people and know that you have changed their lives.” Meneses and members of the Enactus team will be partnering with the Life Through Hope Foundation to make their second trip down to the Philippines for a week this coming June.

Life of Hope’s mission, according to their website, is to “travel across the globe, specifically to remote areas, in order to reach the less fortunate who cannot readily obtain medical services. We venture into these places and conduct medical missions to treat sick patients.”

The Enactus Team also does local work volunteering at the weekly soup kitchen in Long Branch. Nick Gencorelli, treasurer, stated “You get attached to the cause and the only thing that you think about is helping out.”

The Enactus Team will be making their second trip to the Regional Competition looking to capture their second trophy in recent years. Last appearing in the competition in 2010, the team received second

place in the Regional Competition and in 2008 received the Rookie of the Year award for most outstanding new chapter.

Meneses expressed his excitement about the upcoming competition, “It’s always a great opportunity to represent Monmouth in this competition and my team and I are looking forward to this exper-

ence.”

Participating students use business concepts to develop community outreach projects, transform lives and shape a better, more sustainable world.

If Enactus wins at the New York Regional Competition, the team will advance to the 2013 Enactus U.S. National Exposition in Kansas

City, Missouri, May 21-23.

The club meets every Monday at 6:00 pm in the Student Center, room 202B. The Enactus team advisor is John Buzza. For more information about the club, contact Sharina Smith, Vice President of Marketing for Enactus U.S. at 417.575.3582, or by email ssmith@enactus.org



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The Enactus Team will be competing at the New York Regional Competition where they will have the opportunity to move on to the Enactus U.S. National Exposition in Kansas City, Missouri.



What is your favorite thing about your major?

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Erin
sophomore

"I'm a business management major. I just enjoy the experience overall and learning about my future career."



Dan
junior

"I'm a marine biology major so I would say the field work, going out on the boat or in the Manasquan Reservoir and sampling."



April
junior

"I'm a psychology major; it's just interesting to figure out how people think and why."



Brendan
junior

"I'm a communication major and something about film has always interested me."



Allison
freshman

"The course material; I'm a criminal justice major and it's never boring."



Nidia
senior

"I'm an English major and I love writing. I'm working on my novel right now."



Erika
freshman

"I'm a psychology major and I'd have to say the professors are really helpful and they know about their fields."



Sara
sophomore

"I'm a social work major. I like the interaction with the people I meet. I work in nursing homes and it's nice to listen to their experiences and how they've lived through different generations."



Eric
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"I'm switching from biochemistry to biology. I like studying different microbes and medicinal biology really interests me."



Steve
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"I'm an art education major, which lets me express my creativity. I love what I do."

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2 forms of photo ID will be required at the door. Must be 21.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15
ATLANTIC CITY: \$10
GUEST: \$15

Spend 6 hours in AC! This includes your transportation to and from Atlantic City. Credit will be given to students pending designated casino.

The two buses will be leaving at 5pm from the Student Center and will be in AC for 6 hours. *Must be 21 years of age. Space is limited.*

THURSDAY, MAY 16
SPIRIT OF NJ DINNER CRUISE \$40
GUEST: \$50 (1 per student, 15 guest limit total for cruise, must be 21)

Take a 3 hour cruise on the Hudson on the Spirit of NJ. Deluxe dinner buffet, DJ, transportation, and the NYC skyline. This event requires semi-formal attire.

Buses leave the Student Center at 4pm SHARP! Space is limited, only 15 guests may be taken—one guest per student and they must be 21. Bartenders and staff will ID.

FRIDAY, MAY 17
SHUTTLES TO PORTA- FREE

This includes free transportation to Porta. Shuttles leave the Student Center parking lot starting at 8pm. Last shuttle home is at 1:30am. The three shuttles hold 10 passengers each so plan your return home accordingly.

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SATURDAY, MAY 18
SENIOR RECEPTION

Come for a FREE semi-formal event hosted by the President and Mrs. Gaffney!

This event is going to be held at the Doherty House from 6 pm – 8 pm. If a rain site is needed you will be notified.

Space is limited, so pre-registration is required for this event at the Office of Student Activities.

No guests are allowed as space is limited. Open to under 21.

SUNDAY, MAY 19
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MONDAY, MAY 20
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Come and enjoy the sights and sounds of New York City!

The bus will drop us off in the Broadway area. The bus for NYC will be leaving at 4pm from the Student Center parking lot and will be departing from NYC at midnight to head back to Monmouth.

Space is limited. Open to under 21.

TUESDAY, MAY 21
WEST END SHUTTLE: FREE

This includes your FREE transportation to and from the West End. Shuttles to the West End leave from the Student Center parking lot starting at 9 pm.

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Tickets for Senior Week 2013 will be **sold 10am– 4pm April 8-12 and 15-18; 10am-12pm on Friday, April 19** in the Office of Student Activities, located on the 2nd floor of the Student Center.

Only seniors graduating in May 2013 or Jan. 2014 may buy tickets. Tickets for Senior Week are **non-refundable** and can be purchased with cash/ check. Ticket purchasers must show proper ID. All ticket purchasers must be 21 or older to attend, unless noted otherwise. One guest per student ID, unless noted otherwise.

Space is limited for many events.

Only seniors graduating in May 2013 may stay in the residence halls during Senior Week.

Horoscopes

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

♈ Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19) -This week is a 7
Persistence pays off with a positive breakthrough. Push forward even more, so that your results add up, although remain cautious for the rewards might only matter in the long term. Don't be stopped by any old barriers and release any pent up tensions in order to exceed your expectations.

♉ Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) -This week is a 7
Holding your tongue in tough situations surpasses the annoying moments within with minimal damage. Take care of where you walk, eggshells lie all around, and take care to not provoke any jealousies. Remain calm by spending some much needed time with your partner or with a good friend; simply shift your perspective and relax.

♊ Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) -This week is a 7
Take slow, calculated actions and anticipate resistance. Be prepared for this and have your backup plans handy, but in order to use them most effectively stick to the time proven methods. Take some time out to mull things over and figure out all of the angles before proceeding.

♋ Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) -This week is an 8
You're stressing yourself out too much this week so decrease personal obligations. Your time, and money, are also being stretched thin this week; as a result take a closer look into where you are spending the most. Don't be too quick to cut the excess though, savings will happen naturally so don't force it.

♌ Leo • (July 23- Aug. 22) -This week is an 8
Skills are increasing quickly from your hard work and persistence, however to keep going at full speed you might have to shift your emotional focus for the time being. Don't tell anyone about your big break just yet either, a better reaction will come at a later time.

♍ Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) -This week is a 7
Things are about to get a little more difficult for you because of a recent meltdown. Take from this time and learn a new balancing act to apply to any future situations. Compromise isn't possible just yet, but allow time to do its job and things will be all better soon.

♎ Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) -This week is a 6
You're entwined in a tricky controversy as of late, so move quickly to avoid any further ruts. Shift money matters out of your line of sight for now and decrease the financial risk-taking. Don't allow anything to pile up and remain attentive, the path will get smoother soon.

♏ Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) -This week is an 8
Reduce your personal workload this week; however don't think this is an excuse to waste time with any unruly gossip. Use nearby resources to complete those jobs still on your to-do list and know that despite any temporary setbacks, all end well.

♐ Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) -This week is a 7
Resolution will be very possible soon, although your recent attempts haven't been the most beneficial. Don't run away from the lack of success; instead advance towards the next level with persistence. Afterwards celebrate with friends who've always had your back.

♑ Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) -This week is a 7
Snuggle in and get cozy! Traveling excessively or any fast motions could prove hazardous, so take it easy and relax for a bit. Take this down time to listen and be a little more observant, a clue to a recent puzzle might be revealed as a result.

♒ Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) -This week is a 7
You're feeling anxious but calm down for a minute and wait to see what develops. Worrying about things you cannot control messes with your mind; be patient and use careful measures to prevent any sudden issues. Sometimes holding out for things is the best deal.

♓ Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) -This week is an 8
Request participation from those around you. A new social activity could assist in the matter, however be cautious while making certain commitments. Your team will make it work for you, but only if they are interested so underline the benefits and you are sure to get a few volunteers.

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Baseball Takes Three of Four from Central Connecticut

Junior Pitcher Andrew McGee Threw His Fourth Complete Game of the Season

MAGGIE ZELINKA
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

The baseball team held their first home series of the season as they won three out of four games against the Central Connecticut State University Blue Devils this weekend.

Opening the first game of the series on Thursday at 3:00 pm was junior lefty Andrew McGee. Despite the challenge of 50 degree weather, McGee was able to pick up his fourth win and his fourth complete game, all of which have been victories. In the process, McGee gave up four hits and one walk while striking out six, improving his personal record to 4-1. McGee was also named NEC Pitcher of the Week for the third consecutive week. He is the first NEC pitcher to do so since 1998.

MU gave McGee the support he needed for the 3-0 win in the third inning when sophomore right fielder Craig Sweeney pushed a line drive past CCSU's shortstop.

"It was a great feeling," Sweeney said of his three run RBI single. "My first couple swings were bad, so I wanted to keep it short at that at-bat. I kept it simple, got a pitch, and put a swing on it."

Sweeney plated sophomore catcher Kyle Perry, junior second baseman Jake Gronsky, and senior first baseman Chris Perret. Gronsky and Perry lead the team with two hits a piece.

The Hawks almost scored in the sixth when they loaded the bases thanks to freshman designated hitter Danny Shea being hit by a pitch, Perry connecting for a single, and sophomore center fielder Steve Wilgus being walked. However, with two outs, Gronsky stepped up to the plate and hit a deep shot to center which was caught to end the inning.

MU scored three runs on nine hits and left nine runners on the bases.

The following day, the Hawks prepared for a double header against CCSU, with both games scheduled for seven innings.

Taking the mound for the first game of the doubleheader was sophomore right hander, TJ Hunt. Hunt came out strong in the first and second throwing a total of 14 pitches and sending all six batters back to the dugout.

MU had the same fate in the first two innings of play as senior third baseman Owen Stewart was the only one to get a hit.

Hunt's trouble began in the third when CCSU catcher Connor Fitzsimons launched one for an RBI sin-

gle. Blue Devils outfielder Dylan Delacruz then sent a ball sailing as he hit a double which resulted in a game-changing play.

Fitzsimons ran to third base on Delacruz's double, but was held up by his coach, a detail which Delacruz did not notice. MU took note of the Blue Devils glitch and tracked down Delacruz with Perret eventually getting the tag leaving Fitzsimons as the sole base runner as he stayed on third.

Hunt walked the next batter to make the corners occupied for CCSU's number three hitter, outfielder JP Sportman. Hunt's second pitch proved worthy of Sportman's bat as he doubled bringing Fitzsimons home. CCSU's clean-up batter did no damage as he grounded out to first, ending the inning. Twenty-seven pitches and two runs later, Hunt stepped across the chalk and headed towards the dugout.

Scoring more than one run at a time was expected from CCSU, according to Head Coach Dean Ehehalt. "They're going to play their game, they'll swing the bats, and they'll score runs in bunches," Ehehalt said. "They [CCSU] have a particular style of play and it's a real good style. We've had some great battles over the years and we have a great amount of respect for those guys."

The next run of the game was scored by CCSU two innings later off sophomore submarine pitcher Jeff Paglione. After Fitzsimons got on the base path with a single, Coach Ehehalt called on Paglione to relieve Hunt. A throwing error by Paglione to check Fitzsimons at first cost the Hawks as he was able to advance to third on the misplay. One out later, Fitzsimons crossed home on a sacrifice fly scoring CCSU's final run of the game.

With the board showing 3-0 in CCSU's favor, the Hawks were able to settle the score in the sixth. Gronsky, Perret, and Sweeney all hit singles to load the bases for Stewart. Stewart grounded to second getting Sweeney out on a fielder's choice, but also earning MU's first RBI of the game as Gronsky crossed home plate. Sophomore pinch hitter Dave Moreno saw three pitches before flying out to center giving the Hawks their second out of the inning.

With runners on first and third, junior shortstop Jon Guida hit a grounder for what should have been an easy 6-3 out, but instead turned into an error which brought Perret home. Shea came up to bat and hit an RBI single scoring Stewart from



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The baseball team went 3-1 in conference play to improve to 5-3 and move into a tie for second place in the NEC with Central Connecticut and Sacred Heart.

second. Perry then flied out to left ending the Hawks offensive run.

Between the mixed seventh inning efforts of Paglione and junior southpaw Stephen Frey, MU was able to hold the Blue Devils to a 3-3 game.

The bottom of the seventh began with Wilgus hitting a double followed by Gronsky being intentionally walked. Both base runners then advanced a base on a wild pitch. Although CCSU pulled their outfielders in to face Perret, the tactic was not enough as he hit a long drive to center scoring Wilgus from third and ending the game in a walk-off style, 4-3.

With a short break after the first game, the two teams took the field for the second game of the doubleheader. Getting the nod from Coach Ehehalt was the sophomore righty Adam Yunginger.

CCSU figured out Yunginger's methods early on as they scored their first run in the first inning of play. It wasn't until the fourth when MU retaliated with one run by Perret.

Seeing Yunginger needed relief, Coach Ehehalt pulled him after four innings of work, four strikeouts, and one earned run. Replacing him was freshman left hander Frank Trimarco. Prior to this game, Tri-

marco appeared in three games and pitched a mere three innings. After the seventh inning ended, the game was still tied at 1-1 landing Trimarco back on the mound for his longest appearance yet.

Carrying the pressure for the team, Trimarco got CCSU's lead off batter to pop-up to Gronsky at second. The next batter reached first on a single to center, but Trimarco was able to get both succeeding batters to fly out.

Heading into the bottom of the eighth, MU's offense was put in an all-or-nothing situation. Gronsky batted first and hit a single through the left side hole. Perret came to the plate and hit a sacrifice bunt moving Gronsky to second. Sweeney then hit a walk-off single bringing Gronsky home and ending the game with a score of 2-1.

When asked what it took to beat opponents such as CCSU, Sweeney summed it up best as he said, "You just need one big hit in games like this. Just one big hit."

While MU found those big hits in their first three games against the Blue Devils, they lost the final game of the series snapping a four game winning streak. Senior right-hander Dan Smith started for the Hawks and had a solid first three innings allowing only three hits and two runs, but it was the fourth that epitomized

his downfall.

Smith began the fourth by walking CCSU shortstop Anthony Turgeon. Blue Devil second baseman Josh Ingham advanced Turgeon to second on a single to center putting two runners on the bags. Smith then struck out the successive batter bringing Delacruz to the plate. The CCSU outfielder became the catalyst of the inning as he knocked one to right center plating Turgeon and sending Ingham to third. Smith could not stop the Blue Devils offense who scored four runs on the next three hits.

Right-handed sophomore Chris McKenna relieved Smith after 3.1 innings and eight runs, seven of which were earned.

Even with the switch of pitchers, CCSU's fourth inning offensive rally proved too great as MU lost the game, 8-4. Stewart lead the Hawks with three hits, one run, and one RBI. Wilgus had two hits in the game and scored one run. Other runs were scored by Moreno and Shea. Smith was given the loss making his personal record 0-5.

With this weekend, the Hawks are one above .500 with a record of 12-11 (5-3 NEC). They will next travel to Emmitsburg, Maryland to play NEC rival Mount Saint Mary's in a four game series this weekend.

Women's Lacrosse Remains Unbeaten in NEC

EDDIE ALLEGRETTO
STAFF WRITER

The Hawks (5-6, 3-0) defeated Mount Saint Mary's (3-8, 2-1) Friday 8-5 to remain unbeaten in Northeast Conference (NEC) play. MU, who led the entire game, had a balanced attack and a strong defensive effort to win their third straight game.

The Hawks received a pair of goals from freshman midfielder Marial Pierce and senior attacker Cassie Campasano. Junior midfielder Kaleigh Gibbons, sophomore Allison Stathius and sophomore midfielder Emily Barbieri tallied a goal and an assist each.

Pierce put the Hawks on the board at the 22:17 mark of the first half. MU held that lead for the next 20 minutes until Campasano scored off an assist from Gibbons with 2:17 left to play in the first frame.

The blue and white controlled the first half and took a 2-0 lead going into halftime. The Hawks had 15 shots but Mount goalie Sarah Leder stopped seven to keep her squad in the game.

"We've been playing well against good teams and we just keep fighting and getting better. I think we've just progressed forward and used the things we have worked on and used the things that we have learned from our games."

DENISE WESCOTT
Head Coach

Just 1:21 into the second half, MU increased their lead when Stathius scored. She assisted on the next goal, which came 31 seconds later from Barbieri.

The Hawks scored two more goals in the next 34-second span

It took the Mountaineers seven minutes to score again as Lindsay Diaz scored on an eight-meter shot with 11:22 to play. Larrimore scored back-to-back goals and cut the blue and white's lead to 7-4 with just 4:31 left to play in regu-

lation.

Pierce scored her second goal of the game to stop the Mountaineers run to put the Hawks up 8-4 with just over two minutes to go. With seven seconds left, Mount scored

on a free position shot to end the game 8-5.

After starting the season 0-5, the Hawks have bounced back and won five of their last six. Gibbons stated, "We love the game that's why we're here. Working together

and just getting so excited at practice and bringing that out on to the field, that's really made us play better together."

Head Coach Denise Wescott said, "We've been playing well against good teams and we just keep fighting and getting better. I think we've just progressed forward and used the things we have worked on and used the things that we have learned from our games."

The Hawks dominated shots 33-11 and Mount goalie Leder kept her team in the game with 11 saves, while MU net minder Katie Donohoe had two saves in the victory. The blue and white forced 10 turnovers and only had eight in the game.

The Hawks will travel to face Robert Morris on Friday, April 5 to try and keep their winning streak against NEC opponents alive. The game is scheduled at 1:00 pm.

Softball Rises to Third in NEC

THADDEUS RICHARDS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The softball team picked up three wins over the weekend in double headers against Quinnipiac University Friday and Sacred Heart University Saturday, pushing the Hawks to 15-10 on the season and 6-2 in the NEC.

Sophomore Kayleena Flores said, “Playing back-to-back double headers is definitely physically and mentally draining. But, we’ve done a lot of conditioning and worked hard as a team, so double headers aren’t as stressful as they used to be.”

The Hawks took the trip to Hamden, Connecticut on Friday to take on Quinnipiac in a double header. The Hawks didn’t see much success offensively on the day, only totaling four runs between the games, but they were able to split the games with the Bobcats, losing the first 8-1 but came back strong to take the second 3-0.

“We’re all really determined. We all have the same goal and we all just want to get where we need to go together as a team,” added Flores. “I think the team atmosphere is really good right now because we’re all working together as a team to get what we need to done.”

The only game MU dropped

The Hawks then answered with a run in the second inning when sophomore Vanessa Cardoza brought in senior Weiser on a single, cutting the deficit to three runs. Quinnipiac didn’t waste any time extending their lead as they added two more in the bottom of the second pushing the score to 6-1.

The Hawks were not able to score a run for the rest of the game. Quinnipiac added two more runs in the sixth inning and secured the victory in game one for the Bobcats.

In the second game of the day, senior Jordan Barnett took the mound and pitched a scoreless, two-hit complete game for the Hawks, leading to a 3-0 victory. MU took an early lead on an RBI by Flores in the first. The Hawks bats then went quiet, but behind Barnett’s strong pitching, the Hawks were able to hold on to their early one-run lead.

In the fifth inning, MU was able to gather some more run support for Barnett due to opportunistic base running by the Hawks. Senior Tish Derer scored on an error by the catcher to extend the lead.

Later in the inning, Flores attempted to steal second and although she was caught stealing, she allowed junior Alicia DeSanto to score from third, putting the Hawks comfortably ahead as



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Senior pitcher Lauren Sulick went 1-1 over the weekend. She lost to Quinnipiac on Friday and won with a complete game shutout against Sacred Heart on Saturday.

can do is focus on the now and do what you’re supposed to do today and it’ll take care of what you need to do tomorrow.”

The second day of the road trip, the Hawks traveled from Hamden to Fairfield, Connecticut to take on Sacred Heart. The Hawks found success in both games sweeping the Pioneers by a score of 1-0 in game one and 6-1 in game two.

Sulick bounced back from her rocky start on Friday to throw a complete game shutout for the Hawks. Although MU only was able to string together four hits, they got just enough as an RBI from Cardoza brought in junior Kaitie Schumacher in the top of the second inning to give Sulick all the run support she needed as the Hawks picked up the 1-0 conference win.

“The team’s mindset is totally

on conference play, one game at a time. Everybody just has to do what they need to do and we’ll hopefully come out on top in games,” said Berndt.

The second game of the day saw MU strike first after Derer took advantage on the base paths when Sacred Heart committed an error with two outs in the third inning.

Junior Shannon Fitzgerald then brought in the two other runners on base with a single, extending the lead to 3-0 before the end of the inning.

The Pioneers closed the gap in the bottom of the inning with a home run off Barnett. Barnett pitched the complete game and only gave up that run to Sacred Heart.

In the fourth inning, Derer brought in a run to further the lead. The game was then cement-

ed in the sixth when Derer continued her solid day at the plate as she brought in two more runs on a triple to give the Hawks a 6-1 lead as MU completed the double header sweep.

“Team chemistry is great. We have the leadership, we have a lot of things we haven’t had in past years and it’s all coming together,” said Berndt. “Not only is the talent level there, but this group is a very special group.”

The Hawks take a break from conference play to take on the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia on Wednesday, April 3 at 4:00 pm.

MU will look to continue their strong start to conference play next weekend when they’ll take on Robert Morris, the team that was picked in preseason to win the NEC, in a double header at home.

“We’re all really determined. We all have the same goal and we all just want to get where we need to go together as a team.”

KAYLEENA FLORES
Sophomore

over the weekend road trip came at the hands of Quinnipiac in the first game on Friday, 8-1.

The Bobcats bats got hot early scoring four runs in the first inning off senior Lauren Sulick.

they took the victory to split the double header.

“We just focus on one game at a time in a double header and four games in a weekend,” said Head Coach Louie Berndt. “All you

Hawks Host 18th Annual Monmouth Season Opener

MU Captures Six of the Top 10 Spots in the Men’s Shot Put Competition

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The Hawks Track and Field opened their spring season with the 18th Annual Monmouth Season Opener. The two-day meet included 20 teams and 1,038 athletes.

“The meet last year got almost too big so we really wanted to see only 20 teams this year,” Head Coach Joe Compagni said. “There’s a few less teams, but those teams are strong teams. Less quantity, more quality.”

Competition began on Friday with the open mile and the hammer throw.

Sophomore runner Khari Bowen placed fourth in the open mile as he crossed the finish line at 4:21.32. Freshman Domenick D’Agostino shortly followed Bowen as he completed the race at 4:23.54.

On the field side of Friday’s events, MU placed fourth, fifth, and sixth in the men’s hammer throw. Junior Errol Jeffrey, senior Ryan Snyder, and sophomore Wulf Sutcliffe tossed a distance of 49.24 meters, 48.86 meters, and 47.73 meters, respectively.

MU placed third, fourth, and fifth in the women’s hammer throw as junior Qiyana Hill threw 50.86 meters, senior Symmone Fisher tossed 50.86 meters, and junior Rachel Aliotta threw 48.08 meters.

Hill also finished second in the discus with a distance of 42.96 later

in the competition.

The second day of the meet provided the Hawks with a plethora of victories as the day began at 9:45 a.m. and lasted several hours.

The most MU-dominated event of the meet was the men’s shot put, as the Hawks captured six out of the top ten spots with Jeffrey leading

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the way at 17.30 meters.

Aliotta and senior Sandra Jean-Romain finished second and fourth, respectively, in the women’s shot put with distances of 13.94 meters and 13.15 meters.

The javelin throwers made sure MU was a threat as freshman McLean Lipschutz came in second with a throw of 61.64 meters. Sophomore Zach Torrell finished in third with a distance of 58.39 meters and teammate sophomore Kevin Gilhuy followed in fourth with a throw of 58 meters.

Freshman Maria Jimenez broke an MU school record as she won

the javelin throw with a distance of 46.09 meters.

Junior Mariah Toussaint also won her event, the long jump, as she posted a distance of 5.66 meters. Freshman Jean Udo finished third with a distance of 5.02 meters.

The triple jump was won by MU junior Joey Marini as he finished

at 14.44 meters. Senior teammate Nick Waltman came in third at 13.63 meters.

Junior Ed Kramer competed in the men’s high jump where he placed first clearing a height of two meters. Sophomore Erik Anderson finished third in the high jump with a height of 1.90 meters.

The women also did well in the high jump with senior Alison Day finishing second with a height of 1.65 meters and senior Rachel Watkins placing third with the same height.

Freshman Tyler Poland gained MU a second place victory in the

men’s pole vault at 3.95 meters while sophomore Lauren McDonald gave the Hawks a first place prize in the women’s pole vault at 3.30 meters.

The runners of MU did just as well as the women placed first in the 4x100 relay with a time of 48.90 seconds and the men placed second in the same event with a time of 42.34.

Even though the men placed second in the 4x100 relay, they were able to secure first in 4x800 relay as the completed their race with a time of 7:30.00.

Senior captain Ford Palmer who anchored the team also won the 800 meter event with a time of 1:53.21. Other members of the 4x800 relay team were sophomore Luis Reyes, sophomore Andrew Langille, and sophomore Alex Leight.

The women’s 4x400 relay finished second with a time of 3:59.79. The team was composed of junior Laura Williams, sophomore

Melanie Lewis, freshman Morgan Spann, and Watkins.

Watkins also took home first in the 100 meter hurdles finishing at 14.36 seconds. She also competed in the 400 meter hurdles and placed third for MU as she posted a time of 1:02.14.

Competing on the men’s side of the 400 meter hurdles was senior Chris Rutherford, who finished first with a time of 53.34 in the event. Junior Jalen Walker participated in the 110 meter hurdles where he also placed first with a time of 14.63.

Junior Kelsey Maher ran in one of the final events of the meet, the 5000 meter race, where she placed third with a time of 17:33.86.

Toussaint also competed in the track events for the women’s side. She placed third in both the 100 meter dash and the 200 meter dash with times of 12.35 seconds and 25.81 seconds, respectively.

While the team captured many first, second, and third place victories, Compagni sees room for improvement. “With our training, we kind of take a little break and start back up again. You don’t always open up with your absolute best performance,” Compagni said.

The Hawks will send part of their team to Williamsburg, VA for the Colonial Relays at the College of William and Mary and Princeton University for the Sam Howell Invitational this weekend.



Maniac McGee



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Softball Wins Three of Four
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Junior pitcher Andrew McGee (above) threw his fourth complete game of the season on Friday and improved his record to 4-1. McGee also earned NEC Pitcher of the week for the third consecutive week this season, which is the first time an NEC pitcher has done so since 1998.

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