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Employers Scrutinize Students' Social Media Presence

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Work experience, skills and references are not the only factors employers consider while interviewing potential employees. A recent study found that the social media accounts of potential employees are also being scrutinized and, in some cases, costing interviewees the job.

A 2013 survey was completed by JobVite, an applicant tracking system that works for companies such as E-Harmony, Spotify and Starbucks on social media during the hiring process. According to the survey, 93 percent of job recruiters surveyed are likely to look at a candidate's social media accounts, and 78 percent of the recruiters have hired through social networking websites, which is a 20 percent increase from 2010. The study also found that of the participating job recruiters, 42 percent reconsidered hiring a potential candidate based on the content on their social media accounts.

Facebook users hit a record number of 1.3 billion in 2013; 56 million between the ages of 35 and 54, and 42 million between the ages of 18 and 24. Even though the numbers show that Facebook has less youthful users, it can still affect college students while they are job hunting.

Personal social media accounts and business accounts should never mix, William Hill, Assistant Dean for Career Services, explained. "Keep your personal separate. That's the best way to stay out of trouble. Don't post, send or tweet anything that you wouldn't feel comfortable putting out in the middle of campus nailed to a tree," he added.

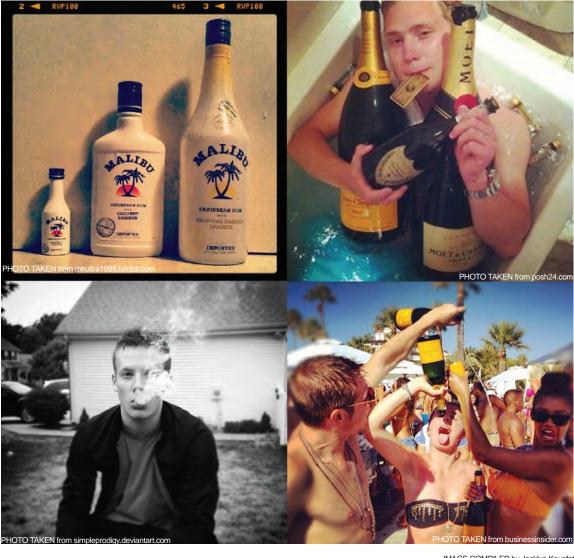


IMAGE COMPILED by Jacklyn Kouefati People post pictures on social media outlets performing illegal or distasteful activities without thinking

Gov. Chris Christie passed bill want to see if you understand A2878 in August 2013 that pre- the etiquette of social media," vents an employer from acquiring Hill said. "They don't want to a potential employer's password hire you and then think you are as a condition of being hired. Although, companies can still look the firm or send an email that is

going to tweet something about at what candidates are posting on going to come back and cause a social media sites. "Employers problem."

twice. These pictures can come back to haunt them when searching for a job.

Hill also mentioned that professions such as business, marketing and advertising, journalism, public relations, and television may be more prone to

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Largest Career Day to Date

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Career Services held its largest annual Spring Career Day in history with 110 employers in attendance. Students from all majors came to the event to learn about different businesses and organizations, and to explore possible internship and job opportunities on Wednesday, April 2.

The event, which took place in the Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC) for the second year in a row, brings in local, regional, and national employers to campus for a day and, according to the University website, "employers representing the corporate, government, and non-profit sectors are always present."

William Hill, Assistant Dean of Career Services, said, the event has been expanding throughout the years with more students and businesses getting involved. "The last two career days attracted over 400 students and alumni. Four or five years ago that number might have been around 250 to 300, an increase of over 25 percent," he said.

In addition, Hill said, "Career Services has broken records three years in a row based on the employer attendance at the Spring Career Days.'

The University hosted a wide range of employers such as Fitness and Wellness Professional Services, a community health

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Shadow PR Firm/PRSSA Dance-a-thon Raises Over \$10,000

ELIZABETH FEUDALE

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The University's Shadow PR Firm and Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) chapter raised over \$10,000 for The Valerie Fund, a not-for-profit organization that supTogether event.

April 4 at 6 pm in Anacon Hall. A total of 185 students and faculty mem- not have believed you." bers attended the event in support of The Valerie Fund Children's Center for Cancer of The Unterberg Children's Hospital at Monmouth Medical Center.

Kelly Brockett, Co-President of Shadow PR/PRSSA, said she could ports children with cancer and rare not have been happier with the turnblood disorders, during their first out of the event. "If you had told (Coinaugural Monmouth Hawks Dance President) Kristi Silver and I a week

ago that we would reach our goal of The event took place on Friday, \$10,000, and that about 200 people would attend our event, we would

> Brockett said the event has been in the works since May 2013. To prepare for the event, members of Shadow PR/PRSSA combined efforts with students from Dr. Sheila McAllister's PR Campaigns and Event Planning classes to make

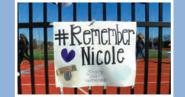
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Representatives from The Valerie Fund Children's Center for Cancer and Shadow PR Firm pose for a photo with patient Ryan Lascelles (center).

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The University Remembers the Loss of Nicole Surace

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Several organizations joined together to remember the loss of former University student, Nicole Elizabeth Surace, during the Only the Good Fly Young Walk at Kessler Field on Sunday, April 6.

The attendees of the remembrance walk varied between several different towns including Milltown, Spotswood and East Brunswick, with a total of 300 participants.

On November 30, 2013, Nicole Surace, 18, and her boyfriend Jeffrey Szatkowski, 17, died when their vehicle struck mother, said supporters have

the accident. Szatkowski was a football star at Spotswood High School, and Surace was a cheerleader. The teens were buried next to each other in South Brunswick.

The walk, held in Surace's honor, raised over \$11,000 said Kelly Parks, a sophomore business major and friend of Surace.

All of the proceeds that were raised from the Only the Good Fly Young walk will be used in an effort to raise \$25,000 for an endowment scholarship at the University in Surace's honor.

Diane Surace, Nicole's a utility pole, according to a five years to raise the \$25,000

or alcohol were involved in around the University track in her honor. Catered food and music was offered for supporters to enjoy while completing the walk.

The parents of Surace were Holy Cross Burial Park in happy to have so many people attend the walk. "It is over-whelming to see everybody support our little angel Nicole," Michael Surace, Nicole's father, said as he thanked the supporters for attending. "Two birds were flying around earlier, so we know that was Nicole and Jeff watching over us," he add-

> Parks was involved in creating the walk and said, "We decided on a walk because we thought it would be a nice way to bring everyone together from both Nicole's hometown and MU." Several other friends of Nicole were also involved in the production of the walk, including Amanda Friedman and Alexis DeCarvalho.

"There are no combination of words I could use to express the feeling of looking down from the press box seeing all of those people there to support Nicole, Jeff, her family and friends," explained DeCarvalho.

The Surace family took an honorary walk around the track by themselves to the song, "I Cross My Heart," by George Strait. "It sent chills up my spine, it's a feeling I'll never forget," said DeCarvalho.

Family, friends and support- walk to show her support. "I Jeff," said DeCarvalho.



Supporters of Nicole Surace walked around Kessler Field to honor the former student and raise money for a scholarship in her name.

ers of all ages then joined in think it is wonderful to see Niwith the family to complete the cole's friends and family come remembrance walk.

According to Diane Surace, one of Nicole's classes came to the walk and even purchased a brick through the Hawk Walk Brick Campaign to be laid in her memory. She was overwhelmed with gratitude for all the support the family had received. "It's just wonderful," she said.

Mary Anne Nagy, Vice President for Student and Community Services, also attended the raising funds for Nicole and

together to hold the walk to raise funds for a scholarship in her name," said Nagy.

The creators of the walk hope to hold a second Only the Good Fly Young event, although it has not been confirmed.

"As for the future, we plan to continue walking for Nicole. Currently her family, my fellow event coordinators and I are working with the Lakewood BlueClaws in order to continue

"I think it's wonderful to see Nicole's friends and family come together to hold the walk to raise funds for a scholarship in her name."

MARY ANNE NAGY Vice President for Student and Community Services

driving and lost control of the car. His vehicle split the pole in half, flipped over several times, hit a tree, and then land-

Police determined no drugs and family members walked

CBS report. Szatkowski was and, if they are successful, the scholarship will be awarded to a student at the University.

The walk began at 9 am and continued until 12:30 pm while a group of Surace's supporters

The Black Maria Film Festival Comes to the University

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33rd annual Black Maria Film and Video Festival in Pollack Theatre to allow students short films for the 12th consecutive year on Tuesday, April 2.

The Black Maria Film and Video Festival, named after the film studio built by Thomas Edison in New Jersey in 1893, honors independent short films minutes.

Each year, between 40 and 60 independent films are chosen to be presented at the festival by "noted exponents of indepen-Black Maria Film and Video ly entertaining." Festival's offical website.

mentary, and hybrid forms.

Nicole DeSarno, a freshman communication major, said that The University hosted the she enjoyed the films in the festival this year. "I thought it was very different, but very intriguing," said DeSarno. "I loved to watch several independent how none of the pieces were similar to each other. They each had their own style, which was

a deceased man choosing between heaven and hell while on an escalator, and "Globe Trot," a dance-film project made by 54 filmmakers on all seven continents who each contributed two seconds of choreographed dance moves orchestrated by choreographer Bebe Miller.

least one element from each."

The Black Maria Film and Video Festival began in 1981 as part of the Thomas A. Edison Media Arts Consortium, which also runs the New Jersey Young Film and Videomakers' Festival and the Global Insights/ADA Collection. Each year, approxi-Chris Chinn, a sophomore mately 1,000 entries are submit-

Feb. 7 at New Jersey City University and continues to travel to schools such as Emerson College, William Paterson University, University of Delaware, University of Wisconsin, and University of the Arts, among other schools.

Each of the dozen films that were screened came from areas around the country, primarily from NY and CA, but also from TX, WI, MN, and OH. All of the films were award winning in a variety of categories ranging from Jury's Choice to Directors' Choice. The film "Sidewall" received a Jury's Citation and the film "For the Birds" was awarded the You Be the Judge: Peoples' Choice Award.

According to the Black Maria Film and Video Festival's website, since 1981, the mission of the Thomas A. Edison Media moving image, a mission that The Black Maria Film and has been embraced for over 33

"I loved how none of the pieces were similar to each other. They each had their own style, which of any genre that can last anywhere between five and 30 was refreshing and overall extremely entertaining."

NICOLE DESARNO Freshman

dent work," according to the refreshing and overall extreme- communication major, said that ted to the Black Maria Festival,

Among the films showcased The website also states that during the festival was "A Place poetic and experimental works for 44 years, "Wise Choice or into each work and although not in animation, narrative, docu- Lucky Guess," a cartoon about all were my favorite, I liked at Video Festival tour began on years.

the festival was overall average but only 50 of those entries are and his favorite films were the included in the actual film fesanimated ones. "[The festival] tival. Twelve of the 50 films Arts Consortium has been to the festival "encourages and of Spirit," a documentary about had its ups and had its downs," selected at this year's festival promote, illuminate, and advoseeks creative, insightful, sen- an artist who was being evicted said Chinn. "I did, however, ap- were showcased to the attend- cate innovation in the art of the sitive, free spirited, expressive, from her home after living there preciate the work that was put ees at the event on Tuesday.



Entrepreneurship Class Creates A Book on Jersey Cuisine

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The entrepreneurship class of the Leon Hess Business School is currently in the process of creating a book that showcases various restaurants and wineries across the state of NJ titled, "Enjoy: A Taste of New Jersey."

John Buzza, a Specialist Professor of the management and decision sciences, teaches the entrepreneurship class at the University which, according to the course description on WebAdvisor, "focuses on the actual tasks and activities of the entrepreneur, from the excitement of the original concept, the reality of researching venture feasibility, financing the venture, launching the venture, to managing growth."

The students enrolled in the class have the entire semester to brainstorm and produce a product of their market, but also to "feature Jersey choice. Over the years, Buzza and culture in food," Buzza said. his students have created 14 various products and services, some of which include dog treats, perfumes and an original salsa recipe. Previous classes have also set up a local soup kitchen called Soup D'Shore, and even created COREiculum, a workout program targeted at college in the class to choose which eateries

publish a restaurant guide to various types of NJ cuisine. "People are infatuated with the name of New Jersey itself," Buzza explained. "whether it be Jersey Mike's, 'Housewives of New Jersey', the Jersey Shore... New Jersey sells."

The main focus of this book is not only to add to the collection of NJ-themed products already on the

each restaurant and express their in-

Although there was no set criteria when it came time to select which restaurants would be featured in the book, Buzza explained that this is just the first volume of what he hopes will be a continuing series of more specific and selective publica-

This year, the students chose to it was also up to them to approach line bookstores for those who use Kindles and other Internet-based reading devices.

> Along with the restaurant selection process, as a group, the students were in charge of designing the entire book themselves, from front cover to back.

> "It's been a long and trying but very important learning process for the students. They've dipped their

"Every single time I go to the class, I feel like I am learning another lesson that will benefit me when I am in the work field. I am a psychology major, but I still believe I am getting just as much from this class as all of the business students," said Waring.

Alissa Catalano, a University alumnus who took the entrepreneurship class before graduating, admitted that the skills she learned from Buzza are currently helping her in the real world.

"Professor Buzza's entrepreneurship class really gave me a taste of what to expect when working in corporate America," she said. "I'm finding that things we learned and accomplished in his class, I'm actually doing day to day while working at Madison Square Garden: working with a team, managing a budget, developing a brand, or a product, marketing, so on and so forth."

"Enjoy: A Taste of New Jersey" will be published on or about April 25. The class will also be hosting a "Chef's Night" on May 5 at Branches Catering in West Long Branch that will feature most of the restaurants and wineries published in the book. Tickets can be puchased online at eventbrite.com.

"...They've dipped their toes into so many aspects of business, from dealing with entrepreneurs, to formatting this [book], to being creative when they thought maybe they couldn't be."

> JOHN BUZZA **Specialist Professor**

Kristin Waring, a junior psychology major currently enrolled in the entrepreneurship class, said, "Recently, we have been going to different restaurants in the state and asking them to enter our book."

It was the decision of the students would be featured in the book, and

"This is volume one, this is kind of a random sampling of restaurants; volume two will just be about Jersey diners, or wineries, or catering facilities, or white-table cloth establishments," he said.

Buzza also explained that the class has never published a book before, but he is hoping that they will be able to see it sold on the shelves of Barnes & Noble, as well as ontoes into so many aspects of business, from dealing with entrepreneurs, to formatting this [book], to being creative when they thought that maybe they couldn't be," said

Regardless of all the hard work required of the students who take Buzza's entrepreneurship class, the overall experience seems to be overwhelmingly positive for most

Over 110 Employees Attend the Spring Career Day

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and well-being organization, Robert Half, a staffing firm, Target, a retail store, and many more. Some organizations, such as the U.S. State Department and the Eatontown Police Department, were not necessarily looking for interns or to hire employees, but rather to educate students on position requirements and general information.

Devereux NJ, a social and human services non-profit organization, was present at the event in hopes of finding part-time and full-time employeess. Ali Marciano, the Human Resources Generalist at the company said she would love to fill their open employment roles with University students. "I've gotten quite a few great candidates [at the fair]," she said.

Hill said both the students and organizations benefit from this event. Employers are able to gain access to a large number of talented candidates and receive the opportunity to showcase their businesses at a reasonable cost, Hill explained. Students, event for their career development by asking employers, for

or career," which is why Hill seemed more at ease. Either for the occasion." encourages all students, from way, the opportunity to network freshmen to graduate students, grows every year and that is to participate.

Nicholas Garcia, a junior communication major, attended the event to find an internship that would fulfill credit requirements. "I got an interview on April 7 with Townsquare Media in Toms River," Garcia said. "I told them that I have been an on-air radio personality for over a year and that I would love to work for them. I also told them that one of my good friends works for [them] and they knew who he was, which made for more conversation and eventually led to the interview.'

Lupita Yonker, assistant director and counselor for the Educational Opportunity Fund program, commented on the students' appearance. "The students that I saw were dressed in suit and tie or in a professional manner. I was impressed with the number of students with their resumes in portfolios," she explained.

Lupita said she could see differences in the graduate student on the other hand, "can use the attendants and the other students who were just browsing. "The soon to be graduate had an great for our students.'

Jeffrey Mass, Career Counselor and Job Developer for Career Services, said to reach different organizations about the Career Day event, he sends out email notifications, conducts telephone and LinkedIn outreaches, collaborates with faculty, staff, and the Alumni Association, and maintains monthly visits to employer sites.

Vanessa Campo, a University alumnus, worked at the event handing out information packets and surveys. She said, "It is important to attend career days to network with different companies. It is also a great place to get internships and find jobs... I had a couple of students stop by after and tell me it was great."

Mass also offered tips to students attending the event. He said using the list of employers that are posted in advance on the University website will prepare students with what employers to speak to during the event. "Put time and effort into planning your elevator pitch," Mass explained, "first impressions still go a long way so make sure to start off with a firm

At the event, students and faculty also had the opportunity to receive free LinkedIn profile headshot photographs. "We had well over 175 students participate in this free service," said Mass. "Including a photo into your LinkedIn profile will help you make the right impression and increase the number of people who view your profile.'

event and met many different businesses such as public relations firms and small businessbecause I would like to know

what people who are successful have to offer to young students dreaming about making an impact on life, and I think this could open many doors for many [students]."

Hill is looking to expand the event further by inviting more organizations to the students in the MAC. "One of the good things about the MAC is the large space available to us. We Garcia said he enjoyed the could easily add twenty or thirty more employers to the event on the second floor track without running out of space. We hope es. "I would absolutely go again to add even more employers to future events," Hill said.



example, about how their ma- 'excited' look about them while handshake, maintain good eye **Johnson Lambert LLC**, a Certified Public Accounting Firm, was jor fits in with a particular job the person just walking around contact, and dress appropriately among the various employers who attended the Career Day.

How is Your Social Media Impacting Your Job Search?

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social media scanning seeing as they use sites such as Facebook and Twitter for marketing and feedback. However, there are other majors that have to tread lightly with what they post online.

"I do think social media should be taken into consideration by potential employers, to a certain extent," Lauren Graceffo, a senior social work student, said. "If you are applying for a job within a certain area that your perceived image makes a difference, then it should certainly be taken into consideration."

Graceffo explained that she currently interns for an agency that works with teenagers and if the stu-

dents were to find out her last name and contact her via social media, it would create issues. "Something like that previously happened to my friend by a client," said Graceffo. "This could jeopardize my professional image in so many ways.'

In the 2013 survey from JobVite, recruiters found that posts and tweets about narcotics, sexual references, profanity and misspellings were seen as more negative than pictures and statuses involving alcohol. The type of content that had the lowest or most neutral feelings from the study were political and religious posts.

Graceffo believes that employers should be able to conduct a simple social media check on potential employees for safety precautions.

"...If a simple search of your name provides various 'questionable' things then it would also be that easy for a client or customer to conduct the same search and find the same results," said Graceffo.

"It's okay to have social media accounts, but I feel they should be made private regardless of the content you post, good or bad. Your personal life should be kept away from your job," Graceffo continued.

Kelly Chapman, a senior graphic design major, also believes that checking social media is important for employers during the hiring process, although it should be done within reason.

"Companies should only use it to see if their employees are doing illegal activities," said Chapman. "For example, I recently applied for be content that people can see that a [job at a] sheriff's department. If they had someone doing illegal substances ... that would give them a horrible and contradicting image."

Social media is not the only electronic aspect students should be aware of. "Anybody with any sense should know that an email lasts forever," Hill said. "If I send you an email and you read it and delete, it's still saved somewhere in a server and will be for who knows how long. Years later, if needed, someone with the legal rights to do so can go and find that information and it can resurface."

Hill also said that it is important to check what a student's online presence looks like through Google and other sites because there might

a user is not aware of. Even though social media has become a main part of job recruiting in the 21st century and can have an effect, it is not the only aspect that matters. It really comes down to the actual face-to-face interview.

Hill explained if he were interviewing a potential applicant, he wouldn't focus mainly on the social media accounts. "The majority of my decision is going to be based on meeting you, talking with you, hearing how you communicate, interpreting the answers you give to my questions," Hill said. "You can't do that on social media. Employers still hire people 90 percent of the time as a result of an in person interaction."

Shadow PR Firm Raises Money to Help Cancer Patients

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the event possible.

Over the course of the past year, the group who planned the event developed a strategic public relations campaign that involved securing sponsors, collecting donations, creating an event logo, branding all marketing materials, creating web copy for the fundraising website, and creating social media platforms, among other tactics to promote the

Representatives of The Valerie Fund that were in attendance for the event included Dr. Meg Fisher, Chair and Medical Director of the Unterberg Children's Hospital at Monmouth Medical Center, and Susan Dulczak, Clinical Director and Nurse Practitioner of The Valerie

Fisher provided the crowd with insight about the organization and explained the importance of hosting events like Monmouth Hawks Dance Together to support children in the community battling cancer and blood disorders. According to Fisher, funding from these events provides opportunities for patients and their families in the tri-state area to receive the same innovative treatments as they would from hospitals in NY and Philadelphia, at The Monmouth Medical Center.

Accompanying Fisher and Dulczak was Ryan Lascelles, a Valerie Fund patient now in remission, who shared his story. "The Valerie Fund is more than just a treatment center," said Lascelles. "It is a very positive place where the staff attends to your needs. They are really good at ton Eyed Joe" and "Barbie Girl." paying attention to a child's needs not just physically, but emotionally, too." Lascelles was diagnosed with a hour and then followed their set list rare form of Pre-Cursor T-cell Non- by introducing the five contestants said the cause "hit home" for him.

Hodgkin's Lymphoma a year and a entering the DJ competition. half ago.

Lascelles and approximately 4,000 others are treated each year by The Valerie Fund, according to Bunny Flanders, Director of Marketing and Communication at The Valerie Fund.

Lu-Ann Russell, Director of Conference and Events Services, was thoroughly impressed with the event and the efforts to support the comprehensive healthcare of these children. She said, "For an event that was held on a Friday evening with a lot of competition from other student-run groups, attendance was absolutely incredible.'

"We see a lot of programming throughout the years and with different student-run groups, but for this to happen, an event of this caliber, was really one-of-a-kind," continued Russell. Russell believed the dance-a-thon captured the interest of various groups, and because of the success, she hopes the event is continued in the future, on a student, and perhaps even a professional,

Russell believed the layout of the event was aesthetically pleasing, with proper amounts of space designated for all activities including cornhole, a limbo contest, music trivia, a craft station to make cards for Valerie Fund children, as well as floor space for dancing along to music from the DJ competition.

Kyle Evans, Alex Johannessen, and Gregg Cambareri of Phi Kappa Psi (Phi Psi) fraternity were the main DJs of the event and began the night with dance favorites such as "Cot-The three Phi Psi brothers continued to warm up the crowd for about an

The competition gave DJs Nico Flora of Phi Psi, Elias Peralta of Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE), Marc Hahn of TKE, Griffin Nikolayuk of TKE, and Philip Nappen of TKE the opportunity to show-off their song

Nappen was voted by dance-athon attendees as the top DJ of the night and received a gift certificate to Buffalo Wild Wings. Upon winning, Nappen live tweeted from his twitter handle @DJPhilNappen, "Thanks for having me @Hawks-DanceMU! Great event! Looking forward to watching it grow! #WinnerWinnerChickenDinner #BuffaloWildWings."

Aside from the DJ competition, another main attraction was the silent auction which, according to Brockett, brought in approximately \$1,000. Items donated included an Apple iPod Nano, an autographed Carmelo Anthony NY Knick's jersey, a Nook from Barnes & Noble, and more.

Kristi Silver, Co-President of Shadow PR/PRSSA, said the event was a rewarding experience. "[The Valerie Fund] is truly a wonderful organization and what I love most about it is that we are helping local children, and we get to see where our money is going," said Silver.

McAllister agreed with Silver and thought the event was a "resounding success." She said, "We started to worry because a lot of students and faculty didn't register or start their teams until last minute." McAllister added a lot of attendees decided to register at the door as a walk-in.

The top fundraising team was Team McKenna who raised over \$2,000. Team captain Kyle McKenna, a junior communication major,



PHOTO TAKEN by Brianna McCabe

Shadow PR/PRSSA's executive board poses for a photo in the Student Center during the Monmouth Hawks Dance Together event.

"Last year I lost a friend of mine to brain cancer," said McKenna. "I was on a mission to fundraise as much money as possible with the motivation that I had to do this in honor of my lost hockey brother.'

McKenna said that members from the Hawk TV team coincidentally wore T-shirts with the number 12 on them, which happend to be his friend's hockey jersey number. "It just made me smile and laugh and think this is for real. I was meant to do this," said McKenna.

The faculty team that raised the most money was "IM" (Information Management) Crazy About Dancing, who raised just over \$650. Team Captain Karen Blaney had a family member who benefitted from The Valerie Fund's services, which inspired her to get involved.

Some of the night's biggest sponsors included Kohl's of Brick and Ocean, who donated a combined \$1,000 to the cause, as well as Buffalo Wild Wings, who donated \$100. Additionally, White Birch Wellness Spa offered \$5 massages and in total donated \$100 upon completion of the event. Surf Taco also donated a portion of food for the evening.

Lascelles said he was appreciative of the event and all of the donations. "I was completely blown away at how well put together it was and how many people showed up," he said. "If it weren't for people caring about the cause and donating money, I wouldn't have gotten the treatment I needed. Without things like this, nothing they do would be possible.'

Brockett said although the event had its struggles, reaching their organization's goal was well worth it. "I will admit we did doubt ourselves and lose faith along the way, but then we remembered who we were doing all this for," said Brockett. "We turned any negativity into positivity and pushed through and I am so happy that we did it because it is an amazing feeling to see our event come to life and to know that the money we raised is going to help so many children."

Students Plan Walk to Raise Suicide Prevention Awareness

TESS LA FERA CONTRIBUTING WRITER

According to the Center for Disease Control, someone commits suicide every 14 minutes in the US. Suicide is the second leading cause of death among college students, the center also found.

Promoting Wellness and Resiliency on Campus (PWR) is hosting its first annual Out of the Darkness Walk to raise awareness about suicide prevention on Wednesday, April 16. Registration for the two hour walk will begin at 5:45 pm and will start at 6 pm on the residential

Jessica Ketch, president of the Active Minds campus chapter, said that because the incidence of suicide important to have the walk and raise awareness about suicide prevention.

"I think it is important to have this walk because it stands for something that every college student can relate to," said Ketch. "Everyone has been affected by suicide whether they know someone who attempted or have attempted themselves."

The purpose of the walk, according to PWR, is to raise awareness about suicide prevention and mental health issues, and in particular to raise awareness about how suicide affects survivors. Donations are welcome, but not required for participation, and all of the proceeds will benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)

Activities during the walk will include live music, a DJ, games, activities, giveaways, and guest speakers. The event is open to the University community and all participants will receive a free PWR t-shirt.

Dr. Franca Mancini, Director of Counseling and Psychological Ser-

vices who serves as the Co-Director for PWR programs said the Out of the Darkness Walk is a visual representation of the commitment that the University has demonstrated in addressing campus mental health over the years. "The support and care that our students experience in the campus community have greatly impacted our efforts to de-stigmatize mental health and access to care for our students," said Mancini.

Each year, the AFSP hosts two Out of the Darkness overnight walks to raise awareness about suicide prevention which resemble the Relay for Life fundraiser because they both start in the evening and end in the morning.

The Out of the Darkness overnight walks take place in various This year, the overnight walks will be held in Seattle, WA and Philadelphia, PA in June.

Promoting Wellness and Resiliency is a grant created by the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act named after former Senator Gordon Smith's son who committed suicide in 2004 when he was in college. This year is the grant's second active year.

The Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act in partnership with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAM-HSA) also funds programs for approximately 68 other campuses, tribes, and states nationwide. The University has the second Garrett Lee Smith program in NJ.

The University received the grant in 2011 for \$300,000 that will be dispersed in three payments of \$100,000 each year. The money is mostly used to train employees and students on how to recognize the signs and symptoms of suicide and

mental health while also learning how to communicate with those in need of help.

Dr. Scott, co-director for research on suicide prevention, said, "The focus on student and University awareness of suicide prevention this year has been really exciting. We look forward to a great walk and hope to see everyone coming out to be part of such important campus initiative.'

A significant portion of the funding from this grant is intended to be used among University students. PWR has been focusing this year on a student-driven public awareness campaign. A student mental health advisory board of about 30 members was created, as well as an Active Minds Campus Chapter that Student Government Association. PWR is also working closely with local public service announcement producers.

"Suicide and mental health are still very heavily stigmatized issues in our society," said Mancini. "For that reason it is important to educate people about the signs and symptoms, why someone might feel the need to take their own life, and what we can do to reduce their

Jason Cainiello, Vice President of Active Minds, says, "I believe that the Out of the Darkness Walk is important to have on Monmouth's Campus primarily because it has never been done before. Suicide is a topic that not many people discuss, however by walking for this issue we can raise awareness on a topic that has a major impact on college campuses nationwide."

For more information on Promoting Wellness and Resiliency, log onto www.monmouth.edu/pwr.

The University Celebrates National Student **Employment Week**

In celebration of National Student Employment Week (April 13 - 19), the Student Employment Office will sponsor a number of events celebrating its 18th Annual Student Employee Appreciation Week (SEAW).

Weather permitting, the Student Employment Office will be on the north side of campus Monday & Tuesday, April 14 & 15 giving away hundreds of bags of Herr's potato chips to students.

Student Employee Appreciation Day is Wednesday, April 16. Student employees should visit the giveaway tables in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Special guests, The Vitamin Shoppe of Eatontown and Amy's Omelette House will be on hand with their own special giveaways. Weather permitting, Chipolte Mexican Grill along with others will share their giveaways on the patio. Plenty of free desserts (including homemade goodies) will be available as well! A DJ will play and the Monmouth University Pep Band will perform. We invite students to come enjoy games on the patio, dance, and celebrate!

Thousands of dollars in prizes will be given away to Monmouth's appreciated student employees during the week! Every student employee will be eligible to win a prize ... movie tickets, gift certificates to restaurants and nail salons, t-shirts, gym memberships and much, much, more. Additional raffles and a huge candy guess will also lead to more great prizes! Every student employee will also receive coupons from either the University Bookstore or the WindMill compliments of the Levine Family.

The week will also feature Student Employment's 6th Annual Deck Your Door Competition! Everyone is invited to take a walk around campus to see some beautifully dressed doors celebrating Student Employment! Then visit myMU to vote for your favorite between Sunday, April 13 and Wednesday, April 16.

Monmouth's Student Employee of the Year and Supervisor of the Year, along with other awards, will be announced on Friday, April 18, at a special reception for all of the nominees. Good luck to all of this year's nominees and thank you to ALL of Monmouth University's 1,350 student employees and their supervisors!



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Outlook Regrets Mistake

THE OUTLOOK STAFF OPINION

The Outlook prides itself on being truthful and fair. Unfortunately in our editorial last week titled "California Dreaming," we were neither of those. In that editorial, we discussed a home in CA that was generously donated to the University and presented thoughts on what the administration might do with that property.

After we published the piece, The Outlook became aware that the home was sold well over a year ago. We were also told that it was located in a gated, desert community that did not allow for occupancy of anyone under 55 years-old.

The Outlook was irresponsible for reporting this informafacts. We regret this entirely

"We hope that the public's opinion of the newspaper is not solely based on our missteps and rather takes into account how rare moments like this are."

misled readers or caused anyone at the University distress.

tion without fully checking the opinion of the newspaper is not worse about this than the staff solely based on our missteps in the newsroom.

and apologize if in any way we and rather takes into account how rare moments like this are. We can assure everyone at the We hope that the public's University that no one feels



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"Apple Only Please!"

KAYLA HORVATH STAFF WRITER

IPhone vs. Android, iPad vs. Samsung Galaxy Note 3, Mac vs. PC: the modern technology battles. These competitions between technology brands and users will always exist. I am sure each of us has our personal preference and is bound to be extremely loyal to one brand or the other.

It seems that there isn't a person in the universe who is not or software already installed that taking a side. Some prefer PCs, the Microsoft operating system and everything that goes along with them.

On the other hand, there are die hard Apple fans who will never use anything ,but I happen to be someone who is very pro-

While all technological products are significant today, for students, the most important is probably a laptop or computer.

Computers are serious busi-

ness; we use them to watch movies, store music and photos, network with friends and family, research, an endless amount of papers; create portfolios, power points and other projects. Let's admit it, we would probably all be a little lost without them.

That is why the decision to purchase a certain brand computer or laptop has become a very important investment.

As a college student, I have had my fair share of expe-Macs and PCs. the most efficient in meeting your technological needs.

over everything.

Macs offer a wide array of helpful tools for students, business professionals, creative artists or innovators.

If one is in a creative field that requires specific programs, Macs are their best option. Different creative artists from graphic designers, to film editors, to DJ's are all typically seen using Macs. Also, Macs come with more programs can come in handy to the user.

Some of these programs include iMovie, Garageband, iTunes, iBooks, Maps, Facetime, the Cloud and the App store where even more free and helpful apps can be downloaded in one simple

With programs such as these, students can easily create impressive projects for school, professional and appealing blogs or other content that can be used for portfolios or for other ways to



PHOTO TAKEN from dewith.com rience with plenty Whether it be a Mac or a PC, choose the brand that is

Hands down, I would pick a Mac showcase the work we do in col-

Additionally, the same programs can be used to create certain content necessary in our future careers such as well puttogether presentations, charts for data collection or financial planning, videos and podcasts.

Sure, you could argue that many of these things can also be done on a PC. However, I believe doing them on a Mac is much quicker, easier and intuitive.

Overall, using a Mac to create material seems to produce much more professional results. One key competitive advantage PCs would seemingly have over Macs is Mi-

Conveniently enough, Office is offered in a Mac-compatible format also for basically the same

The last major reason I believe Macs are superior to PCs is the security offered. It seems that Apple computers contract

far fewer viruses and crash much less than PCs. Usually Macs will remain safe and secure without having to purchase all sorts of anti-spyware pro-

Macs are undoubtedly a heftier investment, but in the long run, I think it is an investment that is well worth it.

In my opinion since everyone has their preference, if you want to really impress professors and future employers, be experienced in both PCs and Macs, and you will stand out for

Commission On Higher Education Honors University **EOF Seniors**

Every year The New Jersey Commission on Higher Education honors Educational Opportunity Fund Program graduating seniors for their academic achievement.

This year 19 Monmouth University Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) seniors will be recognized. EOF is a state funded program which awards scholarships to NJ students who fit financial and academic criteria. Graduating EOF students from New Jersey Colleges and Universities were chosen according to their high cumulative grade point average and overall academic persever-

The three categories the students were honored in are the following: Outstanding Academic Achievement 3.5-3.99 cumulative grade point average, Academic Achievement Award 3.2-3.4 cumulative grade point average and Outstanding Achievement awarded to the senior who best exemplifies the spirit and intent of the EOF Program. A Recognition Ceremony to honor the EOF graduates will be held on Friday April 25, 2014 at Georgian Court University.

Megan Conrad, Zachary Crawford, Christina Dock, Lisangi Fernandez, Cassandra Figueroa, Marilynn Garcia, Amanda Gruber, Lixanya Lucas, Belinda Rao, Michael Rosas, Klaudia Szabat and Jasmine Walker will be honored in the Outstanding Academic Achievement category.

The Academic Achievement Award will be presented to Jessica Curbelo, Bryan Duarte, Aubrey Loglisci, Walter Ramos, Lawren Rohling and Maria Tsampounieri. Tilah Young will be honored with the EOF Student Spotlight and the Outstanding Achievement Award due to her outstanding service to the Monmouth University community.

Don't Forget Your College Firsts (the Good and the Bad)

KYLE O'GRADY

In life you come across a lot of firsts. There's your first kiss; your first car; your first day of preschool. They are influential moments that happen all the

Usually in the moment when you know it's the first time for something, you catalog the feelings of that first in your memory. But along with the obvious firsts you are aware of, there are that other person you are meant also a lot of firsts that happen and you may not even realize

This is especially true in the love department. There is your first relationship; your first college hook-up and your first serious break up.

These significant moments happen to all of us and when it happens, you may not realize it to be with. but it could be the last first of its kind.

As we rush through these four years of college and head toward the mystery of the unknown that is the real world, it is important to take into account some of the less obvious firsts that you experience on the turbulent road to accepting that college degree.

Such as the first time you realize love should come freely without trying. There comes a point in one's adulthood where you just become fed up with the games, lies and unanswered

We are all aware that we are considered the hook-up generation and honestly it is just exhausting.

So at one point, after that fifth unanswered text or constant feeling of disappointment, for the first time, we realize we should stop trying to find love.

There is no need to rush or settle for anyone just to have someone in your life. When the timing is right, you will find works.

However, most of the time good comes out of something bad. With your first break up comes the realization that you want more in life than just a significant other, you have hopes and dreams. Don't let a little heart break get in the way.

And while I'm at it, after the first awful heart break, soon comes another. A second heartbreak may not even be love re-

You may experience heart-

just doesn't happen like that.

Yet, if anyone has it all figured out and is able to maintain and successfully pull off all three of those major aspects of one's life, I suggest you start writing a weekly article in The Outlook revealing all your se-

You may receive A's in classes, while you may have to retake others. College does not come without failure.

Failure is a part of life and

perfect fairy tale relationship. It back through thick and thin is a pretty great moment.

I remember my first semester about a month or so in, I was feeling lost, lonely and completely confused. Was this college thing even for me?

Then one night as I sat there with these girls I barely knew, I laughed the hardest I ever thought I could, and that was the first time I knew these girls would be my friends for the long

College is a time of self-exploration, finding what makes you happy. The first time you find what it is that truly makes you happy, is a pretty incredible feeling.

When I first started going to MU, I never thought I'd end up being the person I am today.

While being at MU, my college years have helped me realize I am a girl who loves doing anything outdoors; actually enjoys exercising; loves traveling anywhere, and being extremely passionate about my major.

None of these moments are concrete moments that happen in front of your face. Most of them might happen and you never realize they did.

Don't try searching for these moments wondering if each significant moment that happens in your life will be the one that shapes your life. It doesn't work that way.

The less obvious firsts in colself surrounded by great friends lege are what help make you

"After each time you fall, you learn time and time again that you are actually strong enough to pick yourself back up; and that is pretty rewarding."

In the mean time, there are more important things to worry about and focus on than finding that special someone.

Although love and relationships are a huge part of college, let's not forget why we're here: to gain a great education and eventually land an amazing job.

It is difficult finding the balance between romance and education. Sometimes with devoting yourself to your education and future career, you run the risk of your first heart break. It's painful but everyone must texts. You like him or her and experience a heart break at every class or instantly land a you just want it to be that sim- least once. It is just the way life job, all while maintaining some who you can trust to have your who you are.

break when you do not end up with the grade you hoped for in a class you worked extremely hard in; or you may not get that job you have been wanting since you entered college.

However, all of these heartbreaking moments in life prepare you for the rest of the ones to come and make you a better person in the long run. For the first time you accept the fact, not willingly, that you will fail more than once.

College is not meant to be easy. You are not supposed to, nor expected, to breeze by in

although it could be hard to accept, the sooner you come to terms with failing at times, the easier it will be to pick yourself

After each time you fall, you learn time and time again that you are actually strong enough to pick yourself back up; and that is pretty rewarding.

Granted, it is you and only you that can pick yourself up. In college, we all know there is nothing more important than those friends who stick by you through it all.

The first time you find your-

Formation of Collegiate Athletic Union May Take Focus Away from Academic Education

BRENDAN GREVES STAFF WRITER

The National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in Chicago ruled that the Northewestern University football players have the right to unionize on Wednesday March 26^{th}

This movement was started back in January when the former quarterback, Kain Colter, announced that he and several other Northwestern football players would like to join the Labor Union. The NLRB approved the players request and ruled that full scholarship athletes at Northwestern are employees of the school and have the right to form a union, according to CBS Chicago.

However, the players are not necessarily looking for compensation but rather have a say in health issues and benefits for college ath-

The NLRB's ruling has been subject to controversial debate around the country and amongst college athletes. Sophomore football player at Monmouth University, Keone Osby, agrees with the movement saying, "I think it's good that they're pushing to unionize because it will allow athletes to voice their opinions and be heard."

Tyler Saito, a sophomore baseball player for Monmouth said, "Scholarships are enough." He continued to say that the players union will, "take away from the game."

Monmouth University's President, Dr. Paul Brown shared his opinion in an op-ed piece that he wrote on March 28 on *nj.com* called "Colleges shouldn't surren-

der the flag of amateur athletics." In his piece, Brown discussed the competing ideologies between College and University athletic programs.

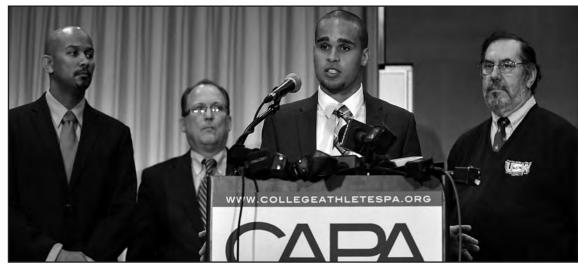
Brown described the difference as professionally based programs and amateur based programs. He said, "From my perspective, as president of Monmouth University, the gulf between the two competing models continues to widen."

University Athletic Director, Dr. Marilyn McNeil, expressed a similar point when she offered to give her personal opinion, which was not an official statement from Monmouth University or the Athletic Department. She said, "It widens the gap between the haves and have not's.

In Brown's article, he used a quote from former NBA coach, Larry Brown, in which he said that college basketball programs serve as "the greatest minor-league system in the world."

Brown said, "For those of us engaged in the mission of higher education, there is nothing more serious than providing a meaningful education to our students." Mc-Neil also pointed out that athletes "have lost sight of why they're here, which is to get an education." She also said that this is a case of a small group of athletes wanting more and that being a college athlete is a "privilege not a right."

According to CBS Chicago, Ramogi Huma, the founder and President of the National College Players Association said, "The goal is to make athletes have a seat at the table. Health and safety of athletes is the concern, especially to reduce the risk of brain trauma."



Northwestern University quaterback Kain Colter spoke to the College Athletes Players Association at a news conference in Chicago, in support of Student Athlete Unions.

McNeil said that NCAA athletes employees, McNeil said that she do receive medical catastrophic insurance. However, concussions in football and other sports have been a major issue at all levels. However, the NLRB ruled the athletes' employees whether or not they receive compensation in addition to their scholarships.

Noah Lipman, a history professor has prior experience dealing with labor unions because he used to work for a law firm that represented members of the teachers union in New York City.

Lipman said, "If student athletes were allowed to unionize that would not, by itself, make them employees. Whether they were employees or not would depend on the issue of compensation being provided and what the agreement was between the players and the university."

If the players are indeed ruled as

wonders how responsible the players' former institutions would be for them. McNiel used NFL wide receiver Miles Austin as an example. Miles Austin, one of Monmouth's famous alumni, creates a lot of the revenue that the University's athletic department receives.

McNeil asked, "If Miles got injured in the NFL, as an employee of Monmouth University, would we still be responsible for giving him benefits?" She also questioned if Miles Austin would also need to receive compensation for the revenue that he may have helped the school receive.

Another question that McNeil raised about the movement is how it would comply with all NCAA programs. Labor Unions do not have jurisdiction over public schools. One of the controversies is that this union would mostly affect private institutions.

McNeil continued, "this may give private schools an unfair advantage. Institutions could be taxed as a whole."

This is because scholarships cannot be taxed by the federal government but if a union was created, this could possibly happen.

Lipman said, "Any compensation in the form of money is income for purposes of the IRS unless it is considered a reimbursed expense which would not be likely if the compensation was in addition to free tuition and room/ board."

Lipman continued, "Each state has their own labor laws. Those laws, among other things, limit hours worked without providing overtime. They also require a minimum wage which might be an issue depending on the payments

What Does the World Think of American Politics?

JASMINE RAMOS

An article on The Washington Post recently published a map of "Who Loves and Hates America: A revealing map of global opinion toward the U.S.," which broke down various countries approval rating of America.

Dr. Saliba Sarsar, professor of political science and Associate Vice President for Global Initiatives, said, "There are those who are happy to live in their own countries and who do not wish to immigrate. There are also those who are unhappy in their own countries, who wish to immigrate, but cannot for various reasons.

Sarsar continued, "Still, there are those who feel disaffected and have a negative view of U.S. policies abroad, while they have positive views of the American people. In particular are policies that they interpret or misinterpret as biased, expansionistic, or self-serving. For instance, more than a few Middle Easterners are suspicious of U.S. policies towards authoritarian regimes, as well as U.S. actual or perceived conflict with Muslim-majority countries.'

The Washington Post article continues to discribe the countries that do have a sense of approval for the U.S. "So who seems to like America? It's a long list - longer than you might expect. America scores similar favorability ratings in a few countries we might assume, wrongly, don't like us so much: Mexico, despite U.S. immigration policies targeting Mexicans, and Russia, where President Vladimir Putin has pushed a general set of values that parallel

We are also moderately liked in the post-Soviet state of Ukraine, in Brazil and in the United Kingdom. I thought we'd be more popular in the U.K., where politicians make a big deal out of the special relationship with Washington.'

Dr. Kenneth Mitchell, associate professor of political science, said, "Latin Americans separate their thoughts about the USA government and the American people. Few blame Americans in general for ac-

some populist anti-Americanism. those in the USA. Latin Americans have no ambition to challenge militarily the USA, so we do not see the Great Power dynamics currently observed between the USA and Russia or China."

Dr. Charles Cotton, an adjunct professor of political science, explains that to a certain extended the actions and thoughts of the U.S could be seen as "aggressive." However this is not everywhere, since it is believe that the views

2004, 18 of 21 countries polled reacted negatively the news, according to the Program on International Policy Attitudes. On average around all countries, 58 percent said that Bush's re-election was negative, while 26 percent said that it was positive for global security.

The most negative countries are western European, Latin American and the Middle East. The poll also finds that for a substantial minority worldwide these negative feelings about Bush have genhave to work for what we have, their views would change extremely.'

Sarsar further explains the misconception of Americans and their lives in the U.S. "It goes without saying that there is a great deal of misconception and misunderstanding, and the U.S. can help counteract it by: 1. Communicating its intentions and policies accurately and clearly. 2. Anchoring its strategies in basic American values of equity and transparency, in addition to its common interests with various world regions; and 3. Promoting pluralism, good governance, human development, and sound economic practices that are aimed at enhancing quality of life and opportunities.'

Kegan Ellis, a freshman physical education major from Trindad said, "Being here is different from being in Trinidad, obviously. But it is not what I expected it to be. However, my choice was definetly for the best."

Sarsar continued "Ultimately, what the world needs is awareness, understanding, and cooperation in support of empowerment, respect, prosperity, and peace. The U.S. can play a pivotal role as it shakes hands with or embraces the world and as it welcomes citizens of various coun-

Sarsar concluded, "In A Nation of Immigrants, John F. Kennedy stated, 'The interaction of desperate cultures, the vehemence of the ideals that led the immigrants here, the opportunity offered by a new life, all gave America a flavor and a character that make it as unmistakable and as remarkable to people today as it was to Alexis de Tocqueville in the

"Latin Americans' separate their thoughts about the USA government and the American people. Few blame Americans in general for actions by the USA government that Latin Americans disagree with."

DR. KENNETH MITCHELL Associate Professor of Political Science

tions by the USA government that Latin Americans' disagree with. Americans can walk the streets of Caracas, La Paz, Quito and Buenos Aires, capitals of countries with strongly anti-USA governments, without any worries beyond the typical megacity crime issues. Latin Americans' in general disagree with most USA foreign policy goals in the area of security and financial global-

Mitchell continued, "Latin Americans are often reflexively religious and more or less pro-capitalism, explaining the limited appeal of communism in the region. This offers

Cotton said, "There are people that are going to support the stands of America. Focusing on Europe, it is an interesting place because for the most part the United States and Europe are allies. They have a really strong relationship doing back to WWII. And even more recently with the war in Iraq, which was highly support by the United Kingdom and Spain. Because our impact is so great, it does become more and more polorizing."

One thing that can be noticed is that whoever is in power in the U.S can influence how a country perceives the nation. When George W. Bush was re-elected into office in came to America and saw that we all early part of the nineteenth century."

eralized to the American people. Asked how Bush's election has affected their feelings toward the American people, on average, 42 percent said it made them feel worse toward the American people, while 25 percent said it made them feel better and 23 percent said it had no effect.

Crystal Diaz, a freshman biology major from the Dominican Republic said, "When I visit Dominican Republic, the people believe that Americans have everything and more. They assume that we do not work for what we have, and that everything comes easy for us. If they

McCutcheon v. Federal Election Commission Decision Changes Campaign Finance Laws

VICTORIA RODRIGUEZ ASSISTANT POLITICS EDITOR

The Supreme Court struck down the federal law on campaign contributions in the case, McCutcheon Only leaving a cap on donations to a single candidate on April 2nd.

Dr. Jospeh Patten, Chair of the Political Science and Sociology Department said that the case, removed the \$123,000 cap on campaign contributions for individuals and corporations.

includes contributions to candidate Political Action Committee (PACs) and parties. What the decision did is removed the cap so now an individual can contribute \$3.5 million if they spread it to the way to the other case. its trending toward where the court that takes away primary of general give to all my members of Congress to

Patten said in regards to the cap of \$2,600 for single candidate donations, "It's trending to where it paign finance have evolved sigwill be overturned. Will it actually happen? We shall see. Although this is a very controversial ruling among the people it had nowhere near the same reaction as Citizen vs. United case."

Patten explains that, "The Citizen United case was more provocative in getting public backlash. This current case is another case about big money having a voice but I don't think it will have the same kind reaction from the pub-

Professor Gregory Bordelon, lecturer of political science, whom has done research on the background of this case said, "The problem is, campaign finance has been classified as protected speech litical science major, said, "The (under the First Amendment) by the U.S. Supreme Court ever since Buckley v. Valeo (1976) and mon-

way to where it needs to go."

Also, the McCutcheon case is not the first challenge to the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002 (BCRA).

"Sen. Mitch McConnell from vs. Federal Election Commission. Kentucky, the current minority leader in the U.S. Senate, challenged the soft money ban and political advertising components of the BCRA almost immediately after the law went into effect – Mc-Connell v. FEC (2003) and those provisions were narrowly upheld in this face of the Senator's chal-According to Patten, "That lenge. But the political advertising components (particularly in time frames before elections) slowly started to get eaten away by the Supreme Court as unconstitutional in cases such as FEC v. Wisconsin Right to Life (2007) and of course, PACs party and candidate. Similar most famously, in Citizens United v. FEC (2010), the latter upholding disclosure requirements of the BCRA but controversially holding that corporate entities can expend funds in campaigns," according to Bordelon.

> Patten said, "Laws and camnificantly since the creation in the 1970s. The original purpose for the laws came after Watergate. They are primarily focused on keeping the fat cats from controlling elections. That's why campaign laws place limits on the contributions and the individuals who can give to a candidate. In 2010, the Citizens United decision overturned 100 years of law that banned corporate money from election. The Supreme Court said that corporations have speech rights and that they could spend as much as they want provided given expenditure and long as they stayed within reasonable limits.'

William Carrigan, a senior po-Supreme Court's basis of both Citizens United v. FEC and Mc-Cutcheon v. FEC is that spendey, like water, will always find its ing money for political purposes **Quick Facts**

Ruling: 5-4 in favor of McCutcheon

What it Means: Campaign finance restrictions put on individuals, not corporations.

FACTS FROM the case McCutcheon v. Federal Election Commission

IMAGE COMPLIED by Christopher Orlando

The Supreme Court case, McCutcheon v. FEC led to changes in campaign contributions.

is a right protected by the First Amendment, and can therefore not be limited by Congress. In fact, in the Constitution, the Founding Fathers only refer to the United States as a 'republic.' A 'republic,' as the Founding Fathers defined it, is a 'representative democracy' in which the masses (democracy) elect individuals (The House of Representatives) to represent them on their behalf. Thus, the most definitive component of the United States republic is this 'representative democracy' in which the masses elect people to represent them."

Dr. Steven Pressman, professor of economics, said, "The danger I see is that it increases the ability of the extremely wealthy to influence the outcome of elections and the votes of politicians who do get elected to office (and will want financial support from wealthy donors in re-election efforts.)"

Pressman continued with explaining what would happen to the middle class with this current case result, "Political scientists found that the policy preferences of the extremely wealthy tend to differ from that of average citizens. First, they favor policies (like cuts in the top income tax rate) that benefit

them but that ultimately hurt the public." middle class because it leads to reduced spending on important programs (like government support of education) that broadly benefit the entire population. Second, the extremely wealthy are more likely to oppose policies to create jobs during a recession through deficit spending. The result here will be higher unemployment, more suffering, and a smaller middle class in the U.S.'

Carrigan said, "When wealthy individuals have the ability to donate unlimited funds, this allows them to become more represented than those who cannot afford to do so. This fundamentally alters the very essence of what a 'republic' is to something very different from what the Founding Fathers had in mind. As James Madison wrote in the Federalist Papers, 'The House of Representatives is so constituted as to support in the members an habitual recollection of their dependence on the people and should be dependent upon the people alone." The Supreme Court's opinion in both *Citizens United v. FEC* and *McCutcheon v.* FEC are, in my opinion, in direct violation with the Constitution as well as the very definition of a 're- our 'republic.'"

Carrigan said, "Referring to the \$2,600 limit those individuals can give to any candidate or committee per election. Although I cannot see this being overturned in the near future, the Supreme Court is relatively unpredictable in these matters.'

Carrigan continued, "I honestly don't think that this ruling will have huge effect on elections. Prior to the ruling in Mc-Cutcheon v. FEC, individuals and corporations already had the right to spend unlimited funds for political purposes. Now, individuals can just donate more money directly to political action committees and campaigns. I do not think that overall spending will increase as a result of this ruling. I think it will increase anyway purely because more organizations are seeing the financial benefit of political investments. I think that while the amount of donations directly to campaigns and political action committees will increase, the amount spend on independent expenditures and lobbying efforts will decrease as a result. Regardless, I feel that all of this spending is very bad for the overall health of

New Jersey State Legislature Promotes Town Mergers, Could West Long Branch Be Next?

BRANDON JOHNSON CONTRIBUTING WRITER

New Jersey's municipaliin favor of town mergers. In November 2011, the Township of Princeton and the Borough of Princeton headlined the movement towards NJ town mergers by joining to create Princeton

According to the New Jersey State Legislature, New Jersey Senate President Stephen Sweeney proposed a measure that would promote "the more effective operation of local government and the sharing of services municipal expenditure savings among local units.'

Township.

The NJ Legislation, however, is not the only body advocating for town mergers. Courage to Connect NJ, a non-profit organization is also promoting the combination of municipalities through its website which details a six step process for town the Political Science and Sociconsolidation.

The legislation seeks to encourage town mergers largely as a response to New Jersey's near-legendary property taxes.

After the Princeton Township merger the average resident, according to the Courier Post, saw a reduction in property taxties are facing pressure to con- es of approximately \$126/year. solidate as the state legislature Additionally, the Princeton

sey has always been resistant to negatively impact the school consolidation. People like their towns, they like their little vil-

Patten continued, "New Jer- tation. So, anything that might does not necessarily correlate system reputation will be opposed.

As an alternative to municipal Dr. Peter Reinhart, Director consolidation, some towns seek

with a loss in service quality. Local stations could still exist, albeit under the umbrella of a larger, unitary municipality. While talks of sharing ser-

seeks to rekindle the argument merger, which was officially of the Kislak Real Estate Insti- to implement shared services as vices may still seem relegated to the abstract, consolidation is reaching closer to home. According to Politickernj, the municipalities of Loch Arbour and Allenhurst in Monmouth County plan to propose a question on this year's ballot regarding voter support of a merger. Loch Arbour is minutes away from the University, thus spurring the question of whether consolidation talks will impact West Long Branch.

> Reinhart said, "I don't believe there is any serious discussion about merging West Long Branch with Long Branch and I do not see that as happening anytime soon."

Reinhart continued, "On the other hand, small towns like Sea Bright who experienced and continue to experience devastating impacts to their towns and their tax ratables from Superstorm Sandy should seriously consider merging with

"New Jersey has always been resistant to consolidation. People like their towns, they like their little villages."

DR. JOSEPH PATTEN Chair of the Department of Political Science and Sociology

of three-million dollars per year over a three year implementation period.

Mergers though have been met with significant backlash from residents of New Jersey's 565 municipalities.

Dr. Joseph Patten, Chair of ology Department noted that, "New Jersey suffers from 'Multiple Municipal Madness,' a phrase coined by Alan Karcher in his book by the same title.

the area of education. People are very protective of their schools and the reputation of their school systems. Much of the value of people's homes is due to the reputation of the school

Reinhart continued, "For example, a home in Rumson which has an excellent school reputation would be valued higher than the same home in Keansburg which does not have the same excellent school repu-

tance to consolidation comes in ing services entails municipalities unifying their resources, including fire departments, waste management, and school districts.

Daniel Roman, a junior political science major asserted that shared services could play a major role in managing municipal budgets. "[Towns] must be very careful however to make sure response times from firefighters, or EMS do not go down."

Patten added that sharing services between municipalities another town."

DELICIOUS DELIVERY AROUND THE CLOCK

Restaurants Around the University Offer Delivery Services and Low Prices

EMILY SHAPIRO CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It seems like no matter where a college student is, if they are awake at 1 am, they are hungry. After all the dining halls are closed, there is only one option left, delivery. One of the many great things about the location of the University is that we are close to many delicious places that are willing to deliver until the wee hours of the morning.

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have a little bit of everything. The Fat Nights is overflowing with cheesesteak, chicken fingers, mozzarella sticks, French fries, marinara sauce and mozsandwiches, there is something for everyone.

further. JR's West End will deliver burgers, wraps, French fries, and much more until 2:30 am Sunday through Wednesday and 3:30 am Thursday through Saturday.

For \$7.25, the Original JR will give you two ground sirloin burgers with melted American cheese, green leaf lettuce, and burger sauce. Add fries to your order for only \$3.95. Not feeling a burger tonight? Another favorite among many is the crispy buffalo chicken wrap.

Dana Mattia, a sophomore elementary education major said, "My personal favorite is the buffalo chicken wrap from JR's after a long night of studying.' Filled with breaded chicken, and blue cheese, there is no stopping once you dig into this

When your night does end a little earlier than expected or If you decide you do not want does not even start until later in the usual slice, fat sandwiches the night, Joe's Pizza III delivers on Fridays until 10:30 pm and Saturdays until 10:00 pm. With the option to make any of their pizzas personal, you do not even need to decide with friends zarella cheese. With over 20 on what to get. The decision is all yours, so get creative.

Salma Ahmed, a sophomore If you have been searching international business major for a burger that will make your said, "Joe's margarita slices and

ing."

Joe's offers a huge selection of white pizza choices, which is sometimes very hard to find. They also have a wider selection of soups, which you do not see very often at a pizzeria this delicious.

Specials are a college student's best friend when it comes to getting food delivered. Any time we can save over 10 cents, we get excited. Cluck-U Chicken has eight filling value packs that provide you with one meal, one side, and one drink for one

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Late night snacking is not the only time you can find a deal. Many places around the area also offer lunch and dinner specials as well. JR's West End offers monthly specials that are available from 11 am until 5 pm and are only \$4.99 each.

Fuji Japanese Steakhouse in

sushi rolls for both lunch and dinner, but you must dine in. No matter what you are in the mood for you are bound to find something delicious for a reasonable

liasion for the School of Education, said that on the rare occasion that she orders in, it is filling up on delicious food.

taste buds thank you, look no garlic knots are mouth water- Shrewsberry offers half-priced usually from a lunch specials menu.

Whether you have had a great night or a horrible day, delivery will always be there to help you out when all other options fail.

With plenty of places to eat Carrie Digironimo, advising around the University, you never have to worry about being unsatisfied when it comes to



Joe's III offers a unique chicken parmesan sandwich on garlic



Post-Grad Wanderlust



Plenty of Places to Move After Graduation Other Than Back to Your Parent's House

KELLY HUGHES

If you are coming upon graduation, your college days at the University are about to be a thing of the past in just one month. Even if you've still got a year or two left, it is never too early to start thinking of your future. These following thoughts have likely crossed your mind more than once throughout your college experience. Where will I end up? Will I have to move back home? Where can I get a decent job offering? The answer is there are

plenty of places to be considered outside of the garden state. You have the power to choose where the wind takes you.

Obviously, NYC and Philadelphia are predictable choices for students at the University. Each city has accessible internships which can lead to jobs. Both cities are close enough to visit home, but not too close to avoid it. These cities, however, are still quite familiar to many students here. Plus, they can be extremely expensive with high rent prices for small apart-

There is no argument that just May of 2013.

the thought of leaving the places where you grew up might seem terrifying, complicated, and a little nauseating.

Being thrown into an unfamiliar place far from home, surrounded by unrecognizable street signs and unfriendly strangers could be discouraging. While these cons are unavoidable, they will be outweighed by the gratification and independence earned through leaving your comfort zone.

University alumnus Kae Crede moved to Las Vegas a few months after graduation in

Crede said, "You should studies. move away after college to reclaim your independence. Most kids move back home and get depressed because they are stuck under their family's roof again and get stuck in a rut where they don't ever end up leaving home. The quicker you get out the better it is for you, your independence as an adult, and your career. Moving was the best thing I could've done."

After accepting the uneasiness of moving, research some of the best places around the country for your career and social opportunity. There are unknown destinations across the would never think of, so pack amenable population." your bags.

Texas is quite the polar opposite of the northeast, but it is equally as hip. Houston and Austin are both ideal cities. *The* Business Journal ranked Houston number one in the country for young professionals. Buzzfeed claims that Austin is a place where you can live cheap and easy with your friends, especially because it is a college town.

In the west, Seattle might be overlooked due to its rainy perception, but students should look into living here. With many universities here, USA Today claims food and entertainment prices are more affordable to fit the needs of college students. This also makes the Washington city a smart choice for graduate school.

Peter Chace, a junior chemistry and marine science major, is looking forward to spending this summer in Seattle for his

Last summer, however, he lived in Newport, Ore., which he recommends as a serene living area.

Chase said, "Growing up in New Jersey you develop a certain standard for population density and urban development. Going from the most denselypopulated state to one of the sparsest can be a little jarring. The coast range of Oregon is a gorgeous region that's, at its most, 60 minutes from the ocean, a striking landscape. And the other nice part, the people. Yeah you have your bad eggs everywhere but as a whole country to call home that you the Oregon coast are a kind,

> For majors like Chace's, the west coast choice.

Also on the other side of the country, in the Golden State, lies a rising city for youth: San Francisco. Though Los Angeles is typically thought of as the place to be especially in the entertainment market, San Francisco is now a California city young people are flocking to. The city has recently been compared to NYC in newspapers like the New York Times.

Buzzfeed acknowledges that San Francisco is the spot to be because there are so many new hot startup businesses to land a job at.

Whether you choose one of these cities or another, make it a must to live elsewhere especially while you're young.

As St. Augustine said, "The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one



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San Francisco is a popular city that offers a fast paced lifestyles on the west coast.

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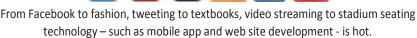












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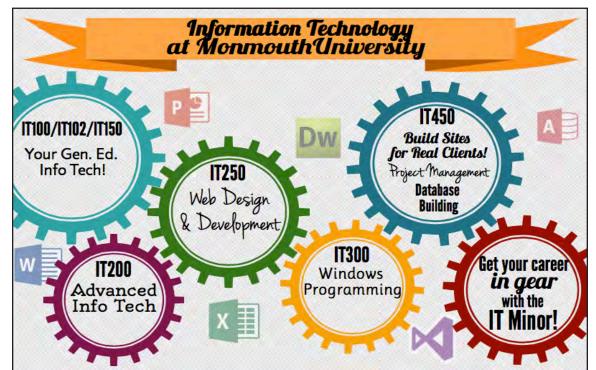
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SO SHOW POLLAK THEATRE

NICOLE MASSABROOK ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Pollak Theatre took a trip back to the 1940s with "In The Mood," a music revue that is in its 20th anniversary season. Audience members sang along to their favorite hits of the 1940s, complete with period costumes and a full orchestra.

The theater was almost completely full with an older audience. The woman next to me asked, "Are you enjoying this? You're young for this kind of music. Everyone here is old." I did, in fact, enjoy the show. Six talented singers showed off their skills with standards from the era such as "La Vie en Rose" (from Édith Piaf) and "All or Nothing at All" (from Frank Sinatra).

However, the cast weren't the only ones singing. Plenty of audience members sang along to their favorite numbers, even when the cast wasn't searching for audience participation. When the cast did try to 'teach'

the audience the words to "Hey! Ba Ba Re Bop," it seemed completely unnecessary. This audience knew what songs they were here to see.

Of course, the singers were not the only focus. The show paid particular attention to their String of Pearls orchestra. The orchestra made a big entrance with all but their cellist and pianist entering in from the audience to uproarious applause. The narrator (Joshua David Cavanaugh) was also sure to introduce each song's soloist. The show even included multiple songs that were solely instrumental.

Gigi Scott from Ocean Township loved the band, despite 1940s music not being her typical choice of music. Scott said, "I liked the fact that the musicians are so professional. Their work is up there. There's not a flaw, so I really enjoy that. It's the same way when you go to Broadway because the guys are sitting in the pit but you can hear them because they are very, very accurate in the way they play. To play with so many people you have to be accurate, otherwise it would be a cacophony."

The cast also had some snazzy dance routines. Theresa Horan from Atlantic Highlands admired one particular dance. She said, "I loved everything. The music the dancing...that one particular dance number we liked with the nurse and the sailor."

In the second act of the two hour performance, the concert became a USO show. It seemed like the show might take a depressing turn when Cavanaugh said, "War is everywhere. I'm headed to enlist." Yet the show stayed upbeat. A USO show is still a swingin' good time.

What also gained the hearts of many audience members was the military tribute. The cast invited both veterans and active duty members of the Marines, Navy, Coast Guard and Army to stand up and be honored at different points in the song. Overall, there were more than 70 people who have served for America's armed



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"In The Mood" treated audiences to hits from Frank Sinatra, Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington and other popular artist from the 1940s.

Pat Jemison really enjoyed patriotic things. See, our young this aspect. One of the people she was with was an Army veteran, and she said she would like to see that at more shows in the present day. "I loved everything about it, especially the patriotic part...I love when they do the out monmouth.edu/arts.

people don't do that and they should.

For more on "In the Mood" check out inthemoodlive.com and for more from the university's Center for the Arts, check

The Mother of Disappointment

The Not-So-Lengendary "How I Met Your Mother" Finale

AMANDA GLATZ STAFF WRITER

After nine years, 208 episodes, and one great pop culture mystery, we deserved a better ending to "How I Met Your Mother." The eagerly-anticipated finale that aired last Monday, March 31, was not only shallow, but a slap in the face to the series' dedicated fan base, who were told by the end of the episode that they had misunderstood the show's basic premise all along.

The biggest problem with the finale lied not in one incident, but in the execution of the ending, which felt like both a betrayal of the characters and their fans. The hour-long episode, while containing some distinctly funny and heartbreaking moments, served only to undo nine seasons worth of character develwith an episode that more or less reflected the show's first season, resolving storylines that had been irrelevant for years.

When Carter Bays and Craig Thomas first launched their sitcom in 2005, they introduced us to a group of twenty-something friends living in NYC. The series might have faded from the pop culture radar had it not contained a revolutionary twist: it was a love story in reverse, narrated by endearing architect Ted Mosby (Josh Radnor), as he sits down to tell his kids about how spending his postcollege years with friends Marshall (Jason Segel), Lily (Alyson Hannigan), and Barney (Neil Patrick Harris) led to him meeting his future wife.

In the pilot episode, we are introduced to Robin (Cobie Smulders), a newcomer to NYC whose sole purpose seems to be playing Ted's love interest. He quickly falls for Robin, declaring his love for her by presenting a blue French horn that had been hanging on the wall of the restaurant where they had their first date. The gesture is quirky, romantic, and even a little desperate - but it doesn't work. In that moment, Bays and Thomas declared the type of show they wanted to make: one that defies conventional relationship definitions and abolpersistent enough, you'll always get the girl.

Robin is perhaps the most fascinating character in the show, because her story arc is expanded to reflect that of a real human being who is never once defined by a her relationships. Strong, independent, and driven, Robin doesn't have to love Ted simply because he's charming; she's free to decide that she values having a career over having children. When Ted learns to accept Robin as an equal, the show marches into unprecedented territory: the existence of a 'friendzone' is completely denied, and Robin's supposed undesirability for her inability to have kids is negated when she finds unexpected love in Barney.

Bays and Thomas completely opment. Ultimately, we were left invalidate this development in the finale. After spending 22 episodes building up a wedding between Robin and Barney, we learn in the finale that they divorced three years later, supposedly unable to handle the constant travel from Day." Robin's very successful job as a

ishes the cliché idea that if you're newscaster. The Barney we know would never just call it quits, and to say that he would want a life that was anything but legendary is a complete betrayal of the character.

Post-divorce, Barney regresses to his old ways, hitting on girls half his age with the help of his "Playbook." Even worse, he's now in pursuit of a "perfect month," in which he sleeps with a different woman thirty-one days in a row. Barney succeeds, but not before getting Number 31 pregnant (and prompting one of the best lines of the night: "Number 31... that's a pretty name. What is it, French?")

As Barney meets his baby girl for the first time, and declares his undying love after holding her for all of four seconds, Bays and Thomas establish two things: that Barney's respect towards women had to be forced upon him instead being a conscious choice, and that he needed a child to be happy, something that completely goes against a character who once created a holiday called "Not a Father's

While Barney and Robin are

pushed farther apart, Marshall and a fitting conclusion - until the kids Lily come closer together. Marshall makes the ultimate sacrifice for his family by working at a job he hates to support his wife and children. His crappy work life becomes even more important when Lily announces she's pregnant with her third child, but things quickly look up for Marshall: he's offered his dream job to become a judge in

This is all well and good, except for the fact that Lily and Marshall have exhausted these plotlines three times over. The resolution of their story in the finale felt like nothing more than an unnecessary continuation of a problem that had already been solved.

The only storyline of the finale that still seemed to retain its potential was that of Ted and the Mother, who is finally given both a name (Tracy McConnell) and a face (Cristin Milioti). We were treated to scenes that we had been waiting the last nine years for: Ted and Tracy becoming parents, building a life together, and ultimately having the perfect wedding ceremony. And then, in the blink of an eye, ev-

It was revealed that the Mother together in the end. had died six years before Ted started telling his story, and Bays and Thomas deemed it fitting to portray Tracy's passing through a montage and a voiceover. After waiting nine years for Ted to meet his dream girl, she dies in mere seconds, and is granted not a cause of death nor a single scene of mourning.

We do, at least, finally see the moment when Ted and Tracy meet: at a train station under a yellow umbrella, an iconic symbol of the show over the years. The interaction is heartbreakingly adorable, and the chemistry between Radnor and Milioti cannot be understated.

If the finale had ended here, fans probably could have forgiven Bays and Thomas for an otherwise disappointing episode. But in the show's last moments, we skip ahead to the version of Ted that had been narrating the story, who finally utters the line, "...and that's how I met your mother." Despite everything that's happened so far, this is should have happened.

speak up.

"That is not the reason you made us listen to this," Ted's daughter declares. "...This is a story about how you're totally in love with Aunt Robin."

And just like that, "How I Met Your Mother" is flipped upside down. Rather than dedicating the show's remaining moments to Ted's undying love for his deceased wife, both he and his children treat the matter in the most callous and insulting way possible: by insinuating that Tracy had just been another obstacle in Ted's quest to win over Robin. After some encouragement from his kids, Ted works up the nerve to ask out Robin one last time in the show's final frame, which echoes the pilot by having Ted stand outside Robin's window, holding up a blue French horn.

Not only does this rushed timeskip open a door that has been closed for years, but it has the audacity to declare that a show called "How I Met Your Mother" hadn't been about the Mother at all; every character and relationship deconstruction had been devised solely ery fan's worst fear was confirmed. to ensure that Ted and Robin got

This flawed narrative decision resulted in perhaps the most egregious insult of the finale: Bays and Thomas took beautifullydeveloped female characters, and reduced them to nothing but plot devices. It started when Lily was written into yet another pregnancy plot, her admirable passion for becoming an artist never again mentioned. Then came the rise and fall of the Mother, who gave Ted the marriage and children he always wanted before being quickly dismissed to make way for the other thing Ted always wanted: Robin. The show begins and ends with Robin, who was always smart enough to understand that she and Ted wanted different things out of life. That they somehow wind up together in the end is nothing but contrived manipulation on the part of Bays and Thomas, so that they could tell the story they always wanted as opposed to the one that



PHOTO TAKEN from cloudcuriosities.wordpress.com The "How I Met Your Mother" finale has fans divided. While some view it as a perfect ending, others view it as a stab in the back.



WILL BRUCELLA CONTRIBUTING WRITER

"Game of Thrones" returned audience for the season to come. for its fourth season on Sunday after a year of leaving fans in a fans have been contemplating state of disbelief and heartbreak since last season, the episode from the infamous Red Wedding episode. While the premiere lacked high excitement, ably the more important stoit set the audience up for a sea- rylines. Overall, the premiere thrilling as its predecessor.

ing of Ned Stark's (Sean Bean) hated, and hated to love. former sword, Ice, as Tywin King Joffrey (Jack Gleeson). We are immediately reminded of the loss of the Stark fam-

most dynamic introduction season opener, but it served its purpose of exposition to set up the

With so many questions that does a good job of providing foreshadows of what are probson that promises to be just as does an exceptional job of introducing the audience to the Sunday's episode, "Two current setting of the story and Swords," opens with the melt- all the characters we have loved,

In Kings Landing, the city Lannister (Charles Dance) turns prepares itself for the royal wedit into gifts for both Jamie and ding of King Joffrey and Margarey Tyrell (Natalie Dormer). Meanwhile, Sansa Lannister (Sophie Turner), formerly Stark, ily not only through this scene still remains heavily distraught ing new character introduced but also through the playing of over the murder of her fam-"The Rains of Castamere" fea- ily and her "shorter" than ideal tured in the episode; the mu- marriage. While she tries to Doran's brother sent in his place sic that signaled the execution isolate herself in a place where to the royal wedding. Suspicion of Rob (Richard Madden) and she is utterly alone, she now is immediately aroused when as it allows me to enjoy in the there will be just as much emo-Catelyn Stark (Michelle Fair- finds herself an ally with a fa- Tyrion (Peter Dinklage) welley). The premiere was not the miliar face. Jamie tries to acclicate the blood other fans get to experience through in the next few months.

mate himself to his unwelcoming family. Danerys Targaryen (Emilia Clarke) continues her conquest of the Free Cities while the "unfamiliar face" of Daario Naharis (Michiel Huisman, who replaced Ed Skrein) continues his conquest for her heart. Jon Snow (Kit Harrington) returns to Castle Black yet remains under suspicion of being a traitor in light of his recent reconnaissance endeavor with the Wildlings. Finally, the Hound (Rory McCann) helps Arya (Maisie Williams) unleash her inner vengeance while confronting enemies of her past in an epic bar fight that leaves fans cheering and ready for next week's

this season is Oberyn Martel of Dorne (Pedro Pascal); Prince

feud between Lannisters and when watching the show. With-Martels. Oberyn's insatiable sexual appetite, skilled swordsmanship, and his mysterious motives for being in King's Landing will most likely make him a fan favorite.

Watching Dany's dragons grow significantly larger also promises some long awaited dragon action. The disobedience evident in Drogon in his interaction with Dany and his supremacy over the other two dragons foreshadows trouble for the Mother of Dragons.

Ygritte's (Rose Leslie) apparent anger at Jon Snow is quickly challenged when it is pointed out that she could have easily killed Jon Snow, but lets him Probably the most interest- live. A showdown of lovers is first episode. Those of us who only destined to take place at read the books know that seasome point in the season.

As a fan who has read all the books, I personally like the di- So if you found yourself slightvergence from the book series ly disappointed, rest assured, excitement, shock, and surprise tional trauma for you to suffer

out spoiling too much for potential readers, a few major plot points are already being altered which will be quite interesting to see how they will play out in the overarching plot of the season. For example in "Storm of Sword," book three in the series, Jamie (Nikolaj Coster-Waldau) and Brienne (Gwendoline Christie) did not reach Kings Landing until after the royal wedding.

"Two Sword"s introduced numerous storylines of our favorite characters; however, there were more in this episode than normal, which did not allow enough time for any major plot twists. Then again, it is only the son four will be more exhilarating than the previous season.

CHRIS O'DOMD MOMS THE CROMD

EVERYONE'S FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL READING ASSIGNMENT HITS BROADWAY

MAGGIE ZELINKA

After 40 years, the much acclaimed "Of Mice and Men" novel written by Nobel prize it was actually O'Dowd (most been revived on Broadway at the Longacre Theater.

acters were forced to seek new accused of sexual harassment. From this statement the audience foreshadows trouble for a ranch owned by a man named was the most innocent being. Curley (Alex Morf) and his fa-

known actors such as Franco, O'Dowd, and "Gossip Girl's" Leighton Meester as Curly's their broadway debut.

Franco is seen by many as one of society's greatest movie and television actors, and yet his theatrical performance may have proved his best appearance in any industry thus far. When he first stepped on to the audience, produced mainly and instead, began to think of from the audience. him as this migrant worker.

notable name in the play bill, winner, John Steinbeck, has known for "Bridesmaids) who received the most applause for his role of Lennie. Hailing from Set in CA during the 1930s, Sligo, Ireland, O'Dowd put on the play centers around mi- a southern accent and played money for this dream. Unforoften because he likes to "pet soft things," but George tends to look after him. O'Dowd conthe two at their new work site, vinced the audience that Lennie

The only performance that I was not enamored with was The play hosted many well Meester's. In Steinbeck's novel, Curly's Wife is seen as a conniving, needy antagonist who should receive no sympathy. Wife, all three of whom made Meester's performance made the audience pity the neglected newlywed and feel sorry about her death.

Another performance which was subpar was that of Ron Cephas Jones as Crooks, a worker on the ranch. The character is a disempowered being who rethe stage, many gasps crossed veals his loneliness but also preys on the weakness of othby teenage girls who were star ers. Jones was able to embody struck. As the play continued, all these elements, but not plauded by the crowd. "Of Mice the audience seemed to for- enough to make a sound presget that the man presented as ence in the play which left him atre until Sunday, July 27.

George was their beloved idol without any grand reception

Well-known Broadway actor While Franco was the most Jim Norton played the supporting role of Candy, an old handyman at the ranch even though he only has one hand. When he hears George and Lennie discussing their plans to acquire a piece of land to call their own, Candy wants in on the deal. He grant workers George Milton a mentally disabled man. Len- is entirely consumed with the (James Franco) and Lennie nie is powered by the thought notion of being kicked to the Smalls (Chris O'Dowd). In of one day owning a piece of curb due to his age and disabilthe beginning, the audience is land and tending to rabbits all ity. This thought is perceived as made aware that the two char- day and works hard to make a reality to the audience after Candy's dog is shot by another work after Lennie was falsely tunately, Lennie gets in trouble worker, Carlson (Joel Marsh Garland), due to his inability to continue his service as a sheep

Originally from Dublin, Ireland, Norton also displayed a flawless southern accent. What was most impressive about Norton's performance was his use of facial features. Candy's character was written as a strong, idealist which was shown through his vocal impressions while his vulnerability was meant to be nearly invisible, but not entirely invisible. This is where the facial expressions by Norton was key.

What tied the show together was ser designer's Todd Rosenthal his ability to work a two hour and 20 minute play into four sceneries.

The performance was well apand Men" runs at Longacre The-

criticism.

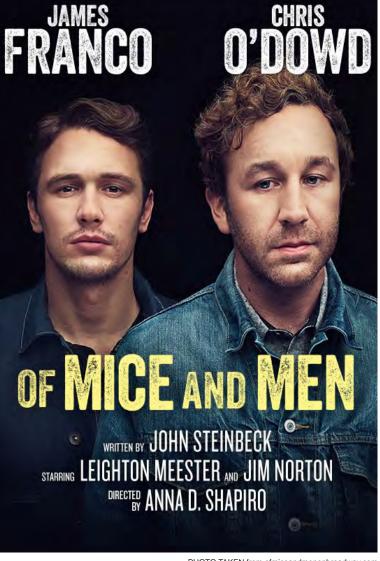


PHOTO TAKEN from ofmiceandmenonbroadway.com James Franco performance on broadway is a lot receiving positive

THE 90s are all THAT

JESSICA DEIGERT STAFF WRITER

No matter what age you are, you were born in a definitive decade. Each period brought us something special. Whether it was from music and movies, or life changing discoveries or great world leaders. it all came from a specific decade. Amongst many of the students here at the University, the 1990s are a sheer favorite that most can connect with and wish to go back to for even just one day.

When speaking about the 90s, perhaps the biggest piece of nostalgia and definition came from the popular music that emerged. It was a new sound for the pop genre and it dominated the scene. The emergence of The Backstreet Boys and N*SYNC paved the way for boy bands everywhere, and a little girl from Louisiana, named Britney Spears showed everybody who the new pop princess was. They all gave us earworms that

live on today and have become karaoke and dance favorites.

While the music erupted out of every speaker, people were flocking to the cinemas as well. Adventure movies flourished more than ever in the 90s. "Jurassic Park" and "Independence Day" are just two examples of movies that fired up big screens everywhere. People were getting lost in the imagination that sparked from the movies. Even Disney sprinkled their magic pixie dust and cemented the way for animation to flourish. Television was a staple too. "Friends" is still a beloved comedy show today, that sitcoms strive to emulate.

"The 90s were the greatest. I feel bad for those who won't get to experience what we did. I miss the shows, the clothing styles and the trends during that time. The 90s were some of the best years of my life. No worries, just easy living," said Hannah Simmons, a senior political science major.



PHOTO TAKEN from your90s.com

Tamagotchi allowed 90's kids to experience having a pet without the responsibility of actually feeding or cleaning up after them.

The clothing styles may be outdated now, but the trends sure were big back then. Flannel shirts rocked thanks to the grunge trend. Overalls with one strap undone were cool thanks to "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air." Scrunchies, butterfly clips and mood rings couldn't be avoided. If you paired your attire with a tattoo choker or a slap bracelet, then you were considered hip. Throw in a pair of jelly shoes or Sketchers and you were one to be reckoned with. These looks were a staple amongst the popular bleached or crimped hairdos.

"I miss *NSYNC, The Spice Girls, Furbies and Saturday morning cartoons," said Alexa Nappi, a senior biology major.

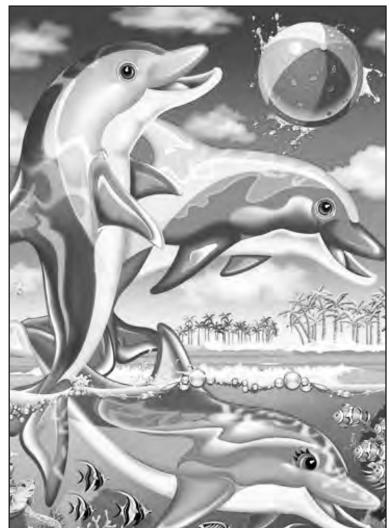
To many, this decade was seen as a simpler time. Technology was present, but not as advanced as it is now. Nobody was texting to solidify plans. Kids would walk down the street in order to contact their friends. Payphones were in an abundance compared to now.

'With raising kids, I think that the 90s were the best decade. The 90s brought us so many great things," said Janet Dustman, Student Services Assistant. "We had the Spice Girls, boy bands, No Doubt and Nirvana. We had 'Friends,' Nickelodeon's 'All That' and 'Seinfeld.' We had Lisa Frank school supplies, rings pops and beanie babies.

Dustman added, "We had innocence back then. We all wore neon surf clothes and scrunchies. It was a fun and safe time to raise kids."

While many students were born in America, there are many international students as well who have experienced the 90s. Were things from that decade different or similar in other countries?

Born in Saudi Arabia, Msaad Abdulaziz Albryah, a sophomore computer science major, said,



Lisa Frank folders, stickers, coloring books and other supplies were a hit with kids of the 90's.

"The boys played with Match- most students is the fact that many box cars and the girls played with their Barbie dolls." Nineties treasures were loved by kids from all over the globe. No matter where anybody is from, this could be a common interest or shared memory for many.

The 90s bring up so many memories for people who lived through them, just as any beloved decade would for a person. What makes this era very special to and colorful reasons.

lived through it. This was the prominent time of their childhood years. These were the years of sheer fun for them, where schoolwork wasn't as heavy and the impending future career was not so close that it could be touched at any moment. Of course, it was not always easy and breezy, but these Spice Girl bubblegum filled years are treasured forever for various

Cherish the Little Things in Life

VICTORIA KEENAN

When we are little kids, evervone tries to stress the fact that that it's the little things in life that matter the most. Saying thank you when someone does something nice for you, picking up something for someone when it falls, these are the kind of things that actually really matter to people. Of course, want to biggest scoop of ice cream they have. I want to go on the bigmean I'm too small? Anything little can't be anything good.

As we get older, we realize the smallest things can make someone's day. I am particularly offended when people don't hold the door open for me, especially when I am steps behind them, so when I walk through a door and people are around, I think nothing of standing and waiting for them to pass.

One day, a very stressed looking mother with a very young baby, was trying to balance pushing the stroller and carrying about six diaper bags and walking towards me. I held the door open and the woman actually stopped and put a bag down to thank me. She said she couldn't believe how many people don't do things like that for her and with a hard new job on her hands, she was pleasantly surprised by

person for making this woman so

When asked about what makes her better, Caitlyn Bahrenburg, a junior communication major, said, My dog, Beau. He's taught me how to be selfless, compassionate, and what it means to live for another person."

Vincent Crincoli, a junior comwhen we are younger, this theory munication major and Dan Gun- ing time to curl up on the couch be a better person. If someone is in life are all that matter. seems absurd. What do you mean derman, a senior communication the "little things" are the best? I major, believe the television have made them better people. Crincoli said, "I think TV has made gest rollercoaster ride, what do you me a better person because it's allowed me to empathize with people from other cultures and places in a way that I wouldn't get to in real life."

Gunderman said, "I think curling up in front of a TV or screen on a slow day, watching a movie you've idolized for years is really therapeutic. Not only does it allow you to focus on something, but you can grow from the creativity that surrounds you. This is one of the many small things that can help someone thrive.'

Lorena Schmidt, Director of Advising in communication, believes that being creative makes her a better person. "Being able to be a creative person uses a different part of my brain, so that when I have to solve problems, I use creativity to rationalize and get through them. It's my happy

new baby that she was working on in her free time.

In life, we think happiness means the same thing for everyone, but in reality it is very individualized. What makes someone feel like a better person is the same way. Most little things in life we take for granted, like having our pets around or hav-

a better person, and that means something different to everyone. For some, eating healthy and going to the gym makes them better while for others, eating chocolate everyday can make them better. I agree with the chocolate eating

I think everyone has their own small list of things they can do to

any small act of kindness. For the place." Schmidt also showed me rest of the day, I felt like a better the baby blanket for her friend's yourself everyday can make you probably know that being positive probably know that being positive would make them better, but it's up to them to choose whether they want to change or not. To become a better person, in both small and large ways, you must accept that something has to change. If you have found something small to make yourself better and it makes you happy, I say keep doing it. At the end of the day, the little things



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Pets can help someone become a better person by teaching them love and compassion in everyday life.

Three, Two, One, Graduate!

Anxieties About Finding a Job or Continuing School After Senior Year

WESLEY BROOKS STAFF WRITER

2014 will be off at commencement exercises. With this special day also comes the reality of being able to secure a job after graduation or even graduate school.

Gina Crowell, a freshman communication major, noted, "It I am only a freshman here, I don't quite know what this will situation.

Emily Henig, a junior communication major, said, "I am quickly beginning. nervous about finding a job and will be doing an internship for Counselor, sees some students my communication TV major next year."

Henig added, "The career fairs held at the University allowed me to meet prospective employers and see what they had to offer." This is an especially important day as it allows students to ask various questions about careers in their related fields after graduation and also help them refine vious college experience which their job search in the future. may include leadership roles in

there in all different fields from means of activities. Graduation accounting to journalism.

Many students have put as In another month, the Class of many as five to six years of hard work to get to this day. This is a culmination of everything they have done from academic honor societies to president of a fraternity to fun times with new friends they have made over the

Amanda Salerno, a sophomore could be very difficult to secure psychology major, believes that a job immediately and while this is a bitter sweet time. "It is sad because college is over, but now students have to find a real be like." This is a very realistic job that they will be able to [work at] for a while." This is tough as a chapter is ending and another is

> Lauren Puglisi, Admissions who have regretted not doing more prior to graduation to land them a job. "Some students wish they interned or got more involved on campus in the hope of securing a position after gradu-

This shows that building up the resume is very important because employers look to see prewere many employers clubs, volunteering and other bate Team.'

day is an exciting time where students not only celebrate with family and friends, but it is also a time where years of sacrifice and hard work pay off in the end.

Amanda Bowman, a sophomore communication major, sees this as a once in a lifetime opportunity to share with family and friends. "I don't know how they do it here since I am only a sophomore, but it is a special time that one can share with the friends who they have made here as well as family."

This is not all that graduation is about. Some students will be going on to graduate schools while others will go right into the work force.

Kelly Craig, a senior political science major, is getting ready to pursue higher levels of thinking in graduate school courses. "I have not made up my mind about which graduate school, but I would like to do something in law," said Craig. "During my time at Monmouth, I have been involved in many activities including Head Resident Assistant, Student Government Association President and Captain of the De-



Many students become anxious before graduation with the thought of pursuing a full time career or other opportunities.

All of these experiences will is crucial to get to this level of as strong leadership and team successful at the next level. building communication skills are a must in all of these areas. this special time, while there are As a result, strong involvement many uncertainties for some, it in extracurricular activities as is a moment of accomplishment well as a sound academic record for all.

contribute to future success education because the demands in graduate school for Craig are much higher in order to be

As the weeks count down to

One Not Kobby: Small Cars, Big Obsession

BILL ROMBA

When it comes to hobbies, some options are more affordable than others. For example, horseback riding and collecting classic cars are usually a little bit more expensive than stamp collecting or fishing. However, there is one popular hobby that could qualify under both Hot Wheels and Matchbox cars of these categories. It starts out as a cheap way to have fun, but once you're hooked, it can get much pricier. And all it takes to start this addiction is 97 cents.

In 1968, Mattel released a line of toy cars that were meant to compete with Matchbox, a line of model cars and trucks produced by Lesney Products, a British die-casting company (until Matchbox was bought by Mattel in 1997). These original in one place." 16 cars were called Hot Wheels and were intended as children's play things. But today, Hot Wheels cars

ksl.com, author Jessica Ivins notes things like red lines around the tires that, while sales of Hot Wheels and and rubber wheels also increase the Matchbox cars have begun to stall over the last few years, these brands still net Mattel around \$1 billion anpiled a list of the top ten most pricenually. Speaking as someone who less Hot Wheels cars for almost any has a few hundred or so of these ve-

hicles, I can safely say that there are many collectors out there who are trying to help shift sales back into high gear.

Eric Dougherty, a US Navy flight mechanic and someone who has also been collecting Hot Wheels since he was a child, knows a lot about the brand and their collectability.

"My parents started giving me when I was one I believe," Dougherty said. "I keep collecting them because I know some will gain value and also because I like so many different cars. I would like to own the real version of every Hot Wheels car that I have."

So, just how many cars does Dougherty believe he has after 23 years of collecting? "I probably have over 2,000 cars, but they are not all

As Dougherty said, many of these cars will accrue some monetary value as they get older. But are much more than cheap trinkets just how valuable can a tiny metal kids drive in the sandbox. They car be? Collectors tend to look for are collector's items coveted by the cars that are made entirely of metal young, as well as the young at heart. rather than cars with plastic chassis, In a March 2013 article posted on as this means they are older. Also, value of these cars significantly.

In November 2013, eBay comcollector. Number 10 on the list, the Collector Number 271 Funny Car from 1995, was shipped out with the number 271 printed on the cardboard package. There were apparently 12 printed this way and only six are known to exist in their original packaging today. Because of that, this car is valued at around

While that number is fairly impressive, the number one car on the list, a prototype of a pink 1969 Volkswagen bus called the Beach Bomb, is even rarer. Because this car was a prototype, it's the only one known to exist. Current owner Bruce Pascal reportedly bought this one-of-a-kind VW replica for a staggering \$72,000.

While Dougherty has not made that kind of money off of his collection yet, he has done fairly well with some of the cars he's bought. "I got one in a thrift store that's worth like \$45 and a bunch that are worth \$25," he said. "And I don't like to pay more than a dollar for

While he hasn't found a car worth five figures, clearly Dougherty has had some luck with finding some valuable cars. However, he says his favorite car is his most beloved because of sentimental value. "My favorite is my orange Flat Out 442 (a customized version of Oldsmobile's Cutlass 442)," he said. "It was one of my uncle's and



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Hot Wheels makes productions cars like the 2014 Corvette Stingray (above), as well as fantasy cars like the Carbonator, a car that doubles as a working bottle opener.

be so sought after and so valuable, 30 to 50 times what Hot Wheels there is also something of a black market for them. Dougherty referred to these people as "scalpers" and described their system. "There are old retired guys that basically pay the employees of Toys R Us, Target and Wal-Mart to open the cases [of Hot Wheels] first. If they don't pay them, then they get the date and time when they restock the shelves so they can pull out the rare Treasure Hunt cars." These cars are rare because of their rubber wheels and special metallic paint, so Mattel only places one or two in every couple of cases in standard packaging so they blend in with the standard cars. This means that collectors must go on a treasure hunt to find them, hence the name.

This may seem harmless enough, but Dougherty added that it defeats the purpose of the hobby and ruins the fun for everyone else. "The cars cost a dollar, but they can sell on eBay from \$30 to \$50. Now

I always loved it since I was little." actual collectors don't get to enjoy Because Hot Wheels cars can the treasure hunt and have to pay is charging." It's a very elaborate system, but it appears some people will go to just about any length to make a few bucks in the cutthroat world of toy collecting.

Cleary, there is much more to collecting Hot Wheels than just rummaging through the blue blister packs hung on hooks in the toy aisle. There are subtle details and minor differences that can make these cars worth a little cash, a really nice pay day, or simply sentimental value. As Dougherty illustrates, collectors need a keen eye, a lot of storage space, and a few dollars here and there to be able to keep up this hobby.

Collecting Hot Wheels can quickly become an obsession. It starts out as a simple hobby, but has the potential to become very addictive, very quickly. It starts out fairly affordable, but can quickly become an expensive pastime. And all of this excitement starts with just 97 cents.



Rare or vintage Hot Wheels cars can sell for any where between \$25-\$72,000 depending on the condition and qualities of the car.



Alpha Xi Delta Shines a Light on Autism Awareness at the "Today Show"



HEATHER MUH

The University's chapter of Alpha Xi Delta (AXiD) kicked off national Autism Awareness Month last Wednesday, April 2 by attending the "Today Show" in NYC, which featured a segment on Autism Speaks, AXiD's national philanthropy.

April is Autism Awareness Month. Every year, the "Today Show" features members of Alpha Xi Delta to talk about Autism Speaks in hopes to raise awareness and support for their philanthropy. This happens on April 2, which is World Autism Awareness Day.

Last Wednesday members of the University's AXiD chapter met at Rider University with the Rider AXiD sisters, as well as sisters from West Chester University and Temple University. Together, the four chapters traveled to NYC where they attended

the "Today Show" filming.
While at the show, the girls were given airtime to talk about their philanthropy and raise awareness for a disorder that afaccording to Autism Speaks.

"The trip to NYC was a great has made me so happy." experience because we got to and raise awareness for a cause that needs to be recognized," said Maddie Arecchi, a freshman

major and new member of Alpha tism. "I could not think of a bet-Xi Delta. "One of the biggest reasons why I wanted to join Alpha said. "Both at home and with the Xi Delta was so I could give back to our amazing philanthropy. I that Autism Speaks has been a plan on getting my Master's degree in special education, so being able to be a part of an orga-

English and elementary education the sister of someone with auter philanthropy to support," she Autism Day are just the beginsorority, I have seen many ways great resource to many families." Basile believes going to the "Today Show" for World Autism

The "Today Show" and World

ning of how Alpha Xi Delta contributes to its philanthropy. During Autism Awareness Month and "Light it up Blue Week," the first week of April during which buildings around the country

back to those in need. "Every year, Alpha Xi Delta celebrates Autism Speaks, especially during 'Light it up Blue Week," Churchill said. "During this time, we [AXiD] have different events, such as tabling and bake sales, to raise awareness for autism."

As part of their efforts to raise money for Autism Speaks, Monmouth's AXiD chapter hosts an event during Autism Awareness Month that the rest of the University can participate in. This year's event is called Xi Marks the Spot, which will be a campus-wide scavenger hunt between teams of up to five.

"We want anyone and everyone to come participate," said Melissa Rance, a sophomore biology major and co-philanthropy chair of AXiD. The event will be held on April 11.

Autism is a disorder that costs a family \$60,000 a year on average and is the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the United States, according to Autism Speaks. It is for this reason that sisters of Alpha Xi Delta around the nation feel that more attention needs to be given to it, especially during the month of

"With new data showing that one in every sixty-eight children is diagnosed with autism, it is important for acceptance throughout society, now more than ever," said Basile.



PHOTO TAKEN by Heather Muh

Sisters of Alpha Xi Delta of various chapters from different colleges and universities were invited to the "Today Show" on April 2 to spread awareness of their national philanthropy, Autism Speaks

Katelyn Basile, a junior elcome together with other chapters ementary and history education the girls were able to meet cast major with an endorsement in members, such as Matt Lauer and special education, is not only a Hoda Kotb, and explain to them

million dollars for Autism Speaks opportunity to shine a light on autism.

During their time at the show, sister of Alpha Xi Delta, but also that they were there to support

fects 1 in 68 American children, nization that has raised over two Awareness Day was an amazing have blue lights shined on them, the sorority's chapters around the nation work to raise money and awareness for autism.

> April Churchill, the Philanthropy Chair of the University's chapter of AXiD, believes there is no greater feeling than giving

The Springfest Artist is...



PHOTO TAKEN by Louis Garbarini

After a week and a half of clues, the Student Activities Board (SAB) revealed Sammy Adams as the Springfest artist.

LOUIS GARBARINI

Sammy Adams was announced as the Springfest 2014 performer at the Student Activities Board (SAB) "Artist Reveal" event, which took place on the Rebecca Stafford Student Center patio on Wednesday,

my opinion, because we felt like it was time to change things up this year. Sammy Adams is the perfect performer for the college setting and he will definitely put on a fun and upbeat show," said Tom Egan, sophomore and SAB concerts chair. "Plus he has been one of my favorite artists for the past five years now. My personal expectations for Springfest this year are pretty high. We have one of the best Springfest performers Monmouth has ever had and the concert alone will be one for the books," he continued.

According to the MTV website, Sammy Adams is a cross between shwayze-like beats, the caustic attitude of Ke\$ha and a tough version of suburban rap. Adams first gained recognition in 2009 as a senior in college, when he remixed Asher Roth's hit song "I Love College." In 2010, the rapper became an to figure out what it spelled! It was internet star when his debut album topped the iTunes hip-hop charts the first week of its release. After a short hiatus, he returned in 2013

with "Homecoming," an album that after the reveal," said Lucy Russo, officially changed his performing name from Sam Adams, to Sammy Adams, in order to avoid any confusion with the Boston-based brewing

Throughout the past week and a half, the SAB have been providing students with clues on a bright yellow banner such as, "Made music "We chose Sammy Adams, in in college", "Majored in poly-sci," "1st Album in 2010" and "Had #1 on iTunes," for students to try and guess who the artist was going to be before the reveal event.

During the artist reveal event 50 balloons were handed out to students which contained either a letter of the performer's name, a "try again", or a sad face. Once students had popped the balloons simultaneously, the ones that had a letter in their balloons were asked to come to the front of the patio and were handed big yellow letters from the artist's name. The students were then asked to try and figure out the artist's name as a group until they were able to spell out the name "Sammy Adams" side by side in a line.

"The students were so excited and eager for us to reveal the artist. The students eagerly popped the balloons and the ones with letters had so exciting to see the students eagerly guessing and then screaming from excitement! I couldn't be more excited for Springfest especially

senior and SAB vice president of major events. "If the artist reveal was any indication of Springfest, then we're in for possibly one of the best Springfests throughout my four years at Monmouth,"

Immediatley following the artist reveal, a drawing took place for a meet and greet with Sammy Adams the day of Springfest.

After the event was over, Twitter was bombarded with feedback from students about the artist reveal event. "Can't wait to see @ SammyAdams at Springfest at Monmouth!" tweeted @Kate Latkovich. Another tweet from @ CourtMedina said, "Ahhhh!! I'm definitely going to Springfest this year @SammyAdams I'm so happy." @Hannahsierraa also tweeted, "Sammy Adams is performing here for Spring Fest, just another reason my school > your school."

Sammy Adams will be performing live on the main stage at Springfest, which will be taking place on the Shadow Lawn at 2 pm

SAB advisor, Megan McGowan said, "I like that the students decided to plan this 'build up' event for Springfest. I hope it gets the campus excited to end the year strong and gets everyone excited to come out and support all of the great spring events that are coming up on campus."

Alpha Kappa Psi to Host Business Week 2014

West Long Branch, NJ- The Brothers of Alpha Kappa Psi will host their annual Business Week events on campus this month from April 15 - 17. All of the events will be open and free to Monmouth University students.

On Tuesday, April 15 a panel of Monmouth University Alumni Alpha Kappa Psi Brothers will discuss how the professional fraternity shaped their careers and how students can gain employment post-graduation at 5:30 pm in the Magill Commons Club Dining Room.

On Wednesday, April 16 Alpha Kappa Psi will present representatives from their philanthropy, Habitat for Humanity, with a large donation which they fundraised throughout the course of the year at 2:30 pm in Bey Hall Young Auditorium. Also on Wednesday, April 16 Dean Donald Moliver of the Leon Hess Business School will be inducted as an Honorary Brother of Alpha Kappa Psi at 8 pm in the Turrell Boardroom.

On Thursday, April 17 Alpha Kappa Psi will co-sponsor along with the Multi-Cultural and Professional Greek Council a panel of Human Resource professionals from the Jersey Shore Association of Human Resources Chapter of SHRM at 5 pm in Bey Hall Young Auditorium.

Last year, Alpha Kappa Psi's Business Week included a Career Carousel with speakers from Career Services to discuss professionalism techniques for students. Body builder Marc Lobliner also came to discuss how he created his company Scivation.

Ben Ozdemir, VP of Professionalism for Alpha Kappa Psi, said, "I wanted this year to be different. We are more than just a professional business fraternity. It's time others saw that we value our membership and philanthropy. This is merely the stepping stone to bigger and better Business Weeks to come from Alpha Kappa Psi.

Alpha Kappa Psi is a co-ed business professional fraternity chartered at Monmouth University in 2011. This year will mark their third annual Business Week.

Spring has Sprung in the Residential Quad

Residence Hall Association (RHA) hosted its annual Spring Egg Hunt this past Sunday, April 6 in the Residential Quad from 1 pm - 2:30 pm. The Egg Hunt welcomed over 60 students and all were encouraged to enjoy live acoustic music, Rita's fresh water ice, candy, gifts, and 200 eggs that eager students searched for RHA to provide live music and enaround campus.

The eggs were strategically placed and hidden on the residential side of campus, with the help of RHA's executive board members. Ten of the eggs consisted of prize winning numbers. Willow Hall, Spruce Hall, and Mullaney Hall contained some of the prize winning eggs for the day and there was even a winning egg hidden by the underpass on the Residential side of campus.

Courtney Carr, a junior communication major, and Rachael Brady, a junior RHA executive board member, helped to hide all of the eggs and knew the locations of the final two prizing-winning ally nice of RHA to put something

Krista Varanyak, RHA President, along with other executive board members helped to make what attendees called Sunday's

event "a huge success." Prepa- Hall resident, attended the Spring took about two hours, and RHA was responsible for compiling 10 complimentary gift baskets to the winners of the hunt, with all baskets including a \$50 Visa gift card, Peeps, Swedish Fish, M&Ms, and other assorted candies.

Rachael Thalheimer, a freshman and dedicated guitar player and singer, was asked on behalf of tertainment for the afternoon. She sang everything from, "Drops of Jupiter" by Train to "She Will Be Loved" by Maroon 5. Thalheimer bravely embraced her vocals and students and guests. Thalheimer said, "I love coming out to events and sharing my music and I am glad that people enjoyed it. The egg hunt was a huge success too and it was my pleasure to come out and support it."

Chelsea Penn, a sophomore health studies major, attended the Spring Egg hunt for the first time with her friends to see what all the commotion was about. Penn said, "I would do this again and it is relike this together for the students and commuters." Penn was the first winner of a gift basket at the

Jessica Anastasio, a Pinewood future.

ration for the Spring Egg Hunt Egg hunt for her second time while attending the University. Not only did Anastasio win last year, but with the help of her friends, she managed to snag two prize-winning eggs this year. "I guess I just have that good luck considering this is my second year attending. Although this is an annual event, it is definitely the biggest turn out I have seen," said Anastasio.

The Spring Egg Hunt was made possible by all those who volunteered their Sunday afternoon and time in addition to those who helped to plan and prepare. Varanyak stated that although the Egg hunt is an annual event, this one was by far the most successful one

Varanyak said, "The addition of Rita's Italian Ice and [the live] music was definitely a great idea. Even if students did not have a winning egg, at least they could enjoy fresh ice, music, and an afternoon with friends." While the Spring Egg hunt was one of the last events RHA has planned for the spring 2014 school year, Varanyak said, on behalf of the executive board members staff, RHA is excited to plan more events and look forward to having another Spring Egg Hunt in the



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Students gathered on the Residential Quad on Sunday, April 6 for the Residence Hall Association (RHA)'s annual Spring Egg Hunt. Ten winners received gift baskets filled with Easter-related candies.

CLUB AND GREEK ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alpha Sigma tau

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

Club Softball

We were just accepted into the NCSA (National Club Softball Association) Mid Atlantic North conference for their 2014 - 2015 season! This means we will play schools nearby, such as Rutgers, Rowan, SJU, TCNJ, Lafayette and others. For now, we have open weekend scrimmages with schools.

Dance Teams

Tryouts for the 2014 - 2015 Dance Teams will be held on Saturday, May 10 beginning at 9:30 am in Boylan Gymnasium. For more information please contact Kristen as kisaksen@ monmouth.edu.

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Our seminar, "A Unique Experience for Aspiring Teachers," will be held on April 23 at 2:30 pm in Young Auditorium in Bey Hallall are welcome to come and learn more about the Special Education Field

zeta tau Alpha

Zeta Tau Alpha is looking for male contestants for our Big Man on Campus event on April 30. If interested, contact Alexis Manzo at (609)-556-5237 or s0852941@monmouth.edu.

LASO.

LASO is hosting it's LAST Latin dance lesson of the semester! Tuesday, April 29 from 6:00 - 7:15 pm in Anacon. The event is open to the entire campus community and is free of charge! Hope to see you there.

Sociology club

The Sociology Club invites you to join them on the third annual Stratified Streets: A Visual Tour of Inequality trip to Seneca Falls, NY from Friday, April 25 - Saturday, April 26. Sign up in Bey Hall 241 by April 11. The cost is \$20 a person.

catholic campus Ministry

The University's Catholic Campus Ministry invites you to join them in celebrating Holy

Holy Thursday, April 17: Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by a Seder dinner at 7 pm in the Catholic Center

Good Friday, April 18: Stations of the Cross at 12 pm in Withey Chapel. Liturgy at 3 pm in Withey Chapel.

Holy Saturday, April 19: Easter Vigil at 8 pm at St. Mary of the Assumption Church.

Easter Sunday, April 20: Easter Mass at 11 am at St. Jerome

SIGMA TAU GAMMA'S SPELLING BEE CREATES A BUZZ ON CAMPUS

Fraternity Raises Over \$1,500 for Special Olympics

NICOLE NAPHOLZ STAFF WRITER

Sigma Tau Gamma (STG) fraternity hosted their annual Greek event, "Sig Tau Spelling Bee," on Wednesday, April 2 in Pollak Theatre. The event raised over \$1,500 in support of their philanthropy, Special Olympics, to help support the athletes and build training centers for their Olympic games.

Pat Swisher, Philanthropy Chair of STG, said, "This is the most money that we have raised to date which is great."

STG normally hosts their annual event, "Don't Forget the Lyrics," but decided to switch it up this year. "I think we made the right decision... We now have a chance to start something new - a new, exciting trivia and spelling game," said Swisher.

The event began with hosts Brandon Wiener, a theatre major, and Jess Purpura, a chemistry major, introducing the rules of the game. Teams consisting of two members from various Greek organizations on campus were asked a variety of questions, ranging in difficulty from easy, medium and hard. Each team had to correctly answer and spell their responses in order to pass to the next round.

The first category of questions strictly pertained to the University. These questions tested what the players knew about their school and better yet, if they could spell it. Many of the questions varied from, "What is the name of the dining hall?" to, "What famous NFL player played for Monmouth University?

Additional categories were miscellaneous and were randomly asked to the players.

Jeff Singh, a brother of the Phi Kappa Psi (Phi Psi) fraternity,

competed in the event and enjoyed being a part of STG's effort to raise money for the Special Olympics. He said, "I thought it was very different compared to a lot of the other Greek events we usually have. Even though we didn't win it was awesome to be a part of their new event."

"Overall, I think the event went pretty good. Of course there were our worries because it was our first time trying it out, but after the turnout and the general interest, the 'Sig Tau Spelling Bee' might be an event that we do again in the future."

MIKE SASSO President of Sigma Tau Gamma

Richard Su, advisor of STG, said he enjoyed both watching the event and listening to the audience members sitting near him as they tried to guess the answers and spell along with the competitors on stage. Despite "Don't philanthropic event, Su believes the future."

"Sig Tau Spelling Bee" engaged a larger portion of the audience. He said, "There were a few minor rough spots in the competition, but... overall, I think the evening went pretty well for a first-time event.

The winners of the event were two sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha (ZTA) sorority Kara Post, a senior public relations student, and Laura Garcia, a senior criminal justice student. The team won \$20 to AMC, \$10 to Juniors, four gift cards to TGI Fridays that entitled them to an appetizer or a dessert, and four gift certificates for free meal at Jersey Mike's.

The fraternity created another way for each Greek organization on campus to compete to win free subs from Jersey Mike's at the end of their event. STG set-up buckets outside of their event for each organization so they could donate to their designated chapter. Once the event ended, whichever chapter raised the most money won all of the funds and the free subs to Jersey Mike's. Alpha Sigma Tau (AST) sorority won \$105 from the funds that were donated and went towards their philanthropy, Habitat for Humanity.

Su believed there was a "pretty good" turnout at "Sig Tau Spelling Bee," given that the event was late in the evening in the middle of the week. "It was great to see so many students turn out to support a student-sponsored and student-run event," said the advisor.

STG President Mike Sasso said, "Overall, I think the event went pretty good. Of course there were our worries because it was our first time trying it out, but after the turnout and the general interest, the 'Sig Tau Spelling Bee' Forget the Lyrics," being a fun, might be an event we do again in

Class of 2014 Senior Week

TUESDAY, MAY 13

Bar A: \$ 17 Guest: \$ 20

Spend time with friends, relax and enjoy! This includes your cover charge and an all you can eat barbeque from 9 pm-12 am. Five shuttles to Bar A leave from the Student Center parking lot starting at 8:15 pm. The last shuttle home is at 1:30 am. Shuttles hold 10 passengers each, so plan your return home accordingly.

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

FRIDAY, MAY 16

Tasting (\$10) or KANE Brewery (Free, Tasting \$)

Take an opportunity to tour either Laurita Winery or Kane Brewery. The Winery Tour includes a tasting for your \$10 fee. The brewery tour has tasting available and you must pay for that at the location.

Winery Tour leaves at 3:45 pm and brewery leaves at 4:30 pm from the SC parking lot. Must be 21. No guests

MONDAY, MAY 19

NYC TRIP: \$10 Guest: \$15

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.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

Graduation Day PNC Bank ART CENTER

Congratulations graduates! Thank you so much for making Monmouth a part of your memories! We hope you enjoy your Senior Week!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

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 takenone guest per student and they must be 21. Bartenders and staff will ID.

THURSDAY, 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.

SATURDAY, MAY 17

Senior Reception

Come for a FREE semi-formal event at the Doherty House, the President's home, 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 18

Wilson Hall Sunday Brunch: \$15 10am-1pm

Show your parents/guardians that you appreciate what they have done for you by taking them to a full brunch at beautiful, historic Wilson Hall.

Seating is limited, so only three guests per student. Open to under 21. Khakis

Seating is limited, so only three guests per student. Open to under 21. Khakis, polos, and sundresses are appropriate attire.

TUESDAY, MAY 20

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. The last shuttle home is at 1:30am. Shuttles hold 10 passengers each, so plan your return home accordingly. Local establishments will ID for 21 at the door.

TUESDAY, MAY 20

Cap and Gown Pick Up

Cap and Gown pick up for May graduates. Look for details in your mail or email.

~Officers of Senior Class 2014 ~

Joseph Dellera, President
Patrick O'Hara, Secretary
Any questions, please call the Office of Student Activities (732) 571-3586.
Students with special needs please contact our office by 4/18/14 for any accommodations.

Tickets for Senior Week 2014 will be sold **10am-4pm April 8-11 and 14-18; 10am-12pm on Monday, April 21 in** the Office of Student Activities, located on the 2nd floor of the Student Center. Only seniors graduating in May 2014 or Jan. 2015 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 2014 may stay in the residence halls during Senior Week.**

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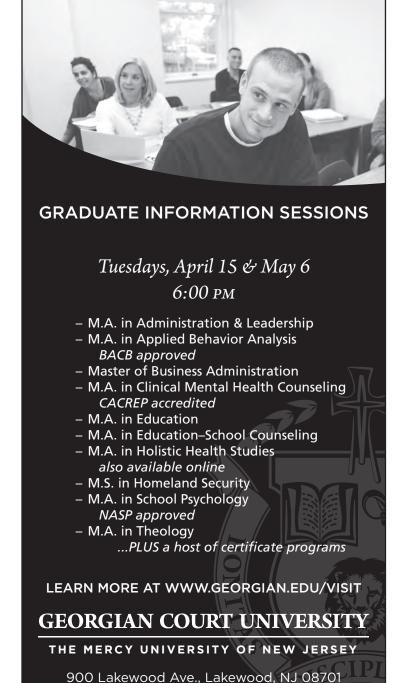
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STUDENTS AND EMPLOYERS FROM ACORSS THE TRI-STATE AREA TOOK OVER THE MAC FOR THE ANNUAL SPRING CAREER DAY. (PHOTO TAKEN BY ALYSSA GRAY)

TOP RIGHT: A GROUP OF STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS TRAVELLED TO WASHINGTON DC FOR A UNIVERSITY TRIP. (PHOTO COURTESY OF JESSICA ROBERTS)

A STUDENT ENJOYS THE NICE WEATHER OUTSIDE OF EDISON BY PRACTICING HIS TRIGHTROPE WALKING SKILLS. (PHOTO TAKEN BY ALYSSA GRAY)

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Baseball Loses Series to MAAC Opponent

MAGGIE ZELINKA

The University baseball team Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) opponent Saint Peter's Peacocks, at Jersey City, NJ this past weekend.

The Hawks now stand at 7-15, 4-3 in the MAAC while SPU improved to 7-20, 2-6 in league play.

The series began with a double header thrown by senior left hander Andrew McGee and junior righty TJ Hunt.

and McGee's strong arm secured MU the first game.

McGee completed 8.2 innings allowing six runs, one of which was earned, on nine hits and striking out eight. Junior Jeff save of the season. Receiving the loss was SPU's Zach Hopf who worked 6.2 innings giving up two runs, one which was earned, on six hits.

Leading MU's offense in the game was senior second baseman Jake Gronsky who went 4-for-5 with three runs scored. game apiece, junior right hand-Freshman designated hitter Grant Lamberton and senior first baseman Danny Avella each had two hits in the game and two RBI's.

when the teams exchanged a ing seven runs on ten hits. pair of runs making the score 1-1. SPU then pulled ahead in the fifth courtesy of Sean Henry hitting a double and then scoring on an error.

RBI single in the top of the sixth to plate Gronsky and tie the game at two.

The Hawks scored three runs 5-2 advantage. Sweeney furthered MU's lead in the ninth after he hit an opposite-field grand slam. The home run home plate. counted for Sweeney's second in a one week span.

Riled with determination, SPU tried to play catch up with the Hawks, but could only secure five runs off MU senior to left. southpaw Stephen Frey and the game ended with a final score score read 4-3 SPU. of 9-7.

were back on the field for game two, a contest which SPU won with a score of 7-6.

allowed five runs, four of which were earned, on four hits and the fourth by scoring three runs three walks. Hunt also struck on four hits and one error. out six in the process. Sophomore left hander Frank Trimar- of the day after he hit a sin- one run. MU scored after Avella series compared to SPU's 26 to-

co surrendered SPU's final two runs on two hits and one walk in the fifth.

MU originally held the advandropped a three game series to tage after a first inning double to right from Sweeney which scored senior outfielder Joe Bamford. They extended the gap in the third with Avella who swung for a base hit to bring Gronsky home.

The Peacocks scored in the bottom of the third, but MU plated another two in the top of the fourth. Bamford provided MU with the first run of the fourth after a RBI single Twelve hits from the offense plated freshman catcher Connor White. Guida and Bamford performed a double steal, where Guida stole home, giving MU a 4-1 lead.

Saint Peter's managed to score six runs in the fifth on six Paglione picked up his third hits and an MU error making it a 7-4 game.

The Hawks came close to tying in the sixth with four consecutive hits, however, they were only able to bring home two runs and the game ended at 7-6, SPU's favor.

er Chris McKenna was given the start. McKenna, whose last start was a complete game win against Marist, suffered his second loss of the season after The scoring began in the third throwing 3.2 innings and allow-

The Hawks were led offensively by Lamberton who went 2-for-4 with four RBI's.

MU took an early three run lead in the first after junior out-Avella reciprocated with an fielder Steve Wilgus reached base on an error. Gronsky and Sweeney were then put on the base path via walks.

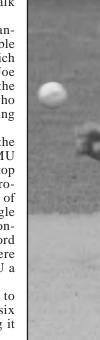
After Avella struck out, Lamin the eighth giving the team a berton hit a single to right scoring both Wilgus and Gronsky. Sweeney gave MU their final run of the inning by stealing

thanks to Rob Moore's three run home run to right field. One batter later, Jim Smith homered

At the end of the first, the

Neither team scored until the After a half hour, the teams third inning when Lamberton once again knocked in Sweeney from third and Avella from second off a double to left giving

Hugg gained his first RBI



With the series tied at one

SPU jumped back in the bottom of the first with four runs

Hunt tossed 4.1 innings and the Hawks a one run advantage.

Saint Peter's pulled ahead in



pitches, 55 strikes, over 3.2 innings. He also gave up seven earned runs on 10 hits and one walk.

gle through left to score Kyle hit a double to center to score tal. Grimes from third. Smith then singled to plate Hugg. After Smith advanced to second on a throwing error, head coach Dean Ehehalt replaced McKenna with junior right hander Charlie Battis. The righty surrendered a RBI triple against his first batter faced, giving SPU their final run of the inning.

The game remained at a standstill until the seventh inning when the teams exchanged runners left on base during the

JIMMY BUFFETT

Gronsky who also hit a double to center. Saint Peter's Jon Kristoffersen hit a RBI triple to center sending Mike Wulff home.

The final run of the game came from MU in the eighth. Gronsky hit a single up the middle to score Bamford who reached base on a throwing er-

The Hawks had a total of 24

"Although our record may not indicate how talented of a team we are, I believe we are making progress that will eventually lead to success," Battis said.

The baseball team will next play the Princeton Tigers (9-14) in Princeton, NJ on Wednesday, April 9 at 3:30 pm.

They will then travel to Riverdale, NY to face the Manhattan Jaspers (2-7 MAAC) in a three game series. Manhattan is 2-2 with home field advantage.

Getting to know...



JAKE GRONSKY

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	THE SANDLOT (1993)	PITTSBURGH PIRATES		PETE ROSE
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DENZEL WASHINGTON

Lacrosse Teams Still Look For Wins

Men Suffer 10 Straight Losses

MAGGIE ZELINKA

The men's lacrosse team fell, 17-9, in a Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) contest to the Quinnipiac Bobcats Keenan who was fed by Corcoon Saturday, April 5 at Kessler ran. The two repeated the action Field. With the loss, the men's record drops to 0-10, 0-3 within the MAAC, while the Bobcats and brought the game to 11-5. improved to 5-4, 3-1 within the

The Bobcats pulled ahead early with a 3-0 lead, each goal coming from a different athlete. MU was able to put themselves on the board before the first quarter was over courtesy of freshman Eric with 1:49 left to play. Bobcat Ryan Keenan reciprocated the mark with his second straight end of the first quarter.

The second quarter opened with an unassisted goal from MU freshman Chris Daly, however, QU's Dylan Webster found the back of the net twice bringing the score to a four goal margin at 6-2.

The Hawks answered with a pair of goals as Daly connected with the net once more off an assist from freshman Dan Bloodgood. Freshman Kevin Murphy accounted for the second goal, which was unassisted, with seven minutes to play in the second.

The Bobcats increased the scoring gap from two to five within three minutes. Dylan apiece. The Hawks outshot the Webster was responsible for two Bobcats 45-34 and also had five of the goals while Pat Corcoran fewer turnovers. was credited with the other.

up QU's scoring streak with a tan Jaspers, at 7 pm on Saturday, goal assisted by junior Zach Jo- April 12.

hannes. This marked the final goal in the second quarter and brought the score to 9-5 at half

The third opened with a nearly immediate goal from QU's seven minutes by scoring the second goal of the third quarter

MU junior Ryan Schwartz cut the Bobcats lead to five with 3:06 remaining in the third via an unassisted goal. QU scored the following two goals, one which came from Michael Sagl and the other from Keenan.

Heading into the fourth quar-Berger's unassisted goal made ter with a 14-6 deficit, Bloodgood notched an unassisted goal to bring the Hawks within seven. As seen in quarters prior, QU regoal making the game 4-1 at the ciprocated with two unassisted goals of their own from Tom Mc-Naney and Matt Kycia.

It was then MU's turn to make an unassisted tally which came from junior Ryan Horsch. The Bobcats' Corcoran once again made an unassisted goal giving QU a nine point lead.

Berger made a last second attempt for a comeback after he scored off an assist from Daly, however, the surge was not enough and the Hawks fell, 17-9.

Quinnipiac's Keenan and Webster were the high scorers for the day with five each while MU's high scorers were Bloodgood, Berger, and Daly with two goals

The men will next play against Bloodgood was able to break MAAC opponent, the Manhat-

Hawks Fall to Niagara, 12-8

EDDIE ALLEGRETTO

women's lacrosse team snapped their winning streak at four game overall and two in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC). The loss was handed to them by the Niagara University Purple Eagles with a final score of 12-8 on Kessler

The Hawks blew their early lead in the first half as Niagara was able to overcome the deficit late in the game by going on a 6-3 run. With the loss, the blue and white fall to (5-6, 2-1 MAAC) while the Purple Eagles improve to (5-5, 1-1 MAAC).

Junior midfielder Allison Stathius led the way for MU by compiling three goals. Senior attacker Danielle Rakowitz added a pair of goals in a losing effort. As for the Purple Eagles, the duo of Maria Battista and Carrie-Jo Farrugia combined for eight of the 12 total goals in the victory.

The game began with Niagara jumping out to an early two-goal lead. After a stalemate for a few minutes, the Hawks soared back and scored the next four goals in just a five minute span. However, the Purple Eagles answered back and scored two goals in 37 seconds to tie up the game.

Senior attacker Cassie Campasano scored to give the blue and white the lead 5-4 with 8:18 remaining in the first frame. Battista contributed her second goal of the game and Kristen

agara took a 7-5 lead into the break.

In the majority of the second On Saturday, April 5, the half, the teams traded goals in this back and forth affair. After the first 17 minutes of the second half, Stathius scored her second goal of the contest to cut the Purple Eagles lead to 8-7 with 13:31 left in the game.

However, Niagara put the game out of reach for good when they scored four straight goals. Rakowitz ended the scoring with just 29 seconds to play, as the blue and white fell 12-8.

Niagara's Farrugia led all scorers with five goals in the game. Teammate Battista added a trio of goals in the contest. Despite the outcome of the game, the stat sheet was close. Niagara led the Hawks in shots 22-18 and committed 13 turnovers compared to MU's 12.

The blue and white used two goalies in this contest. Junior starter Katie Donohoe allowed 10 goals in 48 minutes while only stopping three shots. Sophomore keeper Caroline Huelster came on in relief and allowed two goals while making one

Junior attacker Emily Barbieri and freshman midfielder Claudia LaMarca scored the other two goals for the blue and

MU returns to action on Wednesday, April 9 when they travel to Manhattan to take on the MAAC Jaspers for an 8 pm game time start.

The women then travel to Philadelphia, PA to face the Drexel Dragons on Saturday, Winter added another goal in April 12 at 7 pm. The Dragons the final 7:11 of the half as Ni- are 5-7 with four wins at home.



The track and field teams competed in three meets this weekend with multiple relay teams breaking school records.

Many athletes also qualified for ECAC's and IC4A's such as: the women's 4x800, the women's 4x400, the men's 4x400, senior Rachel Aliotta, junior Kelsey Reese, senior Errol Jeffrey, junior Taylor Bernstein, sophomore Tevin Kirby-Stewart, graduate student Shane Carle, and junior Zach Torrell.

Sophomore javelin thrower, McLean Lipschutz, was named MAAC Male Performer of the Week. He is the first Hawk ever to win weekly honors in outdoor track and field.



The men's tennis team looked strong this past weekend as they shutout both St. Francis and Sienna 7-0 at home.

In their first matchup, all three MU doubles teams picked up wins to earn the point. The singles matchups were just as impressive with each MU player winning their first set in route to the 6-0 sweep.

MU continued to roll the following day with another dominating performance that increased their winning streak to eight games.

The Hawks are now 10-6 (3-0) for the season. The team next faces Fairfield Wednesday, April 9 at the MU Tennis Courts.

UPCOMING GAMES

Wednesday, April 9 MTEN vs Fairfield* W. Long Branch, NJ 3:00 pm

BSB at Princeton Princeton, NJ 3:30 pm

SB vs Drexel University W. Long Branch, NJ 4:00 pm

WLAX at Manhattan* Riverdale, NY 8 pm

Thursday, April 10 WTEN vs Delaware State W. Long Branch, NJ 3:00 pm

Friday, April 11 MTEN vs St Francis Brooklyn W. Long Branch, NJ 12:00 pm

MTEN vs Rider* W. Long Branch, NJ 2:00 pm

WSOC vs Alumni Game W. Long Branch, NJ 6:00 pm

MSOC at Adelphi Garden City, NY 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 12 TRCK Bison Outdoor Classic Lewisburg, PA TBA

TRCK Princeton Quad Meet Princeton, NJ 10:00 am

BSB at Manhattan* Riverdale, NY 12:00 pm (Doubleheader)

SB at Iona* New Rochelle, NY 12:00 pm (Doubleheader)

WTEN vs Hofstra W. Long Branch, NJ 10:00 am

WLAX at Drexel Philadelphia, PA 7:00 pm MLAX at Manhattan*

Riverdale, NY 7:00 pm

WSOC vs Stony Brook W. Long Branch, NJ 1:00 pm

*conference games

Softball Splits Doubleheader

AMANDA GLATZ

After inclement field conditions postponed an MU softball doubleheader last Saturday, the girls traveled to Hackensack to face Siena College on Sunday, April 6. Monmouth split the games and their record to now sits at 9-11.

The Hawks won their first game against the Siena Saints with a score of 4-2. Freshman Sydney Underhill and the Hawks' defense held Siena until the third inning, when Alyssa Lancaster batted in a run. In the top of the fourth, the Saints increased their lead to 2-0 after Abby Carpenter hit a solo home run to left field.

MU battled back in the fifth inning. Sophomore Nikki Sandelier was walked, and a Saints' error put runners on the corners. Senior Shannon Fitzgerald stole second, and both she and Sandelier scored after a double to right center by junior Vanessa Cardoza.

Freshman Justene Reyes then came up to the plate, hammering a two-run home run to left field. Reyes' impressive hit led the Hawks to a 4-2 lead by the bottom of the fifth.

Both teams had hits in the sixth, but were unable to score for the remainder of the game. Monmouth earned the win, increasing their record to 9-10, while the Saints dropped to 13-

second game, despite getting off to a good start. Underhill was Paige Lloyd. able to retire the first six Saints



PHOTO COURTESY of Grea Ott

Justene Reyes (above) currently has a .315 batting average for the Hawks in her first collegiate season. She also has two home runs.

batters before giving up runs in the third. Lauren Milligan kicked off the inning with an in-The Hawks went down in the field single, ultimately reaching third after a hit to right field by

Lloyd stole second on the next the first run of the game.

play, putting runners on second and third. Mikayla Powlowsky stepped up to the plate and hit a grounder to third, allowing Milligan to take off for home, beating Cardoza's throw and scoring

Before MU could close out the inning, Stephanie Viggiano doubled to score Lloyd, and Lancaster hit a two-run single to give the Saints a 4-0 lead.

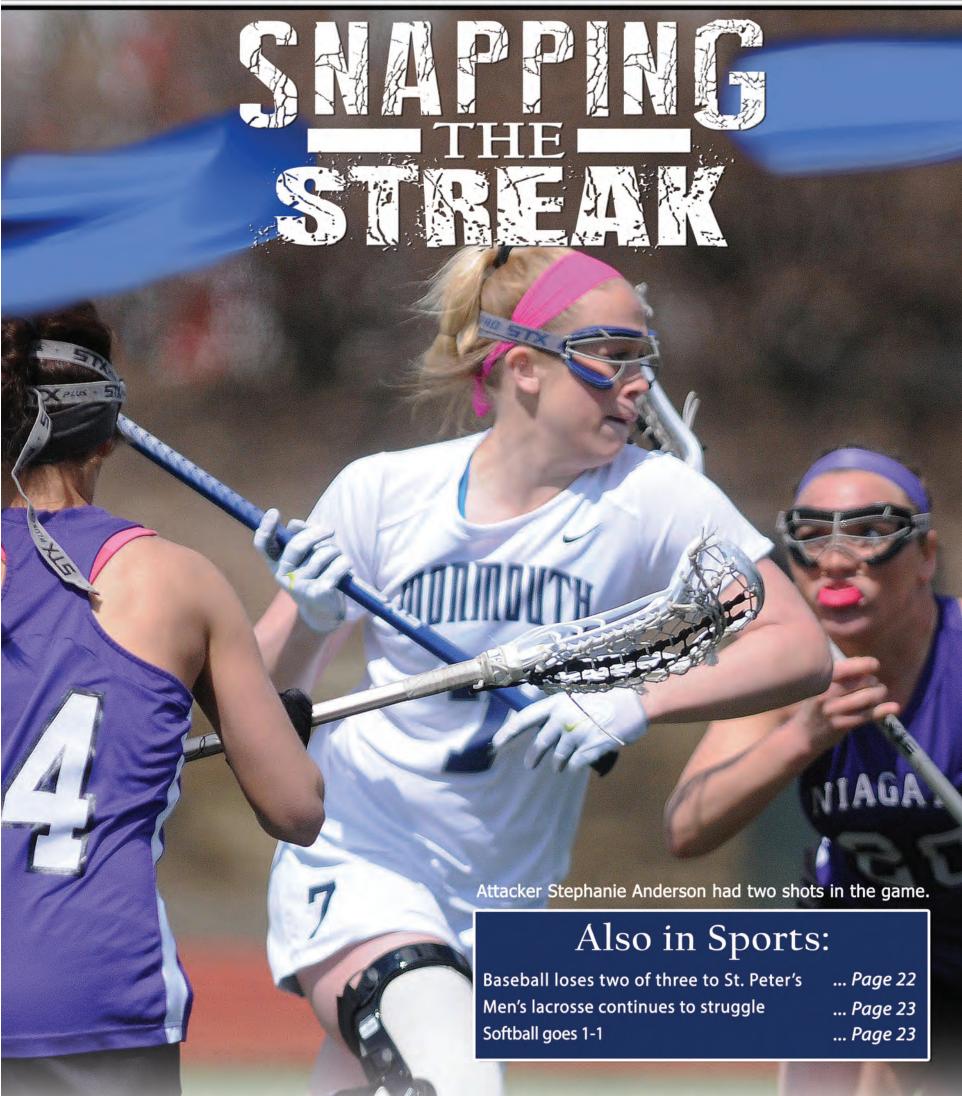
The Hawks attempted a comeback in the bottom of the third. Fitzgerald led off the inning with a double before scoring on a two-base throwing error by the Siena catcher. Both teams were then scoreless until the fifth inning, when Cardoza made it home after a double to left center by freshman Rachel Shotzbarger. MU was able to close the gap and make the score 4-2.

Unfortunately, these two runs were not enough to get Monmouth back in the game. Siena scored three runs at the top of the sixth, thanks to an RBI single by Carpenter and a tworun double by Milligan. The Hawks were unable to answer in the seventh, and lost with a final score of 7-2. With the conclusion of this doubleheader, MU dropped to 9-11, and Siena increased to 14-15.

Despite the Hawks' losing record, the team's offense continues to improve, and they posted some impressive stats for the weekend. Cardoza went 4-for-7 with a double, two runs scored and two RBI's. Shotzbarger went 3-for-6 with two doubles and an RBI. Fitzgerald went 3-for-3 in stolen-base attempts, and Lauren Howard, Reyes, and Fitzgerald contributed two hits each.

The team will be back in action on Wednesday, April 9 to host the Drexel Dragons. First pitch will be 4 pm at the MU softball field.





The women's lacrosse team's four game winning streak came to an end this past Saturday when they fell to conference rival Niagara. MU now has a 5-6 record for the year with a 2-1 mark in MAAC play.