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Students Place Third Nationally in Real Estate Challenge

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A group of four University students placed third last week at the Villanova Real Estate Challenge for the first time in the University's history.

Anderson Haxton and Jason Miller, seniors, and Lawrence Vecchio and Christopher Cianfarini, juniors, made up the team of students that competed with universities across the nation in a battle to solve a real estate case problem and prepare written and oral presentations.

According to their website, the Villanova Real Estate Challenge is a national real estate development case competition for students from the top undergraduate real estate programs in the United States.

According to Peter Reinhardt, Director of the Kislak Real Estate Institute at the University, the most difficult part of the competition for him was being unaware of the challenge. "I put the team together the last week in March, that's it, it was entirely the students," he said.

While they could use outside materials such as the Internet, the students were forbidden the help of faculty assistance during the competition.

Reinhardt mentioned that this was the third year of the competition so he was able to research what it would entail by visiting the website and reading about the competition from the previous years. "I got a rough idea of the challenge itself, but no idea of the challenge's complexity," he said.

Villanova chose to make it a requirement that each team come up with a name for themselves so no one knew what college or university they were competing against.

"It was clever of Villanova," Reinhardt said. "Our team was TerraFirma, it translates in Latin to firm land."

Christopher Cianfarini, a junior real estate major and member of the University's third-place team, said that time constraints and unfamiliarity were the two most difficult things during the challenge. It was the shock factor that made him

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Daughtry's "Spell" Comes to the MAC



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Daughtry performed hits from all three of their albums Friday night in the MAC to a crowd of approximately 3,200 people.

BRETT BODNER
MANAGING EDITOR

Over 3,200 people packed the MAC to see the former "American Idol" star turned rocker, Chris Daughtry, made his way to campus last Friday as part of his self-titled band's 2012 *Break the Spell* tour. There were 3,283 tickets sold for the event.

Mary Ann Nagy, Vice President of Students and Community Services, said "This was a great concert for us to get and a great evening for the University and our concert promoter partner. Everyone seemed to have a good time and we look forward to having bands like this in the future."

It's great to be able to bring in well-known artists."

Daughtry played 19 songs that evening, which mostly consisted of his biggest hits and several of his new songs.

The band kicked off the show with one of their newest singles off *Break the Spell* titled "Renegade." Sophomore student Nicolle Rodriguez felt this was a great way to start the show.

"One of my favorite parts was when he performed 'Renegade' and the curtain dropped revealing his band. The song got the whole crowd excited and pumped up for his show," said Rodriguez.

The top part of Daughtry's set

was loaded with songs off *Break the Spell* as they played "Break the Spell," "Crawling Back to You," "Losing my Mind," "Crazy," and a song intended to get the crowd dancing, called "Outta my Head."

In the middle of all those songs they played "Feels Like Tonight," which was one of the biggest hits on their self-titled debut album *Daughtry*.

Following the new songs, the rest of the band left the stage for a little bit, leaving Daughtry alone to play some songs acoustically. He played "What About Now," and "Home," which he noted was the song that helped him get signed for his first re-

cord deal. The crowd was also treated to a new song called "4 am," which he recorded a few weeks ago as part of *Esquire* magazine's songwriting challenge.

After Daughtry was done with these acoustic songs, a white curtain fell on the back drop as the rest of the band came back on stage and a video of outer space began to play, seguing into "Spaceship."

Now the crowd had been into the show the entire night, but there was a definitely a surge of energy when the band played two

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Einstein's Bagels Leaving, Java City to Replace

LINDSAY PARTRIDGE
STAFF WRITER

Come next fall, students will no longer be able to grab a bagel in the lobby of Plangere.

Einstein Bros Bagels will be removed and replaced by Java City, the latter of which is moving from the Rebecca Stafford Student Center in exchange for another franchise.

Einstein's has been a place of conveniences for on-the-go students over the years. Fresh baked bagels, muffins, and cinnamon rolls, along with Chicago bagel dogs, fresh sandwiches, salads, yogurt parfaits, fruit cups and hot coffee are what the

franchise offered.

"As a graduating senior this doesn't really affect me at all, but I do feel bad for incoming freshman who never got to have Einstein's and also for the sophomores and juniors who are now going to have to get used to not having it right there for them anymore," said Jessica Fina, a senior.

There had been rumors last year that Einstein would be leaving the University's campus, but when no action was taken, students and faculty thought it was here to stay. "All I know is it's going to be a sad day," said one Einstein's employee who wished to remain

anonymous. "I opened this place and now I'm closing it."

Some students, mostly freshmen, are unsure how they feel about the news "I'm a freshman and only got to have Einstein's for one year, but I feel like I'm going to miss it, especially when I'm running late to class and craving a bagel!" said Lauren Callandrillo, a first-year student. "Java City is good too though so I'm not too upset."

While some students are unsure of their feelings regarding the removal of Einstein's, a different perspective was taken by Chris Spirito, a senior. "The bagels were mediocre at best,

the sandwiches were terrible [and] pretty much everything was overpriced for a college demographic," he said. "I don't find it surprising that they are going out of business. It's time for a healthier and college budget-friendly food place. Unfortunately, I won't be around to enjoy it."

The new business to fill the location was recently decided. "In Java's location at the Student Center we are bringing in a national franchise- Raising Cane's," said Edward Gomez, Senior Food Service Director at the University.

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University Alumnus Wins Emmy

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STAFF WRITER

Chris Dudick, a University alumnus, was awarded an Emmy for children’s programming at the 55th Annual New York Emmy Award Gala on April 1, 2012 in New York City.

Dudick received a bachelor’s degree in art from the University in 2003 and went on to complete his master’s in teaching in 2012. Dudick is now the executive producer of Small Factory Productions in Fair Haven, NJ.

“It’s nice to know that sometimes even the more low-key majors end up getting really cool jobs and even better opportunities,” said Alyssia Bifano, a first-year student and graphic design major at the University. “The fact that Chris Dudick was from Monmouth and won an Emmy is eye-opening and inspiring.”

The Emmy award-winning socially conscious cartoons, “Kids Kare,” were created at Small Factory Productions during a Create-a-Cartoon program held by the company. The program was held for children between the ages of four to 12. The interactive, educational arts activity

was not only held at the production studio, but also at schools, hospitals and community organizations.

With their cartoons and songs boasting authentic and imaginative stories, the young “Kids Kare” storytellers and animators have inspired feelings of volunteerism and responsibility. The message that the producers have is simple. They want to join forces and be the youngest generation to change the world. Inspir-

what interactive art and television can do for children. It can really help in the healing process for many of them.”

Children from the Riverview Medical Center’s Children’s Art Therapy Program created one of the cartoons that were featured on the cartoon series. The short animated film that the teen artists created was titled, “Tyler’s Reef.” It was created to help other children deal with the loss of loved ones. The children who created the story were able to pull situations from their own personal experiences.

“College students always think that business is the only major that can get you anywhere, I know I did” said Jessica Fina, also a senior at the University. “This just goes to show that that sometimes the underdog majors can really do a lot and change people’s outlook on life.”

This creation was made possible because of funding from Provident Bank through collaboration with Riverview Medical Center’s Children’s Art Therapy Program as well as Small Factory Productions. The cartoon-series can be viewed at www.mysmallfactory.com.

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ALYSSIA BIFANO
First-Year Student

ing others to save lives, care for animals and lend a helping hand are the ideas they have decided to pursue. They want everyone to want to change with world with them and they want to do so one socially conscious cartoon at a time.

Samantha Feldstein, a senior, shared her feelings on the impact something like this has on children.

“This series is something truly inspiring,” she said. “I hope that people decide they want to help change the world. It’s amazing

Java City to Replace Einstein’s

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Raising Cane’s serves chicken finger meals. The menu at Raising Cane’s is limited, but a no clutter menu is what they pride themselves on. “I don’t know how I feel about the new place

they are putting in Java City” said Casey McCabe, a sophomore. “I don’t see why we need a chicken fingers place when we have that in the Student Center. I guess we will see.”

There has been no clear answer as to why the University

has decided to get rid of the Einstein Bros Bagels franchise, but Gomez assured that “all of these changes have been approved by the University as well as SGA.” Whether or not students approve of these changes has yet to be seen.

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most proud of winning. “I was ecstatic to know that the 50 hours of work that we put into the project, and classes and tests paid off,” Cianfarini said. “To put Monmouth’s name on the board as first-time participants was a big deal and it felt good to be a part of that.”

The University’s team chose a solution dealing with Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SREC). The challenge posed dealt with a 100-acre property in northern New Jersey and what the owner wanted for the property. The students had to keep in mind elements such as investors

and money. TerraFirma was the only one to come up with the idea of incorporating SRECs in their solution. The students thought outside of the box and were very creative in problem solving, Reinhardt said.

After the presentation of their idea to the panels of judges, Reinhardt said that he was confident. He commented that the judges, of which there were about 20, were tough and asked hard, probing questions.

Cianfarini added that the students grew very close over the material and that the real estate

program at the University has prepared students just as well as business and real estate schools in other locations.

Reinhardt said that there is excitement in the future of the students and program. He is proud that they were able to demonstrate how hard work pays off, and described his students as good and ethical throughout the challenge.

“We never get to compare to others and this is a great testament to the growth of the University,” Reinhardt said. “This is another example of how Monmouth University is growing in stature as an academic institution.”

Farewell From the President

Congratulations, you finished the Spring Semester. Your strong performance in class has been important. So, too, have the relationships you have developed and the exposure you have had to new professional and civic experiences off campus. You have gained skill, but also confidence.

You watched out for each other.

I look forward to seeing the graduating seniors at Commencement on May 16th. And, congratulations to our First Year and Transfer students. You have started your journey here successfully.

Now for some well-earned time off. Whether you are catching up on credits by taking a summer course, off to work to gather a bit of spending money or simply relaxing at home with family and friends, be safe, and enjoy your summer break.

I am proud of your accomplishments and look forward to seeing those returning in the fall refreshed and charged up to tackle another academic year.

Take care of each other this summer.

Paul G. Gaffney II
President

Professor Wins Psychology Award

LAUREN GARCIA
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Dr. Christine Hatchard, a specialist professor of Clinical Psychology has been awarded a prestigious psychologist scholarship, the National Early Career Psychologist (ECP) Scholarship Award from the National register of Health Services in recognition of her commitment of professional excellence.

“I really like what I do, so winning awards really isn’t that important to me but it’s still nice to be recognized for the work I have done in the field,” said Hatchard. “I am proud of the work I do and anytime I can get any sort of recognition helps get some attention for the more important work that I do.”

According to the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology, the ECP Scholarship was developed at the same time as the creation of the American Psychological Association (APA) Committee on Early Career Psychologists, in order to help early career psychologists become credentialed as Health Service Providers in Psychology though covering the costs of credential review and registration fees.

Hatchard applied for the award while applying for a national credential as a psychologist.

“I was thinking about applying for national credential and you could submit your CV and an essay about your accomplishments in the field as an early career psychologist,” said Hatchard.

Janice Stapley, Chair of the Department of Psychology, described Hatchard as a prominent member in the psychology department. “She is an alumnus of whom we are very proud. She is also a faculty member, but from the view of the chair, I can say a very sought after faculty member despite having a reputation for being rigorous and expecting a lot from her students. Her SIRs are the highest in the department,” said Stapley.

Hatchard founded in 1999 and runs an organization known as Making Daughters Safe Again, which offers support services for women who had been sexually abused by their mothers in childhood. Hatchard also has her own private practice where she works with people dealing with trauma and sexual abuse.

“In 1999, I founded the organization, Making Daughters Safe Again, which specializes in mother-daughter sexual abuse, a form of sexual abuse which is not commonly known. Over the past 12 years, I have maintained the design and content of the MDSA website, provided professional presentations and worked with hundreds of survivors of mother-daughter sexual abuse, both online and in person. In 2011, I was awarded the Martin Luther King, Jr. Unsung Hero award by Monmouth University for my work on behalf of survivors of sexual abuse,” said Hatchard.

Hatchard first became interested in the topic of sexual abuse and later creating an organization in 1999 while she was still a student at the University. She had taken a course her junior year with Dr. Alan Cavaiola, whom she still considers an influence in her work, and read a definition of sexual abuse that she had never before considered.

“It went beyond sexual abuse having to do with male on female abuse and penetration or how you normally would think about how sexual abuse normally happens. So I started to search for more information about this topic because it was the first time I thought about how females could be perpetrators of sexual abuse as well,” Hatchard said.

Hatchard has since given many lectures regarding mother daughter sexual abuse and has begun to expand her organization to further parts of the world. Her current projects include a self-made and produced documentary on mother daughter sexual abuse and an upcoming book containing survivor stories and a review of researched.

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And In The End . . .

ANTHONY PANISSIDI
CO-NEWS EDITOR

My idea of heaven: working as a reporter at *The Outlook* for the rest of my life with this same group of people while making \$100,000 per year...or more.

I've said it countless times - I don't see how any future job will ever amount to the fun that I've had here, even if I do land my dream job with *The Wall Street Journal*.

From major news stories about the announced retirement of President Paul G. Gaffney II to feature stories about the origins of April 20th as national pot smoking day, *The Outlook* has given me skills that I can use in my first journalism job along with other unforgettable experiences.

Thanks to *The Outlook*, I got to go on two free trips that took me to the beautiful West Coast. From starting in awe at the Hollywood sign in Los Angeles, CA, to dining atop the Space Needle on its rotating floor that provided a panoramic view of Seattle, WA, I will always remember that my first time in both of these gorgeous cities was with *The Outlook* staff. Call me nostalgic.

Unfortunately, my time at *The Outlook* and the University has to end so there are many thanks and goodbyes in order. I'd like to start by thanking the academy...just kidding.

My Real Family

First, I need to thank some family members, beginning with my late Uncle Robert. It's been five and a half years since your death from brain cancer, but your teachings continue to inspire me. Somehow, you still hold the title of my mentor despite how long you've been gone, which is a testament to how great of a teacher you always were. There's so much that I've done in college that I wish I could've told you about, but I hope that you're somewhere smiling down at my progress on this test that they call life. Of course, I realize that there are a million more questions that I need to answer before I can put my pencil down, so stay tuned.

Mom and Dad, thanks for everything. Who knows where I would have wound up without the positive influence and great home life that you two continue to provide. Mom, thanks for always cooking dinner whenever I came home and relieving my stomach from the dining hall's food. Dad, thanks for organizing my finances and cosigning my loans so I could go to college. Now, I remember telling you guys roughly four years ago that I would pay off those loans by myself. About that...

My Outlook Family

Gina, remember when I first became an editor and you asked me not to call you GG because then everybody else would? Sorry. There isn't a single soul in this office who has been subjected to more of my sarcasm. Let's put all kidding aside for one second, but only one second. You have worked wonders in this office in just two short years; just look at the national awards that *The Outlook* has won during your reign. There is no doubt that you walked through the door and made the change. No, I will never stop quoting that. Your relentless work ethic has united this office for the last two years, but even through all of the stress you still managed to laugh uncontrollably at the usual office antics. I'll never understand how you didn't kill Brett. Anyway, part of me is glad that I won't be here next year because I can't imagine this office without you.

Brett, aka the man of a million voices, can you believe I'm graduating? Can you believe *The Wall Street Journal* still hasn't called? Can you believe how much I can listen to the same songs? Can you believe we roomed together in L.A. and Seattle? Can you believe that you have yet to rip out my vocal cords for constantly saying, "Can you believe?" You're a

huge part of the reason why I think *The Outlook* will always be the most fun job I've ever had. From "Hey Girls" to "Ad Girl" and all of the "Ahahas" in between, I don't know what I'm going to do in my next job without you there to constantly break the tension. I'm sorry that "DJ Repeat" can't be there next year to constantly play the same songs over and over. Good luck as Editor-in-Chief.

Joanna, aka partner aka sweetheart, any job is going to be strange without you constantly beside me. During two years as the co-news editors, we've had plenty of times when we wanted to pummel each other. Thankfully, there have been far more good times, like last Christmas when I helped stuff you in a box that was three quarters of your height before carrying you into the hallway outside of the office where I left you helplessly leaning against the wall begging to be moved before anyone saw. And how could I forget when we went clubbing in Seattle; that trip with you was great minus the two nights I had to stay up and take care of you and your weak stomach. Remember the obnoxious baby I had to sit next to on the flight out there? Glad you could laugh at my misfortune. I still can't believe she spilled her Cheerios all over me.

Comics editor, aka Matt aka FISHER, I'm going to miss you brutally murdering all of my jokes, watching you scan your pages for errors 80 times each week, busting your chops about how no one reads the comics section and yelling your name from the conference room when I find a mistake on your pages. Now that I think about it, you've taken an unbelievable number of jokes that the ordinary person couldn't handle. You're a great sport and we all love you. God help anybody who wants a job writing about comic books because you're the best at it. Just one more thing, the next time you're offered a free trip somewhere, especially L.A. or Seattle, you better take it!

Ed, aka Mister Ed, isn't it funny how honey ain't sweet like sugar? Is that a Nike outlet? What beers do you have on draft? Live from Seattle, it's Saturday Night! Pungent Sound. That'll suffice. Miss stewardess. These are some of the catchphrases that come to mind when I think of you, by far *The Outlook's* best kept secret until Seattle when you became social. Thankfully, we've wisely used the time since then because we've had plenty of laughs. Keep writing those great sports stories and don't let anybody mess with your leads. There are plenty of hash tags that I would use right now, but in the event that Twitter becomes a thing of the past, I don't want my article to become dated, so oh well. Just remember that money talks...and you.

Nick, I'm still waiting for my con-

tact at *The Wall Street Journal*. Ugh, the word unreliable comes to mind. Just kidding, everybody knows how hard you work and how seriously you take the newspaper despite your shenanigans. I'm going to have to find somebody else to spear on a regular basis, have a catch with, and slam on the ceiling with when at a party and a good song comes on. By the way, do you have any idea what's happening on top of Plangere and McAllan? OK, that was a cheap shot.

Jenna, aka tiny, looks like you made the height requirement to be mentioned in my farewell article. Thankfully, I got to know you better after writing for the honors school

newsletter when I thought you were just the bossy head editor. You're pretty cool. Happy to have my approval? Please don't punch me next time you see me. Anyway, from walking the Hollywood Walk of Fame to running the 5K, I'll always remember the tiny girl with spunk from *The Outlook*, even if I can't see her in a crowd of people who are five feet tall.

Kelly, aka broccoli aka ad girl, I'm convinced that there's no task that you can't do. Even though you're isolated on the other side of the office, you quickly became a part of *The Outlook* family. I'll definitely miss our life discussions after I graduate, but that doesn't mean I won't be calling you for advice. For the rest of your life, you better think of me whenever you hear "If You're Gone" by Matchbox Twenty, look at a piece of broccoli or hang that New Jersey Devils ornament on your Christmas tree that I got you for Secret Santa.

Jackie, I'm leaving the news section in your hands, but I'm not worried at all. You're extremely goal-oriented and driven; if anything, my beloved section will get better with you in charge. My prediction - you're the next Editor-in-Chief after Brett. There, now it's in print and you have to do it because you'd be great. Anyway, when you're in San Francisco next year, be glad that I won't be there to wake you up in the middle of the night by poking you and reciting random rap lyrics. I know, I know, rude.

Chris Orlando, I always feel the need to call you by your full name. You have single-handedly revived the politics section of the paper in your first semester through an incredible level of care. It's a shame that you don't want a career in journalism, but I'm sure you'll make a great lawyer someday since you know everything. When I visit next year, I expect an article entitled "Going Commando With Chris Orlando" to have either already been printed or at least be in the works.

No, you'll never hear the end of that joke.

Sarah, aka tech girl aka website wonder, I am lost for words at how awesome *The Outlook's* new website looks. You definitely earned your nicknames thanks to all of the hard work that you put into this newspaper's digital future. Many good times this year from you visiting my apartment to the dinners you cooked for me; you're a great chef. Remember when I stole your coat hook from your apartment? OK, probably better if I don't go there. Anyway, good luck next year as you pioneer *The Outlook's* first full year with an actual website; knowing you, it'll get better.

Martyna, aka Martyna McBride aka celebrity, it's too bad that you weren't in the office as much this year since we had so much fun last year. I don't know who's going to walk you to class next year, but I'll miss doing it. Thanks for waking me up all of those times that I was unconscious on the office couch and blasting that awful music that they call dubstep at an ungodly hour every morning.

Amanda, aka Arem, and Netta, thanks for being such great graduate assistants and catching all of my mistakes before publication. Arem, I'll always love you no matter how many times you've flipped out on me for playing music too loudly and playing wall ball in the office. Netta, thanks for always being the epitome of calm; I can't believe I'm leaving the University before you.

Sandy and Evelyn, you two really are the office mothers. Sandy, thanks for all of the therapy sessions in your office and slapping sense into me when I needed it most. Evelyn, thanks for always being real and down-to-earth. I love hearing you two say that this is the closest staff that you've ever seen. Believe me, your favorite cheap-skate and hustler wishes that he could stay.

Kevin, aka Indie, Harry, Casey, Lauren and Josh, I'm sure you guys are going to be a big part of *The Outlook's* future. Kevin, you're a great copyeditor and I still can't believe you ran that 5K in jeans. Lauren, you've been a great assistant news editor; thanks for all of your help.

Lastly, thanks to anybody who has ever written for the news section. It would be nothing without the content that you've all contributed.

My Professors

Dr. Novek and Professor Morano, I am forever indebted to you for all that you have taught me. Dr. N, I can't imagine not knocking on your office door on a regular basis to ask for help on an article or a critique of one that I've already written. Thanks for always pushing me to do better, but now it's time to push myself. Prof, I'll miss working under you as the advisor of *The Outlook*; thanks for always pointing me in the right direction whenever I was clueless as to where to start an article. Most of all, thanks for letting the staff take those annual trips to the American Collegiate Press Association's journalism conferences so I could form some of my best college memories.

My Family Outside of Outlook

Dan, Andrew and George, I have no idea where to start. Dan, you've been a great roommate who's taught me too much, like at some point you need to man up and spin that...you know the rest. Andrew, I'll miss your random conversations, but mostly your reliability as a friend who's always willing to help. That time when you ran around our apartment complex in nothing but boots, boxers and a Santa Claus hat pretty much sums you up. George, all I can say is banana and you know why. The four of us better never lose touch.

To the brothers of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, thanks for showing me a good time. I'm going to miss all of you, especially Vin, J and Mena. Cheers to our freshman days in Spruce Hall's B-Suite with Talon, Dave and Kyle. I don't think I've ever lost more sleep than when I lived with you guys. What a way to break into college. Jmac, you've become one of my best friends since we pledged just one year ago. Here's to moving into the same retirement community very soon considering our recent aches and pains.

Finishing Touches

If you couldn't tell by now, I'm going to miss this wonderful place that they call Monmouth University. The friends that I've made here are invaluable and the memories are priceless. It really is like The Beatles said - "in the end, the love you take is equal to the love you make."



Hawkin' and Squawkin' Away: Adieu Monmouth

JOANNA ZIETARA
CO-NEWS EDITOR

How can I wrap up the past four years in a short article? It's truly impossible but I'll try to be as concise as I can. The past four years have been wonderful. Monmouth University changed my life completely; I don't even recognize my 18-year-old self when looking at pictures from freshman year.

The thought of leaving this place that has helped me grow so much makes me want to cuddle up with my *Shadow* the Hawk plushy and cry my eyes out. I thought the day to write my senior farewell would approach me slowly; instead, it hit me right in the face. It's hard to believe that after May 16, I will be a Monmouth alumnus and will not be stepping foot on our beautiful campus in September.

I am going to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro for graduate school in August, but Monmouth will always hold a special place in my heart. From countless all-nighters, to the blackout we had in 2008 when everyone decided to play manhunt on our pitch black campus, to the Elmhood days, I will miss every single minute in Long Branch and on campus.

I have to start out with thanking my mom and my step-dad for helping me with my decision to attend Monmouth. You helped me figure it out financially and supported every decision I made throughout the four years. Mom, I'll never forget your face as you were leaving campus after helping me move-in to Elmwood. You were confident that I will be okay, but the worry in your eyes made me realize how much I mean to you. Thank you.

The Outlook has been a huge part of my life and I can't thank Gina, the Editor in Chief, enough for that. You were the one that recruited me first as a writer and then as an editor on your staff during our Elmwood days. I am so glad we were neighbors; without your push, I would not have joined the team which would have been the biggest mistake I could ever make. I am sure that one day, I'll see your name in some high-end magazine as editor-in-chief, because you know you got it girl. You are one of the most motivated and focused people that I have ever met and I am so proud to call you one of my closest friends. Our numerous talks at the office meant so much to me when I was going through some rough patches and your caring personality always made me feel so much better. It's hard to think about next year without you, being nine hours away, but I'm sure we will keep in touch and I'll be able to see your amazing face through Skype...if you're not too busy for me Wonder Woman. Still can't believe you had that haircut freshman year you poodle.

Anthony... Oh Anthony. What can I say about you, partner? We have been through quite a lot together working on our section and butting heads every now and then. I want you to know that I would never want a different partner; I think we have a special relationship that not a lot of people can understand. From taking care of me in Seattle, to keeping my spirits up during my sad days, to the massages I got from your wonderful hands, you will always be very close to my heart and I know you will stay in my life for a long time. Remember that time you tried to scare me at the office and you wound up scaring Dr. Novek? Nice job.

Brett. All I can say is Oanna... I know I always call you a pest when you annoy me beyond understanding, but without your energy and personality, the office would be quite boring. Your numerous inappropriate jokes really kept me up... if you catch my drift. I will miss you next year but you promised to call every

now and then and scream "OANNA" through the phone... I will be waiting for those phone calls. Good luck being the Editor in Chief next year... I believe in you.

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Besides *The Outlook*, I was involved with New Student Orientation every summer since I stepped foot on campus. I worked as a Student Advising mentor, and served as an Orientation leader for two summers. Even though the OLs woke up every day at 6:00 am and worked 17 hours a day at times, I can truly say that it was the most rewarding job I have ever had.

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I promised myself to write concisely, but there is no way that I could have cut anything out of my four years at Monmouth University. I'd love to rewind my four years here and experience it all over again, and I wouldn't change a thing. Knowing that my flight as a hawk is coming to an end is really upsetting but I know that Monmouth will always welcome me with open arms and the memories made here will be carried by me everywhere I go. Thank you Monmouth University, for the best four years of my life.





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Changing Your Outlook

THE OUTLOOK STAFF OPINION

As a student-run newspaper, *The Outlook* staff serves as the University's watchdog. Constantly, we are on the lookout for breaking news and sometimes, news that some individuals would rather us not know about. *The Outlook* strives to bring problems to light that the University may not even know exist. Serving as a platform for students to voice these concerns is a unique asset to have by giving the University the ability to look into where students are saying needs improvement. Once our paper comes out Wednesday mornings, our work is still ongoing, as we are midway through the following week's articles and tracking down sources crucial to the stories.

There have been multiple occasions throughout the past academic year where stories we have published have initiated responses on campus; these have brought a mix of both positive and negative reactions. Some of these examples include editorials about improving campus technology as well as the need to extinguish Affirmative Action. Although our editorials may have been criticized by several University members, one thing is for certain: we stood up for something.

As far as news goes, we're including just a few examples. We encouraged the administration to choose to build the new residence hall for sophomores rather than freshmen. In light of reports that a University student was assaulted earlier this semester, the University is now increasing the frequency of 'Hawk Alerts' to ensure safety across the campus community. When a reporter introduced the changes with Aramark that led to students' strong disapproval, the dining service also began reforming their options.

It was moments like these that

showed the effectiveness of our writing when administrators or other campus-related individuals would comment to *The Outlook* about our thoughts and how they would deal with our ideas.

Furthermore, we express gratitude to administrators, faculty, and staff who have spoken with us behind the curtain to express concerns they have. Everyone at these meetings frequently left feeling positive about having open communication with each other.

Moreover, one *Outlook* editor persists that by showing the staff's published work, we provide a good example of students taking their education and career goals seriously.

Furthermore, *The Outlook* would like to give thanks to some people at the University who have helped us and this publication.

Our advisor, John Morano, professor of journalism: We greatly appreciate your time and dedication to this paper. Your experience as a journalist and wisdom as a professor has made an incredibly positive impact in the newsroom. Thank you for helping us understand better journalism and to deal with problems as they happen.

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To our student workers who deliver the paper: Thank you for placing the new issues throughout the campus, so that students have their latest news every Wednesday.

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Last but certainly not least, we send a mass thank you to all of our writers for taking stories along with your academic studies. As one *Outlook* editor put it, "as editors we are a conductor to an orchestra, and our writers are the musicians."

Have a fulfilled and safe summer, Monmouth University. *The Outlook* will greet you all again in September.

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AC: The Place to Sightsee

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We are lucky to have a University located on the coast line of New Jersey. Students like me have a short walk to Ocean Avenue and can be on the beach in a matter of minutes. Pier Village is the closest “boardwalk

atmosphere” to the University, but there are other shore towns nearby that are often visited for their entertainment on the boards, both during the day and night. Asbury Park, Seaside Heights and Point Pleasant are just a few of the neighboring beach towns that are filled with fun activities. I’m



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Atlantic City has nightlife entertainment for those who like to play or those who just enjoy watching.

sure there are many other wonderful beaches that students visit, especially during the summer, but there is one other go-to place for the extreme nightlife experience. The world knows it as Atlantic City. I know it as the world’s greatest place to people-watch. I went to Atlantic City last week with a good friend, Kevin, to have a great dinner at Carmine’s Italian Restaurant with his sister. While waiting for our seating, he decided to put five dollars in the nearest slot machine. It was a tropical island slot that looked as if it would be kind enough to let a person win a buck or two. Kevin pulls the lever and we both watch the patterns spin until each of them stops suddenly on a different icon. I could’ve bet money on that. He pulls it again, this time causing a high-pitched bell to ding as he wins 30 cents. I laughed, 30 cents? He pulls again and wins two dollars, then four dollars, five dollars, then a few extra cents. He’s up about \$10! I instantly thought he would cash out! Instead of pushing the little red button to retrieve his receipt for 10, he pulls the lever, continuously losing every bit of what he just won. Our reservation was now ready, so after one last set of spins, he presses the button to get his receipt, that is

worth a dazzling 35 cents. Let’s just say that bringing a gift card for dinner was a smart move. I was so entertained and fascinated by the mesmerizing effect that machine had on him that I thought I’d make a night out of giving particular attention to the way people approach the gambling floor. Their facial expressions, body language, eye contact; everything became almost amusing to me that it inspired me to write about my night in Atlantic City, the place where you are either guaranteed to win 35 cents or hit the jackpot (and we all know how often that happens). I’ll share one story since it indefinitely describes my night. We went to the craps table, Kevin’s favorite. Words of wisdom, in my opinion: the game is called craps because the chances you have of winning anything are, well, crap. It’s pure luck, as is everything that relates to gambling. Anyway, he walks up to the table and throws a \$50 bill on it; that right there was his downfall. Forget even trying to talk to him once he got his chips; it was game time. So I stood behind the table to give myself enough distance to get a good glimpse of all the players. A very tall and lanky young man picks up the dice, closes his eyes, crosses his

arms as if to stretch them, rolls his neck, opens his eyes and gracefully rolls the dice across the table. It gets better; the 40-something year old man next to him pumps his fist in celebration and gives the young guy a high five for an awesome roll. The man proceeds to grab his chips and walk away, not forgetting to thank the young guy for winning him \$100. Meanwhile, everyone else has lost all of their chips and walks away with gloomy stares and profanity. The whole concept of winning and losing money is so intense yet highly amusing from a bystander’s point of view. There wasn’t one minute of the night where someone wasn’t high-fiving another, shaking his head in disappointment or dishing out more 50 dollar bills. I understand why gambling is so addicting; the competition heats up and there is always that slightest bit of hope of winning big. So, if you’re like me and don’t gamble, I would recommend watching others do it. You’ll have more fun than they will playing. By the way, I left AC up 25 cents with the quarter I found on the floor in the casino lobby. I lost no money and treated myself to a Starbucks iced coffee in the morning.

Social Networking at its Finest

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Our generation has never taken a moment to breathe. Mornings are spent sifting through e-mails, text messages, news alerts, and Facebook and Twitter notifications all before our first cup of coffee. Afternoons are spent gossiping about the morning’s “he said, she said” until the next OMG moment. We let that simmer until the evening, where countless uploads and sloppy text messages foster tomorrow’s conversations. This theory of interconnect-edness since birth has forcibly caused us to tie the knot with our devices - and it’s until death do we part from our attention-seeking and self-absorbed ways. And for what purpose? These outlets are driven more towards achieving personal vendettas than doing something without recognition. We are obsessed with spewing

every aspect of our lives onto the mainstream, looking for attention and recognition, for something, from someone. Anything. Who can blame you? It’s trendy. That is why I decided to deviate from all of that useless information about global politics in my weekly column and discuss something that’s relatable to the University: ourselves. What better way to do that than some quick tips on how to make yourself memorable to your immediate social network. 1. First off, don’t ever think about reading, let alone posting, something with substance. You’ll lose any credibility you built up through your tantrums. 2. Do post your life in 140 characters. Everyone cares. If you do not update within a two hour period, people might think that you’re not doing something. 3. Do not think about doing something worthwhile with your time. If it does not involve excessive amounts of sleeping,

drinking, eating or complaining, there’s a good chance no one wants to hear about it. 4. Do make sure you allocate sufficient time towards featuring your life for others in an easy and accessible manner. Hashtags and mentions are necessary, retweets are your bonus: RT “So tired from pulling that all-nighter. Still got no work done. @[insert obnoxious user name here] Now off to #Cabo for Spring Break with my besties! Kissez betches xoxoxoxoxoxo.” 5. And always look to outshine everyone on your social networking sites. Nothing says pathetic like stalking your friend’s photos on a Friday night without staging better pictures the night before. So when does it stop? For one thing, it doesn’t stop in college. Our world has never been closer, or further out of our reach. Think back to the KONY 2012 movement that erupted overnight last month. Child soldiers, victimized citi-

zens. Boom. Retweet. I am a social activist. We complained about other travesties instead of dwelling on our own. Progress. Finally. A public screening of “Kony 2012” was met with anger in Uganda. *The Washington Post* suggested that the frustration likely stemmed from the lack of Joseph Kony’s presence in Uganda. Perhaps the phenomena and hype behind the KONY 2012 campaign should have been refocused towards a more timely issue. *The Post* also reported that over 3,000 children are experiencing seizure-like episodes after eating. These seizures in turn have prompted children to avoid food, furthering their undernourishment. A greater understanding of Uganda and its real needs could be addressed if social media users redirected their attention away from the glorified hype. To this I offer a quote from T.S.

Eliot: “If we all were judged according to the consequences of all our words and deeds, beyond the intention and beyond our limited understanding of ourselves and others, we should all be condemned.” A key component of being a global citizen is offering compassion and an understanding of different cultures. Drawing rash assumptions based off of America’s agenda is Eliot’s example of limited understanding. Who am I to set the agenda of another person, let alone another country? Your needs, as well as theirs, are unknown. To suggest that I know everything about people through their behavior with social media outlets is foolish. I offer you this token in my final column: You will find more respect trying to understand the needs of people through their way of life rather than assuming the needs of masses through your own.

Remember When?

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And to think, I never saw this day coming. The day I submit my final article as a staff writer for *The Outlook*. The day college ends, and life without eCampus, drop boxes and SquirrelMail begins. The day I can matter-of-factly say, “I will never have to hand in another homework assignment and I will never take another test, unless of course it’s medical (those actually become more common with age).” I will never have to come up with a plausible excuse, written in an e-mail, as to why I missed class this week, or anxiously await my professor’s response, which I hardly ever received. In 48 months, which doesn’t really sound all that long, I have grown. My first day of freshman year at the University was a day I will never forget. Not because it was overwhelming or like something I had never experienced before, but instead because it was a Friday morning at 8:30 and I was miserably hung-over. I remember

sitting in Plangere for the first time with my first Einstein’s everything bagel, thinking, “These are going to be the best four years of my life.” Cliché yes, but absolutely, undoubtedly true. Four years went faster than four days, it seems. My years of college could be rolled up into a two-hour comedy about what life is like when you’re young and living among your immature, yet highly comical, carefree friends. To say I took advantage of living way beyond my parents’ roof would be an understatement and to say I remember every time I took full advantage would be a blatant lie. “Remember when?” This is a famous phrase that we often use to reminisce through past experiences, both good and bad. But it’s hard to remember all that has taken place throughout my college career. Maybe it’s because my brain literally can’t handle it all, or maybe its because my cerebrum

has become particularly selective. To help me recollect, I asked seniors which of their college moments has remained especially distinct in their minds. The answers helped to bring me back in time, which I very much enjoyed. “Remember the black out first semester freshman year [2008]?” said Michael Ciprello. “Everyone went to the Dining Hall and I wore my rollerblades inside. No one said anything, we did whatever we wanted.” “Freshman year Homecoming, when it was actually fun,” said Dana Machiz, referring to fall 2008 when students were allowed to tailgate the entire day, rather than now, when a new set of rules prohibit tailgating after the game has begun. “So now, we go to homecoming for an hour or two, and leave to go to someone’s house because no one really cares about

watching the game. I remember being able to hang out with so many different people freshman year, now everyone goes their own way. I wish they never changed that.” “Scabies,” said James Savage, trying so hard to hold back the laughter. Scabies is a skin irritation passed from person to person through contact, it can be placed under the category of a Sexually Transmitted Disease, but is easily curable with prescription lotion. “Sophomore year, people I know were getting scabies, everyone was itchy. I never got it, but it passed from person to person, and we still don’t know where it came from. It wasn’t funny then, but it’s definitely funny now.” “Pledging,” said Kara Hunt, boldly. “I will never forget pledging Theta Phi Alpha in the spring of 2009. I think all of Greek life can agree that there’s something special about those six weeks that you’ll never forget,” she said with

a smirk. “I made the best friends I could ever ask for and learned a lot about myself and growing up and what it means to literally have friends for life.” I personally will never forget the multiple snowfalls of 2009 and 2010. Our sophomore year was filled with constant snow days, which prevented us from attending class and forced us to lay around all day and build the occasional snowman. Of course we were upset about being deprived of our education, but we made the best of the situation placed in front of us. The University did not see snow like that this winter, which, I think I can speak for everyone, was kind of upsetting. No matter how old you are, there’s something about a snow day that excites the soul. For future students and future winters, I hope for snow days; you’ll miss them when they’re gone. Four years, maybe the most important years of our lives, went by too fast; I wish I could remember it all, but then again we don’t remember days, we remember moments, and the University has given all of us moments we will never forget.

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Pushing Back Against Bullying

Anti-Bullying Laws Top the List of Political Stories

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The Outlook concludes the school year with a continuation of the top 10 political stories of the school year. In this issue are the top five.

5. Gabrielle Giffords Returns to Congress

During President Obama's 2012 State of the Union speech, Arizona congresswoman, Gabrielle Giffords returned to Congress. On January 8, 2011, Giffords was shot by an assassin during a "Meet your Congressman" event in Tucson. Giffords was shot in the back of the head and was placed in critical condition. Giffords has since made great strides in recovery but it is far from over. During the State of the Union she handed in her letter of resignation to a cheering Congressional chamber.

In the time following the shooting, Republicans and Democrats put aside differences and became Americans. At the time of the shooting, the groups were split on how to fix the debt ceil-



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President Obama and Gabrielle Giffords share a hug before the President's 2012 State of the Union address.

ing. President Obama made a speech in Tucson in the days following the shooting. "As we discuss these issues, let each of us do so with a good dose of humility. Rather than pointing fingers or assigning blame, let us use this occasion to expand our moral imaginations, to listen to each other more carefully, to sharpen our instincts for empathy and remind ourselves of all the ways our hopes and dreams are bound together," he said.

Dr. Michael Phillips-Anderson, communication professor, is not as convinced. "I don't think that the Gabby Giffords shooting will have any substantial change to help politicians treat each other. On a human level House and the Senate were certainly happy to see her return, but the story is already largely been forgotten by both the politicians and the media." He also believes this did not bring the parties together as some other events have. He said, "The only thing that seems to have brought the parties together in recent years is fear of a common enemy following 9/11 and preceding the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq."

This attempt on Giffords life

brought into question about gun safety laws and the right to bare arms. "The Democrats don't seem to be interested in addressing any serious gun control proposals in the wake of the shooting or other high-profile shootings around the country," said Phillips-Anderson. Dr. Christopher DeRosa, professor of history, echoed a similar view. "It was another example of how throughout our history the Second Amendment has functioned to undermine democracy, rather than protect it. Second Amendment supporters argue that Americans need free access to fire arms so they can preserve their political freedom from a potentially tyrannical government. It's never actually served that function."

DeRosa would even say that by not limiting the right to bare arms, it is hurting our democracy. "What the Second Amendment has been used for in actuality is to deprive the American people of four elected presidents, eight members of Congress (including potential president Robert F. Kennedy), as well as one of the nation's greatest popular leaders, Martin Luther King. The Second Amendment aided the rebel states in their attempt to evade the outcome of the 1860 election and wage the bloodiest war in U.S. history. And in perhaps the most pernicious example, the Second Amendment enabled white supremacists in the south to deprive black citizens of their political rights and freedoms and maintain racist one-party rule there for a century after the Civil War."

Giffords return to Congress shows the enduring American spirit. Her fight to survive has inspired many Americans. That day in Arizona changed her life but has brought up two debates: How is bi-partisanship best reached and is regulating gun safety necessary?

4. Health Care Law

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, better known as "Obamacare," is the new health care reform act that was passed last year in Congress and signed by President Obama in March 2010. This remained a top story because it has recently been before the Supreme Court to see if it is constitutional.

Opponents of the law say that it is unconstitutional to force a product or service upon the American public. According to the law, if one does not have health insurance, you must become part of "Obamacare" or be fined for not having the service. This bill was created, in theory, to give every American access to health care so that everyone could see a doctor if necessary.

This issue is revelent to college students because according to the United States Census Bureau, a report done in 2009 and 2010, citizens from 18 to 24 have the lowest amount insured. According to the study, over 29,000 citizens in that age bracket do not have health insurance. The 29,000 18 to 24 year olds are a small portion of the total that is uninsured. The Census Bureau reports that, in 2009, over 304,000 Americans did not have health insurance. This number rose in 2010 which shows over 306,000 without insurance. Kathy Maloney of Health Services on campus said previously, "What this means for students is that they will be

required to possess health insurance that meets the federal guidelines. As the quality of the insurance programs increases, so does the insurance premiums. That is why for the Monmouth University Student Health Insurance plan the premiums have gone up but so does the quality of the coverage."

Some are critical whether this is even possible, or affordable. William Scarano, political science major, said "Given the current economic situation, it doesn't seem to me that the country has the resources to maintain the current standard of care if all insurers are mandated to cover everyone who can afford to pay the price of the individual mandate and simply eat the costs for everyone who cannot."

As the Supreme Court makes their decision, this decision becomes very important to students and those who will be entering the work force. Some jobs do not come with health insurance and will force employees to seek private insurance. When young, this is much simpler. "Although our students are young and generally healthy, there will come a time when we all need some kind of medical care and I fear that when that time comes, it may not be as easily available as proponents of this legislation have painted it to be," said Scarano.

3. Governor Christie Veto's the Same-Sex Marriage Bill

Whenever a bill is vetoed, there is always going to be opposition voiced by those who were in favor of the motion. When Christie dispelled the same-sex marriage bill, it was no surprise that there was a giant wave of angry outcries over the matter. According to an article in the *New York Times* on February 17, 2012, the veto was conditional, in which the governor had asked the State Legislature to amend the bill and not grant same-sex marriages. Instead it would put into place an overseer that would handle complaints that gay and lesbian couples might have that the states five-year-old civil union law didn't particularly solve.

To some, though, this compromise isn't good enough. Freshman Raquel Warehime, a communication major, denounces Christie's decision to decline the bill. "I think it's honestly ridiculous that he vetoed the bill. He has no right to say that homosexual people cannot get married. If everyone else was in agreement to legalize it, why did he have to be the person to say no? What harm are same sex marriages doing to society or to the people around them? All they want is legal documentation to say that they are together forever and I see no wrong in that," states Warehime.

Professor Alan Foster, a sociology adjunct at the University, believes that he might know Christie's intentions behind the temperamental decision. "He obviously made his decision for political reasons. He has the mistaken idea that someone will want him as a Vice-Presidential candidate, but it won't happen in this year, nor in 2016 either," Foster contends. He then goes on to mention that this veto will undoubtedly affect us "until a popular vote on the issue actually takes place, at which time I predict the Gov. will be surprised at the outcome."

However Brian Martin, a freshman majoring in political science, sees the issue more so as a

form of democracy instead of just a heated battle about gay rights. "Christie did it so he could leave the decision up to the people of New Jersey and I am very happy he did that. Democracy is the way to go for such a controversial issue," says Martin.

No matter one's stance on the topic of same-sex marriage, it can clearly be said that this battle of rights is still up for debate and will continue in the following months to come.

2. Occupy Wall Street

"We are the 99 percent" definitely has a catchy ring to it. The great gathering of protesters nationwide without a doubt holds a certain type of joinability and their cause seems noble, to say the least. Perhaps these are the reasons that many had flocked to join the legions of Occupy Wall Street protesters in the first place. However, the once-inspiring motion set forth by this group soon turned into pure chaos as fights broke out amongst the inner circles of the group, rapes occurred in the temporary camps set up, and even acts of violence and vandalism were committed to the surrounding areas that the groups seemed to be inhabiting at the time. All these harmful factors have given the group a negative status in news reports, workplaces, and even in daily household names.

Yuri Holsart, a sophomore communication major, believes that the group had started out noble, but due to an unorganized inner working and lack of social development, slowly deteriorated and turned to acts of violence to get their points across. "They really lost their focus on their main issue which was fighting social and economic inequality along with greed and corruption. Instead they themselves had become corrupted and acting out in outlandish manners, like dumping feces and urine down subway stairs, isn't helping accomplish anything. It's just making everyone think that they are bothersome and shouldn't be respected or taken seriously," states Holsart.

The Occupy Wall Street movement is still around today but hasn't gotten as much mention in the news as of late. It's unclear as to whether or not they are planning their next move on their fight against inequality or scheming their next violent publicity stunt, but no matter what they have in the works it seems safe to say that we have not heard the last from the "99 percent."

1. Anti-Bullying Laws

Bullying and cyber bullying have become an issue brought to the forefront. In late 2010 Rutgers student, Tyler Clementi, committed suicide after his roommate videotaped an intimate encounter with another man. Since this happened, students and educators alike have pushed for action to prevent bullying.

New Jersey governor, Chris Christie, took the first legislative step by backing and eventually signing the "Anti Bullying Bill of Rights." Alex

Appolonia, a sophomore communication major, believes this is a step in the right direction. "It is something that has affected all in the past and will continue to affect us. It should be enforced because it protects the rights of the students and their safety especially that this is an issue, which occurs on campuses of institutions of a higher education in this State."

Gregory Boredelon, lecturer of law said previously, "These Anti-Bullying codes are meant to further train school officials on recognizing harassment, in-



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timidation and bullying (HIB) under the law and set up an intra-school procedure to receive complaints and determine sanctions once incidents of HIB are found."

Bullying used to be limited to physical and verbally inflicting pain upon someone else but in the age of technology, it becomes almost impossible to escape it. According to makebeat-snotbeatdowns.org, a nonprofit anti-bullying organization, says that cyber bullying can fit into seven medians. These medians are: Text message bullying, picture/video clip bullying via mobile phone cameras, phone call bullying via mobile phones, e-mail bullying, chat-room bullying, bullying through instant messaging (IM) and bullying via websites. This is a bigger issue than people realize said adjunct political science professor, Nicole Bizzoco. "Bullying has always been an issue, but given the amount of attention the issue has received lately, including by some members of Congress, I think we may see more policies introduced at the state and federal levels to combat the issue more proactively, which will in turn impact us as the citizens charged with adhering to these policies."

Bullying will continue to be a large story and an even larger problem. New Jersey has done what it can but this isn't something that will go away overnight. Appolonia suggests, "Our goal here should be to educate ourselves on this law and to take action should we be aware of this going on around us. We all can collectively work towards a less-violent society one person at a time." Bizzoco agrees by saying, "While they may help somewhat, I think the real key to mitigating bullying lies first and foremost with parents."

Early Polls Have Obama Over Romney

DAN ROMAN
STAFF WRITER

With six months until Election Day, President Obama has taken a slight lead over his likely Republican opponent Mitt Romney. Although there is much time before November, this shows how the race will begin to take shape before the summer. RealClearPolitics.com has President Obama with an advantage of 3.2 points nationally over Romney, the former governor of Massachusetts. That calculation takes into account national polls from various polling institutions.

However, looking at the Electoral College gives President Obama even more reasons to be optimistic. No matter what the polls say about each candidate or their approval rating, you still need 270 electoral votes to become the Commander-in-Chief. Taking a look at the electoral map shows that the President currently has a distinct advantage. Counting states that are ‘safe’ for each candidate, (winning by 15 points or more); Obama already has 161 electoral votes to Romney’s 131. Add the states that are leaning for each candidate (15 to eight point advantage) Obama increases his lead 227-170. That only leaves the toss-up states, or those that are within eight points for either candidate, left to determine the winner. 11 states currently fall into this category. They account for 141 votes each with Obama needing only 43 of those to win.

A closer look at the toss-up states sees Obama with a lead in a majority of them. Florida’s 29 votes are currently in the president’s column with a 4.2 point lead over Romney, taking the vote count to 256. Obama is also leading in Pennsylvania by six. A win in Pennsylvania and Florida will see the President going over the 270 threshold and winning reelection. Romney could win the remaining nine toss-up states and

still lose. In fact, the only toss-up states that are currently red for Romney are Arizona by 5.4 and Missouri by three. The President also sees a 5.3 point lead in Ohio, a traditional battleground state. There are many different ways Obama can win from the toss-ups while Romney would need to steal many of the states that are currently blue.

These numbers, of course should be taken with a grain of salt. Six months seems like an eternity in the political world and anything can happen between now and November to change the entire dynamic of the presidential race. In 2004, six months before the Presidential race, many polls including *CNN* had John Kerry beating incumbent President George Bush by five points. There were also times during the 2008 election where McCain was beating Obama by as many as five points in Gallup and *USA Today* polls.

Dr. Thomas Lamatsch, Assistant Director of the Monmouth University Polling Institute, would argue that it is too early to start making predictions. He states, “It is way too early to make a prediction,” he continues, “So many things can happen until November that the race is wide open, not only statistically speaking but also from a political perspective.” You could also argue then that this could also turn for the president in that the economy could boom in the upcoming months and his poll numbers could soar through the roof. This summer will be crucial for both campaigns, especially the highly publicized vice presidential nominee of Mitt Romney.

Taking into account the fact that it is way too early to predict, it is still very important and interesting to discuss the November elections. Many throughout the political spectrum are saying this election will be one of the most important ever. The United States is facing many problems, the likes of

which we have never seen before. The president who is selected will determine how and if we tackle these issues. The deficit and the economy will most likely be the biggest issue in 2012. A *Rasmussen* poll from March 4 shows that 82 percent of Americans believe the economy is a very important issue. President Obama will need to convince voters that he has led the economy down the right path. If the President can show that we are better off now than it was in January 2009, when he took office, he will have a much easier job keeping control of the White House. Mitt Romney will need to argue that he has the answer to fix the economy. Republicans believe that the economy is growing, but not fast enough.

Mitt Romney, the presumptive nominee, will need to excite his own political base to have a chance in November. Many accuse him of being too liberal to be a representative of the Republican Party, which is moving further to the right. In 1994, Mitt Romney was pro-choice while running for Senator of Massachusetts against Democrat Ted Kennedy. He has since changed his position to be strictly pro-life. He has been for gun control and tried to be a champion of gay rights according to massresistance.org. These are positions which do not align with the conservative or the Tea Party movement.

Junior political science major Brad Landau believes this has caused a split in the Republican Party. “The Tea Party movement showcases how divided the Republican Party really is,” said Landau. If Romney can unite the Tea Party with his campaign and show that the President’s policies are not working he will have a much greater chance in November. If President Obama can successfully argue that America is better off now than it was in 2008, he may not have to move his things out of the Oval Office just yet.

Women Taking it to “The Man”

SAMANTHA TARTAS
STAFF WRITER

Democratic lobbyist Hillary Rosen dismissed Ann Romney’s credibility behind advising Mitt Romney’s economic agenda as a result of Ann Romney’s lack of real work experience, driving a deeper wedge between stay-at-home moms and working ones.

Rosen described Romney as “never [working] a day in her life.” She further went on to comment that Romney does not know the needs and concerns of women who work outside of the home. She was later rebuked and apologized for her disparaging statement.

Although Rosen did not criticize Ann Romney again, she continued to discuss Mitt Romney’s view of his wife as his economic adviser for women. “I think the issue that I’m focusing on is, ‘Does Mitt Romney have a vision for bringing women up economically, and can he himself stop referring to his wife as his economic surrogate?’ That’s an important thing. He’s the one that keeps doing this. Not me,” she said in an interview on *CNN*.

NPR released “Rosen’s Words About Ann Romney Fuel ‘Mommy Wars’” late last week in response to the upheaval.

The 10 minute story briefly featured three moms with Michel Martin, a host from NPR daily news and talk show, “Tell Me More.” Trending topics all circulated around stay-at-home moms versus working moms and the deepening wedge forced between the two.

All three mothers agreed that the initial comment by Rosen caused push-back by listeners, but went on to discuss how Rosen’s following sentence about Ann Romney’s lack of experience regarding the needs and concerns of women outside of the home perfectly legitimate.

“Women can’t seem to stop being judgmental of each other, which is a tragedy because ‘divided you shall be conquered,’” Ann Crittenden, author of “The Price of Motherhood,” released in a statement to the *Los Angeles Times*.

Dr. Michael Phillips-Anderson, assistant professor of communication at the University commented on Ann Romney’s challenge on creating a common identity with American voters.

Phillips-Anderson explained that, “[for] most parents, being a stay-at-home parent is not a choice and if one parent is at home, it’s often the result of unemployment or the lack of sustainable employment that would pay more than the cost of childcare. There [is] also Mitt Romney’s comments that women on welfare should work outside the home to experience the ‘dignity of work.’ He apparently does not think being a stay-at-home mom is a position of dignity.”

One of the major themes surrounding the election has been Mitt Romney’s inability to reach out to women voters. A recent *Wall Street Journal/NBC* survey alluded to Romney’s 12-point deficit with female voters when head-to-head with President Obama.

The same survey suggests a different divide around marriage occurs.

Romney is carrying married voters, both men and women, by three percentage points: 49 percent to 46 percent. He is also trailing Obama by 36 percent among unmarried women; the statistic does not improve when comparing unmarried men at 23 percent to Obama.

The *Wall Street Journal* suggests that the yawning gap could be contributed to household incomes; those who are unmarried tend to have lower household incomes than married counterparts.

The *WSJ/NBC* survey also shows Obama leading Romney in the group of lower-income voters, those who earn less than \$30,000 a year, by a gaping 31 percentage points, 61 percent to 30 percent. Those analysts suggest its reasoning behind Obama’s populist appeals as of late and Romney’s inability to connect with lower-income voters.

USA Today stated that women voters are not a lock for either side, but the Democratic Party has won the majority of the women vote in the last five presidential elections.

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GINA COLUMBUS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

I can remember the exact moment when I walked into *The Outlook* four years ago. Staring up at the masthead that frames the office door, I was meek, naïve – a completely different person than the woman I now see in the mirror. I knew the inverted pyramid and the basic elements of a news story, but really, I didn't know anything about being a part of a newspaper – ethics, common mistakes, how to interview sources, the all hail AP style and, most importantly, the bonds you can have with your staff.

However, there was one thing I did know, and it was shortly after I first visited Monmouth University prior to fall 2008: I wanted to become Editor-in-Chief of *The Outlook*. Little did I know, I would reach that dream just two short years later.

The shy, awkward freshman yes, “walked through the door and made the change.”

It has been an unbelievable, gratifying, insane, stressful, frazzling, educational and fulfilling two years of serving as the editor of *The Outlook*. I would like to think that my stressful persona and dire need to be a perfectionist subsided as my term went on, but no – they never did. Mistakes were made, but I am grateful for every single one. How would I have learned anything? You can have a boring newspaper with average content that never causes any controversy, or you can have a must-read that grabs the campus' attention with well-written stories, great photos and an overall eye-catching design that ruffles a few feathers. I strive for the latter.

To keep in theme with Senior



Goodbyes (I still can't believe I'm writing one), I have many people I would like to thank that have made my time at Monmouth as special as possible.

First and foremost, to my family: Mom, Steve, Nikki, Nana and Pop-Pop, Aunt Colleen, Uncle Joey and Grandma. I am so blessed to have such an encouraging group of people who love me and support all of my dreams. Thank you for always being so supportive of *The Outlook* and being some of its (and my) biggest cheerleaders. It meant so much to get a phone call after you've read one of my articles or really liked an issue. I'm so thankful for all of you and for the hope you have given me to succeed. Momma, none of this would have been possible without you, so my biggest thanks go to you. I love you all so much!

The Outlook, in my opinion, has truly flourished in the four years I've been here. I sit here speechless, trying to come up with words to describe *The Outlook* editors. They're not just hard-workers; they are an outstanding, beautiful group of people. No, they are more than that; they are family.

We are a family.

Countless times we have laughed, cried, fought and debated with each other as if we're all old married couples or brothers and sisters. Never have I experienced such a bond with others as I have with all of you. Each of you has your own special place in this office. I am forever thankful for the hours and effort you have put into this paper, for dealing with less than pleasant situations/people, and most

of all for standing by my side and assisting me, even when there were so many better things to do. You all have influenced this paper, this staff and this newsroom.

Brett: As soon as I typed your name I started laughing. I cannot thank you enough for being able to crack my hard-ass shield and break my bad moods with an AHAHA or just by making the strangest faces. You really are the weirdest person I have ever met, and you're also the little brother I'm so glad I never had. However, this office would be completely lackluster without you. You have been an incredible managing editor these last two years. Your permanent smile, high-pitched voices and dead-on impersonations fill the office with love and a huge amount of energy. I've noticed how much you stepped up since September, and I have no reserves about leaving my throne to you next year. I am so proud of you and I thank you for being one of the most reliable editors and an even better friend. So glad I will still see you at APP this summer!

Joanna: Woman, I love ya. We go back since our Elmwood days, and I'm so grateful that we have grown closer every year. Thank you for always being there if I needed to vent about office-related (or not) situations and for never being judgmental. Los Angeles and Seattle were fantastic experiences that I'm so glad you were able to be a part of. I can't even think about you being all the way in North Carolina in a few months. I'm so excited for you but it does break my heart a bit.

Jenna: GOD JENNA! You're so awesome (what a surprise). I've always felt like you are the fearless version of me – I admire the way you take so many chances and handle every challenge with such a confident attitude. Thank you for all you have done with the paper – you transformed the club and Greek section last year and this year, you made features one of the strongest sections in *The Outlook*. Enjoy Italian life in the fall and I can't wait to continue hearing about all of your wild adventures.

Anthony: I think I have spent more time with you in the last three years than most of the people at Monmouth, with constantly being together in the newsroom, classes and a 40-hour work week during the summer. As much as we bicker and disagree on many things, I know you'll agree with me on this: you are an intelligent, brave guy and an excellent journalist. I'm grateful to have had you on my staff, even when you drive me crazy (ex. ARE YOU KIDDING ME). I know for a fact you will go so far in your career by how determined and goal-oriented you are. Cheers to never getting rid of each other, as we'll be working together again for quite some time after graduation.

Jackie: You're the best! Every time something scares me, all I think is DEAD or when I get angry I think LIKE WHATEVER BYEEEE. You rock at being an editor of three different sections. Brett will have a gem by having you as his managing editor next year. I'm SO happy you came to Seattle this year! I will miss you so much when I leave – make sure to keep the office, and Brett, in line for me.

Kelly: BEST AD GIRL EVER. What in the world would I have done without you this year? I am convinced that you cloned yourself and that's how you're able to manage all of the tasks Sandy and I give you. You have carried *The Outlook* into a realm I never thought possible – a prominent Facebook and Twitter presence is because of your hard work and dedication to this paper. Stay just the way you are- and I'm only a phone call away if Brett's, Ed's and Nick's 'Ad Girl' jokes start driving you bonkers.

Matt: You may be the only person on the planet who stresses more than me, but you know what they say –

great minds think alike! I've always appreciated how detail-oriented you are and how much you've truly cared for the entertainment and comics sections...as in every single microscopic detail. Thank you for always keeping me up to date with the latest “General Hospital,” *Twilight* and Zac Efron news. As much as everyone pokes fun, you know we all love you twice as much. Best of luck to you, even though you definitely don't need it.

Nick: Oh how I will miss having someone come up with awesome headlines for stories (don't worry Matt, I'm grateful for that, too). You are a perfect example of someone with a lot of potential who shows exemplary growth; you always have brilliant ideas for the paper. I'm still thankful for you and Jenna coming to represent *The Outlook* at Homecoming when no one else would. I know you would do anything to make this paper shine, and I will miss you terribly.

Chris Orlando: You came in this semester to take over politics barely knowing anything, and you know what? You really did an amazing job. I was so taken aback by your initiative with your writers and wanting to make the politics section the best it's ever been. You're an ‘above and beyond’ person, which will get you very far in life. Keep working hard – and yes, you can still call me ma'am.

Ed: I think you're honestly the only person that's ever been intimidated by and terrified of me, but thanks for making me feel tough once in a while. You are such an honest, good guy and a superb sports writer. I wish we had more time to have gotten to know each other, but I'm sure I'll still see your constant posts in “The Outlook Peeps.”

Netta: You're the big brother in my eyes. You've been the constant grad assistant in my life, since you have 15 degrees and all. I'll always be in awe at how you can fix every computer issue in a matter of minutes. I can't thank you enough for letting me express every concern I have, which take up a good chunk of production nights. You've always insisted that I was doing more than an average job – thank you for making me feel appreciated.

ARem: I can't believe we're both leaving this place. You're doing an exceptional job at the *International Business Times*, and I'll definitely continue to read your work. Thank you for being my right-hand woman! I'll miss your crazy work and strange boy stories.

Sarah and Josh: You have completely transformed *The Outlook* into an interactive digital format. All of your hard work is immensely appreciated. Keep up the great work and Sarah, never stop with all of your wonderful ideas!

Brielle: Your design skills (as you know I've always admired) really helped us out on Tuesdays when we needed a quick fix. I know I can speak for everyone when I say you're a special contribution to the paper.

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Sandy: Office Coordinator/Office Mom/therapist/mentor/life coach/advertising expert/friend. There's probably a good 12 other titles I left out, but you get the idea. You will honestly be one of the people I'll miss



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Evelyn: My Puerto-Rican mama! Thank you for being completely real with me 100 percent of the time, even when I didn't want to hear it. My sheep (not goat) on the other hand... haha, never mind. We both know it's not the best-looking animal. You have made me crack up a million and one times. Your smile is contagious and your stories kept me entertained for hours. Love you Mama! I'm so proud to be your Caucasian daughter!

Professor Morano: You have been an astounding advisor and mentor for me. Your patience is incredible, and I thank you for making me realize some things I was so worried about really weren't a big deal. You always put things into a better perspective and have educated me so much on the journalism world. Thank you for always believing in me and allowing me to grow and learn in this position.

Dr. Novak: I can remember sitting in your Intro to Journalism class as a freshman; thank you for teaching me so much from the very beginning!

To the entire Department of Communication: I may be biased in saying this, but I strongly believe that this is the best group of professors on campus. You have all taught me so many things that I have been able to use inside and out of the classroom. This department has such a bustling amount of energy and it was an honor to be a student in your classes.

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Ajda: Remember that night in Maplewood when we admitted that we were best friends? We know exactly what the other is thinking just by giving that certain look. You have

truly been an amazing roommate and friend to me – whether we're stuffing our faces, having movie nights or going off on one of our crazy adventures somewhere. Your laugh is one of the things I will miss the most, and I'm sad to not be living with you for the first time in four years. I've shared more laughs with you and Sandra than I have with anyone. I knew within just a few short weeks that I found a true friend in you freshman year, and I want you to know how proud I am to be your MU mother.

Sandra: Lima bean, it was strange to not have you in the newsroom for the first time in a good two and a half years. Besides being one of my best friends, you are such a talented writer and editor. We have a million and one memories together that I will forever cherish. I'm so happy for all of the time we were able to spend together both in and out of *Outlook*. You should be so proud of everything you've been able to accomplish these last four years- I know I am! You're the best laundry bear!

To my boyfriend, Chris: You are a prime source of encouragement for me. You have faith that I can do anything, and I am so appreciative to have had you by my side. Thank you for always making me smile after a long production day/week. I love you!

Frank: Hero, without you I would not be in the position I am today. You taught me everything you knew about running a college newspaper. I am obliged to call you my mentor, and for taking so much time to groom me for the throne two years ago.

President Gaffney: You have been an exceptional leader for the Hawks, and MU will surely miss you when you retire next year. Thank you for all of your kindness and support for *The Outlook*; it has meant everything to the staff and myself. One of my fondest Monmouth memories is serving as a guest on “Neighbor to Neighbor.”

To all of the writers for *The Outlook*, thank you for your significant contributions over the years. Obviously, the paper would be nothing without your writing.

For all who ever criticized, critiqued, disagreed, etc. with the paper, I thank you, for you've made me work twice as hard to be the exceptional journalist I strive to be.

For the campus community, our audience, thank you for being such wonderful readers and providing feedback, both positive and negative. You have no idea how many times I have smiled just because I saw someone reading the paper on campus.

It has been an astounding honor to serve as Monmouth University's Editor-in-Chief of *The Outlook* from 2010-2012. I have made some incredible memories and lifelong friendships that will never fade from my mind or my heart. Although the thought of wrapping up this final issue and clearing out my office saddens me, it helps knowing *The Outlook* is in great hands when Brett takes over this fall.

Monmouth, you are forever a part of me. Class of 2012, long live.

How to Not be Treated Like a “Winter Rental”

Keeping Your Relationship Sunny Through the Summer

MICHELLE GILMAN
STAFF WRITER

Summer is almost here and “single” is in the air. All year long from the first week of September until Memorial Day weekend, we sit around pining for “the one.” But something about summer triggers a sense of freedom in the blood. Your friends are all coming home from school, you’re starting that new lifeguarding job, classes are over and any type of responsibility sounds like torture.

Those of us that are in relationships suddenly feel trapped and those of us that are already single feel like we’ve hit the lottery. There’s no better time to be single than D’Jais opening weekend. “Last year, my boyfriend and I broke up in the beginning of May. It wasn’t the greatest relationship and I knew the summer was going to have much more to offer,” said Samantha LaRocca, senior.

So the real question here is: If you are one of those unlucky suckers who find themselves stuck in a relationship, how do you hold onto the love until September is in sight again? Chances are, at least one of the two people in every relationship is looking for an easy way out before June 1 hits. “Everybody breaks up in April or May. Most people don’t want to be held back over the summer,” said Dimitri DiMarco, student at the University.

If fate has it that you are not looking to dance half-naked on the bar at Bar Anticipation every “Sunday Funday” this summer and you actually like your significant other, I am here to teach you how to hold onto your beloved.

First, if you are in any way clingy, lay off immediately. Nobody wants a needy partner calling them every five minutes while they are getting their tan on at 16th Avenue in Belmar. Realize that you too need to enjoy your summer.

“Relationships are inevitably



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If you want to stay committed through the summer, then make sure that you give your significant other some space so you both can still have fun during the summer months.

about the push and pull of dependence and independence, and having a bit of both is healthy. Being completely independent or painfully needy are both undesirable,” said Dr. Gary Lewandowski Jr., psychology professor. Summer is about relaxing, nice weather, cold drinks and time off from stress. So if you feel the need to text your boyfriend every 17 minutes to make sure he’s “doing okay,” then consider disconnecting your phone. “I dated a guy who called me every single night by 12:00 am to make sure that I was ‘home safe.’ I knew he really was just checking up on me,” said Samantha Cohen, senior.

This is going to sound a little odd, but the next thing you need to do is act aloof. You might be settled into your relationship routine at this point if you started dating last fall. Every week is the same with your classes, date nights, and cuddle sessions. Make yourself less available

so that your lover stays on their toes. It’s human nature to want someone more when they are unavailable.

“I love to play that little game where I wait 20 minutes to return a guy’s call. It keeps them interested,” said Kayla Nennecke, senior at Seton Hall University. Take a little longer to respond to your girlfriend’s texts. Don’t write on your boyfriend’s wall as often. Say you’re busy when you’re not. You get the picture.

Next, going one step beyond “being aloof” is spending time apart. Spending time apart will help your significant other realize that they can have fun with their friends while still being with you. Most couples spend at least five nights a week together. Turn this into three nights a week. According to Lewandowski, trust and openness are a very important part of any relationship. Just be sure to make it clear to your partner that you need space. The first thing

that this will do is make you miss each other that much more. The second thing this will do is give you both space to breathe and enjoy your summer. “My ex and I used to make a point to spend time apart. It was nice because I missed him more often that way,” said Ruth Myers, senior.

One of the best things you can do in a relationship is encourage your partner to spend time with his/her friends. So if Friday night is your usual date night, tell your girlfriend that this week you’re going out with the guys. If you like to spend Monday nights studying together, skip it and hang with your friends. “Space can be good or bad, but more than anything it needs to be what a person wants and what their partner wants. If one person wants space and the other doesn’t, things are not going to go well,” said Lewandowski.

Taking these small couple of steps will help you ease into a summer of partying, beach-going and vacationing while still holding onto the “love” you’ve found. It isn’t easy to dive headfirst into summer with all of your single friends dancing up a storm at a different beach bar every night. Make a point to go out with your single friends; just keep your shirt on and limit your gin and tonic intake to three, tops. Make a point to go to the beach with the guys and leave your girlfriend to be with her friends.

“It was the best when my ex-girlfriend would tell me to go out with my friends and enjoy myself,” said DiMarco.

Now in order to pull this off, you may need to practice a few calming breathing exercises, take up yoga, or do whatever it is that you find soothing. We all know that feeling you get when your boyfriend texts you letting you know that he’s going to Jack’s with the guys. It’s like a heart attack and a root canal rolled up into one. Or when your girlfriend calls to say she’ll be over “late” because a few works friends are getting drinks at the Draft House.

We all want to scream “Don’t go! Just stay home with me!” But you must, I repeat, must suppress this feeling if you want your relationship to succeed. No one wants to be held back in the summer. There is so much to do and experience. Life really happens during those three blissful months of heat.

Space is a healthy part of every relationship and regardless of the summer being on its way, we all need our alone time. So make sure you let your partner know that you’re in it for the long haul, and allow them a little room to breathe, to live it up this summer as if they were single, minus the whole “random hookup” aspect. Because who needs an awkward one-night-stand when you’ve got “the one” waiting for you at home?

University Featured in “The Princeton Review’s Guide to 322 Green Colleges”

PRESS RELEASE

Monmouth University is one of the most environmentally responsible colleges in the United States and Canada, according to The Princeton Review.

“The Princeton Review’s Guide to 322 Green Colleges: 2012 Edition,” created in partnership with the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), is the only free, comprehensive guidebook profiling institutions of higher education that demonstrate a notable commitment to sustainability in their academic offerings, campus infrastructure, activities and career preparation. The free guide can be downloaded at www.princetonreview.com/green-guide.

Monmouth University is the first independent university in New Jersey to sign comprehensive green operation agreement with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The University was named the New Jersey Clean Energy School of the Year in 2006 by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and received a 2007 Merit Award from the Monmouth County Planning Board for its 2006 Solar Panel Installation Project. The University is currently installing a 600 kw Solar Panel system on seven University buildings under a Power Purchase Agreement with Torcon Energy Services.

The Princeton Review selected schools for this guide based on a survey of administrators at hundreds of colleges that the Company polled in 2011 about their school’s sustainability initiatives. The Princeton Review does not rank the schools in this guide hierarchically (1 to 322) according to their Green Rating scores, nor does it include those scores in this book’s school profiles.

Psychology Professor Gary Lewandowski Featured in “The Princeton Review’s Guide to 300 Best Professors”

PRESS RELEASE

Monmouth University has one of the country’s best undergraduate teachers, according to The Princeton Review. The Massachusetts-based education services, widely-known for its test-prep courses, books, and student survey-based college rankings profiles Psychology Professor Gary Lewandowski in its new book, *The Best 300 Professors*.

Published April 3, 2012, *The Best 300 Professors* is a project that The Princeton Review teamed up with RateMyProfessors.com the highest-trafficked college professor ratings site in the United States to develop. The book’s impressive roster of top teachers features professors in more than 60 fields ranging from Accounting to Neuroscience to Sport Management. They hail from 122 universities across the nation. A complete list of the professors in the book is accessible at www.princetonreview.com/best-professors.aspx.

The selection process took into account qualitative and quantitative data from survey findings and ratings collected by both The Princeton Review and RateMyProfessors.com. The professors featured in the book are a truly select group: from an initial list of 42,000 professors considered, the final group of “best” professors chosen constitutes less than .02% of the roughly 1.8 million post-secondary teachers instructing students at universities. The professors in the book are not ranked but each professor profiled received high ratings from their most important audiences, beneficiaries and critics: the students they teach and inspire.

In its profile on Professor Lewandowski, The Princeton Review editors describe how he “sets challenging but achievable goals and is approachable and always willing to help. The write-up also includes comments from students of Professor Lewandowski surveyed by The Princeton Review who described him as “the best teacher I have ever had in my entire school career. He’s funny and makes class enjoyable.”

Dr. Lewandowski received the 2011 New Jersey Psychological Association’s (NJPA) Emerging Researcher Award. He has published over 20 articles in highly respected journals and he has been awarded 12 grants funded by a number of organizations such as American Psychological Association (APA) and Association for Psychological Science. He is the co-creator of www.ScienceOfRelationships.com, a site dedicated to teaching about relationships through research. He is also a co-editor of the book, *The Science of Relationships: Answers to your questions about dating, marriage and family*, and he has co-authored 14 book chapters. He has presented his research at over 70 peer reviewed conferences.

The Evolution of Supercomputers

The Unveiling of New Technology Thanks to Moore's Law

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If you bought a computer within the last few years, you probably realize that it can run circles around the old desktop you had lying around your house from a decade ago. The speed in loading web-pages, playing games, editing media, and processing information has appeared to have exponentially increased compared to the ancient former.

Who doesn't remember the days of using dial-up internet and hoping that no one would call home as the phone line was occupied by the modem? Then came DSL and fiber optics and our freedom of using the phone while surfing the web was established as a new norm. A few years down the road, the majority of advances of desktop computers, mainly processing power, had begun to migrate to laptops and recently, to smartphones.

This trend is the result of an observation made in 1965 by the cofounder of Intel, Gordon Moore, which is known as Moore's Law. It states that the number of transistors per square inch on an integrated circuit will double every two years, according to intel.com.

Transistors are semiconductors which are the fundamental components of most electronic devices. They can act as amplifiers by controlling a large electrical output signal with changes to a small input signal (much the same way as a small amount of effort is used to allow a faucet to release a large volume of water). Transistors can also act as switches that can open and close very quickly to regulate the current flow-

ing through an electrical circuit.

The evolution of supercomputers is no exception to Moore's Law. The modern Cray XT5 Jaguar supercomputer performed 1.4 petaflops in 2008, whereby processing almost nine million times more flops than the famous Cray-1 supercomputer from 1976, according to cray.com. A "flop" is an acronym for a floating point operation per second which is a way to measure a computer's performance, generally in processing power.

Recently, a small company known as Cycle Computing brought together a supercomputing apparatus with 50,000 processors on Amazon Web Services to run drug simulations created by two other companies: Schrodinger and Nimbus Discovery.

Cycle's software bundle was able to perform an incredible feat of analyzing essentially, where 21 million keys would fit into one lock. The "keys" in this case consisted of a wide gamut of chemical compounds that would bind to a protein (lock) in a stereospecific manner. The task which would have taken, according to the *New York Times*, "12.5 processor years" was completed in a mere three hours at the cost of less than \$5,000 per hour.

"I wonder what problems need clusters of computers to solve which would be conducive to this 'Cloud' approach. Perhaps, weather would be one," said Dr. E. J. Kelsey, physics professor.

"Maybe, computer animation of the sort used in movies would be another. These problems are solved on the supercomputers we have today. If solving these problems were cheap, it would mean that folks that don't have

the financial backing that NOAA and Disney have could compete in these fields."

Research that was once considered too tedious to complete or too expensive to completely analyze may finally have been granted some leeway. The commercialization of supercomputing by the rent will pave the way for a new evolution in data analysis.

In bioinformatics, for example, Cycle's algorithms can be used to compare primary biological sequence information such as amino acid sequences of variant proteins and the myriad nucleotides of DNA sequences.

In proteomics, the company's algorithms can be used to search

and identify mass spectrometry peptide spectra for various proteins by searching against entire libraries of known compounds. In computational chemistry, Cycle can simulate the Newtonian equations of motion for systems with hundreds to millions of particles, according to cyclecomputing.com.

Nick Kulka, a junior double majoring in biology and education, thinks "Such an advancement in technology could have astonishing implications for many facets in scientific endeavors and in society. This technology could bring changes to the world that could be more beneficial than ever anticipated."

This is just a small sliver of

the latent ocean of applications we now have access to. With that emergence, more people will be able to compete in a field that has been traditionally dominated by the very top of the technological sovereign since its fruition many decades ago.

Priscilla Yick, a post-bac student at the University, agrees that "this technology has the potential to greatly accelerate scientific progress in a way that wasn't possible before. If research facilities have the funding to afford the use of these supercomputers, then I think we can expect a lot of advances in various scientific fields in the near future."

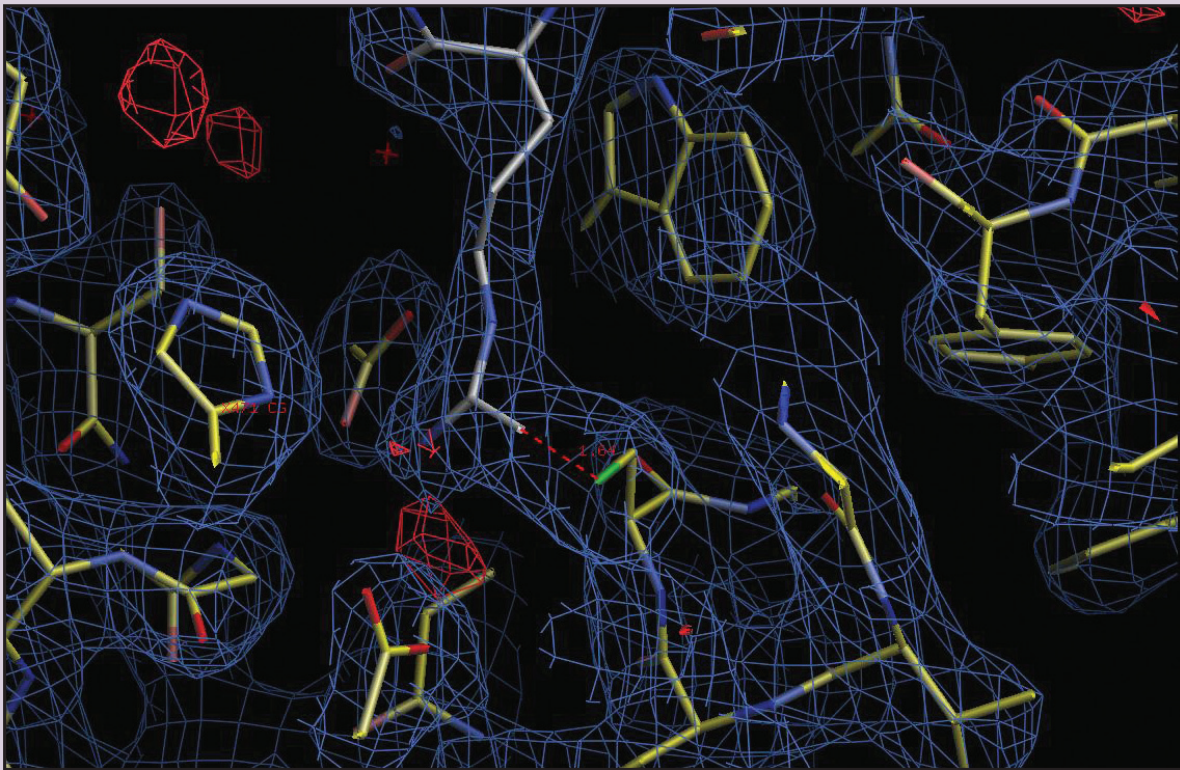


IMAGE TAKEN from scienceforums.net

Cycle Computing's supercomputing apparatus was able to see which of 21 million chemical compounds would bind to a particular protein.

Skills That Will Score the Coveted Job

What to Consider When Applying for Work

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With graduation impending for many in a matter of weeks, soon-to-be graduates are busy putting the finishing touches on their resumes in order to impress

and hopefully get that sought-after yet very mythical callback. If one is lucky, they will be called for an interview.

What happens, though, as one is waiting in the office, sweating through the expensive suit or name-brand blouse waiting

for their chance to astound? In today's market, it helps to be different than the rest of the candidates in the pool and to be able to stand out among the rest. It benefits to know and possess some unconventional job skills in today's working world.

So the day of the interview has finally arrived. Now what? Person after person, parent after parent, all have their two cents to put in when it comes to making an impression on the hiring employer. Many more people have seen the countless pages of news articles regarding what to say and what not to say at a job interview. Majority of the skills mentioned in said articles are generic and most often come across the minds of most people as common sense.

For example, in today's technology-driven society and work force, it pays to know and be able to work with computers and the ever-growing social media movement. "Many employers today are using social media in the workplace, so a knowledge of how to use social media in a professional setting is helpful," William Hill, Assistant Dean of Career Services said.

Beyond social media and other technology-savvy innovations, it's important to be aware of skills that are not as common and tapped-in yet. Something as

simple as being polite and grateful to superiors and fellow employees goes a long way when it comes to being considered for a position. Some people forget the thought and meaning behind a simple thank-you or an e-mail that was returned in an orderly time frame. "Common courtesy, while not often considered a 'skill,' is nonetheless critical to new employees. For example, not returning calls or e-mails promptly, not turning off cell phones in meetings, showing up late, or texting while in a meeting all contribute to a negative impression in the workplace," Hill said.

Some of the best advice on how to gain both experience and connections are learned through internships. A multitude of people are always mentioning this and the University sends out newsletters constantly in regards to possible openings in both part-time and full-time positions. Many of the skills that can be learned and experienced in internships apply once graduation happens and the hunt for a full-time position is in hot pursuit. Employers want prospects with working experience under their belt. "Employers look for students who have completed multiple internships in a related field or setting," Kathleen Kennedy, Director of Cooperative

Education, said.

Above all, being able to communicate and convey the meaning behind what one means is an imperative skill that many people have trouble voicing these days. "Verbal and written communication skills are critical. One must also be able to take a problem, reduce it to its core element and be able to communicate clearly to an audience a solution to solving the problem," Hill added.

With the growth of international business, another skill that makes candidates stand out is if they are able to speak a foreign language on top of the aforementioned skills of social media and communication skills. "Good writing skills, computer skills, a working knowledge of social media and proficiency in languages especially Spanish, Arabic and Chinese are desirable skills," Kennedy said. Kennedy also said that many employers want students who were involved in leadership roles during their time at University.

With such a competitive pool of applicants, it is difficult to get one's name out there and get that desired callback. By possessing some skills outside the box and some that many people lack, it ups one's chances. Remember to look them in the eye and let them know you are above the rest.



IMAGE TAKEN from technorati.com

One aspect of interviews that recent graduates tend to forget is to be polite and respectful.

Cut! That's a Wrap Working for The Outlook

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ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR



"So begins the first day of the rest of my life." Growing up, I've heard this phrase many times but never understood it. As I prepare to graduate, I finally grasp what this really means as one part of my life ends and the next begins. With this final submission, my time on *The Outlook* concludes and as I lay out my last pages, I can't help but recollect on how I got here.

After I transferred from Brookdale Community College, I began writing for *The Outlook* with my movie reviews, starting with the dark animated film 9. I continued to write weekly reviews, pursuing my passion for both cinema and writing. This was fun as I not only watched movies but felt like a real critic. As a commuter student, writing these reviews helped me become an active member of the campus community instead of just going to and from classes. I feel proud to say that throughout my time on *The Outlook* I wrote 48 reviews for films I loved like *Source Code* and those I didn't such as *Clash of the Titans (3-D)*. When I became *Outlook* Film Critic, I felt like I had finally made my mark on the paper.

The next year, I became the Comics Editor. While I had a wobbly first two issues, I grew to love this section when I started writing my weekly comic book articles. This was a fun section because I could discuss whatever I wanted to from the latest DC and Marvel news to unique comic issues. Whereas other sections always had to announce their story list, I didn't. Whether or not people read my section, I was proud of the column I created by informing readers about things they might not have known regarding comics. Other times, I had the fortune of talking to people who were involved with comics like Janine Frederick and her comic, or Professor. Claude Taylor's affinity for the medium. Sometimes, it wasn't easy to write these articles, but I'm a comic book nerd and always found something to discuss one way or another. Of course, I

also found the funniest comics to put in the paper and hopefully made you laugh just a bit.

This past year, I became Entertainment Editor in addition to Comics Editor. While I was hesitant at first, I said yes to show myself I could do it. During the summer when all the editors were told to start assigning stories, I was very nervous. Step by step, I contacted people and got used to this responsibility. By the third issue, I looked forward to the articles and reviews my writers would submit on Sundays.

The first time I laid out the Entertainment Section, it was intimidating. Not only did I have two pages to work on but they were in color. Yet, I found a way to move forward and started placing stories and pictures until I finished. When I got a comment back for my first layout saying it was a good first attempt, I started to find my groove. Gradually, I got used to dealing with two pages and worked on how I could better lay out this section and thinking what colors, picture, and design to use and attract readers.

Now, as with any section, it wouldn't be anything without my writers. Whether you wrote one or a couple of articles for Entertain-

ment, from campus related events to mass entertainment, I thank you for helping me and the paper. I might not have been the easiest person to work with because I stressed out, but you were troopers for sticking with me. Plus, I enjoyed seeing most of you every week to talk about stories to cover or just discuss movies, TV shows or video games. Thanks to all of you: Nick Segreto, Dan Ste. Marie, Alex Fillimon, Diana Kumpf, Nicole Massabrook, Kevin Holton, Brett Bodner, Gina Columbus, Ray Ranous, Casey Wolfe, and Anthony Panissidi.

As Entertainment Editor, I still wrote movie reviews and covered campus entertainment events, showing me what the University had to offer with concerts (All Time Low), comedians (Joel McHale), dance performances (Cultural Dance Explosion Company) and film screenings (Black Maria, On Screen In Person). I also had fun presenting unique ideas like fan/non-fan reviews for *The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn-Part 1* and collaborating with Dan and Alex on a collective top 10 movie picks for the rest of 2012. Certainly, some of my layouts were better than others, but I tried to create exciting ways for readers to check out articles via pictures, colors, and interesting fonts. I hope you've enjoyed what I offered this past year.

Beyond writing, editing, and laying

out articles, *The Outlook* was also about working with others and building friendships. I won't say it was easy being an editor and sometimes the experience to me felt like "The Big Bang Theory" meets "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia." Simply, I'm the nerd trying to navigate through society with a wacky group of friends. Yet, after working with most of you for a year or two, you've become like family to me. From joking around the office, handing out nicknames, or having a late night snack at Applebee's after production, we grew close together. All of you were not only great

co-workers but friends I will never forget. As the Beach Boys once sang, "God only knows what I'd be without you."

It would take too many pages for me to write about everyone individually, but I can't say good-bye without thanking my fellow editors who put up with my stress and gave me plenty to remember. You are amazing: Gina (the best editor-in-chief any of us could have asked for), Joanna, Anthony, Brett (good luck next year), Jenna and Sandra. As for Nick, Chris, Jackie, Sarah, Kelly, Kevin and Casey, I only got to know you this past year, but we quickly became friends as the weeks went on and always found a way to strike up a conversation.

Amanda and Chris, you were our big sister and brother, and just like older siblings, I'm sure we annoyed and/or stressed you out plenty, especially me, with questions about articles or lay out. Still, you guided and assisted us whenever we had a problem or question. Plus, I enjoyed our weekly discussion when it came to the zombie drama of "The Walking Dead."

Sandy and Evelyn, you always kept the office running and looking nice. Sandy, I'm sure you'll remember me going to your office at least once a week with a computer or

printer question. Thanks for always helping me out. Evelyn, we always loved seeing you in the office. Your sage advice and wise-cracking humor always had us roaring in laughter every week.

I also want to thank Petra Ludwig, Director of Public Affairs, and Eileen Chapman for putting aside tickets to various performing arts events for my writers whenever I asked.

Last, but far from least, there's Prof. Morano. For the longest time, I hadn't met you and had no idea what you looked like. My first year on the paper, I would just hear your name and imagined you as the Wizard from *The Wizard of Oz* or the man behind the curtain. When I finally met you prior to Writing the Review, I got to see the man *The Outlook* talked about. While I only took Writing the Review with you, this class helped improve my review skills and gave me the outlet to talk about movies (as well as my other screen studies classes). While I have only seen you here and there, I nonetheless enjoyed talking to you whether it was in the hallway or the office, from movies, tips on looking for jobs or just mentioning a comic article or review that I had written.

I don't know what the future holds for me as I continue to navigate through the job market, looking for a position where I can utilize my passion for movies, TV and comics. I know that I might not start out that way, but if *The Outlook* has taught me anything, it's that if you show enough initiative and drive, you can go far. As I pass on Entertainment to the new co-editors, Nicole and Kevin, I feel good that I am leaving it in capable hands.

One way or another I know I'll reminisce about *The Outlook* in the future because as the Uber-Morlock in *The Time Machine* remake told the traveler Alex (Guy Pearce), "We all have our time machines, don't we. Those that take us back are memories... And those that carry us forward are dreams." I know that these past three years will always remain permanent coordinates in the time machine of my mind. Goodbye, Monmouth, and hello, world!

Audiences Take a Chance with The Lucky One

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A lonely, reserved Marine, a single, bullied mother and a little boy who never realizes his true potential tug at your heartstrings in the latest chick flick and Nicholas Sparks' adaptation, *The Lucky One*. The film is a promising romance film that includes performances from Zac Efron, Blythe Danner and relative newcomer, Taylor Schilling. To Sparks fans, this is yet another cinematic version for one of his novels that you don't want to miss.

Directed by Scott Hicks, *The Lucky One* is about Logan Thibault (Zac Efron), a soldier dealing with post-traumatic stress disorder following a tour of duty overseas. The day after a night-raid, he finds a photo of a woman moments before an explosion goes off inches away from where he was standing. He and his war buddies believe the woman in the photo (played by Schilling) is his guardian angel. After unsuccessfully trying to settle back into society months later, Logan embarks on a cross-country trip to find his lucky charm.

Upon arriving in a small Louisiana town, Logan discovers the woman in the photo is Beth Green, who runs a dog kennel with her grandmother, Ellie (Danner). Logan has trouble explaining why he came to see her, and instead takes a job working at Green's kennel to be close to Beth. As Logan spends more time around

Beth, he learns she's a young, divorced mother with a son Ben and has a strained relationship with her ex-husband Keith (Jay R. Ferguson), head police officer in the same town. Meanwhile, Ben's caught between his bickering, divorced parents and tends to get hurt the most; he's often bullied at school and is looked down upon by his father for wanting to play violin, chess and magic tricks instead of being a Little League jock.

Staying true to Sparks' tradition, the two people are nothing but co-workers in the very beginning, and slowly (but somehow rapidly) develop a mutual respect and eventually strong, passionate love for each other.

Yet, with the nosy Keith and Logan's secret of what really led him to town, the future seems less than promising. *The Lucky One* steers audiences into a steamy affair that takes you on a roulette table of love and destiny.

Efron, a heartthrob among women of all ages these days, has come a long way since graduating from *High School Musical*. To watch him in a film where he's barely comedic was an interesting change, although I would have liked to see more of an emotional development for Logan.

Schilling did exceptionally well opposite Efron as a woman who has a lot on her plate as she tries to get her life back on track. In a few scenes where she acts with Efron, my initial perception of her as a cougar diminished. Although it's strange to view Efron in father-figure roles at 24-years-old, he looked and acted years above his age to meet in the middle with Schilling, who's 27-years-old.

As an avid and diehard Sparks fan, the film did a marvelous job at staying close to the book, but the timing of events did feel incredibly rushed and forceful. There were many scenes, especially the beginning and the end,

which could have held more depth and been dragged out just a bit to hold its significance to the overall plot. Also, I probably would have enjoyed the movie just as much without the frequent musical montages. Of all the Sparks' film adaptations, *The Lucky One* falls short of being at the top of the list. Surprisingly, the majority of the audience and I didn't shed a tear, proving that the movie lacked a stronger, more sentimental value.

On a side note, if you've already watched the previews for this film, you basically viewed the entire 101 minutes in a nutshell. I had a feel-

ing that the previews covered all of the bases, which is maybe why much of the film didn't affect me as emotionally as the book did. Many parts weren't as much of a surprise since I watched a full summary in the trailers beforehand. Who knows, maybe that's why the 15-second *Twilight* teaser trailers entice me so much more.

Overall, *The Lucky One* gets three out of five stars for staying true to its original print edition, melting audiences' hearts with the ever-enchancing Efron and bringing another one of Sparks' beautiful love stories to the big screen.



Marine Logan Thibault (Zac Efron) believes that a photo of a mysterious woman (Taylor Schilling) saved his life on duty and embarks on an emotional journey to meet her in the romance film, *The Lucky One*. IMAGE TAKEN from blackfilm.com

Adam Pascal & Anthony Rapp Rent Out Pollak

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Adam Pascal and Anthony Rapp, better known as Roger and Mark from the Broadway musical and film *Rent*, performed at Pollak Theatre this past Saturday.

Pascal is currently starring in the Broadway musical *Memphis* while Rapp is on tour with his one-man autobiographical show *Without You*, based on his memoir about being on Broadway as well as his family life.

Pascal entered with a medley of Jeff Buckley’s “Lover, You Should’ve Come Over” and “Johanna” from *Sweeney Todd*. The next song, “Solsbury Hill” by Peter Gabriel, was more upbeat. The audience cheered when Rapp came on stage to join Pascal as a duet.

It was slightly disappointing when Rapp left the stage afterward. It was almost a tease to hear the two singers perform together and then separate. After all, their collaborative selections are what most of the audience came for, but my attention was captured once again when Pascal began his set.

Pascal introduced a song called “Turn the Lights On” from his new record, *Blinding Light*, which he recorded with his pianist and musical director Larry Edoff. Pascal then graciously handed the stage over to him for a song Edoff wrote titled “Love Will Always Come Back.” Toward the end of the song, Pascal presented strong vocals for a more intense musical impact.

He continued sharing stories from his experiences on Broadway, including rude audiences and his time performing in what he defined as the show that had

the most impact on him as a singer, actor and person, *Cabaret*. His acting background was evident, even for those who had never heard of him. His natural presence on stage is compelling and humorous. “The stories both performers told were very entertaining, too. It was nice how personal they were,” said freshman Shannon Yingst.

To follow up his *Cabaret* anecdotes, he performed a medley of songs from the show. The Broadway selections continued with a number from *West Side Story*. Pascal offered one more song from his new record before ending with “Love is Never Gone” from the Broadway production of *A Chorus Line*.

The audience anxiously waited for Rapp to return to the stage, and he did so with an original song that had a different energy than Pascal. Rapp was quirky and his songs had a bit faster tempo. Personally, I enjoyed Rapp’s original songs more than Pascal’s, though both singers’ works were phenomenal.

Rapp covered some songs the audience might have known like “Creep” by Radiohead and R.E.M.’s “Losing My Religion,” which I recognized as soon as the



IMAGE TAKEN from pressroom.pgharts.org
Broadway stars Adam Pascal and Anthony Rapp performed at Pollak Theatre on April 21 with original and cover songs. They also sang selections from the Broadway musical, *Rent*, which they both starred in.

melody started. Rapp mentioned the R.E.M. song changed his life and he even used this tune to audition for Mark in *Rent*. Rapp has the perfect voice for “Losing My Religion” and could easily have rivaled R.E.M. This was my favorite part of the night alongside the *Rent* songs to follow. It wasn’t hard to see that the entire audience was mouthing the words to the classic rock ballad.

Rapp continued with “Origin” from the musical *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*, and introduced his keyboardist and musical director Dan Weiss. Not only is he touring with Rapp, but he was also a

cheered the audience up with an original break-up song as well as introduced the first *Rent* song of the night. Prior to singing, Rapp said that this was the song he sang at his mother’s memorial service as the audience fell silent to “Without You.”

Rapp’s final song in his set, “What You Own,” was from *Rent*, and halfway through the song, Pascal came back on stage and reformed their duet. When they both left, I was disappointed since they only included two songs from *Rent*, which is possibly why many people were there. While I expected more duets, they included an encore that

was well worth it. Pascal came out first and sang “One Song Glory” from *Rent* and Rapp sang “No Day but Today.”

Lastly, both singers performed an upbeat rendition of *Rent*’s most popular song: “Seasons of Love,” the perfect way to end the night. Pascal did an amazing job singing the high female vocals as well as the male parts. Meanwhile, Pascal and Rapp’s voices work so well together, as many students had the opportunity to tell them at the post-show meet and greet.

Freshmen Harmony Bailey, Amanda Westerweller and Rachael Brady agreed that meeting the stars was the best part of the night and an unforgettable experience.

The variety of songs they performed was also well received. “The songs they performed were really well done, it was a great variety,” said freshman Marissa Clemente. Briana Lynch, who’s studying at the Parsons Art School in New York, agreed. “It was interesting to hear Broadway songs in different format as well as their covers of non-Broadway songs and original songs.”

Even amateur *Rent* fans enjoyed the show. Yingst, who had only seen the movie *Rent* days before the show at Pollak, said, “The show was fantastic! The performers were very involved with the crowd and sounded great. Everything from the light effects to the energy in the room was perfect.”

Overall, the show was a huge hit as Pascal and Rapp work so well together. Their talent was tremendous and the diversity unbelievable. If it were up to me, they could *Rent* out Pollak Theatre any time.

Daughtry Had Concertgoers Going ‘Crazy’ at the MAC

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of their most popular break-up songs: “Over You” and “No Surprise.” The crowd shouted the lyrics at the top of their lungs and loved every minute of these two numbers.

To close their regular set, the band played the biggest hit off their second album *Leave This Town*, “September.” Daughtry let the crowd know the song was about growing up in a small town and added that “You can’t let a small town hold you back, which is the idea that inspired *Leave This Town*.”

Not only did Daughtry play their hits, but he also threw in a few cover songs as well. Towards the end of their set they covered Tom Petty’s “Runnin’ Down a Dream” and Billy Idol’s “Rebel Yell.”

The show came to a close with “It’s Not Over,” the song that helped jump start Daughtry’s career. The crowd stood and cheered while the band took a bow.

Sophomore Samantha Silvent said “The concert was absolutely incredible, he was engaging and made everyone excited. The show was so much fun.”

Daughtry had excellent stage presence throughout the night and was very interactive with the crowd. There was even a point in the show where Daughtry stopped what he was doing to take a picture with Maria Hodgins, mother of Club and Greek Editor Nick Hodgins.

“I’ve liked him and his music since day one and I’ve seen him on every one of his tours and loved them all. He seemed like a really nice guy and he took the time to show the fans he cares

about them and I’ll always remember the experience,” said Maria Hodgins.

Throughout Daughtry’s set, there was a number of things that stood out about the band. For starters, Daughtry’s voice sounded the exact same way it sounds on the album. This was something that did not go unnoticed by many of the concerts spectators.

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ANDREW RODRIGUEZ
Junior

the crowd yet still managed to put on a good show. He’s a great live performer,” said junior Andrew Rodriguez.

Not only was Daughtry impressive on vocals, but the rest of his band had an outstanding performance as well. Drummer Ryan Diaz, formerly of the band Trapt, put on an outstanding show. The drums thundered throughout the MAC for the entire night and he was on key with every beat. Touring band member Elvio Fernandez awed the audience with his multiple music talents. Throughout the concert he sang backup vocals and played the guitar and

keyboards. Guitarists Josh Steely and Brian Craddock looked like they were having a lot of fun throughout the night and laid down some great solos.

Opening for Daughtry was acoustic guitar player Mike Sanchez (not New York Jet quarterback Mark Sanchez) and the band SafetySuit. I had never heard of Mike Sanchez before, but his performance wasn’t too bad. Besides having awkward stage posture, he got the crowd going early when he played covers like Kings of Leon’s “Use Somebody” and Journey’s “Don’t Stop Believing,” although he teased the crowd by first singing their other song “Lights.”

SafetySuit also put on a strong performance. The band had great stage presence and got really into their music by dancing around on stage, which is something I admire about a band.

The only thing about the concert I was not a fan of was the fact that the floor was filled with seats. Usually at rock shows, the floor is opened up for standing room only general admission. I feel if this had been done, it would’ve felt more like a rock show.

The concert was very worthwhile and is surely amongst one of the best musical acts to roll through the MAC since it’s been open. In time we’ll find that this was no surprise.



PHOTOS COURTESY of Blaze Nowara and Nick Hodgins
(Above) Chris Daughtry and his self-titled band performed at the MAC on April 20 as part of their *Breaking the Spell* 2012 Tour. (Below) Daughtry took a moment during his show to pose with one of his fans, Maria Hodgins.

Who Let the Dogs Out?

Criminal Justice Honor Society Hosts Monmouth County Sheriff's K-9 Unit

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The National Criminal Justice honor society, Alpha Phi Sigma, hosted the K-9 Unit of the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office on Tuesday, April 10. They raised \$300 towards new vests for the dogs and had over 100 students and faculty in attendance.

The event, held on the second floor of the Student Center, was organized by senior Cathy Jones, President of Alpha Phi Sigma, along with other members of the honor society. They also got help from a new and upcoming club on campus, the Society of Female Criminologists.

The demonstration was introduced by Lieutenant Patrick Collins, who oversees the K-9 Unit. He was joined with K-9 handlers Kurt Kroeper, Thomas Duda and Anthony Muscarella, and their dogs Evan, Rocky and Nook respectively.

The first officer to talk after Lt. Collins was Officer Kroeper of narcotics and his dog Evan. The job of a K-9 handler is to guide the dog's nose to whatever area drugs may be hidden, explained Kroeper.

"I enjoy doing these demonstrations," he started, "My dog loves doing these demonstrations," he said, putting emphasis on the word love.

Kroeper hid two drug drops in the room prior to bringing in Evan, who would eventually have an opportunity to display his skills to the students and faculty in attendance. Officer Kroeper hid a small bundle of heroin in the room as well as bag of marijuana.

Evan is a yellow labrador retriever who will turn five this July. He is also "the best looking officer on the force" according to Officer Kroeper. Evan, along with officer Kroeper, had to attend a 13 week K-9 academy as well as an eight hour test once a month every month to assure he is still capable of doing his job. The test consists of five drug hides, two of which are nothing but bundled up towels.

Finally Evan was brought in, but not before Officer Kroeper explained to the crowd that he would appear far from professional when communicating with Evan.

"One of the hardest things that people don't understand, if I yell at Evan he shuts down. His tail goes down and he walks over to corner," he explained, "I have to act like an eight-year-old in front of complete strangers to get this dog to work."

Evan came into the room hyper, fighting to find traction on the tile floor, he immediately ran to a fake

tree in the corner where the bundle of heroin was hidden earlier by officer Kroeper. A trash can across the room had marijuana in it which was discovered shortly after the heroin.

Officer Kroeper explained how exactly a narcotics dog works. These drugs aren't dangerous substances in a dog's mind. They are just playing things. "If you can walk into someone's house and they're cooking bacon, you'll notice immediately," he began. "Chances are if you're with someone you'll probably even mention that you smell bacon. Marijuana, hash, crack, coke, heroin, ecstasy and meth are bacon to a dog's nose. He associates those seven smells as his toy, and he wants to play."

Once his work was done Evan was allowed to walk over to the students and introduce himself. Evan loved the attention. He ran over with his tail wagging and tongue lolling as he was greeted with approval by students in the room. Praises of how cute and adorable he was could be heard as he rolled over onto his back and readily accepted a tummy rub.

Following officer Kroeper was Officer Duda and his German shepherd Rocky. Rocky works in the explosive/bomb unit and also searches for guns, since they fall into the same category.

Officer Duda has been a part of the Sheriff's department for 24 years and Rocky is his third dog. His first dog was a golden retriever who worked in the drug unit, his second was a black lab who worked in the explosive/bomb unit and lastly is "this nut," he said motioning to Rocky.

A diffused handle box was left on the ground by Officer Duda before Rocky was brought in. He explained how bomb dogs are taught to sit down immediately next to what they locate and find poses a threat. "If they scratch at a bomb we all go boom," Officer Duda half joked.

Immediately upon being brought in, Rocky sprinted right to the diffused handle box and sat down, tail wagging. "I could've put that in the ceiling and he'd have located it," said Officer Duda.

"I'd rather work with a dog than a person," Officer Duda said as Rocky proceeded to rip apart his reward for finding the bomb; a rolled up towel. "He's just a trouble maker, a terror, but I love him. You can take my wife, but not my dog."

Officer Duda went on to tell a story that happened 15 years ago about a dog on the force. A man, who was not quite right in the head, was barricaded in the bathroom of his house

in Bradley Beach and was refusing to come out. They tried everything; the fire department tried to blast him out with water, they turned off his heat and they turned off his water. Nothing was working. The department decided to send a dog up in an attempt to scare the man out. The dog took a bullet to the chest and was killed.

"That's why we appreciate that money is being raised to help buy vests for these dogs," said Officer Duda. "Rocky personally doesn't need a vest because if something goes wrong for a bomb sniffing dog, chances are a vest isn't going to make a difference. But the narcotic dogs are going into people's houses and putting themselves in danger."

The final officer and dog to demonstrate were Officer Muscarella and his 94 pound German shepherd, Nook. Nook, like Rocky, also works in the bomb unit but is also trained in obedience. In addition to the 14 to 16 weeks spent in explosive school, Nook and Officer Muscarella spent 18 weeks in patrol classes for obedience.

"I'm going to show you all how obedient he is and how much smarter he is than Evan," Officer Muscarella joked, poking fun at Officer Kroeper as he put on the attack suit. Officer Muscarella proceeded to run through a demonstration of what he and Nook go through during the police K-9 obedience competition.

He started walking in a straight line as Nook proudly followed next to him. He began shouting commands such as heel, sit, stay and down in a quick high pitched voice. Nook was quick to respond to each one whether he be commanded to stop dead in his tracks or to run forward to Officer Muscarella as quickly as possible.

"And you hear me fluctuate my voice?" he questioned the crowd. "That's so he can tell what command it is, if I said every command in the same tone he may get confused," followed by a drawn out stay and then a high pitched sit, come and heel as Nook sprinted forward and immediately jammed on his breaks.

Officer Kroeper then walked out in a puffy orange suit and face mask. "This thing will prevent me from getting stitches, but it won't stop me from getting bruises," he said.



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Officer Kroeper had the pleasure of wearing the attack suit to ward off Nook.

"Get on the ground now, get on the ground!" yelled Officer Muscarella at Officer Kroeper who was pretending to be a criminal. Nook wasted no time rushing in full speed and latching on to Officer Kroepers left arm and pulling him to the ground.

Officer Muscarella said, "Patrol dogs are their own animal, what we say in K-9 is a patrol dog is worth 10 long guns. If we have a swat team with guns aimed at someone that really isn't doing anything that bad, they know they're not going to get shot. The dog," he paused, "The dog they're not so sure isn't going to bite them. They play a huge intimidation factor when dealing with criminal situations."

When Nook isn't attacking criminals or sniffing out bombs he acts as a regular house pet. Officer Muscarella has a seven-year-old child as well as a seven-month-old and they adore Nook. He referred to it as 'light-switch syndrome.' "When he [Nook] is home, he knows he is in his realm and he can shut down, but if someone comes in who is making our family nervous or seems suspicious, he will get bitten."

Nook has never bitten anyone unintentionally, but Officer Muscarella wasn't looking to take chances making Nook the one of the three dogs the students did not get to interact with.

"This was the best decision I ever made within law enforcement," said

Officer Muscarella. "He comes to work with me; home with me. He's my best friend."

Alpha Phi Sigma plans on making this an annual event. "We wanted to have an event to get our society better known on campus to attract more members and get people interested in a cause that meant something to us, especially in the criminal justice field," explained Jones.

Jones brought the idea to Dr. Michele Grillo of the Criminal Justice department as well as the honors society and immediately everyone was on board. She then contacted MUPD Chief William McElrath who put her in touch with Lt. Collins of the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit. After planning out the event and determining a location with Student Activities it was just a matter of advertising.

Donating at the door entered students in a raffle to win either a mug or a necklace charm, each with a paw print on it in honor of the cause. The prizes were bought by Dr. Grillo from a website called www.TheAnimal-RescueSite.com which also donates a portion of their profits to help feed sheltered animals.

This Wednesday, April 25 at 2:15 pm on the steps of Wilson Hall Alpha Phi Sigma will be holding a formal check presentation with the funds raised for the Monmouth County Sheriff's K-9 unit.

S.O.A.R. Awards Honor Clubs and Students

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The Supporting Outstanding Achievement through Recognition awards were held April 18 in the McGill Commons Club Dining Room on campus. The S.O.A.R. awards are held to honor registered clubs and students who have been actively involved at the University. The nominees of these awards have made great accomplishments and greater impacts on campus and in their community. Assistant Director of Student Activities for Multicultural and Diversity Initiatives Heather Kelly and Assistant Director of Student Activities and Student Center Megan McGowan hosted the awards.

McGowan opened by welcoming the students and clubs to the event and telling the audience that the amount of nominations was up to 60 for this year. Then the award ceremony commenced.

Publicity ribbons were announced first. This award honors and recognizes clubs and students who create outstanding advertise-

ment for their organization and events. Fourth place went to Nicole Levy of the Student Government Association for her Holiday Bazar advertisement. First, second and third place all went to Caroline Walker of the Student Activities Board. Third place was for her Dorney Park trip advertisement, second was for a Rachel Platten ad, and first was for her 70's Roller Skating ad. Honorable mentions for this category were received by students of Hawk TV.

The next award announced was for Civic Engagement. To earn this award, students and clubs must reach out to the community outside of the University and improve connections with that community. SGA took this award for "The Big Event" which is the largest community service project that is held at the University. They also were recognized for their charity auction to benefit Michael's Feat. Runners up for the Civic Engagement award include *The Outlook*, Community Service Club and sorority Phi Sigma Sigma.

The Promotional award honors students and organizations that do

an excellent job in promoting their organization and the events they hold. Runners up for this category were SGA and Phi Sigma Sigma, while Alpha Xi Delta took first place. They advertise themselves effectively through flyers, business cards and various social media. Their Facebook page went from 114 likes to 318 in the course of a year, according to Kelly.

The Collaboration award goes to the student organization that demonstrates active involvement and relations with another student organization. Runners up were Hawk TV and WMCX student radio. SGA took this award for their involvement with various clubs and student organizations to promote events such as a carnival for the Veterans Association, Homecoming and a Kate Vogel Concert.

Presented next was the Outstanding Member award. This recognizes a student who is not a member of the executive board, but is a loyal member who is always there for his or her organization. For this award, Elena Pellarin of Phi Sigma Sigma took first place.

The Outstanding Executive Board Member award had an impressive 17 nominations this year. The winner was Alexa Anastasio of Residence Hall Association. Her first year, she played a tremendous role in organizing the Winter Ball at the University. The next year she was involved in organizing Battle of the Buildings.

Advisers were recognized with the next award. The excellence in Advising award goes to student club advisors who effectively oversee their club's accomplishments and are always there to help students. Amy Bellina handed this award to her co-presenter Heather Kelly for advising SGA.

New student organizations are honored with the Most Outstanding New Organization award. The University's new dance club 5,6,7,8 took first place. McGowan also announced that the team had a dance recital this past weekend.

The Outstanding Organization award goes to a club who has made great accomplishments or had much success in what they do. Phi Sigma Sigma took first place once

again. They were recognized for their fundraisers and community service. They participated in the "Big Event" as well as other community service opportunities. The University's chapter of Phi Sigma Sigma has the highest recorded amount of community service hours completed.

The last two awards were for Program of the Year and Event of the Year. These awards are given to clubs who sponsored programs and events for the entire campus community. Program of the Year went to Mike Super of SAB for the illusionist he brought to campus. The Event of the Year went to SGA for Spring Fest where singer Kate Vogel performed.

First-year student Lena Suarez, a runner up for Outstanding Executive Board Member said that it is great that the University acknowledges student accomplishments. "I'm honored to be recognized on campus for everything I do simply because not only is it refreshing to be known by most on campus, but for my accomplishments to be recognized as well," she said.

Jazz Hands!

University Dance Club Hosts Their First Annual Dance Recital

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After much hard work, the University's dance club hosted their first annual dance recital in Pollak Theatre on Sunday April 15.

The 5,6,7,8 Club's first recital consisted of 12 routines choreographed by various members in different genres such as lyrical, contemporary, jazz, and break dancing. Members of the club choreographed their own dances and participated in other routines as well.

Taylor Kennedy, sophomore and math education major, is a dance club member and recital choreographer. "I was excited to show my family and friends the hard work we've put into this recital," she said. Being a former dancer and cheerleader, she expressed her excitement in being able to return to the stage once again.

The 5,6,7,8 club also began working with the local Boys and Girls Club this semester. Club members go to the Boys and Girls Club in Red Bank every Wednesday and teach children choreographed routines. The children that participated ranged in age from six to 13. The children of the Boys and Girls Club were also featured in the recital with their own routine choreographed by Sarah Van Vliet and Samantha Binaco.

"They are a rambunctious group of kids to work with but it will be fun to see them perform on stage for the first time," Van Vliet said.

The 5,6,7,8 Club's most recent accomplishment is receiving the honor of "Most Outstanding New Organization" on campus. The club received recognition as well as a trophy.

SVan Vliet, sophomore and art education major, is the President of the dance club, which she named 5,6,7,8. This name comes from the counts that are used when preparing and executing choreography. She began the 5,6,7,8 club because she danced her entire life prior to college, and upon coming to Monmouth, she realized there were no options for dancers other than the dance team. Van Vliet wanted to establish the club in order to bring dance to Monmouth in this form, giving everyone the opportunity to join without having to try out.

Samantha Binaco, sophomore and marketing major, is the Vice President of 5,6,7,8. She joined together with Van Vliet in order to establish the club. Binaco wanted to participate in the foundation of the club in order to make new friends.

"I wanted to make friends outside from the group of friends that I already had, and with people who shared common interests, like dance," Binaco said.

Binaco danced from age four to eight before joining cheerleading at age eight and continuing with that through high school. She enjoys dance club because she sees it as a break from the routine of schoolwork and it consists of something she likes to do for fun.

Van Vliet and Binaco explained that bringing the 5,6,7,8 club to campus was a long process. They said that they began preparation for the club in February of 2011, and this consisted of various meetings with Student Government Association, a formal proposal of what the club would offer, and various contracts. In March of 2011, they held an interest meeting that had a turnout of about 20 people. Over 80 people signed up to participate in the club

at the campus' interest fair that semester.

The 5,6,7,8 club was officially established on campus in the fall of 2011. Now, the organization has 15 consistent members. The members meet twice a week, on Mondays and Tuesdays, from 8:00 to 9:30 pm. Since it has proved difficult to secure a constant meeting place, the club meets in various locations such as Cedar Hall Basement, Anacon Hall, and the MAC lounge. Van Vliet hopes to have an established meeting location by next semester.

A weekly meeting consists of learning choreographed routines created by members, as well as practicing technique. Each member has the chance to choreograph a dance if he or she is interested in doing so.

The overall atmosphere of a typical meeting is casual and informal, with members throwing around different ideas about elements like technique, choreography, and formation. Usually, one dance will be spotlighted at each meeting time, and the entire meeting

will focus on that dance along with practicing of technique, whether it is pirouettes or leaps across the floor. At this point in the season, the club has just finished their biggest event, a dance recital showcasing a year of hard work.

Raymond Lee, senior, is a member of dance club. As only one of two male members, he practices break dancing, which he found interest in at a young age after being taught by his brother. Yet, Lee is interested in expanding his experience in various genres. "I have a passion for dance and although I love break dancing, I want to learn other styles which I can do here," Lee said.

Lee also recognizes that the club predominantly consists of females.

He gives advice to other males and anyone else who may want to join the club in the future.

"Be yourself and show some confidence. It is always fun to learn something new," Lee said.

Van Vliet and Binaco hope that although the 5,6,7,8 club is in its infancy, it will gain momentum throughout the University, especially after the upcoming recital. They hope a name will be made for 5,6,7,8 on campus so that it will continue to grow for years to come.

The 5,6,7,8 Dance Club is always open to new members. In order to join, you can e-mail Van Vliet at MU_5678_club@hotmail.com to gain more information or find out where the next meeting will be held.



PHOTO COURTESY of Taylor Kelly
Members of the 5,6,7,8 Dance Club pose for a photo after their first official recital.

Monologues: Flying Solo From the Page to Stage

CommWorks Hosts Their Final Event of Semester

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CommWorks hosted their last event of the spring semester, "Monologues: Flying Solo from the Page to the Stage," where students recited published poetry and literature, as well as some original works of their own.

The event was split between two days, Tuesday April 17 and Thursday April 19 after Professor Deanna Shoemaker's Performance and Social Activism class.

"CommWorks is a special group. We will try almost anything that the students want. If

you like to tap dance or break dance, we can find a way to incorporate that," said Deanna Shoemaker, CommWorks faculty advisor. "We like to honor what each student has."

CommWorks is a group for "students committed to performance" and hosts many on-campus events throughout the year. Previously, they have hosted poetry slams, Christmas shows and more. "This event differs from a poetry slam because for a poetry slam everyone across campus is invited to participate; they tend to be more chaotic and free spirited, people get political," said Shoemaker. "Monologues' is a small-

er group, it's more intimate and a more controlled environment."

Students filled room 235 in the Jules Plangere Center to see the performances. The audience was also given event programs to follow along with the show. Shoemaker warned the audience not to be alarmed by the content of the show because some of the monologues were "X-rated."

"Professor Shoemaker asked me to participate (in 'Monologues') because our class took part in a performance for the Global Understanding Convention. The pieces had to deal with our relationship with water," said Katelyn Nawoyski, junior. Nawoyski is a student in Shoemaker's Performance and Social Activism Class. "I have never performed in front of people before I was in this class," Nawoyski explained. "So this class definitely helped me to become more comfortable and now it's challenging me, pushing me even more because I'm performing in front of people from outside my class."

Shoemaker explained that Nawoyski's piece was an original piece that was first performed for the Global Understanding Convention, "The performances for the Global Understanding Convention had to do with water, our relationship to the ocean, out first memories of water."

The "Vagina Monologues," "American Buffalo," and "Imperceptible Mutabilities in the

Third Kingdom" were just some of the plays in which excerpts were drawn from. There were monologues about parenting and divorce, taken from Tina Fey's book "Bossypants" and "I Ate the Divorce Papers" by Gabriel Davis. In "The Expert" senior Brian Morelli emulated a teenager buying condoms for the first time. Senior Nicole Vitale performed the only musical number of the event by singing part of "Blood on the Ground" by Incubus.

"I have participated in poetry slams, and Christmas shows," Senior Kathryn Perez explained. "I started CommWorks last year, but due to scheduling conflicts with Hawk TV I couldn't do much, so I did small things like helping with flyers. And this year I was asked to be treasurer for CommWorks." Perez said that she would be performing two pieces, one comedic

piece and one serious piece. "I found out one of them is a dark comedy, so I'm going to play up the comedy part a lot. We have a lot of serious monologues and we want to balance it out."

"It was nothing like I expected," said Joe Heinz, Junior. It kept my attention the whole time." Heinz's Business Communication class attended the Monologues event.

"I believe in the power of performance to raise awareness, to build community, and to offer the potential for social change," said Shoemaker. "Especially for Communication students, performance pushes their skills to the next level. You use your full voice and expressive body to put together a strong message."

CommWorks meets on Wednesdays at 2:30 in the Jules Plangere Center 235.



PHOTO COURTESY of Alexis Orlacchio
The cast of "Monologues" poses for a picture after performing last Tuesday afternoon.

Club and Greek Announcements

Lacrosse Team

The Men's Lacrosse team will make their first ever playoff appearance this weekend in the Liberty Conference Tournament at St. Joseph's University on Saturday, April 28.

The semifinal matchup pits the Hawks, ranked ninth nationally, against Drexel at 5:30 pm in what looks to be an exciting game. Look for a large senior class to help lead

the Hawks in a playoff run and help capture the Liberty Conference Championship. GO HAWKS!

Dance Team

University Dance Team tryouts will be held May 12, 9:30 am at the Student Center.

Contact Kristen Isaksen at ki-saksen@monmouth.edu for more information!

Sandy Feet and Good Things to Eat

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There is something fascinating about the warm weather and sunny skies that make people so happy. Summer instantly brings thoughts of relaxation. For some people, the most unforgettable moments of leisure during the summertime are found on the beach. Trips to the seashore offer endless opportunities for sightseeing and entertainment. Sunscreen, beach chairs, umbrellas and towels are just a few of the necessary items packed for the day in the sun. Many beachgoers bring a cooler full of drinks, lunch food and snacks. Those that do not come prepared with food, often head to the boardwalk for a bite to eat.

However, nourishing food choices may not be plentiful when venturing onto the boards in search of satisfying your hunger and thirst. Your cooler may also not be filled with the best nutrients that your body needs to enjoy the day in the sun. Consuming nutritious foods and beverages is not only best for your beach body but also for maintaining and safeguarding your health.

“Everyone is particularly mindful of body weight during bathing suit season,” said Kathy Maloney, Director of Health Services. “Calorie intake is still very important, so you should be conscious of choosing the right foods to eat.”

If you are packing a cooler of food for your beach day, consider some of these healthy food choices. “Wraps are a great option for lunch on the beach,” said Health Studies Professor Julie Schaaff. “You can fill them with veggies, spinach, sliced turkey, lettuce, avocado; the combinations are endless!”

There are certain foods you should

avoid on a hot day. “Foods and condiments like potato and macaroni salad, tuna salad sandwiches, cole slaw, and mayonnaise do not hold up well in the heat,” said Maloney. “Heat causes bacteria to grow at an

“Bowls of fruit are the simplest, healthiest, and most refreshing choices for the beach that I either bring from home or stop for on my way,” said sophomore Alexandra Marino. “Fruits and vegetables are nutrients

treat for that mid-afternoon craving,” said Schaaff.

“So does trail mix with low sugar cereal, such as Cheerios or Rice Chex, nuts, raisins and some chocolate chips!” added Schaaff.

but has less calories and fat.”

Summer nights bring the enjoyment of a backyard or beach barbecue. Sometimes it is too hard to resist a juicy cheeseburger fresh off the grill. However, make sure to include key nutrients as well. “I eat a lot of salads during the summer with my meals,” said Schaaff. “They help me stay cooler in the warmer weather, and I can take advantage of all of the delicious produce like peaches, blueberries and jersey tomatoes.” Skipping the red meat occasionally is a healthier option as well. “Grilled chicken and grilled vegetables have that perfect barbecue taste,” said Marino. “Mixing the grilled chicken with salad is a favorite of mine!”

Topping off a night with dessert can also be made into healthy treats without sacrificing taste. “Ghirardelli dark chocolate squares are my go-to sweet-craving,” said Schaaff. Fruit also satisfies sweet cravings because of its natural sugars. “Apples are great for after dinner,” said Marino. “They’re healthy, filling, and taste so good!” If you need a chocolate kick to top off your night, fruits are still an option. “Chocolate-covered apples are amazing and fun to share with friends,” said Schaaff.

During the summer months especially, hydrating with water is extremely essential for your body. “Many times we think we are hungry, but we are actually thirsty,” said Schaaff. “Drinking several glasses of water throughout the day helps refresh your body and reduces the risk of overheating.”

As you plan your beach trips and backyard dinners, be sure to fill your body with the nutrients it needs to sustain itself during the warm day and night. Healthy foods are always available somewhere, so treat your body to something nutritious.



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Boardwalk food isn't the healthiest, but it is satisfying after a hot day on the beach.

accelerated rate, so foods like these can harbor harmful bacteria if left in the heat.”

Stopping on the way to the beach for food items? Healthy selections are almost always available at quick stops and make great cooler-fillers.

that your body needs and they are so satisfying on a hot beach day.”

Of course lunch time is always accompanied with snacks. Celery, carrots, apples, grapes, and other fruits and vegetables make great beach bites. “Almonds also make a great

Heading off the sand to the boardwalk for some food? It may be more difficult to find a variety of healthy options, but there are still ways to make your lunch good for you. “I love thin crust pizza,” said Schaaff. “It is just as filling as regular pizza

Vacation on a Budget

BRITTANY HERRMANN
STAFF WRITER

When one thinks of summer vacations for college students, tropical all-inclusive resorts seem to be the norm; however, if your budget does not allow you to sip cocktails for seven days on a superior island, don't give up on a summer vacation just yet.

Planning summer vacations with a college student's budget can be difficult, but it is by no means impossible. The following helpful vacation tips will allow your much deserved summer getaway to become a reality, without breaking the bank.

Rutgers University student, Megan Schaefer, is shying away from the traditional college student getaway this summer in choosing to take a road trip to Manchester, Tennessee.

“I am going to the four day musical festival referred to as Bonnaroo,” said Schaefer.

Road trips are a great way to cut the cost of plane tickets, depending on how many people you travel with. Despite dramatic gas prices, when splitting the cost amongst passengers it does not have as much of an impact on your wallet.

However, the indie-rock loving fan has advice for those contemplating taking the 15 hour drive for themselves.

“This event isn't for everyone. I'll be spending four days in the blistering heat, without a real shower and eating whatever I was able to pack into the car. It sounds crazy, I know but it's the modern day Woodstock! I wouldn't miss it.”

With Schaefer's advice in mind, vacations are all about personal preference. If a road trip isn't for you, there are other ways to save and cut personal budget costs in order to enjoy a well deserved vacation this summer.

Lisa Sypniewski, a sophomore, said “This summer, my mother booked a vacation to Jamaica using

a travel agent.” Travel agents can be pretty pricey though.

Websites such as Kayak, Travelocity, Priceline, and Hotwire are great ways to book cheap vacation trips. Each site offers a large selection of vacation destinations for every budget.

Although these sites are trusted, you can never be too cautious when purchasing a discounted vacation. There are thousands of discounted vacation sites online that are scams, looking for naïve customers to believe their “great deals” are real.

Besttraveldealtips.com offers great insight when it comes to traveling. The site advises those looking to book hotels, airfares, car rentals, or any other travel essential to be cautious and read the fine print on every deal.

Whether choosing to fly to your tropical destination or taking a day-long road trip, researching your destination before your departure and packing your own food are two great ways to help elongate your tight vacation budget.

Spending some time researching your vacation destination is a necessity when it comes to saving money. Taking a few minutes out of your day before you begin your summer traveling can prove to save hundreds!

Professor Kristine Simoes, professor of public relations, stresses the importance of doing research in professional and recreational aspects in one's life. She often uses the website Groupon.com in order to get great deals for less.

“Groupon offers coupons for everything. Type in any city a week before you travel in order to get coupons that will not expire,” said Simoes.

Simoes advises those interested in Groupon to look up their coupons not too far ahead of their vacation departure. Most of the coupons offered on Groupon's website expire within a certain amount of time.

Be sure to read the fine print on all coupons to avoid any mistakes that

can end up costing you extra money.

Another way to save while on your vacation: packing your own food.

Packing a few food items to lighten the burden of paying for over-priced meals three times a day is a great way to save some cash while vacationing. Food items, such as protein bars or granola bars, are great breakfast, lunch, or snack options that have the ability to satisfy hunger, while avoid-

ing draining your vacation budget.

This tip not only helps out your budget, but your diet as well. After all, why would you want to ruin the hard work you put into your fitness for the sole purpose of looking good for your vacation?

Once again, it all comes down to individual preferences. What would you rather spend your money on: an average burger priced above three

times its value, or an activity to remember for years to come?

As the semester comes to an end, between writing papers and studying for hours a personal reward is well deserved. What better reward is there than a vacation?

By staying on budget, and keeping a few cost cutting tips in mind there is no excuse not to enjoy yourself this summer at your desired destination.



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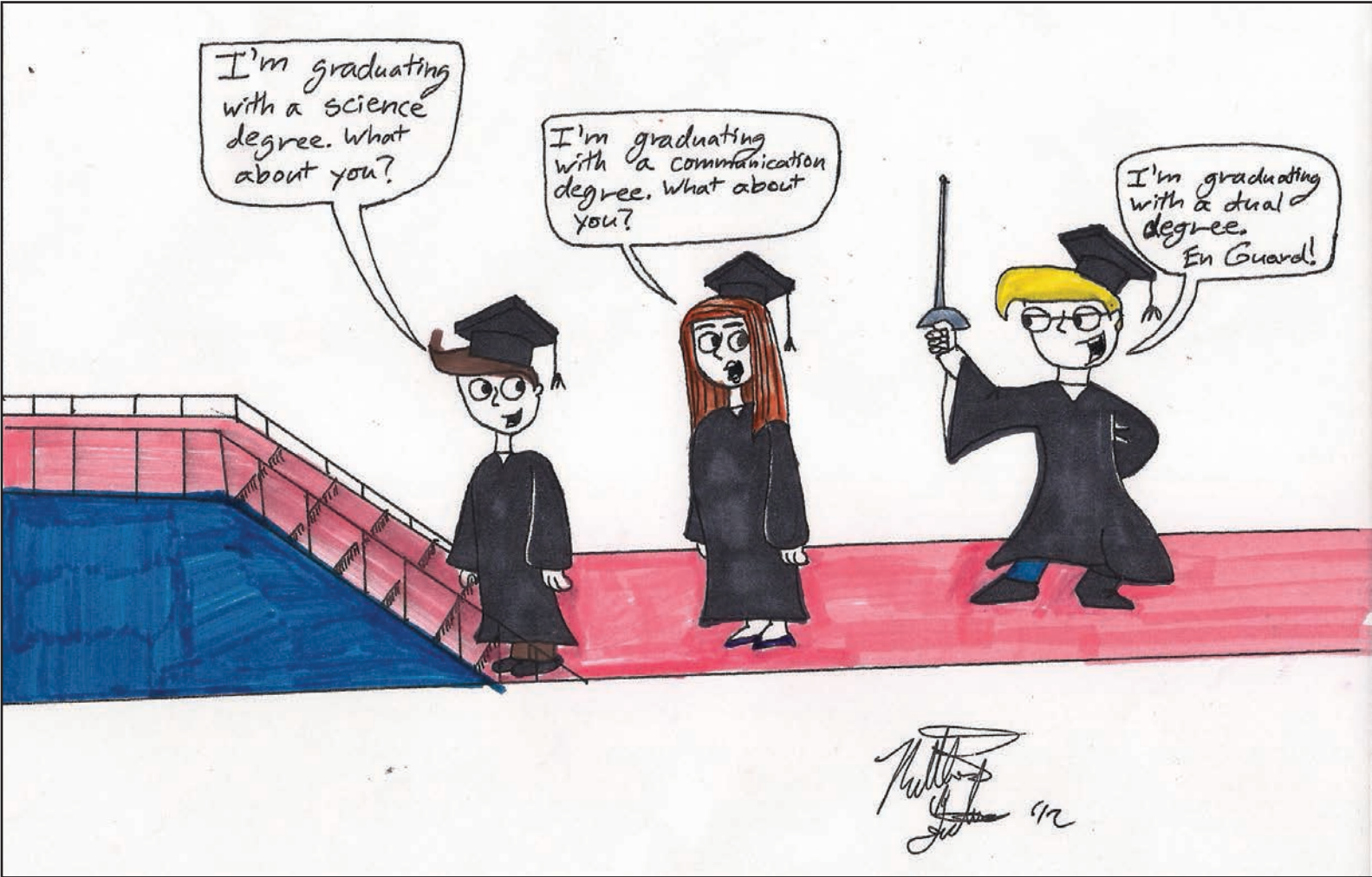
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COMICS
EDITOR'S
TOP 10
LISTS

MATTHEW FISHER
COMICS EDITOR

As Comics Editor, I have written many columns these past two years that covered a variety of topics in the comic book industry from well-known publishers and characters like DC Comics and Superman to obscure aspects such as 3-D comics. (Additionally, I chose to draw my own cartoons (left) for my very last *Outlook* issue.)

Every week, I religiously stop by my local comic book store, Comics Plus, to buy new comics and graphic novels as well as look for old issues to complete my collections.

So, I thought for my final issue, I would share with you my favorite heroes, series, writers, etc. (in no particular order) when it comes to comic books. Enjoy!

Top 10
Favorite Heroes

- 1) Batman
- 2) Spider-Man
- 3) Superman
- 4) The Lone Ranger
- 5) Hellboy
- 6) Green Lantern
- 7) Hulk
- 8) Nick Fury
- 9) Daredevil
- 10) The Spectre

Top 10
Favorite Villains

- 1) The Joker
- 2) Magneto
- 3) The Red Skull
- 4) Lex Luthor
- 5) Darkseid
- 6) Dr. Doom
- 7) Plutonian
- 8) The Governor
- 9) The Kingpin
- 10) Loki

Top 10 Favorite
Comic Books

- 1) "The Walking Dead"
- 2) "Green Lantern"
- 3) "The Amazing Spider-Man"
- 4) "American Vampire"
- 5) "Watchmen"
- 6) "Sin City"
- 7) "Action Comics"
- 8) "Batman"
- 9) "Daredevil"
- 10) "30 Days of Night"

Top 10
Favorite Writers

- 1) Brian Michael Bendis
- 2) Alan Moore
- 3) Stan Lee
- 4) Neil Gaiman
- 5) Geoff Johns
- 6) Robert Kirkman
- 7) Warren Ellis
- 8) Brian K. Vaughn
- 9) Grant Morrison
- 10) Steve Niles

Top 10
Favorite Artists

- 1) Jack Kirby
- 2) Will Eisner
- 3) Steve McNiven
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Baseball Sweeps Four-Game Series Against the Mount

MAGGIE ZELINKA
STAFF WRITER

MU faced a tough line up this past week as they competed against the non-conference Rutgers Scarlet Knights on Tuesday and competed in two double headers Friday and Saturday against NEC opponent Mount St. Mary's.

Starting off for the Hawks was right handed pitcher Jon Shippee. The Scarlet Knights took an early lead in the first inning scoring three runs off three hits.

Senior left fielder Ed Martin led off in the first inning by hitting a single. Next was senior right fielder Jamie Rosenkranz who got to first due to catcher interference. Sophomore second baseman, Jake Gronsky, nearly tired the game up by hitting a ball to the fence but it was caught.

Junior third baseman, Danny Avella, came up to bat and hit a sac fly deep to right field advancing both Martin and Rosenkranz. With two outs, senior designated hitter Chris Perret was able to connect for a single scoring Martin from third. Next was senior first baseman Owen Stewart who walked on four pitches bringing sophomore shortstop Jon Guida to the plate with the bases loaded.

Guida hit the ball in front of the home plate forcing a fielder's choice ending the Hawks' threat. Monmouth would not get another hit until the seventh when senior center fielder, Josh Boyd, connected for a single.

The scoreboard did not change again until the sixth when Rutgers was able to score making it a 4-1 game. After this run crossed the plate, Shippee was replaced by freshman righty T.J. Hunt. Shippee closed his line with 5.2 innings allowing four earned runs off 10 hits. Hunt was unable to calm the Rutgers offense as he pitched 1.1 innings serving up two earned runs against seven

batters. Relieving Hunt in the eighth was fifth year senior John McDonald who pitched one-third of an inning allowing one earned run. Coming in for McDonald was freshman righty Adam Yunginger who finished off the eighth with only one hit and one walk held to his name. Right-handed freshman, Chris McKenna, pitched in the ninth giving Rutgers their final run off two hits bringing the final score to 8-1 in Rutgers' favor.

It is obvious that the Hawks were not offensively strong in the game. "If we made adjustments earlier in the game to how the Rutgers starter was throwing, it definitely would have benefitted the hitters a lot," Rosenkranz said. "He was throwing us a lot of off speed and we were just out front on everything. If we just worked a better plan, I think it would have helped out a lot more." Monmouth's offense finished the game with four hits in 31 at bats. With the loss, Shippee's record fell to 3-1.

The Hawks continued their week by playing a doubleheader against Mount Saint Mary's on Friday. On the mound in the first game was ace Pat Light.

Light came out strong and picked up his third complete game the season. Striking out nine in nine innings, Light also improved his strikeouts to 66 for the season. Furthermore, he allowed only three runs off eight hits and gave up a mere two walks. Teammate Avella believes that Light was a key member in the win. "Light pitched well," Avella states, "obviously he kept us in the game the whole time. He's probably the best pitcher in the conference and I have a lot of respect for him."

Light came out powerful as he kept the Mountaineers from scoring for the first two innings. His shutout was diminished in the third when Mount Saint Mary's center fielder got a hit and eventually scored off a double by his teammate. MU already had

two runs on the scoreboard thanks to Avella's home run in the first scoring himself as well as Martin.

Monmouth was able to increase their lead in the third as Guida knocked in Gronsky with an RBI single. Mount Saint Mary's answered this run in the top of the fourth with their clean-up batter blasting a home run off the first pitch he saw. The Hawks retaliated to the Mount's run by scoring one of their own with Rosenkranz hitting a single to bring home Perry. Although the Mountaineers scored the last run of the game in the eighth making the score 4-3, it was not enough for them to win the game.

Sophomore southpaw Andrew McGee started for Monmouth in the second game and led the Hawks to a 2-0 win over the Mountaineers. Holding the Mount to a mere two hits, McGee pitched his first shutout this season and his third complete game of the year. He also improved his record to 5-3 and struck out eight batters in the process.

It was not until the third inning when MU began to cause trouble for the Mount. Perry got on base by walking on four pitches and occupied third base. Rosenkranz was standing on second and got on base due to a fielder's choice. Gronsky reached first after being hit by a pitch. With power hitter Avella at the plate, the Hawks were able to score their first run of the game with a walk.

MU then scored once more as Avella crossed the plate in the bottom of the sixth providing the final score of 2-0. Even though the Hawks won, their offense was only able to get one hit in the whole game which came off of Boyd's bat.

With no rest, MU was back on the field for Saturday's double header. Starting in the first game on Saturday was sophomore lefty Stephen Frey. After two innings of work and three earned runs, Frey was replaced

by Yunginger who went 3.1 innings allowing one run off five hits. Hunt made his seventh appearance of the year as he relieved Yunginger and was able to finish the sixth inning. By mid-sixth, the score was 4-3 Mountaineers.

The bottom of the sixth began with a groundout up the middle from Avella followed by a quick fly ball to right field by Perret. With two outs, Stewart singled up the middle to get a runner on base. Guida then followed Stewart's lead by also hitting a single up the middle putting runners on first and second. Sophomore Craig Sweeney pinch hit for Boyd and was walked. Next to bat was Perry who hit a single to center field bringing home both Stewart and Guida. Martin flied out to left to end the inning but the damage had already been done and the Hawks were on top 5-4.

Junior right hander Neil Harm was called upon to pitch the seventh inning. With two outs and runners on first and second, Harm got rattled by the Mount as one of their batters hit a long ball to deep left field landing just before the fences. The Mount's third base coach was waving his pinch runner on second around indicting for him to try to make it home. It began to look like the Hawks were heading to the bottom of the seventh until a rocket from Martin reached Guida who then quickly pivoted to get the ball to Perry. Perry received the ball just in time to tag the runner out.

Gronsky was eagerly watching as the whole play developed. "Oh man. I think if there was a video of me there, I was going nuts," Gronsky says of the double play which ended the game, "That was the biggest play of the whole weekend; that just topped it off for us. Eddie did a great job getting it to Guida, Guida has a cannon and did a great job. It was one of those plays that solidified the weekend and it's good to see in

a one run game those plays are big. Making that in the ninth was unbelievable." Hunt picked up his first win of his college career while Harm notched his third save.

Once again, the Hawks' day was not finished just yet. Junior southpaw Dan Smith was deemed the starter for the second game of the double header. Smith pitched eight innings, allowing only one run off seven hits while striking out six. Harm took the mound in the ninth to close the game. When asked why he believes Coach Ehehalt did not let him throw a complete game, Smith replied, "My pitch count was low but last weekend I threw 131 pitches so he [Coach Ehehalt] wanted to keep my pitch count down. I'm going on short rest so we wanted to keep the pitch count down as low as we could." Since the Hawks won with a score of 2-1, Smith improved his record to 6-4 for the season. Meanwhile, Harm picked up his fourth save of the season.

Offensive contributions to the win were from powerhouse Avella who hit his sixth home run of the year and second of the series. Avella knocked in himself as well as Gronsky in the sixth inning.

When asked how he felt about being the go ahead run, Gronsky said, "It felt pretty good, they [Mount] threw some good pitches today. I was trying to look for a ball up over the plate and I was able to drive it to get to second. Avella does what he does and dropped a bomb. It was good for us, good for the team to see Avella crush one. I couldn't be happier."

The Hawks' defense also proved vital in the win as they turned three double plays in the game. "It's great," Smith says about the turn twos, "Gotta love the double play. Pitcher's best friend."

The 26-15 (15-5 NEC) Hawks will travel to conference rival LIU Brooklyn this weekend for a four game series.

Softball Falls in Three NEC Games Over Weekend

ED MORLOCK
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The softball team was swept by Northeast Conference (NEC) opponent Bryant on Saturday. The Bulldogs beat Monmouth 7-4 in the first game and 5-4 in the second in Smithfield, Rhode Island.

In game one, the Hawks took a 2-1 lead in the top of the third. Alicia Desanto singled and advanced to second on a wild pitch. After an out, Desanto advanced to third on another wild pitch. Tish Derer doubled to center, bringing Desanto home. Kaitie Schumacher came up next and singled to knock in Derer.

The Blue and White added another two runs in the fourth. Chelsea Paprocki led the inning off with a solo homerun. After a couple outs, Derer singled to shortstop. Schumacher doubled to center and Derer scored.

Derer and Schumacher combined for six hits, three RBIs and two runs in the game. Kayla Weiser and Desanto added two hits each.

Alissa Schoelkopf took the loss and her record fell to 7-3 in 2012. She pitched five and one-third innings, allowing eight hits, seven runs (six earned) and walked two. She had five strikeouts.

In game two, the Hawks tied the game at with a four-run sixth inning. Schumacher doubled to start the inning. Weiser singled to put runner on the corners for Vanessa Cardoza. The freshman singled to

shortstop and Schumacher scored to give the Hawks their first run of the day. Colleen Kelly flied out next and both runners moved up a base. Kayleena Flores stepped up with runners on second and third and one out. A wild pitch brought Weiser home and moved Cardoza to third. Flores singled but was thrown out trying to stretch it into a double, Cardoza scored.

With two outs and the bases empty, the Hawks generated enough offense to tie the game. Paprocki was hit by a pitch, followed by Desanto's single.

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LOUIE BERNDT
Head Coach

Christine Scherr singled next to bring Paprocki home and tie the game at four.

Schoelkopf came in to pitch the bottom of the sixth and she took the loss again. She allowed a homerun to Lauren Guy to give the Bulldogs a 5-4 lead. That ended up being the final score. Schoelkopf fell to 7-4 on the season. In one inning, she allowed one hit, one run and struck out two.

Lauren Sulick pitched three innings, allowing eight hits and four runs, all earned. She struck out one and walked zero.

The Hawks traveled to New Britain, Connecticut on Sunday for a NEC double header against Central Connecticut State.

The Hawks lost the first game 8-5, and the second was postponed.

The Blue and White took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning against the Blue Devils. Scherr doubled to center to start the game. Derer grounded out and moved Scherr to third. Schumacher stepped up next and homered to left field.

"As of today, Kaitie has been doing well, that's why I moved her to the number three spot," said head coach Louie Berndt. "She is a competitor!"

The Hawks didn't score again until the top of the seventh.

Flores and Cardoza singled to start the seventh. Paprocki doubled to knock in Flores. Descanto singled next to knock in Cardoza and move Paprocki to third. Paprocki scored on a fielding error later in the inning.

Schoelkopf took her third loss of the weekend, putting her at 7-5. She pitched four innings, allowing four hits and three runs. She struck out one and walked five.

The Blue and White need to start playing better if they want the 2012 season to be successful.

"As I have always said, we need to start in the circle. Our pitchers have the ability to go out and dominate the opposing hitters. When your pitchers are doing their job then your defense has to play behind them," said Berndt. "Our hitters have been pretty consistent throughout the season but we haven't been consistent on the mound or on defense. That needs to be better."

MU fell to 17-18 (7-8) on the season with the three losses this weekend.



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Kaitie Schumacher hit .455 over the weekend with four RBIs and two runs scored. She is second on the team with a .370 batting average and 34 hits in 2012.

Hawks Reach NEC Tournament With Win Over the Mount

PRESS RELEASE

Monmouth University's women's lacrosse team qualified for the 2012 Northeast Conference Tournament on Friday after dispatching rival Mount St. Mary's 11-6 on Kessler Field.

The Hawks, 7-10 6-3 NEC, used a complete team effort to defeat Mount, who also owns a 7-10 and 6-3 league record. The Hawks were led offensively by seniors Olivia Salata and Alex Marino, each who registered five points in the win. The Hawks were accurate with the ball, putting 18 of 21 shots on net and holding Mount to just six goals.

"This was probably the best I've seen our team play overall," said MU Head Coach Denise Wescott. "Our offense settled and got good looks. They took great shots and moved the ball well together along with doing a tremendous job tackling back. I thought some of the turnovers we created early created goals for us. Our midfield ran the field well and put pressure on them. Defensively, we did a nice job handling their drivers."

MU expanded its lead to 6-1 on a pair of Sam Lillo goals, but Mount got those two back with two consecutive scores within 85 seconds of one another. After Coach Wescott called a timeout the Hawks regained their composure, scoring two straight to push the lead to 8-3. The two teams traded goals over the remaining 13 minutes, with MU coming out on top 11-6.

After almost 20 scoreless minutes, Monmouth senior Lynn White got the Hawks on the board, beating Mount goalie Brigid McTavish one on one. Two minutes later Marino tallied an unassisted goal at the 8:44 mark



PHOTO COURTESY of MU Photography
Alex Marino was one of the Hawks' offensive leaders this past Friday, when she registered five points in the win over the Mount.

to put the Hawk ahead 2-0. The MU lead swelled to 3-0 after a Salata goal with 5:40 to play before Mount's Erin Seipp cut the lead to 3-1 with 1:40 to play, capitalizing off a MU turnover in the midfield. Lillo notched the final score of the half, putting MU up 4-1 going into halftime.

MU, who has now won three straight, got five saves from goalie Katie Donohoe, who seemed to make clutch stops when the Hawks needed them most.

Marino finished with three goals and two assists, while Salata had one

goal and four helpers. Lillo scored a trio of goals while gaining a team-high four draw controls. Defensively, junior Gianna D'Urso had three draw controls, three caused turnovers and two ground balls.

Seip led Mount with a pair of goals. Senior goalie Brigid McTavish had seven saves in the game as MU out-shot Mount 21-18. Monmouth now leads the series 18-8 all-time.

The Hawks, the third seed in the upcoming NEC Tournament, will face second-seeded Quinnipiac on Friday at Sacred Heart.

Men's Tennis Falls to FDU in Championship

THE OUTLOOK SPORTS STAFF

The men's tennis team fell to Farleigh Dickinson on Sunday 4-0 in the Northeast Conference (NEC) Championship match at the Mercer County Tennis Center. The Knights were the number one seed in the tournament and the Blue and White were the third seed.

The Knights won the doubles point and the first three single matches finished.

In the No. 1 singles competition, the Knight's Arvis Berzins defeated Freddy Marcinkowski 6-2, 6-4. In the No. 2 singles matchup, Ibrahim

Shams topped Monmouth's Francis Jedlinski 6-0, 6-1. Yuri Gricheno of the Knights faced Laurence Heads in the No. 3 singles match that went unfinished. The No. 4 and No. 5 singles matchups also ended unfinished. In the No. 1 and No. 3 doubles competitions, FDU defeated Monmouth 8-2. The No. 2 doubles matchup ended unfinished.

The Hawks finished the season with an 8-12 record, 5-4 in the NEC.

Farleigh Dickinson is 15-8 overall and 7-0 in the NEC. They will go on to compete in the NCAA tournament.



The Year That Was: A Summary of The Gun Show's Most Impactful Stories

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With the semester coming to a close, it is only natural to look back at the year that was. To say we had a substantial amount of news in sports would be an understatement. We saw everything from sex scandals to praises on the Cuban dictatorship to different Monmouth athletes coming out of college and entering professional sports.

This week, I will try to narrow down the year's most impactful stories and sum them up a bit. It is my hope that this sum-up will cause you to reminisce a bit on the school year that was, and even how much sports has influenced the news we remember.

Just attempting to narrow down nearly 30 editions of "The Gun Show" was quite a hard task, but hopefully you have hung on to the hard copies and made some further assumptions yourself.

Before I begin with the summary, I would just like to thank all of you readers for sifting the pages of The Outlook to the back every week just to see what sort of opinion I had that week on the wide world of sports.

Hopefully in the next year, you will see many more opinionated articles that you can agree with me on; or maybe you may come find content that you strongly disagree with. Either way, this has shown the power of op/ed, even in sports. So finally, I would just like to reiterate my appreciation for all of my faithful readers.

So this year in sports, we have had!

1.) The Sandusky Scandal: On November 4, 2011, a scandal that would soon rock the world was unveiled to the public. Former Penn State Defensive Coordinator (and a member of Joe Paterno's staff for 33 years), Jerry Sandusky was indicted on 40 counts of sex crimes against young boys. This story rocked the whole sports world students rioted, parents cringed and the football world was deeply affected. This was also the final "stamp" to the Joe-Pa era as the elderly man succumbed to cancer a few months later.

2.) NBA Lockout: For the fourth time in the NBA's his-

tory, the league entered a work-stoppage, labor dispute lockout. After July 1, 2011, doors were shut on teams, league officials, owners, etc. What ensued was a vicious negotiation between the players' union and the owners. The serious form of division came from revenue sharing issues and the salary cap structure. No NBA activity took place during this work-stoppage, and for months, big time players left for foreign leagues, many with clauses to return after the lockout, but the league was in shambles. This lockout ultimately cost the league 16 games per team and a lot of revenue, along with a severely damaged reputation.

3.) "Linsanity" Jeremy Lin, who is now a household name, had an extremely public ascent to fame. Within days of his quality play, children were buying his jerseys and the Knicks were bringing in extra revenue. He was New York's savior until he was hurt for the season. But all in all, the "Linsanity" trend that occurred showed the world just how quickly a 'no-name' can become a national figure.

4.) Ozzie Guillen Scandal: The newly-hired Miami Marlins manager, Ozzie Guillen, was quickly involved in controversy this spring, as he was quoted as saying he "loved Fidel Castro" and praised his lifelong endurance. Upon hearing the news, the Florida (and national) Cuban population went up-in-arms and Guillen was forced into apology just days later. (Albeit, his apology was also controversial and seemed forced).

5.) Monstrous NCAA Brawl: In another embarrassing week for NCAA sports, the true imperfections of some top notch programs were revealed. After one of the most brutal brawls in recent history, the Xavier-Cincinnati rivalry only heightened. With seconds left in a game dominated by the number-eight team in the country; Xavier, Cincinnati player Yancy Gates threw a monstrous punch at Xavier big man Kenny Frease. As the benches cleared, coaches peeled their players away and refs struggled to separate the athletes, an embarrassing moment for the NCAA then panned out. Clearly, some of the NCAA's imperfections were brought forth.

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Softball team still trying to find consistent defense and pitching.

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After sweeping Mount St. Mary's this past weekend, the Hawks, and catcher Kyle Perry, set their eyes on capturing another NEC baseball title.

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