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ONLINE HACK ATTACKS: IS 'MU-SECURE'?

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Rutgers University was invaded by a distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attack on March 27 which the security of university campus software and protechnology (IT) experts claim that understanding threats is a key factor in prevention.

A DDoS attack is when hundreds to thousands of messages or commands are sent, with malicious intent, to flood and paralyze a targeted technologiin the case Rutgers University.

resolved until March 30. Students gers. I'm the one who attacked were unable to access any Rutgersbased technology including Sakai (equivalent to Monmouth's e-Campus), school e-mail, and school Wi-Fi, which are basic technological has brought into question necessities for any university to run smoothly and properly.

According to the Rutgers newsgrams. With the digital paper, The Daily Targum, this is Rutgers proved to be the most age growing, information not the first serious DDoS attack the university has endured. Around Nov. 19, the university was attacked with 40,000 bots, or automated programs, during freshman registration. The Rutgers Office of Information Technology resolved this issue rather quickly.

It happened again on March 4. This time, the alleged attacker sent The Daily Targum warning cal infrastructure, such as e-mails, which according to the The Daily Targum, read: "A while back you had an article that talked

This attack on Rutgers was not about the DDoS attacks on Rutthe network... This might make quite an interesting story... I will be attacking the network once again at 8:15 pm EST. You will see sakai.rutgers.edu of-fline." The attacker followed through with these plans.

The most recent attack on vicious one yet, according to the university. It shut down the system for three days.

Supposedly, Fairleigh Dickinson experienced a similar problem in the same allotted days as Rutgers. According to nj.com, FDU claimed to have had a DDoS attack on Saturday, March 27, also. While they were able to restore their tech problems the same day, it does not rule out the possibility of the attacker also being connected with

the Rutgers attack.

The perpetrator of these attacks is still unknown to authorities, but, according to The Daily Targum, the attacks have an origin in Eastern Europe and China. Regardless of who the perpetrator is, it leads students at Monmouth University to wonder how this would be dealt with had it happened here.

Chris-Edward tensen, Vice President for Information Management, explained that a DDoS attack is not a security threat, but it can disrupt the

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Five-Year Comm. Master's **Program: Fall 2015**

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Beginning in fall 2015, the communication department will be introducing its new five-year Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts (BA/MA) program in communication/corporate and public communication

Students will have to meet specified requirements to ensure eligibility into the BA/ MA program. An incoming freshman must have achieved a minimum high school cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.25.

Additionally, an eligible applicant must have a combined SAT score equal to or greater than 1,600. Enrolled students are allowed to apply, however, they must complete between 48-90 credits and have a minimum GPA of 2.75.

Students open to accelerating the length of their masters education in communication will be interested in this program, according to Dr. Chad Dell,

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Presidential Candidates Target Millennials

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The presidential candidates have recently been targeting millennials as a part of their campaigns strategies in order to gain litical science and sociology. their support in the upcoming election. Candidates have been doing this in a variety of ways, each with different intentions depending on their political party.

The reasons behind candidates' increased interest in millennials varies but some attribute it to their increased interest in politics. "I think that presidential candidates are targeting millennials because we are becoming increasingly involved in the political process thanks to social media," said Daniel Roman, a senior political science major and co-captain of the debate team. "This vote is very important because as we can see, younger voters are beginning case."

Social media has undoubtedly become a major asset to presidenand other social media platforms to ignite their campaigns. "We are now seeing every candidate

take advantage of the use of social media; it would almost be political suicide not to as the candidate would appear to be 'behind the times," said Dr. Stephen Chapman, an assistant professor of po-

However, some candidates may overestimate the strength of social media platforms. "I don't think it works as well with millennials as they think it does. Our social media networks are not created equal. We opt in to who we follow," said Dr. Michael Phillips-Anderson, an associate professor of communication. "People who are opting in to follow these candidates are already politically engaged."

"The use of social media is crucial for the campaigns, it could also very easily backfire, a wrong message or poorly worded tweet can hurt candidates," added Roman.

Social media can be helpful to a campaign as long as it is utilized to make up a larger share of the fittingly. This will depend on their electorate than what used to be the consistent, appropriate, and effective messages. "Each candidate's team of social media and campaign staff has to keep these components tial campaigns. Candidates have in mind in order to evaluate each been utilizing Twitter, Instagram, campaign accurately; measurement is imperative to evaluating

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Student Debt Reaches \$1.2 Trillion, Highest Ever Recorded



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According to a recent report by Experian, the national student loan debt has reached \$1.2 trillion, the highest it has ever been. Additionally, the analysis concluded that a total of 40 million people across the country are grappling with student loans.

After the recession, most forms of consumer debt began to decrease, however, student loans have increased by 84 percent and show no signs of slowing down.

Thirty-nine percent (\$417 bil- will continue to rise. According lion) of all student loans are in a deferment period, or the time when a student is not immediately required to make a payment. The other 61 percent (\$727 billion) of the loans are classified under the repayment period in which borrowers are required to pay back loans in a timely fashion.

Despite their distressing effects, loans have the potential to positively contribute to an individual's future. So long as payments are continuously made, the individual's credit score

to the report, the average credit score of adults who are repaying loans is 640, which is 20 points higher than the average.

John Burke, a specialist professor of finance, said that a number of factors contribute to the drastic increase in student debt. "One reason for the dramatic growth in student loans has been the rapid increase in college tuition rates," he said. "Over the last three decades, college tuition rates have

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Paws for Print Event Held at Bradley Beach Elementary

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The International Reading Association (IRA) hosted their first annual Paws for Print at Bradley Beach Elementary school on Tuesday, April 14.

"The event was definitely successful as it was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by the children," Rachel Fox, president of IRA said.

Fox said the event was inspired by a study that discovered children increase their literacy skills and their confidence when reading out loud to animals.

IRA began planning their first ever Paws for Print this past January and with the help of their advisors, Dr. Lily Steiner and Dr. Kerry Rizzuto, they were able to secure a visit to Bradley Beach Elementary School.

Twenty-five students from two third grade classes participated in read to the dogs, but it was very the event as well as five dogs, five SPCA volunteers, and ten IRA members.

The day began with Fox and IRA's vice president, Mariola Cieloch, explaining to the group of third graders why literacy is so important. They then presented the various studies that explain how reading to animals improves literacy as well as other aspects of one's character.

Once the presentation conclud-

groups, each with their own dog and SPCA volunteer. IRA members also were divided into separate groups in order to facilitate the event and to see if the children reacted to the dogs' presence.

Although the goal was to improve the children's literacy skills and confidence, Dr. Rizzuto observed another asset. "By welcoming the volunteers from the Monmouth County SPCA into their classrooms, the third grade teachers demonstrated how schools and communities can create partnerships, which result in powerful social and academic dividends for their students."

Fox explained that the SPCA volunteers as well as the dogs are very familiar with this reading

"The SPCA goes to Bradley Beach library once a month and brings the dogs in their care with them. They also have children nice to have it in a classroom setting. I feel like having children read to dogs in a classroom is not something you would usually hear of which made the students even more excited to participate," Fox

book to read and, in fitting fashion, the book which was selected was Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene

After the hour visit concluded, ed, the students were split into five the IRA members and SPCA vol-



The students at Bradley Beach Elementary School were excited to be able to read to the dogs brought in as part of the Paws for Print event, hosted by the International Reading Association.

unteers left Bradley Beach Elementary School holding their heads high.

'Watching our MU students Each group was given the same interact with the the third grade children, and the children interact with the dogs was very exciting. Children who may have been reluctant readers showed so much enthusiasm, and programs like this can hold great promise, par-

ticularly for our striving readers," Steiner said.

"My favorite part was seeing the excitement on the students' faces when they were given the opportunity to practice their literacy skills to the dogs. The emotional connection the students made during the event truly inspired me to provide amazing opportunities to others," said Cieloch

Fox was also pleased that all of the hard work translated to a successful day for all members involved. "We did the event to extend our knowledge, passion, and presence in the community and we could not have asked for a better end result," Fox said. "We are already planning to run the program again next year because we had such good feedback."



Distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks have affected both Rutgers and Fairleigh Dickinson. Online Security Questioned

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network in massive ways. Christensen explained that a DDoS attack with an "open door" analogy: "If 100, even 1,000 people are all trying to get through the same, singular door, no one is getting in and, furthermore, no one is getting out. This is essentially what is happening in a DDoS attack."

"All DDoS attacks exploit the open nature of the Internet," Christensen said. According to Christensen, the University does have a procedure, as do many schools, that blocks attackers before this type of thing happens. But, if it does happen, NJEdge, a consortium of academic and research institutions in New Jersey in which the University is involved in, offers mitigation services and recommendations for the prevention and dealing with DDoS attacks, as Christensen points out.

Christensen also explains that DDoS attacks do not actually damage our networks or infrastructure, they simply bog it down with high levels of traffic.

Matthew Fullerton, a freshman computer science major, said, "I believe that Monmouth, or any school, as a matter of fact, is vulnerable to a DDoS attack like the one that occurred recently at Rutgers. This type of attack is relatively easy to conduct; it poses a large threat, because with computers to perform it."

Fullerton continued, "If this were to happen, I think everyone at Monmouth would be in disarray because most classes and students on campus utilize the schools Internet. If it was to get flooded and crash due to a DDoS attack, all school resourc-

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EDWARD CHRISTENSEN Vice President for Information Management

es would be down."

The best prevention for this type of attack on campus is awareness. Jamie Kretsch, specialist professor of computer science and software engineering, said, "Students hearing one does not have to be a veteran the term 'Distributed Denial of Ser-

vice' may mistakenly believe it isn't anything they would need to worry about. While they may not be the intended main victims of a DDoS attack, those same students may unknowingly be hosting malicious code on their computer that could make the attack possible."

"A computer that has not been sufficiently protected from viruses and other malware can be taken over and become part of a 'zombie army,' thousands of computers used to overwhelm a computer system by bombarding it with numerous requests for service." Kretsch ex-

"Students and all computer users need to recognize that by protecting their computer from malicious code they are not only keeping their work and actions safe and unmonitored by someone from the outside, but also helping to defeat those who would launch these kinds of attacks," he added.

Both Christensen and Kretsch suggest that by simply keeping software updated and protected with anti-virus software, students can stop the creation of a "zombie army" and prevent viruses from spreading.

Ashley Grenger, a sophomore health studies major, said, "I believe we should all keep our computers up to date with the latest software. Anti-virus software is necessary; we should all keep our computers safe

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Family Resource Associates Help Disabled Students

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When an individual with a developmental disability graduates from with the challenge of where to go next. There are many programs that focus on job training, but the Family Resource Associates (FRA) of Monmouth and Ocean Counties offer a different approach.

Nancy Phalanukorn, Executive Director of the FRA, said that the FRA highlights the abilities of its participants; abilities that they can apply to everyday life. "Our goal in making it unique is the realization that people have lots of abilities, and we want to focus on those abilities and we want to keep those abilities strong," she said.

According to their website, the FRA, "is a New Jersey non-profit agency located in Shrewsbury, helping children, adolescents and people of all ages with disabilities to reach their fullest potential. FRA connects individuals to independence through modern therapies and advanced technology."

Additionally, Phalanukorn said the FRA gives opportunities for increased independence, increased connection with their community, and focuses on the family as well.

The FRA was founded 36 years ago as a service that focused on infants to eight-year-olds with a developmental disability. About 10 years ago, the FRA saw those children getting older, and not having many programs to go into after graduation. Phalanukorn said, "We were seeing the people whose families worked so hard to get them through school, to have them included, now sitting at home doing nothing, and becoming very depressed and very isolated, and so we started some of the adult classes."

The adult classes became popular in Monmouth County, and are continuing to grow. Phalanukorn said, "Over the years we kept growing and being responsive to the needs of the families who said, 'Gee, could you do this kind of program, could you do a dance program, could you do a summer program, could you have these kind of classes?', and over the years we kept growing with that, and it continues to evolve.'

With the help of local parents, high school, they are often faced The FRA has recently opened up a new location in Brick Township, NJ for young adults with developmental disabilities. The program is open five days a week, and students can pick and choose what classes they want to take. The classes start at 9 a.m., and usually end at 2 or 3 p.m. depending on the activity occurring that day. There are a variety of classes they can take such as budgeting, swimming, photography, dancing, and computers.

Joanne Castellano, Director of TECHConnection at the FRA, said, "The classes involve many life skills activities, and learning everything from how to live independently in your own apartment to working on the computer doing a budget, and everything in between."

Phalanukorn said that the adult FRA classes highlight skills that are functional, such as how to make a salad, determining if food is good or bad, how to count change, or how to make a bed. The Brick facility has a room that simulates an apartment where students can practice these sorts of skills.

The FRA also incorporates the use of technology to ensure its participants are proficient with computers, iPads, and even Smartboards. Phalanukorn said, "Technology is the way of the future. Our people can't be left behind, or they're even more at a loss of being connected."

Castellano said the FRA is different from many other programs because of its "open door policy" with parents. "My favorite aspect is that we are very parent driven. Unlike many agencies or schools, 'this is what we do and the parent has to deal with it and the student has to deal with it, end of story.'

Ronnie Juchniewicz of Brick was one of the parents who helped bring the FRA to Ocean County. Her son Richard, 24, attends the FRA program five days out of the week. Juchniewicz said she chose to enroll her son into the FRA because of a difference in the program

compared to others. "There is a big difference in program. Their classes are more oriented towards teaching them a skill and reaching a goal, and when they reach that goal, then they move on to the next step."

Brick resident Linda DiRienzo liked how the FRA adjusts to suit the needs of its participants, including those of her daughter Ivy, 23. "It's not like taking a college class, like Chemistry 101. The class will grow with them or adjust to what their needs are, and that's a very great thing. That's where all the flexibility comes in.'

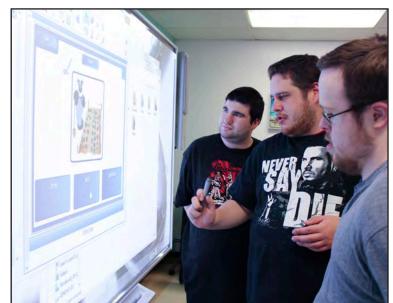
In fact, the FRA helped DiRienzo's daughter Ivy begin to swim. DiRienzo said, "My brother has an in-ground pool two doors away from me, I have not been able to teach her how to swim. They got her just about swimming now.'

Special educator at the FRA, Dori Daus, creates programming based on the name of the class and what it must contain. She takes into the account all the ability levels of her students and creates activities that help them be the most they can be.

Daus said, "When I started working here, there was a bigger focus on doing traditional class work. They hired me and I said, 'I don't want to do that because these guys are in their twenties and they have been doing that their whole lives and what they really need to do is learn how to enjoy themselves and learn about the world.' And the people who hired me said, 'Good!"

Daus took her students out of the classroom and out on a walk to the post office to send the letter they wrote to community service organizations offering their service. They purchased their own stamps to practice handling money and conversational skills. Daus said it is important for the students to be out and participating in the community.

She said, "Since we're members of the community, people get used to us being around. Some people get kind of edgy when they see people who are different, but the more you see somebody who is different, the more comfortable you are being around them."



Groups such as the Family Resource Associates provide families with disabled children with help and advice in regards to

from the community. They invite volunteers to assist the special educators with helping to keep the students on task. Castellano said, "Because our classes are very computer based, a lot of the time the students need more people in there to help them. Not necessarily to teach them how to use a computer, but to help them stay on task, follow instructions, and to help them with read-

Internships are also available for college students. Students from Monmouth University and Georgian Court have had an internship with the FRA. Castellano said, "They gain skills and experience working with students with disabilities. We love working with interns. They have an opportunity to do a little bit of everything."

Students do not have to be looking into the special education field to get an internship, however. Phalanukorn said, "Some people come to us from communications backgrounds, or education background, or physical education background, or technology to learn about the assisted technology program."

Phalanukorn just asks that in-The FRA is always open to help terns do not come and go quickly.

She said that the FRA makes sure interns, "are always respectful, and treat our students as adults and not baby them or speak to them in any way that is very childish."

Moreover, the FRA is looking to the community to help them financially as well. Castellano said, "If the community knew we were here, we always need help financially, with grants and donations.'

Most of their funding comes from the Department of Senior Health and Human Services. While many think the funding from the State covers everything, it does not.

Phalanukorn said, "It's not possible to meet the needs of any population that is underserved in many ways with just state funding so fundraising and family involvement and the involvement of the community enhances the life again of the people we serve."

Overall, what wants the community to know most is that, "There is a unique, engaging, respectful program that is giving adults with disabilities some fun times and some learning times to enrich their lives, and that something finally different like that has come to the area."

Five-Year Master's Offered for Communication

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Chair of the Communication department is one of the few in the school of humanities that did until recently, whereas many departments already have BA/MS five-year programs, including the Leon Hess Business School. The "slowness" of the foundation of the five-year CPC program is in correlation with the workings of thesis papers, explained Dell.

With the riddance of thesis papers came the formation of the five-year program. "For students who elected to do a thesis or project as the culmination of their studies, there wasn't enough time to complete the course works in one year. Our new non-thesis op-

Angela Ramos, a sophomore communication student, said, "I definitely think that the five-year program will be good for a lot of students. It's cool. I like the concept of accelerated degrees," she said. "The department is moving forward. I think it would be great to get my masters in the same place that I got my bachelors. I

there would be a sense of familiar-

There are a number of benefits of Department. The communication enrollment in the program, according to Dell. If a student is accepted into their fifth year of graduate not have an accelerated program study then they are granted a \$3,500 scholarship. The program is also reaches their junior or senior year risk-free, and students can withdraw at any time without the risk of courses. For advancement into the was just for one more year," continpenalty. Dell further explained that fifth year students have to earn a ued Ramos.

complete them in five years. I'm very excited about this new option,"

To apply, eligible students must talk with their advisors to discuss the requirements. When an enrolled five-year program student they must complete two graduate from taking on a fifth year might nity," said Jessica Rossi, a senior be the financial aspect. Graduate school is even more expensive than undergrad, and there might be more loans involved," said Ramos.

"Also I wouldn't take it if the overall curriculum was very simi- fy for the five year program but is lar to that of my undergrad. I would interested in obtaining a graduate want to be truly learning, even if it degree, she and similar upper-

"This is a terrific opportunity for both current and prospective students looking for a combined BA/MBA program, and who want to complete them in five years."

Chair of the Communication Department

ger be required to submit recommendation letters, GRE scores, and graduate application fees.

Dell believes that the greatest benefit to the five-year program is that students can earn graduate credits while simultaneously earning their undergraduate degree. "This is a terrific opportunity for both current and prospective students looking for a combined BA/ would know my professors, and MA program, and who want to

tion makes this possible," said five-year CPC students will no lon- B- or better in their undergraduate CPC classes. "As seniors, they apply for the CPC program. So long as they are maintaining their grades, they're accepted. It's pretty

simple, actually," said Dell.
Students may be more inclined to apply to the program for the shortened obtainment of their master's degrees through five years of higher education, while others may have reasons for hesitation.

Furthermore, current upperclassmen tracked for graduation in four years may have gone beyond the maximum credit ceiling. Therefore, they are not eligible for admission into the five-year program. "If I could go back to my freshmen year I would have definitely tried to get into the new five year program. It's just one more year and you get a master's degree. I am a senior and I wish I had one more year to "A big thing that might stop me take advantage of such an opportusaid.

communication student. "Even though I can't apply for the program I still might go for my masters," she continued.

Although Ross does not qualiclassmen are allotted alternative

"Our masters CPC program offers three exciting curricular tracks," said Deanna Shoemaker, Director of the CPC Graduate Program. The department has a graduate degree for public relations and media, public service communication, and human resources management.

"The public relations and new media focus on crisis management, digital communication, fundraising, and audio/video/web production," added Shoemaker.

The Public Service Communication degree focuses on leadership, advocacy, ethics, and community relations. While the Human Resources Management degree focuses on organizational communication and culture, intercultural and diversity management, training and consulting, and conflict management," she

Senion Goodbye See You Later: A Thank You to My Motivators

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I can remember growing up, how I'd play with my little Justin Timberlake N*Sync marionette doll as I bopped my pig tails from side to side, telling everyone who thought they'd marry him that I crack (well, if "accept" "Bye Bye Bye" (I'm still talking to you, Jessica Biel).

I can remember the simplicity and joy that'd seem to engulf me as I'd reach my Barbie band-aid covered arm into the back of the freezer as I stood on my tippity-toes, biting my tongue as I finally grazed my fingers on a limeflavored ice pop.

I can remember racing Bowser and Toad on my Nintendo 64 as I listened to "Hit Me Baby One More Time!" and to every beat, I'd launch off a green shell to a Mario Kart racecar in front of

I can remember imagining what the future "me" would be like. If I'd still maintain my inner-child, regardless of my age, and if I'd always have my happy, loving zest for life – even though life seems to grow harder and harder.

I can remember constantly telling my mom, "I can't wait to be an adult and grow up!"

And now I find myself wishing that my grown-up life could just momentarily pause, so I can take a deep breath, waft in every last moment of my college experience, and exhale.

I can't believe the time has come, and in only a couple of weeks, I'll be strutting across the stage of PNC bank, shaking the hands of President Paul Brown, and receiving (practically) the holy grail of college – a diploma.

But before I leave, I have so many people to thank for pushing me throughout my life and these past four years to be the absolute best version of myself that I could be, and then some. To all of those who helped me maintain all of the qualities that make me, well, me, and never letting me lose sight of who "Brianna" is – the quirky, corny, lovable, curly 'fro'd girl with the hyenaesque laugh who omits positive vibes wherever she bounces – this is for **you**. La mia famiglia.

Mammadukes: I could honestly fill this entire newspaper with hundreds of thousands of reasons as to why you are my biggest motivator in life, and why every little thing that I do, I do with you and the betterment of our family in the back of my mind. You have crafted me to be the hard-working, outgoing, caring woman that I am, and I couldn't have done anything without your constant support. To say I love you with all of my heart would be a severe understatement. I love you with every beat of my heart, every blink of an eye, every movement of a muscle, and every breath of life. Thank you for always believing in me and showing me what it truly means to love someone unconditionally. I hope to embody all of your qualities and more.

The fam: You are the best family I could've ever wanted to be birthed into. Without all of your love, support, constant guidance, and showering of laughter, I'd never be the person that I am today. I owe so much to every single one of you.

I miei amici.

Katay Lay Maray: Best friends for eleven years, and still counting. I honestly don't even know where to begin est working, most loving and with you, but I just want you to know that I love you. Just like my mom, I could dedicate this entire newspaper to our insiders, jokes, memories, and overall characteristics that define our friendship. I can't describe the impact you've had on my life, but it's been an incredible one. I know, hands down, you are going to be my maid of honor at my wedding one day. And I know that we'll still be kickin' it when we're both 85-years-old, waiting in line with our blinged out canes, waiting for Chipotle (hoping they don't skimp us). I love you so much, and I thank you for being there for me every step of the way.

Awick Webetje: FOR THE GLORY! Okay, so I'm not really sure where to start with you, but you are hands down the greatest guy I could ever call my best friend. You just get me. You accept me for all of the stupid jokes means nag on me with Danny for hours.. then yeah). You care about me in a way that makes me overwhelmed with happiness. You just are hands down one of the greatest people I could know,

and you've been such a great addition to my life. Just like Katie, I know you'll be there begging us to go to Galaxy diner or Dunkin at 85-years-old, just laughing at all of the hilarious things we've done – and will continue to do.

Danny: You are crazy, but I love you. Pause. You add this vision to my life that would practically be nonexistent without you. You're hilarious, in-

dependent, and intelligent - and you help bring out those sides of me, as well. Mr. Rubes, I know you'll be a best friend that I'll have for life, and I'm so proud of how we've seen each other grow and mature over the past couple of years. Thank you for always being there for me when I've needed you the most. Here's to many more stupid memories, and hopefully, less "elephants in your cups" and Crazy Taxi drives. Now let's go get some Taco Bell and bump to some Drake so I can stop being so sappy.

Aubs: Mr. McLaughin, you banana lookin'... Where do I begin with you? To be completely honest, I never envisioned myself ever even remotely being friends with you, nonetheless best friends. But I'm so happy that vision was wrong. You're not even my friend, you're my family. I can go to you for anything, and I know you'd stop whatever you're doing and help me. In a way,

this is going to sound corny, but you're like.. my voice of reason. I've never met someone like you who just picks me up and pushes me in ways that you do. I love you more than you could ever imagine. I know you tell me all of the time that I'm one of the friends that you'll have for life and you got that right, I promise I'm not going anywhere. And Mel, I love you too. Thank you both for always supporting me in everything. I can't wait until your wedding.

BIWWWWWY: Yes Chrissie, this is for you. I know you're probably going to cry at these next few sentences, and that's perfectly okay because I'm crying writing this just thinking of how great of a person you are - and how even more of an amazing friend vou've been to me throughout my college years. Meeting you freshman year was one of the best things that could've happened to me. From getting soaked with you in chocolate, to ridin' around

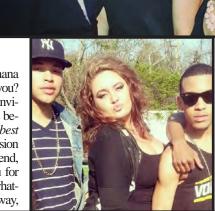
and gettin' it in Domino's delivery cars. I am positive that you are my other half. Your J. Bagel will always love you, and I will never ever ever ever stop being your best friend. Thanks for being what I consider to be my guardian angel. (F.I.R.B.)

Kita: The strongest, harddown-to-Earth woman that I know. Meeting you freshman year was a blessing. You've been this amazing force in my life that

I can't even describe in words. You inspire me day after day, and I truly hope to be half the woman that you are. I hope you realize how much I appreciate you as a best friend, and how much I cherish vou. We've been through so much together, and we've seen each other grow in ways that I'm not sure most people have. From Elmwood to Maplewood to even now - there are entirely too many memories and laughs to try and squeeze into this tiny paragraph. I love















you, Keet. And I always will.

Jess and Eryn: I can tell from this angle that you both are currently reading this paper that you love the BBDD. But in all seriousness, you both crack me up. Living with yous last year was such an incredible experience and we formed such lasting friendships. You both are my partners in crime, and I love you both so so so much.

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Victoria: I hundo p love you and the way that you totally hate mankind, but it's menacingly beautiful. Rock on, and be the edgy woman you were meant to

Chris: My savior. Honestly, I don't know what I would've done without went insane. Thank you for being the wu to my wei. You are such an old soul,

and I thank you for gracing me with all of your knowledge.

Fab: You are beautiful (both inside and out). I know one day you'll be working/anchoring your own show on E! because it's seriously just engrained in your genetics. I love you fabbbby.

Heather: It's insane that we met freshman year and now we reconnected our senior year. I am so happy that you decided to join this family, and I am even happier that we both got to pop our bull-

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Il futuro.

"Future" me is everything that I used to daydream about as I'd twirl my bouncing curly locks with my chubby little fingers. I've still maintained my inner-child, still harvested this loving zest for life, and still managed to constantly radiate happiness. My N*Sync lovin', ice pop-guzzlin', Britney Spears boppin' self would be proud. Who am I kidding? That's still who I am. Except now I double fist ice pops and Chipotle burritos.

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Millennials: Target Demographic of 2016 Presidential Campaigns

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what is working and what is not," said Mary Harris, a specialist professor of communication.

Some candidates have been attempting to reach young adults through different mediums. "You want to get at people where they can accidentally find you. You should show up in places where they already are," said Phillips-Anderson. These places include late night television shows, podcast, and radio broadcasts.

The messages candidates are offering are also crucial to their campaign. "They need to give them messages to come out and vote but also messages that say to them that there really is a benefit to their vote," said Patrick Murray, Director of the Polling Institute at the University.

Historically, younger voters have followed the patterns of older voters and therefore did not have a large impact on the elections. However, this pattern changed in 2004, "... when younger voters started to ap-

voters. By 2008 they were significantly more democratic. That trend has continued," said Murray.

Millennials consist of a large potential voter population, making them appealing to candidates. However young adult voters have had the lowest voter turnout of all age groups. "For example, 2008 had one of the highest turnout rates for vounger voters (about 48 percent for 18-24 year olds). This was still the lowest turnout relative to older age groups," said Chapman. "In 2012, this age group dropped back to a dismal 38 percent voter turnout," Chapman added.

Many young adults are also new to politics, making them more easily persuaded. "...younger voters may, as a whole, have less crystallized political opinions...making them more susceptible to persuasion by the candidates," explained Chap-

It is important to consider the fact that some young adults have already established their political beliefs, making them a little less prone to

pear more democratic than older persuasion. "Those younger voters who have firm beliefs (and many do) will behave just like any other voter," Chapman continued.

Currently, several millenials have been regarded as mostly democratic. "The proportion of millenials that are democratic is now very close to 2/3 of them...I have a feeling that as we look at closer and closer elections that we are going to see a fight, where we are going to see more democrats trying to get millennialls out and republicans trying to keep them at home," explained Murray.

There is some debate regarding the candidate most likely to win over the millennial population as a whole. "Rand Paul is a libertarian, and many younger people tend to like the message of individual freedoms, less government intrusion, etc," said Chapman.

Hillary Clinton is also regarded as a top runner for many young adults. "I think that Hillary is very well positioned to win millenials. President Obama won 67 percent of the youth vote in 2012, and if Hillary can match that she will be in



Hillary Clinton is regarded as one of the top runners for many young adults.

good shape," explained Roman. Issues that interest Millenials and are crucial for candidates to address during their campaigns include, "...

current and future access to clean drinking water, sustainability and clean energy, food justice and sustainable food systems, national security and cyber security, climate change, and equal rights," said Har-

Other issues include gun control, marriage equality, the job market, and student debt. "The most im-

portant issue in my opinion to millenials is college debt. It is very rare for a student to graduate without having some form of debt. I think younger voters want to know what candidates plan to do about interest rates," said Roman.

Essentially, campaigns revolve around approach. "Campaigns really are about strategy, how do I win? How do I spend my resources to win? And that sometimes means ignoring different voter groups," Murray explained.

Student Debt Continues to Rise

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increased at about double the rate of inflation. The rate has been even steeper over the past two decades, 10.3 percent or almost three times the rate of inflation." Another factor has been the ever increasing percentage of students using student loans," continued Burke. According to the specialist professor, this has increased from the past two decades.

Burke added that while the percent of students using stuage student loan balance upon graduation has more than tri-

Center for Education Statistics Data, the average debt per student has reached its highest cost in history at more than \$30,000 per borrower. Anthony already been noticing his peers said O'Halloran. struggle with loan difficulties. paying higher interest rates and getting fooled over."

In March, President Barack Obama signed the "Student focus on the non-pecuniary Aid Bill of Rights," which pects of a college education. plans to assist students in

the repayment of their college unfortunate dilemma occurs loans. Obama suggests that one website needs to be created on which students can access their loan and repayment information. Further, another website loans but will likely not have needs to be created on which the the proper means to do so. borrowers can file complaints about loan providers. Therefore, there will be no confusion or disagreements as to when a repayment is to be made.

Although some potential col-45 percent to 70 percent over lege students may be deterred by the crippling debt, Patrick L. O'Halloran, an associate professor of economics, said he bedent loans has doubled over lieves that a college education is the past two decades, the aver- still incredibly valuable. "Most empirical evidence reveals that higher education remains a worthwhile investment which According to the National more than pays for itself in higher future earnings among those with a college degree. Moreover, given the media attention given to the issue of student debt burdens, I'd expect that there Branco, a recent graduate of will be more focus on potential Monmouth University's Busi- payoffs of obtaining various deness School, said that he has grees from different schools,"

"There have been several "I know too many people that governmental policy proposare being negatively impacted als to mandate that instituby student loans," said Branco. tions of higher learning publish fer payments and accumulate "They agree to false promises comparable statistics showing more debt may cause many to stating that their loans will be such things as placement rates, paid off in a shortened period completion rates, and more," exof time, but in reality they are plained O'Halloran. O'Halloran added that he expects to see more focus on the financial return to various degrees and less focus on the non-pecuniary as-

Moreover, perhaps the most the chicken or the egg."

if a student drops out of college before attaining his/her degree. Then, the student will still be required to pay off the

Burke noted that students need to understand the gravitas of debt; it is a financial obligation that is a direct consequence of an education. If they do not follow their obligations, their future opportunities will be hampered as a result of poor credit. This will affect their chances of taking a loan for an automobile, home, or other luxury. O'Halloran added that the answer to the student loan conundrum may lie in the functionality of the workforce.

'I think the solution partly depends on how our labor markets treat new graduates. If we have a healthy labor market with good paying jobs available to new grads, the debts should not prove to be too burdensome," said O'Halloran. 'However, if our labor markets offer few 'good' jobs for graduates, the debt accumulated over time as students dedoubt the value of their college degree. Of course, how we foster the creation of good jobs is another issue. One could argue that a more educated society would generate more good jobs than a less educated society, so it becomes an issue of



Commuter Program

LAUREN NIESZ COPY EDITOR

The University's new Commuter Student Mentor Program (CSM) is under constant revision in the ongoing strategic planning process, as the new program is set to be in place this summer, beginning with new student orientation and continuing through the fall 2015 semester.

Vaughn Clay, Director of Off-Campus and Commuter Services, is involved with this new commuter program. "It began with the idea of having current commuters available during New Student Orientation, which stemmed the idea for a commuter mentorship program," said

Work on the program started in Fall 2014 and continued into the spring semester when Clay sent out interest emails to all commuter students. Out of a candidate pool of 24 students, Clay chose 12 students who "are going to play a very active role in helping first year commuter students transition into life at the University."

Being involved in New Student Orientation has inspired Clay to get the gears moving on this program. He said of the Orientation Leaders (OLs), "They have substantial impacts on the lives of Monmouth Unireally great job.'

Yet, the OLs are very much involved with the residential side of things. What Clay envisioned, inspired by the Orientation Leaders, is a type of Commuter OL and friendly face for commuter students on campus.

Clay, who has been working with commuter students for 15 years, said, "Commuter students have needs and concerns, which are a little more unique to the lives they lead as compared to the resident students. They are distinctive and different." The CSM Program has two facets to its method: first is the interaction at new student orientation, and second is following through in the fall semester

During New Student Orientation, commuter students will have their first face-to-face contact with the chosen mentors. This interaction is very important for the mentors in establishing a base with the incoming commuter students and getting

them to feel more comfortable with the mentors, according to Clay.

The second facet, the fall semester, will be based more on mentors having an independent interaction with his/her mentees.

The program hopes to have mentors and their groups engage in group activities as well as one-onone meetings and interactions with the mentees. Getting involved will be a large goal for the fall semester.

Cristin Bosko, a senior chemistry student, said, "There is RHA (Resident Hall Association) for residents, but there is no equivalent for commuters," she said. "I think a mentor program would be very helpful for new commuters. I would have been interested in this program if it had been available to me as a first year student... something like this mentor program would have been extremely helpful in finding activities and clubs on campus."

Clay is very optimistic about the start of the program. "There is a lot of positive interest amongst my colleagues in Student Life for this program," he exaplined. Clay said he is very encouraged by students he has selected to be the University's very first group of commuter mentors. The mentors said they could not be more thrilled to be involved in this budding program as it provides a versity students and they've done a unique leadership opportunity for these commuter students.

> Susan Schuld, a freshman english student, said, "I wanted to be a part of CSM because, as a commuter, the college experience is daunting. Without a roommate or suitemate to lean on, you don't always know where to go for advice. I wanted to be a role model that first year students can look up to and rely on,"

> "Whether they need advice on academics, extracurricular activities, or just want a friend to talk to, I will be there as a support system and confidant that they can turn to.," she said

> Schuld speaks as a spokesperson for all of the new mentees, according to her, they are all bursting with enthusiasm and ready to lay a strong foundation for the years to come with this new and hopeful program.

> "This program is about injecting seasoned guides into the lives of our first year students and being their extra resource in this big journey,"

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THE *OUTLOOK* STAFF

Monmouth University will celebrate its Spring 2015 Commencement Ceremony at the PNC Center in Holmdel, New Jersey on Wednesday, May 20.

While the graduating members of *The Outlook* are excited, nervous and every emotion in between, most of the staffers feel indifferent about the University's choice of a speaker.

Brad Eric Scheler, Esq., a senior partner and Chair of the bankruptcy and restructuring department of the global law firm Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson was announced as the Commencement speaker by President Brown on April 20.

One staffer said, "I am definitely not trying to knock his credentials and successes. He has accomplished so much in his career, and we can and should not criticize him for that; however, as far as speaking at Commencement, I'm not sure he was the absolute best choice. Maybe I'm wrong and his speech will completely and utterly blow me away and inspire me to be the best graduate ever, but I really was hoping for someone a tad more relateable and inspiring to us as graduates of Monmouth University"

Another editor said, "I've never heard of him, I've never heard of the position that he holds, nor have I ever heard of the law firm that he works for, which does not necessarily make for a memorable ceremony."

One editor rebutted, "Well, maybe you should do your homework."

To some extent, a few of *The Outlook* editors believe that this may have been a last resort pick. Scheler is a member of Lehigh's Board of Trustees, the same school from which President Paul Brown hailed as the Dean of the Business School.

"It would be more memorable to

hear a really well-known or well-liked speaker. Plus it's a five hour process, so at least it needs to be enjoyable and motivational," said one editor.

In comparison to other universities, Rutgers will be welcoming Bill Nye the Science Guy as their speaker, as well as Jon Bon Jovi. Kean University was supposed to have hip-hop artist Common attend, but due to a controversy surrounding a 15-year-old song, has been yanked, according to businessinsider com

"Rutgers and Kean seem to know what students want and what students need to truly hear at a commencement ceremony. They want to hear an engaging speech, an entertaining one, and something that completely inspires us to take on the 'adult-world,'" said one staffer.

Another editor noted, however, that the Winter Commencement speaker for Monmouth University seemed to blow away the graduates and everyone in attendance. "Former NFL player Myron Rolle delivered an incredibly moving speech. Although I wasn't particularly familiar with his background, his speech was just... wow. Breathtaking, to say the least. The University knocked it out of the park with that one, and I'm hoping that this newly elected speaker has the same affect on me."

The editorial board did, however, offer some potential suggestions for future graduation commencement speakers. Ellen DeGeneres, according to one editor, gives both hilarious and insightful speeches for outgoing classes. Another editor suggested that Mark Zuckerberg, one of the co-founders of social media site Facebook, also would be of interest, considering he was a college dropout and might have a different perspective on graduation. Additionally, Jon Stewart of The Daily Show (and New Jersey native) was noted as being able to deliver, as well as Bruce Springs-

teen.

"As much as I'd love to see these high-profile celebrities, I can only imagine the price it would cost to hire one of them to speak," one staffer said.

According to nj.com, Rutgers will pay Bill Nye a \$35,000 speaking fee, "though university officials said they do not know if he plans to keep the fee or donate it to the university, as some previous speakers have."

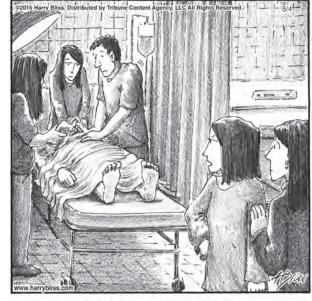
One editor suggested some more reasonable fiscal choices. He/she said, "I would love Abbi Jacobson and Ilana Glazer, stars of the web-series *Broad City*, or Brandon Stanton, the creator of Humans of New York. All three of these people seem to have a really great understanding of how to grab the attention of an audience, and they're all fairly well-known among young people."

"After working and grinding for a solid four years here at the University, I think we deserve an incredible speaker," said one editor.

Another editor advised, "I honestly don't think we should be complaining about the speaker. He might completely blow us away. Let's not be negative. Let's not send any negative vibes out there. We are graduating. This is our moment to live and prosper and enjoy all of our hard work."

Beyond mixed reviews about the commencement speaker, *The Outlook* staffers were incredibly positive about their overall Monmouth experience. Positive, happy, rewarding and unforgettable were all recurring adjectives used by the editorial staff to describe their time at Monmouth University.

"I am so very grateful for all of the opportunities that were presented to me during my four years here, and I honestly thank Monmouth for molding me into the person that I am today. Commencement is one small step for me, and one big leap for my future," said one staffer.



"I swear, he's just doing this to annoy me."

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Moot Court Succeeds at National Invitation Tournament

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The University's moot court program finished its second year strong this past weekend with the two-student team of Nick Whittaker and Joe Talafous representing the Hawk spirit at the 2015 National Invitational Tournament hosted by the University of Chicago.

Based on their performance in the fall semester at a regional tournament in Iowa City, Whittaker and Talafous were invited to this national tournament and showcased their skills of oral advocacy, rhetoric and persuasive argumentation to a panel of judges over three rounds.

They competed in an incredibly strong field of 20 teams, including teams from universities such as Loyola University - Chicago, Loras College, Eastern Illinois University, Notre Dame College, the University of St. Thomas in Canada, Merrimack College, the University of North Texas and the University of Chicago.

The Monmouth team managed to win one ballot by 35 points (on a 100-point scale) in the third round against one of the advancing teams Tournament at the University of Chicago on April 24-25, 2015.

other separate ballots in round two and only five points on one ballot in the first round.

hawks kept it incredibly close in a very competitive field and ended the 2014-2015 competition season on a high note, going into the next Angela Ryan and Harmony Bailey.

and lost by only two points on two year of tournaments energized and ready.

A round of congratulations goes to all moot court student-teams The Monmouth moot court who represented Monmouth with pride this academic year: Ashley Gucker and Samah Khalifa; Mike Hamilton and Dan Roman; and



PHOTO COURTESY of Gregory Bordelon Juniors Nick Whittaker (left) and Joe Talafous represented Monmouth at the 2015 ACMA Moot Court National Invitational

The team and Gregory Bordelon under the U.S. Constitution. would very much like to thank the Monmouth faculty who gave up their precious time to help in judging Whittaker and Talafous's arduous scrimmages and practices in the weeks leading up to the competition, specifically: Dr. Rekha Datta, a professor of political science and sociology; Paul Savoth, an associate professor of accounting; and Joe McManus, Director for the Center for Entrepreneurship.

The moot court problem this year involved two issues under the U.S. Constitution: one as to whether a law passed by the fictitious state of Olympus created a constitutional burden to a woman seeking an abortion under the Fourteenth Amendment, and another as to whether a mandated script required by the same statute for physicians to read to their patients violated the physician's right to free speech under the First Amendment.

Tournament competition is under the auspices of the American Collegiate Moot Court Association (ACMA); the annual tournament structure generally begins in either May or June of a year with the release of a hypothetical problem with at least two legal issues ies and pre-law advising.

The problem is designed to showcase students' persuasive advocacy skills on "both sides" of the issue – petitioner(s) arguing against the constitutionality of a state statute and a respondent state entity arguing in support of that statute's constitutional validity.

As Monmouth moot court enters its third year in the 2015-16 academic year and mock trial its fourth, all students interested in intercollegiate legal forensic competition are invited to find out more.

The best avenue for the most information is to sign up for the prelaw club mailing list (pink forms on the legal studies outside of Bey Hall 244, Bordelon's office). Information sessions and practices will begin in September for next year's teams.

For more information on moot court, contact 2015-2016 court team leader, Whittaker (s0893131@monmouth.edu). For more information on mock trial, contact 2015-2016 team captain, Stephen Lang (s0880503@monmouth.edu). Of course, all students are always welcome to contact Bordelon (bordelon@monmouth. edu) for information on legal stud-

Transgender Community Responds to Bruce Jenner

LORRAINE ALI

When Bruce Jenner revealed to Diane Sawyer what many had already speculated - that the 1976 Olympic champion now publicly identifies as a woman - nearly 17 million people were watching.

It was a groundbreaking event for the athlete turned reality star, and for an estimated 700,000 transgender Americans.

"It's become a national teachable moment," said Mara Keisling, executive director for the Washington, D.C.-based National Center for Transgender enhanced feminine features. Equality. "Somebody made us realize we weren't alone."

During the two-hour interview on ABC's "20/20," an initially nervous and teary Jenner told Sawyer, "For all intents and purposes, I am a woman.'

The show scored a 5.2 rating about four times higher than is 18-to-49 age group on a Friday night, according to figures from Nielsen.

reaction. "All of us deserve the tween the interview. right to be loved for who we are. BruceJenno Oprah Winfrey. Public figures from Billie Jean King to Lady Gaga posted on Twitter and Facebook to show their support.

Talk show host Montel Wilservative, voiced his support on Facebook despite heavy criticism from some of his fans. Jenner or of #lgbt individuals broadly?" he wrote. "No one is forcing you to be here."

was talk show host Wendy Williams, who referred to Jenner as a "fame whore" ahead of the Sawyer interview. More than a few negative tweets with relishow called Jenner an "abomination.'

Given Jenner's recent role as the befuddled husband on the reality blockbuster show "Keeping Up With the Kardashians,"

many in transgender circles and beyond expressed concern that the public coming out would be viewed as a publicity stunt, undermining a recent swell of otherwise-humanizing television dramas and news regarding their community. Jenner also revealed Friday that a docu-series chronicling his life as a transgender woman will premiere on E! on July 26.

Jenner, 65, had been dogged by the paparazzi over the last year, producing photographs that noted the former athlete's changing appearance, which has included skirts, nail polish and surgically

Dressed in a simple buttondown dress shirt, black slacks and deck shoes with white socks, a low-key Jenner took his long hair out of its ponytail early in the interview, a move symbolic of his newfound freedom. Jenner advised Sawyer to refer to him as "he" since he hasn't yet publicly typical among viewers in the revealed his female name or completed his transition.

A series of transgender facts, short comments from experts and On social media, the inter- lessons on pronouns and termiview elicited a largely positive nology peppered segments in be-

> At least a few of Sawyer's awkquestions and surprised reactions reflected the larger prevailing confusion about what it means to be transgender.

"Are you gay?" she asked. "No," Jenner answered patiently, liams, a self-proclaimed con- his expression calm. "Sexual orientation and gender identity are not the same thing.

Acutely aware that his past as "Don't like my support of Bruce a gold-medal-winning Olympian and member of the Kardashian TV clan gave him a rare public platform, Jenner also said he Among those who took issue wanted to use the opportunity to shed light on more marginalized corners of the transgender community.

"I appreciate the fact that Bruce Jenner mentioned the disproporgious overtones following the tional amount of discrimination and violence that is experienced by transgender women of color," said Johanna Olson, medical director at the Center for Transyouth Health and Development at Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

She said she was confident in the interview's power to "raise national awareness and hopefully break down barriers for the transgender community.'

For a large majority of the American public, the power of pop culture in making sense of complicated, urgent social issues cannot be underestimated.

"Polls show that 9 out of 10 Americans personally know someone who is lesbian, gay or bisexual, but (only) around 8 percent say they know someone who is transgender," said Nick Adams, director of programs and transgender media for GLAAD, an LGBT monitoring group that addresses discrimination. "So for 92 percent of Americans, everything they know about a transgender person they're learning from the media.'

Yet the recent attention toward the transgender world has presented critical challenges for both the community and the media.

Covering trans issues is a minefield of seemingly new rules and terminology. It's for this very reason that organizations such as GLAAD publish guidelines on respectful ways to write about the transgender community. For example, under its "terms to avoid," GLAAD lists "sex change," operative" and "post-operative" as problematic. The preferred term is "transition."

At least one high-profile transgender woman says that the advocacy guidelines and talking points can feel confusing and restrictive, even to her.

Zoey Tur, a freelance reporter for "Inside Edition" who transitioned in the public eye, compared transgender terminology to fibromyalgia diagnoses, in that it often overshadows the issue it's meant to improve. "If you don't know what something is," she said, "you put it in the fibromyalgia box, because it sounds really good and now you know what you're treating. But it could be all kinds of things.'

Jenner's reveal comes on the heels of a series of breakthrough moments on television that signal that attitudes toward transgender people had already been shifting.

On network TV, recent trans- frontier of transgender issues on gender storylines on "Glee" and 'The Bold and the Beautiful" appear light-years removed from the old variety show model of the cross-dressing comedian. The success of streaming series such as "Orange Is the New Black" and "Transparent" suggest there is an appetite for more nuanced and realistic storylines regarding transgender characters.

At least two network pilots are now in the works starring transgender actors in major roles: the CBS legal drama series "Doubt" with Laverne Cox, and the NBC pilot "The Curse of the Fuentes Women" featuring "Transparent's" Trace Lysette.

Several cable channels, too, are or will soon air series centered around transgender main characters. Discovery Life's first original series, "New Girls on the Block," features six transgender women; TLC's forthcoming "All That Jazz" is about trans teen YouTube activist Jazz Jennings; and ABC Family's "Becoming Us" is about a parent's transition.

We're no longer just a punchline for comics, or just limited to man Abu Ghaith, a son-in-law that sphere," said Dana Beyer, a of Osama bin Laden. For years transgender rights advocate and she's been trying, on her own executive director of Gender blog and The Huffington Post, Rights Maryland. "Stories about us are now of interest to the mainstream media, and not because we're special but because we're not just marginalized and ridiculed. We're actually newswor-

According to a study conducted by GLAAD over the last three years regarding "Trans Images on TV," transgender roles on scripted television over the last decade have been typically limited to those of psychotic killers or murder victims. The most common profession? Sex worker.

But things are improving, particularly on reality TV, Adams says. "Reality television has been somewhat of a bright spot in terms of incorporation of transgender people because they're able to be themselves and tell their own stories.'

"Grev's Anatomy" Former producers Tony Phelan and Joan sonal level. That's the ultimate Rater are excited about the new

mainstream TV.

The couple are behind the CBS pilot "Doubt," which costars Cox of "Orange Is the New Black" fame.

The actress plays one of three attorneys, Phelan said, "but (her gender) is not the first thing you notice about the character. Sure, it's part of who she is, but that's not the only thing that defines her as a person. That's very true to the transgender people we know.'

One of those people is Rater and Phelan's son Tom, an actor who also happens to have played the role of a transgender teen on ABC Family's "The Fosters." "Our kid is transgender, but our kid is also funny and smart," Rater said. "It's one part of who he is." The couple hope to see more trans actors working in Hollywood. "It's important to us," Rater said.

Zoe Dolan is a real-life transgender defense attorney who's worked on high-profile terrorism cases and was recently part of the team representing Sulaito draw attention to many of the issues now being played out on reality TV, scripted dramas and the news media.

"The transgender community makes up a fraction of a fraction of the population," Dolan said, "but we do what everybody else does, so the challenge for the media and the entertainment industry is to portray that world in all its complexity.'

Still, Dolan says that the acceptance of transgender television characters hasn't yet translated to broad tolerance for transgender people. "That mask of acceptance has vet to melt down into the epidermal layer and into people's hearts,' she said. "The way we are considered in our work lives in society is a very different question from how people accept us on a fundamental, interpertest.'

Why I Love Monmouth

KYLE O'GRADY

As my four years here at Monmouth come to a close, I look back at my entire college experience and cannot imagine how it could have turned out any better.

I truly do believe Monmouth is one of the greatest universities you can attend.

from a very biased perspective. I have never went to another college, and I do not know enough people at other colleges to really grasp what attending a different college would be like.

What I do know is what I have seen these past four years. This being said, I cannot imagine how the college experience could get tor of Study Abroad, walks you any better anywhere else.

First off, there is the community at Monmouth as a whole. Greek life, psych major, athlete, commuter, the list goes on. I have friends who fit into all these cat-

group, but at the end of the day, we all come together as one.

The school is large enough so you can meet new people everyday, but small enough where friend everyday.

point: the people. I have met anywhere else. some of the most amazing people

Monmouth University is the Outdoors Club. Known by some students as the alternative to Greek life, this club has completely changed my life with the unique and incredible people it attracts.

This club has taken me horseback riding, to the most remote parts of New Jersey, to upstate New York and back around.

Where else but Monmouth Granted, my views may come could you find such a motley crew of lovable people, who want to see the entire world?

> Not only is Monmouth's Outdoors Club an incredible group to be a part of, but the study abroad department is another amazing feature that Monmouth has to of-

> Robyn Asaro, Assistant Directhrough every step of the process and really helps make the transition easy. Monmouth helps to make this experience as easy as possible for students.

Plus, somehow, some of the coolest people at the school come The thing about Monmouth is together every semester to expeeveryone here has his or her main rience it all. I met a lot of other people abroad, from a lot of different countries, but no college has as tight knit group as us Monmouth students did.

And when it comes down to you can still run into a different the basic reason of why you go to college, to learn, I don't think Which brings me to my next I could have been this successful

First of all, the classes are al-

I could go on forever about how incredible a school Monmouth is to me. You don't know what you have 'til it's gone, but I've known since freshman year what a good thing I have here.

known to man at this school.

Not only are these people that I have met hard working and driven but they are funny, interesting and have the biggest hearts.

that Monmouth brought all of these new people into my life.

The success these people will achieve drives me to want to if your professor does not have succeed even more. I see people running newspapers, taking on internships at great companies, spending long hours at schools lab. All these sources of outside learning to teach the youth of to- help leave a student no choice but

be successful. Maybe Monmouth number one priority. isn't the biggest name school, but that hasn't stopped anyone from helped and allowed me to learn achieving big things.

that's home to famous ghosts and some of the most beautiful landscaping I have ever seen. Complain all you want about the "gardening budget being too big," but don't tell me you don't walk around campus enamored at the beauty of it all coming together.

colored buildings, put against the sharp contrast of the vibrant green grass, and the pops of colored flowers in between, you cannot help but stare at the beauty.

for four years soaking in this beauty, knowing in a few short weeks my morning commute will never be as pretty as it is on that campus. If you are a freshman, never take for granted just how gorgeous this campus is.

A little known gem of can be.

ways the perfect size just as promised. So, I can ask questions, I can go to my professor's office hours, and on top of these, my professors know me. For me, I cannot be grateful enough that's something very reassuring, that I don't think I could get any-

The resources available to you enough time to help you are also endless; from the writing center, to the tutoring center, to the math to succeed. I love knowing I go t a I see people who are going to college where my success is their

Not only has Monmouth and grow, now as I search for a And it's hard to beat a campus my first position, Monmouth is providing me with the resources I need to find a full time position. Their career services department will stop at nothing to help you be where you want to be. That's something you cannot always get from every college out there.

I could go on forever about how From the ivory and brick red incredible a school Monmouth is to me. You don't know what you have 'til it's gone, but I've known since freshman year what a good thing I have here.

I encourage every underclass-I have walked around campus man to see what a great school they are lucky enough to go to.

Looking past any negative aspect students may think they see and focusing on the best parts. Monmouth truly is a great school, and four years after it will have made you the greatest person you

Why Monmouth Was Not Worth My Money

VICTORIA KEENAN FEATURES EDITOR

By October of my senior year of high school, my kitchen table was already littered with postcards, letters, and magazines of potential colleges. Being from North Jersey, I could have easily went to Montclair State or William Paterson and lived at home. But I wanted to go away, to experience college life, and to spend some time away from my parents to grow into an 'adult.' I wanted to go far enough to live at school but not far enough to where I couldn't hop in the car and get home whenever I needed a break.

One day, in the middle of the table, sat a post card from Monmouth University, showcasing the words 'study at the beach' and that it was 'only less than a mile away!' I obviously liked the beach but I was still a little skeptical. My dad convinced me that we should go and check it out, if anything, I got to miss a day of school. I agreed and we set out early one Fall morning, making our way down the parkway, to take a tour of the campus.

As soon as I set foot on the manicured path, I fell in love. The campus was beautiful, full of colorful flowers, pretty buildings, and helpful students. We toured the communication department, where all the staff seemed eager for you to come to their school. I went home that night, paid the \$50 for the application fee, and sent all my information in for early-action (hopeful) acceptance. I should have stopped there.

Throughout my college experience at Monmouth, I've seen and learned a lot. Yes, the campus is still beautiful. Yes, we are still close to the beach. But that's about where my past expectations end. Throughout the last four years, my parents and I have poured enough money into this school to buy another home. And in my eyes, it has absolutely not been worth it.

First off, my parents and I are not stupid; we saw the price tag attached. We knew Monmouth was a private University, which obviously comes at a higher price than state schools.

Something I've learned pretty much the first day of classes, is that a high price tag means upper-class people. What I'm saying, plain and simply, is that Monmouth University is a breeding ground for rich, stuck up, and

Of course, this doesn't apply to everyone. I've met many people that have struggled to come here, are on scholarships, and are just normal, everyday, students. But most aren't. And in reality, if you disagree with me, you're probably one of them.

My biggest problem with this school is the people that attend it. This isn't necessarily the school's fault, but if you price everything extremely high, who will come? The people that can afford it, of course. And that isn't me. I came from one of, if not the largest, high schools in New Jersey, with roughly the same amount of kids as Monmouth.

I live in a city, the 11th largest in the state to be exact, and there I saw kids from poverty, kids in gangs, drug dealers, and a lot of struggle, something I can imagine most (again, not all) Monmouth students have never

campus is indeed lovely. Around Christmas, the pathways are sparkling with lights and Wilson Hall is decorated beautifully. In Spring, there are flowers blooming everywhere. But I've been told by multiple sources that that is where a chunk of our tuition money goes. Of course, I wouldn't want to go anywhere that had garbage laying around, any campus has to be kept up with. But where else does our money go?

Not to any good concerts or events for students, that's for sure. While other colleges can invite almost any performer they want, Monmouth invites people who are virutally unheard of, or who were popular five-plus years ago. If anyone claims it's because we are a small school and can't afford it, that is a blatant lie. We pay an arm and a leg to go here... so again, where does it all go? In four years I have attended almost no school events because nothing has interested me.

Of course, that's my personal opinion, as this whole piece is. But I know for a fact I'm not the only one who thinks this, and many people attend simply because there is nothing else to do and nowhere else to go. While other schools are having fun at tailgates and concerts, we have a petting zoo. If this is college, why are we treated like children?

At Monmouth University, whether you are their biggest cheerleader or not (which most of you are) you cannot say that we are not babied. I have been marked 'half an absence' if I walked into class a minute late. Who starts class a minute after it begins? No one.

Now, I'm not saying you should walk in an hour late, that is absolutely ridiculous and of course disturbs the class. But a minute? We are dropped a letter grade if we miss two classes. Two classes in four months. In a tight-spaced, small college, how do you expect people not to get sick?

What if something comes up, what if a family emergency happens? Of course, many professors accept this and work with you. But I've had many professors who do not, by any means, take doctors notes, so if you're sick, you're screwed. Again, is missing 10 classes a semester acceptable? No. But two? That's not reality.

Another thing that is simply not reality is how the school thinks the parking situation is okay. I've age to be late. I know many people that have driven around for so long they've simply given up and gone home.

With a school that is almost all commuters, how do they expect us to park with only two student parking lots, one being half the size of the other?

Let us not forget that they constantly have parts of it blocked off lege is what you make of it, as is for construction, something that has been going on since I started college in 2011. On almost a daily basis, if I don't catch parking at the right time, I have to stalk people en route to their cars, getting dirty looks and eye rolls along the

Because we are a small, private school, I was promised small, intimate classes with 'professors who care' and 'relationships with faculty!'

This just has not been true, at Other than the students, I have least for me. Again, by no means found many other flaws in this is this true for every professor on with my life.

supposedly picture-perfect Uni- I've ever had. I've met and been versity. As I stated before, the taught by some wonderful teachers that I have learned a lot from, and some I have great relationships with. But, in general, many of my professors have been rude, unorganized, and less than car-

I am fully aware that I am an adult, and by no means do I want or expect to be babied. I can keep track of and do my assignments perfectly fine without the constant aide of a teacher. I do not want someone over my shoulder, checking how I'm doing.

But I also do not think it's okay when a professor just does not care about their students or grades. I have had a professor say, word for word, "I do not give a shit about you, I'm going to get paid regardless if you all pass or not," to a class.

I've had professors lose assignments and even FINAL PROJ-ECTS and then blame it on me. I had mononucleosis sophomore year and obviously missed classes (but made up every assignment and brought in doctors notes) and had a professor tell me he didn't care I was sick, it wasn't his problem, then try to fail me. I've had a professor who, even though all my work averaged out to be an A, she gave me a B- because 'the computer automatically does grades and that's what it says.' We all know that's not true.

Now, as I've stated previously, this is all my personal opinion. If you are having a panic attack that I'm being mean about your precious school, look above this article and read the header. It's called the 'Opinion' section for a reason. And I will again state the disclaimer that not all students are rude and stuck up, not all professors have been unorganized and uncaring. I have met some wonderful people here, but most of them I will be glad to leave behind on graduation day and never have to deal with again.

By going to Monmouth, I have missed many of the experiences students at other colleges get to be apart of. In general, I fully regret going here, and even more so, staying here for the last four

After all is said and done, I do not want people to think I'm an unappreciative person. I fully understand that I am blessed to have the opportunity to go to college in general, something many people don't get to do.

I understand that with my degree, I will get to better myself gotten to school 20 minutes be- and I could never thank my parfore a class starts and still man- ents enough for not only helping me pay for my schooling, but supporting me as well.

But for me, Monmouth is not worth the time, effort, or money I've put into it. It did not teach me a single thing about reality or being an adult, if anything, it taught me what NOT to do and how NOT to be in life.

I fully understand that coleverything in life. But no matter what I have tried to make of Monmouth, it still wouldn't have changed my opinion.

It's sad that college is supposed to be some of the best years of your life, but for me, it was the exact opposite. Of course, I have made friends and memories that will stay with me forever.

But on May 20th, while everyone is throwing their hats in the air and crying that their graduating, I will be smiling the largest, knowing that I'm finally moving



Unexpected Summer Spots in the Garden State



KELLY COFFEY

Summer break is just around the corner, but you may be asking yourself, "what can I do to make this summer bigger and better than ever?" There are so many places in New Jersey that people may overlook, or may not even know about. So this summer, instead of doing the same things as always, check out one of these unknown places or activities.

#1. AMC Dine-In Theatres Menlo Park 12. Located in Menlo Park Mall in Edison, NJ, this dine-in movie theatre is a must do. The theatre show various movies and several different times throughout the day and have a selection of food and drink to choose from. Films such as Cinderella, The Longest Ride, Furious 7, Get Hard, Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2, and Unfriended are all currently being shown at this theater. The movie selections change based on other local movie theatres.

While watching the film, you can order any selection of food you want. The menu features foods like buffalo chicken wings, mozzarella sticks, fish and chips, bacon cheeseburgers, shrimp tacos, chicken quesadillas, southwest chicken wraps, chicken Caesar salads, sesame ginger salmon, and warm brownie sundaes. There is also a selection of alcoholic beverages to choose from.

Lauren DeSantis, a senior business management student, has been to the AMC Dine-In Theatre. "My favorite thing about the Dine In is the fact that everything is served to you and you don't have to worry about getting up during the movie and missing something," DeSantis

#2. Jersey Shore Festival in Sea**side Heights.** May 14 through May 17, Seaside Heights will be hosting the Jersey Shore Festival, yet again. This successful event will include free (yes, free!) admission, live mumuch more! For more information, there is a schedule and line up on the Jersey Shore Festival website.

#3. Food Truck Wars at really beautiful and the acoustics are Monmouth Park Racetrack. From May 23 through May 25, Monmouth Park will be hosting their annual Food Truck Festival. Over three dozen best food trucks will come together for yet another Food Truck War. There will be a wide variety of food trucks, including fried bacon, empanadas, juicy cheesesteaks, delicious cupcakes, lobster rolls, Belgian waffle sundaes, frozen yogurt, and so much more! Make sure to gather your friends and families and come out to one of the most popular events at Monmouth Park Race-

#4. Count Basie Theatre. There is something always going on at the Count Basie Theatre in Red Bank, NJ. Whether it be a movie shownice. From any seat you have a really nice view as well," DeRose said.

For a full listing of events and show times, visit Count Basie's web-

#5. County Fairs at Various **Locations.** Throughout the entire summer, there is a various selection of county fairs that you could attend. Enjoy some classic fair foods such as cheese fries, funnel cakes, Italian ices, and popcorn. Also, grab some fair tickets and enjoy popular fair rides such as the Ferris Wheel, Bumper Cars, and the swings. There are also fair games that you could play to try and win a prize. Some of the fair locations are "The Atlantic Highlands Fireman's Fair and Fireworks Display" from June 30

student, loves taking day trips to go the Margate Elephant, NJ National wine tasting. "Wine tastings are my favorite day trip activities to do with my family. My daughter, my mother, and I have a nice girl's day out when we go. My personal favorite winery in New Jersey is Monroeville. The atmosphere is beautiful and the wine

Monroeville Winery located in Monroeville, NJ, Renault Winery located in Egg Harbor City, NJ, and Tomasello Winery located in Freehold, NJ, are just a few of the various different wineries to choose from.

#7. Various Museums. There are several different museums you can visit which make great day trips. Dr. Richard Veit, History and Anthropology Chair, suggests The Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, which is,

Guard Militia Museum in Sea Girt, and Allaire Village.

#8. Monmouth University's Professional Equity Theater. Department of Music and Theatre Arts chair, Professor Joseph Rapolla, Chair of Music & Theatre Arts, would love for students to come check out their upcoming produc-

"Students should come see our Shadow Lawn Stage production of BIG The Musical this summer at the Woods Theater," Rapolla said. The show opens on July 8 and will run on select dates through July 24.

#9. Liberty Science Center. At The Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, NJ, there is plenty do for everyone. Check out the new Infinity Climber hanging gym where you can climb 35 feet above the floor on 64 different small platforms. Or try the pitch-black touch tunnel maze, the Curtain Wall simulator, or see the new million-volt Tesla Lightning Show! Some of these experiences change throughout the year, but some of the permanent exhibits include working in a lab to isolate plant DNA, learning how to protect yourself from germs, live action science shows, and during the summer, you can go on the outdoor Wildlife Challenge obstacle course. For a full list of current exhibits, check out their website.

#10. Meadowlands Racetrack. If you have not seen traditional horseracing, then you need to visit the Meadowlands Racetrack, located in East Rutherford, NJ, this summer. This is definitely an entire day activity and is a great place to spend time with friends and family. Meadowlands Racetrack is known to have unusually fun events as well. They have had ostrich and camel races, a summer survival challenge, a diamond dig, pork roll eating competitions, and ticket giveaways. For a full list of events and hours, check out their website!

So, instead of going to the same old places in the state this summer, try one of these hidden treasures found right here in Jersey.



The Grounds for Sculpture is an outdoors museum located in Hamilton, NJ.

ing, a play, or a concert, Count Basie Theatre is a must do for your summer vacation. Throughout the summer months, there will be movies such as American Sniper and Lost River; plays such as Mary Poppins, Evita, and Peter Pan; and concerts from amazing artists, such as Rob Thomas and Josh Turner.

Brianna DeRose, a junior comsic, vendors, flag football, and so munication student, has attended a concert at Count Basie Theatre in the past and absolutely loved it. "My favorite part was the venue itself. It's

through July 4 and "The Monmouth County Fair" from July 22 through

#6. Wine Tastings. If you are 21 and a wine lover and have not yet tried a wine tasting at one of the Jersey winery locations, you don't know what you're missing. There are several Jersey wineries to choose from where you can go and sample a handful of wines with a group of friends or a few family members for a perfect day out.

Cindy Coffey, graduate history

according to Dr. Veit, "a fantastic outdoor art museum." He also suggests The Monmouth Battlefield.

"Check out the new visitor's center or visit the reenactment of the battle,". Veit said. Another is The Info-Age Museum, which is located in Wall Township. "There is something for everyone here. Historic radios, TV, shipwreck artifacts, and military history," Veit continued.

The other museums Dr. Veit recommends are Edison's Lab in West Orange, Peter's Valley, Lucy

Fashion Choices on Campus and Feelings of Acceptance

LAUREN NIESZ

My friend and I tried on overalls for fun one day, and I actuwould never let me wear anyday I had a mini panic attack; my biggest fear is being judged and ridiculed.

By wearing overalls I completely went against the status just blended in and been normal, right? Well, I guess I just felt gutsy enough to do it on this particular day. The sun was out; the look like everyone else. weather was beautiful, so why not wear overalls? In this day and age our generation is very judgmental and, to be honest, our peers can be cruel. So, why do most of us fear standing out? Why do we care what other people think of how we look?

One factor in dressing in a different way than everyone else is that we would be standing out look at it in two ways: we either completely and wish we could everyone else, right?

go back to our rooms to change creative writing student, said, "I don't ever hesitate with what I choose to wear due to what other ally really loved mine. With the people think. Personally, I wear 'go-ahead" from my friend, who what I am comfortable in. I'm not worried what others think of me, thing that I looked ridiculous as long as I feel good about myin, I bought them. Just this past self." Unfortunately, not everyone Clinton-esque pantsuit, and daz-Monday I wore them on campus. shares Jesi's independent views. I, zle them with our knowledge and But, before going to school that personally, am very wary of what facts as to why we are different other people think of me. Even though many people won't admit it, we all have an internal need for acceptance.

quo and social norms. I should've actions. Choosing what we wear is similar to having to give a presentation in class. We can choose to stand out, or just choose to do and

> According to an article from psychologytoday.com, we fear public speaking even more than death and the reason is because "We are afraid of being rejected from the social group, ostracized and left to defend ourselves all on our own. We fear ostracism still so much today it seems, fearing it more than death."

It is human nature to want to instead of merely blending in. fit in, yet it is also human nature When we hear "standing out," we to want to succeed and get on top. This seems like it would be a look and feel absolutely awe- tricky balance because in order to some or we regret our decisions succeed, one has to stand out from

The differentiation generally ASAP. Jesi Halprin, a sophomore lies in the group of people whom one is around. When we are around people whom we want to impress, say a panel of well-off businessmen who are listening to your pitch for a new job opening, we throw on a "power suit," or for the girls, a colorful Hillary from everyone else they've heard

Yet, on the other hand, when we are around peers, we don't feel Tied into our appearance are our a need to stand out. In fact, we would probably be called arrogant if we did try to dazzle our friends with knowledge. We just want to be accepted by our peers. Yet, we don't want the businessmen to merely accept who we are; we want them to be blown away by us and realize that we are different and special ("hire me!").

But, unfortunately, our yearning for acceptance is inevitable. According to an article on psychcentral.com, "On a deep emotional level, feeling approved of makes us feel secure with ourselves as a person. There is a huge degree of inner peace and security connected to feeling good about who we are.

Perhaps, once we have become comfortable enough in an enviular environment has, in fact, ac- vironment-person interaction,' cepted us. This can mean maturity level also.

Shannon Otten, a sophomore health studies student, said, "When I was younger, I definitely worried about what people thought about my outfit choices, but as a grew older, I became proud of what I was wearing because it is a way to express myself."

This is reflective of what associate professor of psychology, Dr. Janice Stapley, said, "Students are most likely to conform or be seen wearing the same things in middle school." When one becomes more mature, he or she starts to develop a sense of belonging. When we are young, socialization plays a huge

Stapley said that our comfort levels in standing out may stem from "If your parents said, 'be yourself, be different or don't make waves, blend in."

Yet, Stapley reminds us to always look at the individual as opposed to grouping everyone together; everyone has a unique way of internalizing and projecting him/herself. Stapley gave the example of siblings. She said, "Some absorb messages from parents and some rebel against them; each child has individual differences."

Environment plays a key role in our decisions. Stapley mentioned ronment, we learn that the partic- the psychological notion of "en- or bright pink hair, you got this.

and how, even if we don't know it, "we tend to pick environments that work for us." I personally feel as though I belong to Monmouth University, so, after standing in the mirror hemming and hawing about my fashion choice of the day, I came to the conclusion that I liked my outfit, and I was going to a place where I didn't really feel all that judged on my outfit. Well, okay, I got some really fantastic judgmental looks by a handful of people, but, nonetheless, I was very happy with my outfit choice. I think that because I was confident in it, I was able to really rock my overalls.

Actress Loretta Young once said, "Fashion should not be expected to serve in the stead of courage or character." Fashion is meant to exercise your level of courage and show your character. So, when you feel comfortable enough on campus, wear what you really want to wear; if we all start wearing what we want, our levels of acceptance will undoubtedly grow. And, if levels of acceptance grow on campus, all of our internal pining for acceptance will be fulfilled.

According to Stapley, "our campus is pretty eclectic.

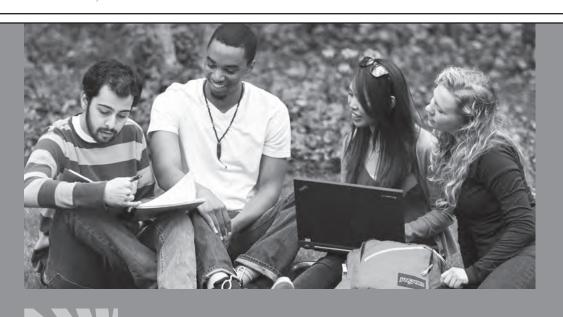
So, wear your confidence out loud; whether that means overalls



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Memoirs of an (Almost) Monmouth Transfer Student



HEATHER MUH

Four years ago if you had asked me what I thought my college experience was going to be like I would have explained something completely different than the experience I actually had. I grew up away" to college probably didn't in the West Long Branch area. I spent my entire life here, so when it came to college, I wanted to get high school, but they have changed as far away from here as possible. I wanted to go to a big college with rowdy sports games and hundreds tiful and intelligent ladies are the of people I didn't know. Instead, I ended up at Monmouth.

I was not happy with this decision at first. While my friends were away at colleges experiencing new my friends were going to huge parties and football games with thousands of spectators, I had virtually no social life and avoided my school's football games because no one else seemed to be interested in them. By the end of the fall selooking for other schools I could realize their potential. TFJ. transfer to.

I did not transfer. Instead, I made more shot and try to get involved in order to meet new people. I became a part of Greek life. I joined The Outlook staff. I took my college experience into my own hands and turned it into what I wanted.

Now, as an about-to-graduatesay that, while my experience may not have been what I had initially hoped for, it changed me for the better by bringing people into my had I gone after what I thought I wanted.

To my parents: When we dehere while all of my friends got to down the most unwaveringly hardtravel and experience new cities working person I have ever met. I and states. I thought that in order am so blessed that you came into to find myself I needed to get away.

I took me until recently to realize that it's not about where you are, it's about what you make of it. I am so thankful for everything you two do for me each and every day, and I am grateful for the time we have spent together over the past four years that other kids who "went have with their parents. Our relationships have changed since I left for the better. I love you guys.

To Alpha Xi Delta: You beaureason I made it four years here. I would have transferred freshmen vear if I hadn't found you guys, and for that I am eternally grateful. Since day one of recruitment people and places, I was stuck in until now, the women of this orgathe same town I grew up in. While nization have made me feel like I don't have to be anyone but myself in order to be loved. I know some of us might be closer than others, but know that I will forever have any of your backs in any situation, and I know you will do the same, because it's truly "not four years, mester of my freshman year I was it's for life." Keep helping women

To Corinne, Nicole, and Fast forward four years and Jackie: This year has been an you'll notice that I am still here. adventure to say the least. When we were looking for houses over a decision to give Monmouth one the summer and joked about just pitching a tent on the beach and living there, I don't think any of us thought we would almost literally be living in a tent on the beach. But you know what? I love our little crappy gingerbread house because I love the memories we are going senior reminiscing on my past to have from it. I think the three of four years of college, I can safely us could have lived anywhere and made memories though. You guys have been my rock from the start. I love you all differently but equally, and I can honestly say I could not life that I never would have met imagine my senior year living with anyone but you three. Hoeland for-

To my little: Melissa you are cided that I was going to become a incredible. Don't ever let anyone Hawk, I was bitter that I was stuck tell you differently. You are hands my life. We are definitely two of

the most absurd(ly awesome) people ever, and have therefore made some of the greatest memories I have. Don't think that just because I'm graduating that I'm going anywhere. I'm probably going to bug you even more next year when I'm bored and unemployed and you're living up your senior year. Ugh. I'm old. Anyway. You are amazing and you are going to do amazing things with your life. Don't ever change.

To The Outlook: Without you guys, I would most likely be leaving college with absolutely no clue what I want to do in the future. You guys are seriously some of the most dedicated, hard-working, inspirational people I have ever met, and I hope some of that has rubbed off on me. There is no doubt in my mind that you are all going to go on to become insanely successful. As for me, do I know exactly what I want to be when I leave here? Not quite. But I do know that because of having the fortune of working with you guys, I am inspired and determined to be something great, as I am sure you will all be.

Oh and to all the heartbreakers of the past four years: Your loss.

I will forever look back on my college years and wonder how my life might have turned out differently if I had gone to the school of my dreams. There is no denying that. However, I will also look back and be thankful for the experience I ended up having. While my friends were sitting (and probably napping) in giant lecture halls, I was getting one-on-one experiences with professors who genuinely cared about my education. While my friends were driving hours away to be independent at school, I spent time with my family that I will cherish for the rest of my life, and established my independence at the same time. In the end, my little school ended up being the biggest part of my life. So to Monmouth: Thank you for being

Congratulations to the Class of 2015. If Monmouth has taught us anything it's that life, like college, is what you make of it. Make it a good





THE FLOOR IS YOURS, MR. JOHNSON

BRANDON JOHNSON POLITICS EDITOR

Rather than wasting your time reading something that is so personal to me, let me use some of this space for some things I wish I knew when I was an 18. These are some tidbits of information I've picked up along my Monmouth journey. While I'm still "just a kid" by most accounts, these are some things that have had the biggest impact on who I am.

Comfort Zones

If you ask your doctor, physician, dentist or any other health professional, they can probably runoff a list of things that are bad for you. I, for one, have an insatiable sweet tooth, with a particular fondness for Snickers. But for all the harm the preservative packed goodies I munch on could do, it's nothing compared to my greatest detriment: my comfort

Everyone has a comfort zone. It may manifest itself in a variety of forms but it's there. For some that means binge watching Netflix wrapped in the world's softest blanket, while for others it might be dozing off in the back of the class. Regardless of shape or form, recognizing my comfort zone was among the best pieces of advice I received during my tenure at Monmouth.

The problem with comfort zones is that they are genuinely enjoyable to be in, well, at least at first glance. They are created by our retreat into routine. And that's to be expected! As humans we are constantly bombarded with an immeasurable amount of information, so we cut corners where we can to save some effort.

Think about when you walk to class. There's a good chance that you took the same path, probably coming up through the tunnel, veering slightly to the right and continuing up the main path past the student center. Or, maybe you threw your car into the commuter lot and cut through Pollak Theater to get to Howard.

One of the most important things being at Monmouth has taught me is to identify my comfort zones, in an attempt to beat them. As Dr. Patten reminded be in an audience for an uncom-

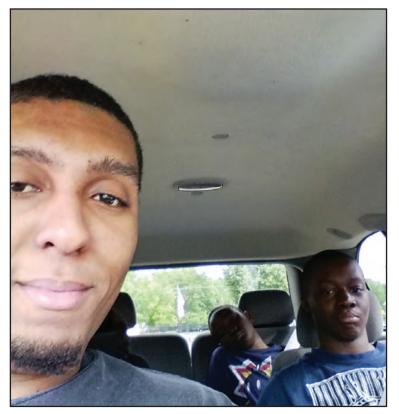
when you aren't questioning or pushing yourself you'll wonder, Why aren't I?" It's sort of like weightlifting, without seeing some discomfort you'll never see those sick gains, bro.

Presentations

A big shout out to Professor Schmidt for this one. The college experience is nothing without a dreaded presentation. A few of us are naturally gifted at wooing our colleagues with our excellent showmanship and verbose vocabulary, but I'm certainly not one of them.

district terrible? "Well that's the way it is." Oh, your health care package doesn't cover that? "Well that's the way it is."

Those six words can single handedly dismantle every piece of progression ever made. But here's my advice for this one, take Dr. Greason's HS 310. You'll quickly realize through his teaching and encouragement that there is no reason you have to settle. There is so much in this world that needs positive change, and you can be the perfect cata-



Omar and Ezra! Summers wouldn't be the same without you two!

Before you get in front of your peers and get sucked into your powerpoint or note cards there is something every great presenter needs to realize: the audience doesn't want you to fail. Sure, there's a chance there will be that one sadistic kid who snickers at your every stutter and misstep. And that kid is a jerk.

But on the whole, every presenter needs to know that the audience wants you to succeed! Do you know how awkward it is to

Thank you.

What would a senior goodbye be without thanking those who matter most? At this juncture, as Professor Joyce would say, I want to address some of the people that made this journey at Monmouth an enlightening one.

The Political Science & Sociology Department - When I arrived at Monmouth I had no clue as to what I would do with a political science degree. Law School? Graduate School? Who knows?! But through the guidance of the great faculty in this department I have taken steps to realize my calling in life. I still have no clue what it is exactly, but that's the best part! The writing and research skills this department has helped me craft are invaluable as I graduate. Thank you for the support and giving me a home during my time at Monmouth. (And if you have

do I go for a riveting discussion Lawn to both of our graduations, about the misgivings of our po-

litically elected? Thanks so much for giving me the opportunity to edit for the paper. I wish you well as you finish out your tenure at Monmouth! Java Jenn – I can't begin to

count how often I visited your shop! Lemon cake, coffee rolls, smoothies, or just some much needed conversation, thank you so much for helping to keep my spirits bright, day in and day out!

Discourse was quite the hurdle gameshow, you would be the first, for a shy Brandon. But sitting last, and only lifeline I'd need! through that class changed me When it came to middle and high

Mary-Ann – Where would I every day. I hope that the future be without some good morning conversation? Being the early bird that I am it pleased me to no end that you would stop by and check on me at *The Outlook*. Thank you for your support!

The Outlook – I lived with you guys on Mondays and Tuesdays! We started with a tiny group of editors in September, but grew to have a solid cast of contributors. A huge thank you to the wonderful politics writers. Whether you wrote two stories or ten, your insightful and journalistically sound articles were an editors dream. As I pass off my politics section to Brendan and Jasmine I wish you two and the rest of The Outlook all the best. I hope you can get us back up to two pages, the campus needs us! If you are interested in writing feel free to let them know, either by email or stop in to Plangere 260!!

GLATZ! – Thanks for entertaining my antics over the past year. It takes a special person to endure my incessant rambling about the nonsense between my

Brandons of MU find themselves in your class, it was an invaluable experience. P.S., one of these days I'm going to give that stray cat the best home it could imag-

Dr. Greason – Critical thinking is an underrated skill. While it's great to have concrete skills like computer programming or coherent writing, being able to summarize what's going on, analyze the problem and synthesize a new solution is the framework for innovation. Thank you for giving me and so many other students the tools to change the world.

Danielle Schipani – My Lead Statistician! From Los Angeles to the Jersey Shore, you have been an incredibly important part of the end of my MU career. It has been a real pleasure spending time with you, and I hope we have many more adventures together (we have a long to-do list)!

Rob Solorzano – Between a 12-hour time difference and mismatched schedules you've still been an incredibly important Chris Orlando - Where else friend. From life on the Great



Remember when we both rocked 'fros, Kenny?

sions. I hope to see you soon! Kenny Lockett - What can I say? You're my brother! 15 years later and we've made it through school. But this is where the real fun begins. Thank you for having my back through it all, and I can't wait to see where we are in the near future.

thank you for always indulging

in my rants, opinions and discus-

Kellie - There is not much else someone could ask for in an older **Professor Schmidt** – Critical sister. If I were ever on a trivia school projects, you were the real MVP. Thank you so much for being so involved in my life. I know videotaping all of those AAU basketball games wasn't the most fun, but thank you for your loving help and support.

Mom - Thank you, thank you, thank you. Thanks for not only being my mother, but a motherly figure to so many who needed it. I learned compassion, composure, and perseverance from you, and those are lessons I'll never forget. Thank you for being the loudest cheerer in my section. There will always be some courtside seats reserved just for you.

Closing

I'm not the best at giving closing remarks but I'll leave you with this. No matter what your calling is, you can find a way to achieve it through MU. Between the faculty, staff and peer resources at your fingertips, make sure to make the most of the time you spend here!



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growing unless you're uncomfortable.

For me, escaping my comfort zone meant setting simple goals. "Ok, today, make sure you're the first one to participate in class," or, "Offer to volunteer for that event after work today," I would say to myself, making a conscious effort to break the cycle I and so many others are prone to.

fort zone and make regular attempt to escape it, as silly as it Being a political science major, sounds, discomfort becomes your new comfort zone. That is, you'll get to a point where ises to the masses. Is your school

me countless times, "you're not fortable presenter? More times than not, the audience is interested in what you have to say, so if the performer flubs, they are caught in this strange place where they can't do anything until the speaker gets back on track. So, as long as you prepare as best you can, the audience should be the least of your worries.

"Well, that's the way it is..."

I hate this phrase. It's eas-When you identify your com- ily the worst combination of six words in the English dictionary. it is common to hear this about politicians and their false prom-



Mom, thank you so much for everything!

take a course with these folks)!

some extra credits make sure to for the better, and is something I am so thankful for, each and

How Lucky of am To Have Something That Makes Saying Goodbye So Hard



KELLY HUGHES *OPINION/LIFESTYLES EDITOR*

"You get a strange feeling when you leave a place, like you'll not only miss the people you love, but time and place because you'll never be this way ever again."

If you cannot already tell, there's something you should know: I'm a very sappy person when it comes to change. Saying goodbye. Moving

I've already cried in *The Outlook* office, and I'm sure more tears will be shed. It's hard for me to let go of these past four years at Monmouth, just as it was for me to let go of my high school years. Filled with nos-

the most loyal, goofy, down to earth girls on this planet. If you know Maggie Zelinka, Gidget, Rachel Fox, Kyle O'Grady, or Nicole Comitwhoo, you can vouch for me.

It's a funny thing coming to colyou miss the person you are at this lege with your best friend since 7th grade (that's you, Mogs), and not taking the easy way out by rooming together. Maybe fate is real because a mere decision like this led us to meet Gidget and Kyle. And who would I have to give me massages then, Mags? Not you!

For real though, Margaret M. Zelinka, thank you for forcing me to become an editor because now I can end up in Los Angeles, California and marry Julio. Thank you for being the most loyal and pleasant

ment I met you move-in day freshman year, we were going to kill it together. I don't know how we got so lucky to be randomly paired with each other, considering some freshman rooming horror stories. I also can't fathom the fact that we won't be living together after four years of ridiculousness. I'll miss being couch bound with you and not having a worry in the world except having to get up to make mac and cheese. Thanks for: always DD'ing us so we can avoid TJ, being the hilarious, adorable person you are, and making college a positive experience from day one. The New York vs. Philly debate is endless, although I think it's safe to say we've reached an agreement on both.

Rachel Fox: You're a true ray of sunshine. Not many girls are lucky to come around a friend like you. When you find a Rachel Fox, you hold onto her forever. Rach, you're incredibly smart and optimistic, and if more people were like you the world would be better place. I'll miss our long runs by the beach and being able to talk to you about absolutely

Kyle O'BABY! We are both depressed about graduating because that means we won't be together anymore, but I know we'll find success somewhere, right??? Thank you for always making me feel like I'm the most hilarious person in the world. And being there for me when I need someone to talk to. Also, you're the best for writing for me every single week; you're a lifesaver and a phenomenal writer. I'll always remember our crazy nights together since freshman year (well snippets

Shout out to Nancy Gallo for helping Kyle and I on our dreaded journey into the real world. Couldn't do it without ya, Nanc.

Nicole: You're an amazing addition to the ladies and an inspiration to us all. You are so talented and your artwork is going to get you places one day. Thank you for being such a relaxed, happy person and letting me make fun of you all the time. Shout out to your awkwardness.

While I wish we all could be wast-

And Professor Simoes: I'm so bummed I won't get to enjoy another class of yours. Some students think your hard-ass attitude is too much, but it's certainly what I needed. You have a way with words and I will never be able to look back on college without remembering cracking up at your stories. You're a beautiful, woman. But you already knew that.

To all my other buddies I have bonded with at MU, it's going to suck not seeing you guys every weekend. I can't wrap my head around the fact that we'll never all be in the same place again.

I also want to acknowledge the

if I didn't go on a camping trip my first semester sophomore year with this group. MU's Outdoors Club is full of the most non-judgemental, easy-going kids on this campus who welcome everyone in with open arms. Thank you all for inspiring me to be more adventurous and facing my fears. From white water rafting trips in freezing water to climbing across trees on hikes after Hurricane Sandy, the Outdoors Club ignited my spontaneous side. I love you guys and our unexpected friendships.

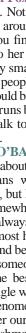
In addition, *Outlook* people: You guys are all super talented and our paper speaks to that volume because of all of your hard work. Big thanks for making Los Angeles my best memory of all time. Slaving away in gestions:

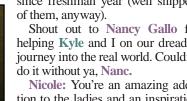
good ones. I count joining The Outlook in that category. You absolutely cannot get the same experience from Monmouth that these involved students are getting, I promise you that.

Becoming a part of something larger than your life provides a such a sense of satisfaction. At a place like Monmouth, you absolutely need to find your niche. These unknown territories will be full of people to go to who aren't necessarily your best friends, but damn good ones.

From the Outdoors Club to PRS-SA and The Outlook, I have met some overwhelmingly phenomenal people on this campus.

Looking back on my four years here, I leave you kids with three sug-





ing hours in the dining hall again as careless underclassmen, we realized then that nothing lasts forever. That brings me to Diamond and Bruno in the dining hall: you guys rock and I wish you nothing but happiness.

Outdoors Club and Professor Reynolds because my college experience would have not been the same





here on Mondays and Tuesdays will surprisingly be missed, but my pants size will thank me (thanks, Juniors).

Sandy, thank you for being the sweet, helpful and hard-working lady you are. Also, I appreciate you organizing LA and everything else for us. Bri, I will miss your outrageous stories and our laughs togeth-FAB, (who's s'cute) my *Outlook* experience seriously would NOT have been the same if we hadn't bonded in Cali. I don't want to leave you! Never forget Wisconsin boys and Stinky. Erin, truly, thanks for inspiring some girl power in me. Thanks to my writers and readers, too.

I have made some bad decisions in college, and I have made some good ones. I have also made some really

1. Look past people's horizons. Everyone is way more of a human being than what they lead you to believe so take a chance and just start a conversation with someone if you

2. Say yes to everything (with caution). A good fellow told my friends and I this over spring break er along with your bubbly attitude. in Cancun. This opportunity is only here for so long so make it a fun one. Thanks, Walt.

> 3. Learn to stop over-thinking. Can't tell if the guy likes you because he liked your Instagram picture, but he didn't text you back? Shrug your shoulders and move on. Life is so much bigger than this place and these people. Just let go of silly worries because they'll impact your happiness. And YOUR happiness is all that matters at this moment in time.

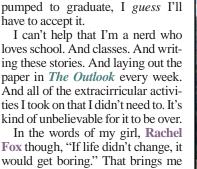
> I don't necessarily want to say goodbye to Monmouth because I am uneasy about what the future holds. It seems like this really is as good as its ever gonna get, but we'll see. Wherever I end up, I'll be forever grateful that Monmouth helped to shape my identity.

> I think now would be an appropriate time to reference my future to my favorite book, Looking for Alaska.

> "Thomas Edison's last words were 'It's very beautiful over there.' I don't know where there is, but I believe it's somewhere, and I hope it's



Gidget: I knew from the mo-



today. It may have taken four years,

of people other than myself. I love

who I am (and I like my choices

too, Augustus Waters). While I'm

certainly not one of those people

to my ladies. The worst part about

graduating is knowing I won't be

living with a house full of some of

have to accept it.

happy in the morning while my eyes aren't ready to open. I have enjoyed watching you become the confident social butterfly you are today and I am really proud to be able to call myself your best pal. I could write a 30 page paper on our ridiculous adanyone to those shenanigans involving Ducky, Pony, 99, 97, hotdogs and water balloons, you know the deal. If you're one of the like, 10 people on this campus who doesn't know Maggie, I suggest you find this girl. She's life changing. Also, thank you but I've learned to let things roll off Mr. Kind (he doesn't even go here!) my back and not have expectations for being responsible for shaping our journalism journey together.



"ELITE IGEROUS" ISSE

JOHN MORANO

Elite Dangerous has one of the most impressive foundations I've seen in the space simulation genre. The controls are complex yet precise, the sound is phenomenal, and the graphics are riveting. Put all of this together, and the weapons; they all appear quite you have one of the most atmospherically immersive space-sims I've had the pleasure to play (and I've played quite a few). Unfortunately, Elite Dangerous has a substantial fatal flaw: its lack of depth and content.

The premise of Elite Dangerous is simple: you play as the pilot of a spacecraft who sets out to make his or her way in a scifi styled universe. When playing rious for being imbalanced/buggy Elite Dangerous, you will literally forget that you're staring at a computer screen and not actually in a meaning that the developers have space ship. Elite Dangerous forgoes drama for realism, and this is one of its best features. When you accidentally crash into an asteroid, shattering your cockpit, you that's typically not a good sign. will see warning lights, but there will be no sound (true to the actual conditions of space). It makes the fully short on content. Prior to game as a whole feel more believ- release, Elite Dangerous bragged able, and it's easy to get drawn in as a result.

The ships, space stations, planets, and even space itself are beautifully designed, with painstaking detail. Every ship has a number of unique graphical features, even the early-game ones that you want nothing more than to sell for a better ship. For me personally, one of the highlights of buying a new ship was seeing the new cockpit. Unfortunately, as the game is right now,

ship is all that you will ever see. You're never allowed to get up and leave the ship, or even walk around it (all exploration is via your ship).

The graphical/audio effects for the different weapons are each unique and detailed. There's a certain reserved feel to each of deadly, but never over-the-top. In terms of gameplay, the weapons themselves suffer from significant balance issues. Gimbaled/auto-targeting weapons are almost always better than their fixed counterparts, and it's typically best to go for weapons that use ammunition as opposed to energy. Elite Dangerous is, in many ways, comparable to an MMO, which are notoat launch; however, I was playing it months after it originally launched, had plenty of time to find and fix balance issues. If it's been months since a game launched, and balance issues are still very serious,

For all this depth in design/ effects, Elite Dangerous is woeof all the different ways to make money in its universe (bounty hunting, trading, mining, piracy, exploration, salvaging, etc.). In reality, the two most efficient paths are bounty hunting and trading (bounty hunting is better for early game, trading is better for late game). These other systems all fell less lucrative and simply less fun by comparison. Also disappointing is the amount of ships in game (currently 17). Elite Dangerous is

the cockpit and the exterior of your a modern game, and while the included ships are graphically stunning, this is not a reason for such a lack of content. Frankly, the game feels incomplete and overpriced for what it currently is (it's quite a spectacle, and a fine engine, but not a complete game). It feels like the developers are rushing to make every bit of money they can off of this, and worrying about finishing their game later.

Another divisive feature of Elite Dangerous is its learning curve. This isn't a game that you can pick up and play easily; it took me two days before I was reasonably competent with the controls. I had to play with a premium gamepad, which is pretty much essential for a good experience. Personally, I found that, while at first I hated the controls and the complexity of them, I grew to love them as my understanding increased (not all Elite Dangerous' players feel this

Elite Dangerous is further imbalanced by its single-player/ multi-player component. First of all, there is no offline play available (a feature which the game's developers explicitly promised and failed to deliver on). That said, there is still a single-player mode (an online one), but, unfortunately, it makes playing multiplayer a bit of an unrewarded risk. In multiplayer, players are generally more dangerous than the computer opponents you will encounter in single player. Because of this, most people will start playing the single-player mode, maybe switching to multiplayer when they get more powerful (unless they really want that competition of dogfighting



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"Elite Dangerous" features impressive graphics and special effects, but is lacking in content.

with other players, or the option to play cooperatively with friends).

In conclusion, Elite Dangerous is an interesting, well-designed game, with obvious production values. However, because of a lack of content, complexity, and imbalance, many will find it to be quite frustrating and, ultimately, dissatisfying. It seems like Elite Dangerous wants to be a persistent universe, with numerous paid DLC options. This is a great model, as the game grows with its audience, and keeps from getting old. The problem is, Elite Dangerous, as it stands now, is incomplete and not worth \$60. It should have spent more time in development and released with more features, or launched at a lower price. Persistent games also require a good deal of maintenance to resolve things like bugs and balance issues, which I didn't get a sense of in *Elite Dan*-

gerous. While Elite Dangerous doesn't have a problem with bugs, the balance issues are quite noticeable. Also worth mention is that the narrative of *Elite Dangerous* is rather skeletal; there's no overarching plot/storyline, but there is a premise and evolving local conditions in each of Elite Dangerous' many star systems.

The universe in *Elite Dangerous* is beautiful and massive, but truthfully that's not much of a standout feature for a modern space-sim. As a result of all these factors, I feel like Elite Dangerous deserves a 7/10 (and I'm probably being a little generous here). I can really only recommend it to hardcore fans of the space-sim genre. For everyone else, I'd say wait a year or two, but keep an eye on this game. At the moment *Elite Dangerous* is a disappointment, but it could eventually turn into something good.

CINDY COFFEY

If a loved one was away fightanything to bring them home safely? That's the premise of within his power to bring his dad home safely from World War II.

Little Boy, released by independent film studio Open Road Films, opens with a narrator recounting his hometown, the fictional O'Hare, CA, telling us his story set on the homefront of World War II. The narrator remembers his childhood as we focus in on Pepper Busbee (Jacob Salvati), a young child who, according to the narrator, has no friends other than his father whom he fondly calls his partner.

Pepper is very small for his age, a short 39 inches, and never seems to grow taller. In fact, his short stature is a reason that Pepper is bullied by the other children, including Freddie (Mathew Miller). As the doctor's son, Freddie nicknames Pepper "Little Boy" in order ing him a midget. This "politi-

cally correct" nickname sticks, and before long, the entire town is calling Pepper "Little Boy," which, aside from being the tiing in a war, wouldn't you do the film, has an important connection to the war as the story unfolds. Without giving Little Boy, a film about a young away too much, it is important boy whose faith is tested as to remember the name of the he promises to do everything atomic bomb that is released on Hiroshima.

After Pearl Harbor is bombed, the men of the town are anxious to enlist to help "fight the Japs," but Pepper's older brother, London (David Henry), is unfit for military service on account of his flat feet. Their father, James (Michael Rapaport), steps up and enlists in his son's place. This is the first real problem with the movie in that it would from the child's point of view. befriend Hashimoto. Pepper



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to avoid being punished by his Jakob Salvati stars as Pepper in "Little Boy," an indepenfather (Kevin James) for call- dent film about a child that will do anything to bring his father home from World War II.

appear that one male from each seed from the local grocery, household was required to enlist, or be drafted, which is not historically accurate. It is not really believable that James, a 40-ish-year-old father of two, would be drafted. This plot device explains the enlistment of this family's father, and maybe we are supposed to see this to go because his brother could

explains that some of the Japanese are released from their internment camps through a loyalty program, which introduces us to Hashimoto (Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa), an older Japanese-American who lives in the town and is also bullied because of his Japanese heritage. The only friend Hashimoto has in the town is Father Oliver (played brilliantly by Tom Wilkinson). Father Oliver also guides Pepper through lessons on faith and brings about the unusual friendship between Hashimoto and Pepper.

As he tries to understand the sermon about faith being as small as a mustard seed and yet still large enough to move a mountain, Pepper seeks guidance by first stealing a mustard the importance of family.

then from the fictional Ben Eagle, a superhero in magician form, then from Father Oliver.

Father Oliver mentors Pepper in the rites of faith, including shelter the homeless, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick, visit those in prison, bury the dead, and specifically So perhaps it was Pepper's in- sees Hashimoto as "The Jap" terpretation that his father had along with the rest of the townspeople at this point, and he is forced to make friends with an While James is gone, the film enemy to rid himself of his inner hatred. While Pepper works to bring his father home, he develops a friendship and creates a loyal bond with a former enemy along the way.

While the story lacks in historical accuracy, the acting is on point. Salvati is adorable as "Little Boy," along with other recognizable names such as Emma Watson as his mother, and Henry, Rapaport, Tagawa, and Wilkinson. The film can't function as an accurate WWII story, but it makes up for its embellishments with the naiveté of a child's point of view. Little Boy is also predictable at times, but it is a feel-good story with many lessons about friendship, determination, racism, acceptance, faith, inner-strength and

A Guide to Summen Must-Reads

KELLY COFFEY

The snow is finally melted, good? the UGG boots and winter coats are put away, and the sun is out to play! Now that the weather and go outside and enjoy the book. sunshine. Not sure on what to 2015 "must-read" books.

#1. "The Girl on the Train" by Paula Hawkins

Rachel takes the same commuter train every morning. Every day she passes the same scenery, including stopping at one signal that allows her to watch the same couple sharing breakfast on their deck. She watches them each day and starts to feel as if she knows them; she's even named them Jess and Jason. But then suddenly she sees something. Something that is so shocking that it changes everything. Unable to keep it to herself, Rachel goes to the police and tells them in what happens next, as well Dead: Rise of The Governor,

involved. The question is: has Rachel done more harm than

This instant #1 New York Times Bestseller is a must-read if you are into psychological has finally changed and it is thrillers! If you are a fan of Gilnice outside, put down that tele- lian Flynn's Gone Girl, then vision remote, pick up a book, you will absolutely love this

#2. "The Walking Dead" read? Check out one of these Novels by Robert Kirkman and Jay Bonansinga

In The Walking Dead universe, there is no greater villain than The Governor. These novels, along with the other books in the series, teaches readers how The Governor became the man that he is, and what drove him to such extremes. They also give a different perspective of how things went down in the television series. If you are a fan of The Walking Dead, these books are a must-read!

Some of these novels were placed on The New York Times Bestselling while others won awards such as The 2011 Diamond Gem Award for Trade everything she knows, but then Book of the Year. The books in becomes intimately intertwined the series include: The Walking 24.

as in the lives of everyone else The Walking Dead: The Road to Woodbury, The Walking Dead: The Fall of The Governor (Part 1), and The Walking Dead: The Fall of The Governor (Part 2).

#3. "Paper Towns" by John

This romantic mystery novel takes you into the lives of Margo Roth Spiegelman and Quentin Jacobsen. When Margo beckons Q in the middle of the night, dressed like a ninja and plotting revenge, he can't help himself and follows her. After a lifetime of loving Margo from afar, things are finally changing for Q, until sunrise when Margo has vanished. As always, Margo has become a mystery, but Q realizes she has left clues behind. Q must now figure out the clues if he wants to find Margo and finally be with the love of

This novel won The Edgar Award for Best Young Adult Mystery. If you were a fan of The Fault in Our Stars, then you will love this novel, which is by the same best-selling author! This novel will become a film and is set to release on July

#4. "The Longest Ride" by

Nicholas Sparks

Now a major motion picture from Twentieth Century Fox, this #1 New York Times bestselling author returns with fan, this is a must-read book for the parallel love stories of two you. couples whose lives intersect in surprising ways.

Ira Levinson, a 90-year old man, is in trouble after a car crash, which left him stranded and injured. He struggles to retain consciousness until a blurry image emerges beside him: his beloved wife, Ruth. Ruth passed away nine years ago, but is now urging him to hold on as she tells him the stories of their lifetime together.

A few miles away, at a local bull-riding event, Sophia Danko meets a young cowboy, Luke. Luke was like no other guy Sophia has ever met. Through Luke, Sophia is introduced into a world of survival, success, ruin, reward, life, and even death.

Ira and Ruth. Luke and Sophia. These two couples, who have little in common, and who are separated by years and ex-These couples will remind us enjoy some sunshine.

that even the most difficult decisions can yield extraordinary journeys.

If you are a Nicholas Sparks

#5. "The Last Time We Say Goodbye" by Cynthia Hand

Since her brother, Tyler, committed suicide, Lex has been trying to lock her grief away and forget about what happened. But as she starts putting her life, her family, and her friendships back together, Lex is haunted by a secret that she has never told anyone: a text sent from Tyler, which could have changed everything.

From New York Times bestselling author comes a gorgeous and heart-warming story of love, loss, and letting go. This novel will change the way you look at life and death in a thoughtful and deeply affecting way.

So now that the weather is changing, the leaves and flowers are blooming, and the sun is shining, get outside of your house. Put down that television perience, will come together remote, pick up one of these in ways you will never expect. 2015 "must-read" books, and go

Controversial Practices in the Gaming Industry

JOHN MORANO

Video games, as a newer medium of entertainment, have seen their fair share of controversy. Many are aware of at least some element of this, even if they don't play video games themselves. I remember hearing from my grandparents (who don't play video games) about "violent video games" such as the infamous Grand Theft Auto series. But what many non-gamers (and even some dedicated gamers) haven't heard of are the controversial business practices within gaming.

Franchises such as Call of Duty, Assassins Creed, or Madden are the poster children of annual video game franchises, the merits of which major release every year (in recent years, Assassins Creed has actually started to release more than one game in a year). On the plus side, for fans of the series, this means more content. However, critics argue that this also means a shorter development cycle for each game, and less improvements from one game to another. Proponents claim that the large development teams allow them to develop games more quickly, without sacrificing quality. One thing's for sure: a \$60 game every year will likely generate more money that a \$60 game every other year, provided people buy it.

Imagine if there were a new ASong of Ice and Fire book released every year. On the one hand this would be great-more content for fans. However, previous novels were written over the course of several years. Would the same quality stay constant if they were both written and released in under a year? Getting back to gaming, there appear

to be some annual franchises that ing of "boosts." Boosts speed up the have managed to keep quality more or less constant (such as Pokémon). However, other franchises once seen as the pinnacle of their genre, such as Call of Duty, have fallen out of favor, at least somewhat. Some, such as vocal gaming critic Angry Joe, believe this is a result of lack of innovation due to the rushed development cycles of annual franchises.

Micro-transactions are, within video games, the selling of in-game content apart from the original purchase of such a game. Some games are completely free, with the main source of profit being micro-transactions. This in-game content can be anything: narrative, in-game currency, weapons, music, cosmetic items, cheats, etc. Many are wary of are open to debate. An annual fran-micro-transactions as, if improperly chise is a series of video games, such managed, they can ruin a game by as Assassins Creed, with at least one making it pay-to-win. Most believe that games should be *play*-to-win, that the only contributing factors to one's success within a game should be one's base skill at said game and their experience with the game or genre. In a single-player game, payto-win may seem rather harmless, but what upsets most is when it is included in a multiplayer game; few are willing to suffer a loss simply because their opponent spent more money than they did.

Typically this sort of practice prevents a game from succeeding. An example of such a game would be Game of War-most probably wouldn't have heard of it, if it weren't for the tens of millions spent on advertising it (and the use of supermodel Kate Upton as the face of the game). There are only few successful games with this business model, as most don't find spending money to win a game either fun or ethical. A more acceptable business practice, somewhat comparable to the aforementioned one, is the selldevelopment of a character in a video game, but their effectiveness is dependent on the user actually playing the game. This is somewhere between play-to-win and pay-to-win, and can be seen in prominent video games (such as TERA, Warframe, League of Legends and Elder Scrolls Online).

The least controversial form of micro-transactions is probably the sale of cosmetic items. Cosmetic items only affect the audio/visuals of something within a game, and usually provide no tangible benefit to the buyer. By selling cosmetic items, a game developer can generate more profit by selling entirely optional ingame content. League of Legends, one of the most successful modern video games, with millions of active players, generates much of its revenue through the sale of cosmetics. i nis torm of micro-transactions at lows a developer to profit and keeps a game from becoming pay-to-win.

Subscriptions are a business model of old, popular in massively multiplayer online role playing games (MMORPGs) such as World of Warcraft. This model has become much more controversial in recent years (it was once very widely accepted), with newer games increasingly turning to micro-transactions as a replacement source of income. Subscription games charge a recurring fee, almost always monthly, in order to play a game (for AAA games, typically around \$15 a month). That might not seem like much at first glance, but if you subscribe for a year (which is quite common with these sorts of games), that turns into \$180, three times the cost of most other games. If one is playing a subscription game, they typically don't plan to stop playing. These persistent games are like their own worlds, constantly growing and changing

(more so in recent games than ever).

Perhaps, to some, \$180 may seem affordable for a single game (although it would likely be a niche market where people are willing to pay that much). However, what if you want to play more than one subscription game? There are many good subscription games out there, and most can't see their way to keep multiple subscriptions active, so competition among these games is fierce. In order to sustain themselves and continue updating, the developers of these games need a stream of revenue. With the subscription model, it isn't enough for developers to get someone to play their game, they need to hold the customers' interest (and wallet). When players stop subscribing, profits decrease, and eventually the developer isn't making enough money (leading to the "death" of the game). This business model appears to be dying out, being replaced with alternatives that are profitable for developers and affordable for players. For example, some games, such as Elder Scrolls Online, are bringing in premium subscriptions, with added benefits for subscribers. One doesn't have to pay the premium subscription, but if they're particularly passionate about one game, they may choose to for the added benefits. As one who enjoys multiplayer online games, I am quite happy with these new directions.

Persistent world games, many of which embrace some or all of the aforementioned controversies, are growing in prominence within the video game industry. World of Warcraft, EverQuest and other MMO's are more traditional examples of this type of game. Some of the games that I reviewed over the past year, such as Warframe and Destiny, are borrowing elements from these sorts of games. Both Warframe and Des-

tiny are action-based co-op shooters, but rather than use traditional pricing (pay-one-price or subscription) developers are adopting new and exciting business models specifically tailored to their individual games. Warframe, for instance, is a completely free game that gets its funding through nonessential micro-transactions. Destiny, on the other hand, is a single game that has been built onto with paid downloadable content, or DLC, which once or twice every year. DLC is similar to a microtransaction, but a large fee for a large chunk of assorted content; it's also generally not very controversial, although DLC sold at the release of a game has turned some heads. Rather than build a new game every year, Bungie (Destiny's developer) is building onto Destiny. They still make as much money as annual franchises (probably more) but they seem to sacrifice less quality. In the video game business, controversy can be a sign of progress, which surrounded both Warframe and Destiny at one point (and some still does).



IMAGE TAKEN from cinemablend.com "Call of Duty" and other annual franchises have received criticism from gamers.

'Home is Where the Heart is'... Moving Back

VICTORIA KEENAN FEATURES EDITOR

It's about that time. The senior class is beginning to finish starting to study for their finals. They're picking up their cap and gowns. They're starting to get anxious and emotional.

The lives we have shaped for ourselves for the last four years are about to take a drastic turn. We are about to take the next step into our lives, as real adults, finding jobs and starting careers we have worked so hard in our majors for. We are about to graduate college, a wonderful time for some, a terrifying time for others.

For most of us, we have spent our college years learning, experiencing, and becoming an adult. Many students do this away from their parents, and other then during breaks, have lived out of the nest since they were 18. But now it's time to fly back, because lets be honest, who has the money to move out officially? Not this girl. For the last four years I have lived away from my parents during the school year, forming my own I know I'll be heading down to eryday again, to be honest." style of living and doing things. Not really though, considering almost everything I did, ate, and paid for came out of their bank accounts.

But I've becoming accustom to doing my own thing. I come and go as I please, eat snacks instead of real meals, and stay up until 4 am doing work that I procrastinated doing. Luckily, I have parents that give me space and let me do my own thing, but I will obviously be under their roof and into her old routine. "It was

for a couple days just because I don't feel like it. When I come of boxes and bags and never re-

ter living at school, but I'm very lucky to have parents who let me home every summer, I live out do my own thing without both-

again. I can't not wash dishes a transition to be back home af- ily and love seeing them, but I've parents both have jobs to go too, gotten used to seeing my friends my two brothers are both in high and boyfriend everyday. If I want to grab a bite to eat with them, we ering me too much. I was pretty meet up. If I want to go to their



IMAGE TAKEN from britishcouncil.org

Moving back home after college is a scary time for any student, because one must transition back into their old lives and become accustom to their families routines again.

school again eventually. But this year, that won't happen. My mom won't tolerate tripping over bags of clothes, everything is going to have a find a spot because I'm not going anywhere, for a while. That's weird to say the least.

Michelle Levash, a senior English and elementary education student, moved back home last semester to do student teaching. Unlike most college students, she was excited to get back home

Eric Szkodny, a history and secondary education student, feels the complete opposite. "It's depressing, really. I've gotten so used to living on my own and doing my own thing so moving back home is a bummer. I'm going to miss all of my friends and fraternity brothers, not to mention my girlfriend who I won't get to see everyday. The parties over."

I can't say that I'm necessarily thrilled to be moving back home. Yes, I'm very close with my fam-

my friends, including my boyfriend, live an hour away from my house in North Jersey. It's going to be an adjustment to not seeing them whenever I want and actually having to make plans. Once we all start getting jobs and being busy with our adult lives, we probably won't get to see each other as often.

I'll also have to readjust to my family's lifestyle. Living with roommates can get loud and crazy, but living with my family is definitely more hectic. My

school and are always running to games, practices, and friend's houses.

Once I get a real life job, I'm going to have to share the bathroom with two teenage boys trying to get ready. On weekends, I'm going to be woken up early because everyone is always running to get somewhere, seven days a week. My life at school can get stressful but at least I could sleep until 1 pm on the weekends to make up for the week before.

Keri Mullin, a senior accounting student, said, "Even though we're old enough to do things ourselves, because we are technically adults, I feel like when I move back home I'll still have a curfew and have to do chores and not stay up late. It's great to be with my family again, but it'll be hard to readjust to them and not being on my ridiculous college student schedule will be extremely hard."

Unlike most college kids, I'm excited to graduate. I can't wait to move on with my life and start a new chapter, whatever that will be. It's scary and makes me anxious, but I'm excited about it too. Just as when I was a senior in high school, I'm ready to be done with school. It's going to be a transition to go back home, for good this time, and settle my life there, but sooner than later, I'll be packing up to move out again. The last four years have moved insanely fast and I can't believe the party is really over. It's time to fly back home, seniors, I wish

Living Through a Camera Lens? Put it Down

CLARE MAURER

We take a trip to the Philadelphia Zoo with a few friends. Our iPhones are secured in our hands, at the ready. We take a Snapchat of the monkeys, the hippos, the sea otters, and the penguins. We rotate our phones between ourselves to ensure everyone has a selfie with the giraffes. We stroll through the Zoo, squinting at our screens to find the best Instagram filter for our photos.

We get food, sit at a table, and silently scroll through our social media feeds. We peer at the exotic birds for a minute before checking to see if our Instagram pictures hit 11 likes yet. Once arrive home, we upload all 312 pictures we took that day onto a Facebook album.

Thanks to the surge of technology and social media we have today, young adults struggle to find balance between recording everything on our iPhones. Someone posted a 300 day of a concert they attended. perience unfolding around you. Instagram likes, that we ignore everything around us.

Students are frequently sayconnect from social media and distraction," she admits. technology, but a severe of those dia will only continue to grow



IMAGE TAKEN from rubben.be

These days, people are more likely to take out their phone and snap a picture rather than live in the exciting moment they're in.

living life in the moment and and become more of an influence the beach just to tan and swim or a need to show the world what on our daily lives. Stephanie Merlis, a sophomore business marketsecond Snapchat story the other ing student, admits that social media has a strong pull on her daily That's a lot of seconds to be fid-dling with a phone when you eration, myself included, is often could have been soaking up the too obsessed with rushing to take music and the entire concert ex- a picture, or a tweet, or Snapchat so they can upload it and show the We are so busy trying to get the rest of the world, rather than acperfect photo to get maximum tually taking the time to sit back and enjoy what's happening right around you."

ing that they would like a dis- ogy student, agrees. "It's a huge

Technology is not going to disties is unforeseeable. Social me- appear and enable us to travel ents is making young adults exback in time to days of going to perience a feeling of missing out

with friends, rather than getting the perfect mid-jump selfie in front of the crashing waves. What we have to do is find time to put down our phones and soak up what's happening around us. As college students, we are in the prime years of our lives, full of newfound independence and opportunities banging down our doors. While it will be great to have countless photos and tweets to look back on to remember Erin Lupo, a freshman psychol- these times, what counts the most are the memories we have of living in the moment.

A problem social media pres-

they're up to. Mary Harris, a specialist communication professor, explained, "Active participants of social media might feel influenced to engage with others in a way that creates the best representation of their reality.'

Social media, like anything, has both positives and negatives. Harris points out that social media can cause a "need for online validation and attention from why. peers" or "internet and phone addiction." While this does occur, one shouldn't forget the benefits of social media, which Harris determines are "Social networking sites can build community, help users learn about local and this?

global news, and spread awareness about art and educational resources, including helping students of all ages to promote their work and talents." iPhones and the apps we download on them are a part of life now, so we need to find a balance between the benefits and the drawbacks.

Technology has done so much for us as college students. We don't need to bother to search through dusty leather-bound books in the library to figure something out due to Google and trusty Yahoo! Answers being right at our fingertips. We can find our old friends from summer camp on Facebook and rebuild those connections. We can post our opinions online while continuing to learn about the world through other's opinions as well. We can get recipes for buffalo chicken dip on Pinterest and find unique artwork and accessories for sale on Etsy.

It's easy to spend our days staring at the small screen instead of peering at the world outside of the App Store. As Harris pointed out, what we need to strive for is a balance. Harris recommends compartmentalizing time spent online, and "being more mindful and conscious of our own needs and the gratifications we seek" in order to figure out why we are sharing what we are online, and

Before we upload the 100 beach pictures, tweet our location, post a beach pic on Instagram, and create a 250 second Snapchat story, we should ask ourselves: why are we posting

We Have A Lot Of Story Yet To Tell

an oxymoron. My name is Margaret Mary Zelinka and I grew up on Church Road in Cinnaminson, NJ. My name suggests I am 21-year-old college student.

Although I pride myself on the fact that I am young, come graduation, I am going to feel like the 92-year-old my name suggests. My absolute greatest fear is growing up; I realize that this fear is merely wasted energy seeing as you cannot stop the aging process, but it is a fear nonetheless. I try to remind myself that even though you get older each day, you also get wiser, expand your horizon, and have fun.

With this said, I have met many people throughout college who have influenced me in those three fields. This next part is dedicated to them.

The Outlook: This is my fourth year with The Outlook makes it ours. and no group of editors comes close to this year's. From IB-DonJulio to Stinky, we have taught me so much had a fair share of strange moments. Fab, we will never be on par with Vanilla Ice, but do we of you three, I know I really want to be? I will miss will be ready for the eating the pizza toppings with you. Erin, you brighten my life with your sass and your love for me feel like I actu-1D. Victoria, you are bitter and I actually find it very refreshing. Bri, the designs have changed so drastically and it is all because just are the best. Furg, of you. Sandy, you are the best your talk radio class listener. Kyle, I couldn't have made it without you. Bye Bubba.

ODC: It all began with Mike Kulik falling out of a raft in attempt to save his can. Wharton will always be our spot, but do any of us even know who the taken and it really did Blueberry Monument was dedicated to? Dylan Dejanga, we can overcome any obstacle. Always remember if Reynolds can do it...

PRSSA: You guys pulled off an incredible event and I am amazed how successful we were all year. Casey, I am honored to have been president of the club with such a great friend.

Charlie and Carly: Honestly, I have always felt left out of our little love triangle because my name does not start with a C but I suppose I will get over that eventually. We can turn to each other for anything and I am fortunate

you probably are never going to get back your sweatshirt. McKenna Jen-Dats na dats classy.

Brier: Briers, GF, you certainly

My life has been nothing but are not one in two. You are a shooting star in this vast galaxy and all the dark matter compiled together could not equal how grateful I am to have you a 92-year-old nun, but I am a met you. You are the strongest person I know both mentally and physically. I hope one day you look up into space and see Matthew McConaughey waving back at you because that is what you deserve.

> The boys: Jelani and Kegan, you guys have taught me that friendship is not based on how long you know a person, but how well you know that person. Also, cut back. David, I had the biggest crush on you sophomore year. Bryant, I currently have a crush on you. Danny, whenver I hear Send Me On My Way, you will be the only person that comes to mind. Eric, you're alright. Kid, our friendship will

Professor Harmon, Harris and Furg: You have about academics and life in general. Because 'real world.' Professor Harris, you have made ally know what I am doing when it comes to PR. Harmon, you was probably the most entertaining course I have taken. Professor Condie, Oceanography was by far the most interesting course I have inspire me.

know if you will ever read this but regardless, it is going to be written. You are going to go so much farther than you can ever believe. The world is yours for the taking. Not everyone will think you are funny and that is fine, do not get discouraged. But the majority of people will think you are the bee's knees and those are the right ones. Move to LA, get discovered, and be like Johnny Depp saying "I'm Peta Pan."

Mom and Dad: Thanks pals. To Castlewall: I rarely love other humans since all the love I have to offer is occupied by Connie, Roscoe, Fireball, and Pollyanna but my love for you weird, disgusting, perfect group of people is so immense. In My Heart is a Memory Where You Will Always Be.

Kelly: Are we actually getnever be normal but that's what ting sentimental? In Rush, we shared Welch's gummy snacks. must hear this all the time, you In middle school, well middle are one of the nicest people I

Michael: Hiiiiiiii. I do not school was dreadful so let's skip one of my most reliable and outthis part. In high school, we would throw water balloons and hot dogs at people, scare everyone in senior courtyard, and became Mogs and Ken. In college, we escalated in being weird and have now fully perfected it as an art form. It will be odd when I have to go to school without you this fall but I know you will always be there. LA Life one day. I could not live without chu.

> **Gidget:** You are the Maddie to my Abby. You are the Max to my Grinch. You are the overload of butter to my popcorn. You really are my voice of reason. I hate that you live so far from Cinnaminson because you belong with us. Thank you for always driving us and never complaining, you're a real sport (see what I did there, Gatsby reference). Hoody Hoo.

Rachel: While I know you

have ever encountered. You always make sure to put others first and never ask for anything in return and I am a lucky woman to have someone like you by my side. I still do not understand how you are the only stingray to be able to live out of water but it's cool it's cool.

Kyle: I cannot believe how much you have changed over the past four years. We entered Elmwood together as two shy girls scared to leave their homes and their dogs. You have since become

going friends. Even though you are soft spoken, your personality is so loud and lively that I could not imagine our group without you. You make me puma pants.

Nicole: Hi bb, you're awkward but embrace it. You are incredibly talented and any of your doodles could far surpass what people consider to be their masterpiece. Senior year would not have felt complete if you weren't here every weekend. Be beeg. Also, Dobby was always my favorite Harry Potter character.

Now that the tribute has commenced, let me share a sense of wisdom. If you thought high school was fast, you have no idea what you are in for when it comes to college. In my four years, I have learned a lot about life. No, I do not want to sound like an expert but I do have some words of advice:

1.) Do not be a nomad.

Taking your own path in life is never something to be ashamed of, but in college, you need to build connections. These connections are built by joining clubs. Greek life, sport teams: whatever it is, choose something and even more importantly, join more than one thing.

2.) *Be wEIrD*.

If you are not weird, your life is ordinary and no one ever wants to be ordinary. I would much rather be myself than portray a fake persona just for people to like me. Some will like it and others will not, but at least you can say you like who you are and no one can be mad at that. Just remember what Robin Williams said, "You're only given a little spark of madness. You mustn't lose it."

3.) Be Adventurous

Have fun and always embark on different endeavors, but never lose your innocence in the process. I cannot stress enough how important it is to expand your horizon in every possible field. Socially, academically, whatever the case, do not be confined. If you really want to live the life vou always desired, you first have to leave the life you have been so comfortable living. You need to explore, test the waters, and find something that makes

> the only chance to do so. Always remember that you are in a moment and recognize that moment can last forever.

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GOT BY 'WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS'

And Everyone Else Along the Way

VICTORIA KEENAN

As you all know, Monmouth University hasn't been my favorite place. Everyone that I'm going to mention here has listened to me whine, complain, and grow excessively bitter with many aspects of this school. People say that college is the best time of your life, but I hope this isn't true. In my mind, there are many great things to come, and many more years to actually fully enjoy.

In saying that, this is supposed to be a positive article, (see Mom, I'm changing, slowly but surely.) So even though I would never admit it until now, I have had some wonderful times at Monmouth, and I have met many amazing people who have helped shape me into the person I am today. The people that deserve a thank you have seen me laugh, cry, struggle, fall down, and get back up.

They have seen me at my best and at my worst. You all must know that saying thank you isn't enough, everyone I mention has become a part of my heart and my daily life wouldn't be what it is if you all weren't in it. In saying that, these are just some of the people that hold a special place, and will for the rest of my

Daddy. There are not enough words in the English language to express how much I love you and appreciate everything you do for me. Thank you for your daily texts, I know Mom thinks it's because you don't want to let go, but know that those texts got me through a lot of rough days. Thank you for always checking up on me when you knew I was upset, angry, anxious, sick or stressed. No matter what happened or what kind of trouble I got into, you always found a out all the sandwiches, DDD way to figure it out and calm marathons, or naps. Thank you me down. Thank you for always putting aside your work and busy day to listen to me complain about a professor, 'friend,' or a class. I could never repay you for everything you've done, not only throughout college, but throughout my whole life.

Mom. Even though we have a different relationship than Dad and I do, there is still not enough ways to say I love you and appreciate you as well. Thank you for to eye, I have definitely experikeeping me grounded, and being enced all the best memories with brutally honest, no matter what you. I can't even begin to list we were talking about. You got all of them, one because there me through so much petty gos- has been so many and two beknow what to say. Thank you for if people knew all the things always being near a phone and we got into, talked about, or all would wake up even if I have a the pasta and potatoes we've problem at 3 am. At the same eaten. Thank you for always betime I appreciate the space you ing down to lay in bed, eat, and gave me, I know it was hard being the only woman in the house COPS marathons. Thank you for the last four years, but you'll for always knowing what's gonow have someone to watch TV



with again, for a while at least. Over the past four year I've realized how much I've turned out like you, and I wouldn't want to be any other wav.

Eric. Thank you will never be enough. You are my other half and one of the only reasons I have made it this far. I truly don't know what I would do without you, you are the best friend I've ever had and I love you more then you will ever know. Thank you for loving me, supporting me, and feeding me for seven out of eight semesters. Thank you for all the ice cream and chocolate runs that I wouldn't have gotten through some nights without. Thank you for making me laugh and smile on my worst days, you always know how to make everything better. No matter how much I complain, how angry I get, how crazy I make you, or how anxious life makes me, you keep me balanced through it all. Life wouldn't be the same withfor putting up with me for the last 3 ½ years, it has been a wild ride and I wouldn't want to be on it with anyone else.

Michelle. From Laurel to Redwood to Poplar to Neptune, I don't know why we thought we could live with anyone but each other, because it was pointless and no one understands us but us. Even though through the four years we didn't always see eye sip, and drama, and you always cause we would have no friends watch DDD, Family Feud, and ing on with me, but ignoring my



bad decisions and never asking questions. Thank you for bringing home dogs for us to mentally adopt and adapt to our lazy lifestyle. You really are the only person who understands how I live, and because of that, you have been one of the best roommates and friends I could have ended up with.

Keri. My actual twin and biological sister, thank you for being at my side since freshman year. Thankfully we live close to each other at home so we never have to separate, because I don't think we could make it otherwise. Even after we graduate, I know we'll still be doing arts and crafts and eating pizza and looking at pictures of baby animals. Even though we're both super busy during the school year, I can always count on you to know everything that's going on with me and I could text you at any time and complain. Thank you for always supporting everything I do and for always being more excited for things in my life then I am. I can't wait to live together with our 100 dogs while you do the taxes and I write blog posts about all our pets. I love you and our matching flannels and horrible snap chats forever.

Alyssa. You are the most positive person in my life and I don't know how I would have made it through all the crazy, difficult, and stressful times without you telling me it's going to be okay. Thank god we bonded over hating germs on Memorial Day and exchanged numbers or else I wouldn't have one of the greatest friends I've ever met. Thank you for always calming me down, making me feel better about everything, and for understanding me and all my (our) quirks. You always know how to make me





laugh at your awkwardness and we can always share our struggles with school, eating, and life. I can confidently say you are one of the greatest people I have ever met and I'm so grateful to have you in my life.

Stephanie. Where have you been all throughout college (or all throughout my life?) I wouldn't have made it through the school year without you and there would be no point in going to class if we couldn't look at each other the whole time. We should have known that we were made to be friends when we always shared the same expression over everything. Thank you for always being there to make me laugh and support me, I could text you with any problem and you know how to handle it. You are so inspiring and I'm so proud of everything you've accomplished this year. Thank you for being such an amazing best friend and understanding everything about me like not too many other people do.

Professor Sanford. Thank you for believing in me, without you, I wouldn't have made it through freshman year. You were one of the only people who made me believe I wasn't a failure, that we all need to find our strides, and thanks to you, I did. I fully give you credit for getting me out of the hole I put myself into and I'm so happy that I ended up making you proud. Thank you for always keeping me on track, explaining all things school-related, and for making amazing schedules that kept me out of 8:30s. I have accomplished what I have because you pushed me and helped me grow four long years ago. There isn't enough thank you's in the world.

The Outlook Fam. Every single one of you are my rays of sunshine and the only good people, thank you all for laughing at my stories and listening to my rants and raves and so glad I have a group of people that I could be so dysfunctioning to work with anyone else in of you. Thank you.

any other newsroom. For those of you graduating, I wish you the best of luck and I know you will all accomplish so much in your jobs and in your life. To those of you not graduating, I expect the sass and sarcasm to still run rapid throughout the room and I know you guys are going to kill it. I'll be back to visit, maybe. But really, ily all (I love you really is too overused.)

A special shout out to Erin, I wouldn't want to leave the section that I mothered over the last year to anyone else. I know you're going to make me proud, and whenever you are killing it in NYC hit me up and we'll jam out to the oldies (aka the Dad station) and bond over literally everything ever.

Starbucks on Rt. 35 in Oakhurst, thank you for fueling my body with so much passion tea lemonade that it runs in my veins. You have helped me through college. Antonio's, Gianni's, Scala's, Brennan's, Frank's Deli, The Hungry Hobo, Broad Street Dough Co., thank you for feeding me for the past four years, without you I would be malnourished and even more

To everyone else, to all the people I've met and bonded with and shared laughs and stresses with through these past four years, thank you. You have helped make this experience worthwhile for me, even during the simplest of times. I appreciate so many people for so many reasons; there isn't enough time or paper to write all the thank you's that are in order. To all of my friends and acquaintances, both in the past and the present, you have made me who I am today. I have changed and learned and grown because of all of you.

Everyone I've met here has made these last four years times thing about Mondays (and Tues- that I will never, ever forget. days.) I'm #blessed to have been Thank you all for being apart able to work with such amazing of this major part of my life, it has been crazy and amazing and beautiful and terrible and stressful all in one. But looking back, letting me be stressed out and there are so many moments that curse and yell at everyone. I'm I will hold onto forever, that I wish I could replay every day. As I make the first leaps, bounds, al around. I'll miss you all so and stumbles into my adult life, much; I don't know how I'm go- know that I will never forget any



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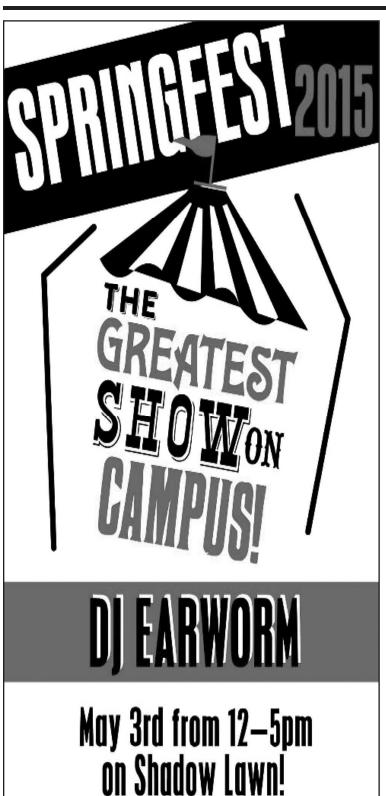
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SPRINGFEST RULES

April 20, 2015

Dear Students:

On Sunday, May 3 the Student Government Association will host Springfest on the Shadow Lawn (rain site: the Student Center) from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The Springfest committee has spent a great deal of time planning the events and activities that make up this end of year celebration. The day will include live music, a BBQ, festival games, and giveaways. However, no alcohol will be served or permitted on the Shadow Lawn or the rain location of the Student Center. Springfest 2015 will have everything you need and it should be a great way for us all to celebrate the end of another year at Monmouth University.

While your attendance at Springfest is a key part of what continues to make this event so popular, it is also important that you practice common sense and good decision making before, during, and after the festival. Your respect for the rules and regulations of the University and your willingness to look out for one another are all essential to making this day successful. Therefore, I ask that you spend a few moments reviewing the following guidelines that will be in effect for Springfest 2015.

- 1. If you plan to attend Springfest 2015, please know that pets/animals, open-containers, alcohol, squeeze bottles, bags, backpacks, and/or similar items **WILL NOT BE PERMITTED**. Any student/guest that attempts to bring the related items to the event will be asked to leave the festival area.
- 2. Students living in any of the on-campus housing units are not permitted to host a social gathering during or after Springfest, which occurs on Sunday, May 3rd. Students that wish to hold a gathering on Saturday, May 2nd must complete the Office of Residential Life's Social Affairs/Policy Application by Thursday, April 30, 2015 by 3:00 pm.
- 3. Parking in the Great Lawn and Garden Apartment Lots will be strictly enforced on May 3rd. If you plan to drive to campus for the festival and do not have a valid parking sticker for the Garden or Great Lawn parking lots, you MUST park in the Commuter parking lot by the Student Center. No exceptions permitted. Students should enter the campus from the Larchwood Avenue entrance.

For those students who live off campus, I would also remind you that the local communities have a zero tolerance for any quality of life disruptions in the local residential neighborhoods. Should you decide to host a social gathering before, during or after Springfest please make sure that it stays within the limits of common sense, respect for one's neighbors, and all applicable laws and ordinances within your community.

I hope that you will take an active role in assisting the Student Government Association and Monmouth University in our effort to present Springfest 2015 in a safe and positive manner. Your commitment to making this event a celebration of the year's achievements is critical. I know I can count on you to do so!

I look forward to your anticipated cooperation and I hope to see you at Springfest. Best wishes on your final exams!

Sincerely,

Mary Anne Nagy

Vice President for Student Life and Leadership Engagement

CLUB AND GREEK ANNOUNCEMEN'S

OUTDOORS CLUB

The Outdoors Club will hold its bi-annual Beach Bash, om on the West End Beach. This event will feature beach games, boogie boards, kayaks, snacks and drinks. The club will also be hosting an old-fashioned picnic at Shark River Park in Neptune on Tuesday, May 5 from 12 - 4 pm. This event will include kickball, football, corn hole, ultimate Frisbee, and excellent hiking. We will also have hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, snacks and drinks.

RUNNING CLUB

The Running Club is now meeting several times a week, both for recreational runners and for those interested in competing in cross country, Contact Coach Joe or Mitchell Parker for more information and for various practice times.

ALPHA XI DELTA

Alpha Xi Delta will be hold-Saturday, May 2, from 12 - 4 ing its annual philanthropy event. Karaoke for a Cause, on Monday, May 4 at 10 pm in Pollak Theater. The event is a fun way to listen to karaoke sung by your peers, or even sing karaoke yourself! The proceeds will benefit Autism Speaks. Tickets can be bought for \$5 prior to the event, or \$7 at the door. If anyone is interesting in participating as either a singer or a judge, please contact Ali Hart at s0943797@monmouth.edu for more information. Thank you! The sisters of Alpha Xi Delta would also like to wish everyone good luck on their final exams and a safe and happy summer!

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Did you know public speakroad races, or track & field. ing is the #1 fear? Fight the fear with the help of the Monmouth Oral Communication Center. Contact lschmidt@monmouth. edu to make an appointment.

THE OUTLOOK

The Outlook is looking for students interested in writing, graphic design, and photography to join the in creating our weekly publication. We are an award-winning group of students who bond over our love of writing, reporting, having fun, networking, and being a family. If you are interested in joining, please don't hesitate to contact the Editor-In-Chief, Brianna McCabe, at s0828430@monmouth.edu.

MU SURF CLUB

Check out one of the University's newest organizations, the MU Surf Club. Take advantage of going to school less than a mile from the beach and get together with students with the same interest and passion for the sea. Everyone is welcome, including surfers, bodyboarders, photographers, etc. The club will be holding beach cleanups, contests, beach parties, and more. For more information contact the club's President, Tyler Sankey, or Vice President, Connor Perzelv.

BOOM ROASTED PRODUCTIONS

Boom Roasted Productions presnts Rent in Woods Theater at 8 pm 1 from 6 - 8 pm in Pollak Theon May 2, and 3 pm on May 3. Visit Facebook.com/BoomRoastedMU. The club is currently in rehearsals for this production, which will be the first fully student-produced musical. Rent's composer, Jonathan Larson, died the night before it opened off-Broadway, and his papers were gifted to the Library of Congress. The club also sponsored a trip to the Library of Congress last week so students could see his lyrics, rehearsal notes, etc. Sheri Anderson, the club's faculty advisor, said the trip was incredibly inspiring. She said the students were most interested in the Larson materials. "They asked questions about everything from Larson's creative process to the specifics of archiving. Several of them were crying by the time they left," Anderson said. Four students were offered internships on the spot by Senior Music Specialist Mark Horowitz, who had watched the students organize materials into show order

SOCIOLOGY CLUB

The Sociology Club is hosting a short film festival on May ater. The goal of the festival is to raise awareness on important social issues. All proceeds will go to charity. All are welcome to attend.

ACM/IEEE STUDENT CHAPTER

The ACM/IEEE student chapter would like to congratulate the outgoing e-board on a successful year. Thank you to James Blessing, Jessica Kostiou, Taylor Klodowski and Justin Schlemm.

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2015 MAAC Outdoor Track & Field



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Meets Schedule

Field Ever	<u>nts</u> :
1:00 pm	Hammer Throw (W)
2:00 pm	Shot Put (M)
	Long Jump (W)

3:30 pm Pole Vault (W) 4:00 pm Shot Put (W) 5:00 pm Hammer Throw (M)

5:00 pm Hammer Throw (M) Long Jump (M)

Running Events:

Saturday

4:00 pm 100m Hurdles (W) Trials 4:15 pm 110m Hurdles (M) Trials 100m (W) Trials 4:30 pm 100m (M) Trials 4:40 pm 4:50 pm 4x800m Relay (W) 5:05 pm 4x800m Relay (M) 5:20 pm 3,000 M Steeplechase (W) 3,000 M Steeplechase (M) 5:35 pm 5:50 pm 10,000 M Run (W) 6:30 pm 10,000 M Run (M)

















3:10 pm

3:35 pm

3:40 pm

Sunday Field Events:

10:00 am Discus (M)
11:00 am High Jump (W)
Triple Jump (M)
Javelin (W)
12:00 pm Pole Vault (M)
1:00 pm Discus (W)
2:00 pm Javelin (W)
3:00 pm Triple Jump (W)

High Jump (M)

Running Events:

4x100m (W) 12:00 pm 12:05 pm 4x100m (M) 12:10 pm 1500m (W) 12:25 pm 1500m (M) 12:40 pm 100m Hurdles (W) 110m Hurdles (M) 12:50 pm 400m (W) 1:00 pm 1:15 pm 400m (M) 1:30 pm 100m (W) 1:30 pm 100m (M) 1:40 pm 800m (W) 1:50 pm 800m (M) 2:05 pm 400m Int. Hurdles (W) 2:15 pm 400m Int. Hurdles (M) 200m (W) 2:30 pm 2:40 pm 200m (M) 2:50 pm 5000m (W)

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- 5:30pm in Erlanger Garden

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- Outdoor Concert with Against the Current
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MOMENTS AT

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TOP LEFT:
THE OUTDOORS CLUB WHITE WATER RAFTING THIS PAST WEEKEND ON THE HUDSON RIVER IN THE ADIRONDACK MOUNTAINS IN NEW YORK (PHOTO COURTESY OF RACHEL FOX)



RIGHT:

PRIALI ABAH AND HER FRIENDS AT THE ALICE IN WONDERLAND TEA PARTY SPONSORED BY SAB THIS PAST WEEKEND (PHOTO COURTESY OF PRIALI ABAH)



LEFT:

ALPHA OMICRON PI AT THE STRIKE-OUT ARTHRITIS EVENT (PHOTO COURTESY OF ALEX STUCY)



PRES.CHRISTOPHER LAMBIASE, VICE PRES. ELIZABETH ULAN, AND PROF GORMAN DURING THE FIRST EVER HOMELAND SECURITY HONOR **SOCIETY** (PHOTO COURTESY OF CHRISTOPHER LAMBIASE)



5678 DANCE CLUB AT THEIR RECITAL LAST SUNDAY (PHOTO COURTESY OF COURTNEY DAVIS)



LEFI:

LUKE NINOMIYA AND COLIN WEBB DURING THEIR LAST RADIO SHOW OF THE YEAR (PHOTO **COURTESY OF** LUKE NINOMIYA)



ABOVE:

HALEY BRUE, CHRISSIE NIED, AND BŔIANNA MCCÁBE EMBRACE THEIR SENIOR YEAR OF **COLLEGE** (PHOTO COURTESY OF **BRIANNA MCCABE**)



Camilla Senior

"Hectic, stressful, long, but worthwhile."



Farrah Senior

"Overwhelming, but worth it."



Allegra Junior

"Short, it went by really fast."



Michael Senior

"Went by like a breeze."



Barbara Conover Secretary - Dept. of Music and Theatre

"This semester has been really exciting. Blue Hawk Records released their fifth album, we've had free concerts, and Boom Roasted is about to do RENT. There's always something happening at Woods Theatre."



RIGHT:

JOELLE MORA AND DR. LAURA SCHMULDT AT THE ÇHI SIGMA IOTA INDUCTION (PHOTO COURTESY OF JOELLE MORA)



And with this, I bid you adieu



In my three years writing for world and completed the Walter this would be the easiest article for me to write. That definitely is not the case. My time at Monmouth has given me so much to be grateful for and so many people to thank that there's no way I could fit it all into one story, but I'll try my best here.

Mom and Dad: What can I say? I couldn't imagine having better parents. Your love, support, and wisdom has guided me throughout my life and helped me more than I can put into words. Simply knowing you guys are here for me has given me more strength and confidence than you could imagine. From the time you were my age until now both of you have done whatever it takes to give me, Andrew, and Jenna the opportunity to pursue our dreams, and I'll forever be grateful for that. Whether it was getting up early every Sunday and heading to the baseball field with dad or watching unlimited movies and eating way to much candy at Blockbuster with mom you guys have given me memories I'll cherish forever. When I grow old and have children of my own I can only hope they'll have as much love, admiration, and appreciation for me as I have for you. Every day I strive to make you two proud. Thank you.

Andrew and Jenna: You've been everything a brother can ask for in his siblings. Andrew, you've been my role model since before I can remember. I'll never forget going for rides in the Jeep (RIP) or the late night conversations we've had about whatever at the time. Whether I'm going through amazing or diffi-

The Outlook I always thought family. You've grown up before my eyes and become an amazing young woman. I couldn't be more proud to be your older brother. You can make me laugh easier and harder than anyone else I know. I love you both, and I can't wait for all of us to grow stronger and closer as we take on our futures together.

Phi Psi: It's been a crazy ride. I can't imagine my college experience without this fraternity and all it has given me. All of you have helped me grow as an individual and provided me with some of the best experiences of my life. Between the ridiculousness of homecomings and formals, painting the Boys & Girls Club, poker nights, and everything else, you've helped make my four years here great, and I wouldn't trade the memories for anything. The fact that you guys elected me as your president last year means more to me than you probably realize. Everything I did and decision I made was with the betterment of the fraternity and each and every one of you in mind. Phi Psi NJ Beta is a part of who I am now, and I'm better for it. Although it's been a bit of a difficult last semester for us, there is no doubt in my mind that we'll come out of it better than we were before. I couldn't have asked for a better group of friends to take this four year journey with, and I whole heartedly consider all of you my brothers. Live Ever Die Never boys.

Chris and Brad: "The Bagel Guys." You guys and everyone else that's rocked the black and yellow have given me a home one of us needed to talk about away from home, and you may never know how much you've truly helped me these last two cult times you're the first one I years in so many different ways. want to talk with about it, and There's no way I could have trying to finish that paper you you have no idea how much I've found a better place to work were working on all night live learned from you. Jenna, it's in college, and it's going to be in the moment and enjoy it. hard to believe there were nine tough leaving in a couple of You'll never believe how fast it years before you came into this months. I see you guys as two goes by.

more older brothers that have helped make me who I am today. I've always been a quieter kid and no one has helped me break out of my shell more than you two. The respect and love you treat me and the rest of the staff with is something that can be hard to find with employers these days. Going into Bagel Guys never felt like going into work for me, it felt like going home. Thank you for everything you've done for me. I love you

The Outlook: I've met so many amazing people in my two years as an editor, and this whole experience has been so much better than I ever thought it could be. This year may have been tough at points with things we couldn't control, but it's been an amazing experience and we all pulled through it together. I'll never forget the trips to San Diego and Los Angeles and the countless hours spent in the office working together to make sure each issue was the best it could possibly be. I've learned a lot from each and every one of you and made some great memories in the process. Thank you guys for all the laughs. Maggie, you'll always be my head sports-editor.

DAMAP: You guys will never see this, but there's no way I can forget my boys from the 'Nock. If there's one reason I'm excited to head back home this summer it's the fact that I get to spend it with you guys. Rip City.

It's been an amazing four years at Monmouth, and it's much sadder to see it come to an end than I ever would have thought. If I had to give any advice to younger classes reading this it would be to cherish every moment. Whether its 6am homecoming morning or 6am





Track and Field Make Strides in Three-Day Weekend

MEL LEWIS STAFF WRITER

The Monmouth track and field team ran at the Penn Relays and the Lehigh Games, with many Hawks winning events throughout the three days.

On the first day of Penn Relays senior captain Taylor Johnson won the college women's discus with a throw of 170'9.25". Her throw breaks the school record of 167'9.75" which she set by winning the Northeast Conference Championships in 2013, and is one of the top throws in the East this year.

best and solidify a spot for NCAAs," Johnson said "There were a lot of girls in my flight more Malcolm Chavis, junior who've hit great marks in the John Malespina, junior Georpast, I was excited to compete dan Ferguson and senior capagainst such tough competi-

on her fifth throw, winning the event by seven inches. Johnson's day was not done as she went on to finish 11th in the to since 2005. college women's hammer with a 167'1" throw, and also hit 42'6" in the college women's shot put. ished 10th in the Championship

we didn't execute as well as we should have, but Taylor had a lie Wilson, sophomore Jenna tremendous day and our women's 4x400 did an excellent job as well," said Head Coach Joe Compagni on MU's opening day at the Penn Relays.

The women's 4x400 team also were heat winners, with sophomore Tionna Garner, sophomore Antoinette Isekenegbe, sophomore Nia Driver and se- Capwell ran 7:36.20 to come in nior Kate Frye winning their 12th.

section in a time of 3:53.89. This marks the seventh time since 2006 that the Monmouth women have won their section of the 4x400 relay.

On the second day at the Penn Relays, senior Jalen Walker, running in an elite field of hurdlers, finished 20th in the 110 Hurdles with a time of 14.44 seconds.

Taylor Senior Bernstein threw 173'7" for sixth place in the college men's discus and finished eighth in the college men's shot put with a throw of. 56'10.75". Senior Kelsey Reese threw 139'10" to finish 10th in "It felt great to hit a season the Championship of America women's javelin.

The men's 4x400 of sophotain Ben Boyd ran 3:17.67 to finish second in their heat. The Johnson moved into the lead time advances them to Saturdays final which they declined to run in, the first sprint final a men's relay team has advanced

On Saturday at the Penn Relays, the women's 4x800 fin-We had a few events where of America, running 8:55.67.

The team of freshman Al-Cupp, junior Kendal Hand, and Garner, ran the number two fastest time in school history. The men's 4x800 also raced in the Championship of America Domenick D'Agostino, senior Andrew Langille, senior Alex Leight and sophomore Dylan



Taylor Johnson with her medal and winning school record mark from the Penn Relays.

At Lehigh, senior Lauren Mcsection as the group of junior Donald took second in the 100 meter dash, running 12.84 sec- ley finished first in the 400 onds. McDonald also took sec- hurdles with a time of 1:03.72 ond in the pole vault. Freshman a season best. Senior Kimberly Adaeze Amaefule took fourth in Price won the triple jump with a IC4A, and NCAA Championthe 400, and sophomore Jessica jump of 36' 3.50".

Ball was fourth in the 800.

Sophomore McKenna Coak-

Senior Amber Brown finished second in the hammer throw with a throw of 46.67m, with freshman Alicia Hester in fifth throwing 41.25m.

Junior Aziza Ahmed won the discus with a throw of 155'6.75". Brown also finished second in the hammer throw at 153'1.75". Junior Graham Huggins-Filozof won the 1500 with a time of 3:57.58. Senior Dustin Roadside took a third place finish in the 5k running 16:11.72. Senior Ron Brown took sixth in the 400 hurdles.

Senior Erik Anderson placed second in the high jump with a mark of 6'4.25". Junior Colton Lambert won the pole vault at 14'4.25" a personal best jump. Junior Liam Vogt won the long jump, jumping 23'6", while also taking fourth in the triple jump. Junior Chris Norcross finished sixth in the javelin with a mark of 53.23m. Sophomore Troy Andretta took second at 54.99m in the hammer.

The top three throws in the shot put were all MU athletes, with Taylor Bernstein winning it at 57'2.25". Junior Tevin Kirby-Stewart took second throwing 54'10.75", and freshman Corev Murphy in third. Bernstein also won the discus with a throw of 173'7.75". Troy Andretta claimed second in the hammer with a throw of 180'5.25"

Next weekend the Hawks host the 2015 MAAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships on Saturday and Sunday. After that MU has a couple weeks off before heading into the ECAC, ships.

len's Lacrosse Clinch Spot in I ournament

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the Manhattan Jaspers on Saturday, April 25 the men's lacrosse team clinched the four seed in the upcoming MAAC Tournament in just their second season at the varsity level.

"I am proud of my staff and guys for the effort today in getting a win and securing our first conference tournament berth," said Head Coach Brian Fisher. "I couldn't be more excited for our guys, and happy for our senior that we had the opportunianother game."

two goals and also recorded scoreless tie with just under three assists for a team high five-points on the contest. With their 14-5 victory over Daly is currently second on the Hawks in goals scored (11) assists (8), and total points (19) this season. Senior Ryan Schwartz led MU with three goals for the game on five shot attempts.

> Freshman Bryce Wasserman had one assist in the win, and that pushed his team leading point total to 31 on the season. Wasserman leads the Hawks in both goals and assists this year with 21 and ten respectively.

Things were quiet early as ty to extend our season and get neither team was able to score through the first nine minutes Sophomore Chris Daly scored of play. Daly finally broke the

six minutes to play in the first quarter when he took a pass from Wasserman and beat the Manhattan keeper to give MU a 1-0 lead.

The lead was short live, however, when just two minutes later Manhattan's Nick Strano found the back of the net tobring the game back even.

With the game tied at one at the three and a half minute mark of the first quarter the Hawks rattled off eight consecutive goals over the next sixteen minutes of play to take a commanding 9-1 lead with two minutes remaining in the second period.

A Manhattan score cut the point win over Wagner in the Thursday, April 30.

deficit to seven in the final seconds before halftime, but the Jaspers never mounted a seriof the contest.

The Hawks led by as much as 11 when a Schwarz goal put them ahead 13-2 with six minutes left to play in the third, but the Jaspers managed to outscore the Hawks 3-1 in the final period to make the final score 14-5 and keep MU from claiming a double-digit victory.

The 14 goals scored was a season high for MU, and the nine point victory was the highest margin they've had this season. MU's largest victory coming into the game was a four

third game of the season way back on Tuesday, March 3.

Garret Conaway was solid in ous comeback threat for the rest net for the Hawks. In just under 40 minutes of play the senior allowed only two goals while saving seven Manhattan attempts.

With the regular season coming to a close the Hawks now turn their attention to their first-round matchup against top-seeded Marist. In their only meeting this season Marist came away with a resounding 10-3 win over MU.

However, since that time the Hawks have won four of seven, with three of the four losses being one score contests. First faceoff is scheduled for 7 pm this

Getting to know



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Hometown? Sparta, NJ	Role model? MY BROTHER MATT	Major? FINANCE & REAL ESTATE
Years in lacrosse? TEN YEARS	Phrase? "ANYTHING GOES"	Pump up song? ANYTHING RAP
Favorite food? SUSHI	Favorite book? AMERICAN SNIPER	Favorite movie? MR. DEEDS
Celebrity crush? MILA KUNIS	Favorite musician? DAVE MATTHEWS BAND	Dream vacation? BALI, INDONESIA
If you weren't play- ing lacrosse, what sport would you play? BEACH VOLLEYBALL	If an actor played you in a film, who would it be? CHUCK NORRIS	What is your dream job? WELL CONNECTED REAL ESTATE BROKER

MU Builds Intriguing 'Mob' Affiliation

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The Monmouth Mob has been revamped from head to toe. Due to recent changes, the University's official athletic support team is poised for an interesting 2015-2016 season.

In traditional "Mob" form, this coming year, you have to give a little to get a little. In the past, there was no sign up fee and no substantial benefits for students in the MU fan section. Come fall, that will all change.

"We're trying to build a connection between athletics and the student body to increase attendance at games, increase awareness, and to basically help our student body be more involved with our athletic programs on campus," said Assistant Athletics Director and head of ticketing, Tony White.

Beginning immediately, prospective Monmouth Mob members will be asked to pay a \$20 which will last straight through the 2015-2016 seasons.

Yes, it's going to cost you this year, and you may very well have wrote off getting involved with the Mob already. But there are two sides to every story and the benefits from becoming a member might just be all too enticing to pass up.

For starters, each Monmouth

to any men's/women's basketball game along with lower bowl seating in exclusive Mob sanctioned seating for both basketball and football games. Each member will also receive a Monmouth Mob tee shirt and a Blue and White Club window decal. Fan busses to select MU games will be provided for Mob members as well.

Arguably one of the most tempting of the benefits would have to be the gift cards and coutive students."

Mob member will get two tickets percent discount off Monmouth-Hawks.com merchandise.

'Monmouth Mob members will get perks no one else will get while promoting the relationship between the students in the stands and the athletes on the field," said Student Marketing Assistant, Alexis Swatt. "Joining the Mob will strengthen the athletic department and will ultimately make Monmouth a more desirable place to go to school for prospec-

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> **ALEXIS SWATT Student Marketing Assistant**

fee to join the supporters section pons from the sponsors. Sponsors are still being considered and have yet to be solidified but sources close to the Mob have noted Surf Taco, McLoone's, Turning Point, annual fund that goes towards fa-Rooney's, Scala's, Jersey Mike's and Jack's Goal Line Stand to be possible candidates. The Mob is also looking to work with the MU Bookstore in efforts to gain a discount on gear for members to go

Those in the Mob will also receive membership as a student Blue and White Club member.

"Blue and White is our athletics cility enhancements, scholarship and endowments, which all help make each program better and more successful," said White.

Becoming a student Blue and White Club member will also along with their newly added five grant Mob members the oppor-

tunity to network with Blue and White members, sponsors and other connections MU has built. Networking events will be held exclusively for the Mob adding all the more value to signing up.

The Mob is also working towards a weekly function being referred to as a "Game of the Week."

Essentially, one game a week will feature tailgating and free food for Mob members only. This proposition has not been set in stone and there have been no guarantees as to how often these special events will occur. However. Mob members should expect a handful of them to take place during each season, although consistency of the "Games of the Week" will remain in speculation.

"It's not just for student athletes either; we're trying to get both sections of campus to come together and unify as one to support their school, we've been talking with Greek life and SGA," said Assistant Athletics Director and head of marketing and promotions, Caroline Kelly. "Basically if they come out to support us we'll be able to send our members out to support their events as well."

There is no denying the new and improved Monmouth Mob has potential to bring MU athletics to new heights. More than ever before, MU students will have a real impact the athletic department. But will the changes pay off? Only time will tell.

For the third time this season, junior Kristina Vangeli has been named the MAAC Defensive Player of the Week. Vangeli played a key role in the Hawks' two wins over Iona and Niagara this past week.

The junior led the team with four turnovers, five ground balls, and seven draw controls in the two wins to help MU advance to the semi-finals of this years MAAC Tournament where they will take on secondseeded Fairfield Friday, May 1.

Sophomore MLAX Chris Daly was named the MAAC Offensive Player of the Week for his fivepoint effort in the Hawk's 14-5 win over Manhattan this past Saturday, April 25.

Daly recorded two goals and three assists in the victory, and helped MU clinch a postseason birth in their second season at the varsity level. The sophomore is currently second on the team in points, goals, and assists with 19, 11, and 8 respectively.

The Hawks are the fourthseed in the upcoming MAAC Tournament, and will take on top-seeded Marist Thursday, April 30.

Profile: John Jack(ed)man

MAGGIE ZELINKA

If you have ever have been at the University's fitness center, you definitely know who John Jackman is.

Born in Keansburg, NJ, Jackman is more commonly known around the University as Jack. It comes as no surprise that Jack is a fitness enthusiast as he is the Director of the University's Fitness tion, she passed away." Center; however, most students do not realize just how much he cares about fitness.

"I competed in body building for 10 years," Jackman said. "I wasn't much in to team sports, so at 11-years-old, I decided to become a body builder."

The year was 1976 and an 11-vear-old Jackman was determined to mimic the physique of the Hulk. He began by lifting in years before he took to the Flamingo Gym.

and kids were not expected to just a massive build, Jackman claims walk in, but I eventually did." Jack- it was his symmetrical body that man continued. "It was all men, won him his competitions. girls did not work out then They "To succeed in hody building probably weren't comfortable; I wasn't even comfortable at first."

The Flamingo Gym was by no means a typical modern day gym. The gym where Jackman planted his roots was located in the back of a bar and filled with intimidating bulked-up men.

It was at this gym where Jackman met his weight training mentor Tom Bizocco, a man who won the Mr. New Jersev title in 1975.

'We connected right away; he took me under his wing and that was that," Jackman said. Jackman also noted that Bizocco was not your stereotypical 'meathead' which is seen far too often in today's society; Bizocco was a trainer with knowledge and skill.

At 19-years-old, Jackman entered his first competition. After a few years under his belt, Jackman won his first big competition in he made sure to weigh anywhere the Governor's Cup Body Building Championship in Asbury Park, NJ.

first big victory, it was also one of Jackman's fondest memories because of who he shared it with.

'My mom was my biggest fan. When I was a kid, she would follow me all over NJ; then she got sick. The Governor's Cup was the first show I ever won and I brought the house down," Jackman said. "Five months after the competi-

Jackman Although admitted it was difficult not having his mother in the audience at his following competitions, he entered one competition as a way to honor her memory. "My mom loved the beach so it meant a lot for me to compete in Mr. Jersey Shore. I won and I always felt like I won it for her. She would have been really excited," Jackman said.

Jackman went on to win nuhis friend's house for the next three merous titles such as Mr. Atlantic Coast, Mr. Jersey Shore and The Jersey Classic. While the common "Gyms were Rocky type gyms image of a body builder is to have

you do have to have some genetic foundation, but I did train really hard to get a 'Greek Statue' kind of look. You didn't have to be the biggest guy on stage to win a show, you had to be one with no flaws," Jackman said.

Jackman added that "nutrition is full time and weight training is part time." In order to reach peak shape on the day of a contest, Jackman not only had to train in the gym, but also had to watch what his food and water intake.

"You have to train smart because your body weight is important. I came up with a lot of original exercises to achieve a muscle balance but I also made sure to perfect a lot of old exercises. The trick is food. Food can work like magic, you have to pay attention to that," Jackman said. During his competitions 1988. The competition was called between 198 and 212 pounds, but would also make sure to not get too

Not only was this competition his keep the perfect symmetry.

Eventually, enough wins qualified him for the 1991 Mr. America contest held in Atlantic City, NJ. According to Jackman, it was the biggest competition of his life, however, it also marked his last competition. "I remember I had my whole gym come and watch which made it the most fun for me. After that, I just decided not to carry it any further. I used to choreograph my own music and my own poses but it wasn't the same without having my mom out there," he said. Jackman placed in the top 10 for the contest.

Looking back on his 10 year

body building career, Jackman recalled one of the best days being when he met world renowned body builder, Arnold Schwarzenegger.

'I met Arnold at a body building show and got to spend some time with him. He gave me the classic 'how you doing' and we got to work out together the next morning.'

Although his body building career has since commenced, Jackman has embraced his passion of fitness through other means.

As former owner of Champions Gym, Jackman began to dedicate his life to helping others maintain their fitness. In fact, the Ke-

anesburg native used to have his own personal training business. Through this position, he was able to help people, including Bruce Springsteen. He continued to attend body building competitions, but instead of being on the stage, he was a judge.

"I was an official judge at the Mr. and Mrs. Trenton body building show for about seven years which was a huge honor for me," he said.

Even though Jackman still admires the act of body building, he noticed that the current body builders lack much of what he and his colleagues believed in.

"I didn't think about getting more attention on the way I looked, I just wanted to win," Jackman continued. "I put it in my head that I would beat guys with bigger arms or whatever, I honed my physique so it was so even that judges would have to pick me. I did it for balance.

Jackman added that there is a physical predicament when it comes to today's body builders. The body builders who enter competition nowadays fail to have the small waist which was a staple mark in Jackman's era. This is due to growth hormones as they increase the size of everything on a body, including internal organs.

The competitors now pose with bloated stomach because the growth hormone enlarges their intestines and pushes their stomach

Despite this detail, Jackman still fondly looks back on his body building days. "There are quite a few guys who I am still in touch with today who were older," he said. One name that came to mind was Gary Kamil. "He is an alumni of Monmouth College but that was before I worked here. He owns the Fitness City in Matawan, NJ and was a huge inspiration in my life, he still is.'

When all is said and done, Jackman is very proud of where he has been but even more proud to have spent half his life as a part of Monmouth University's fitness center staff.

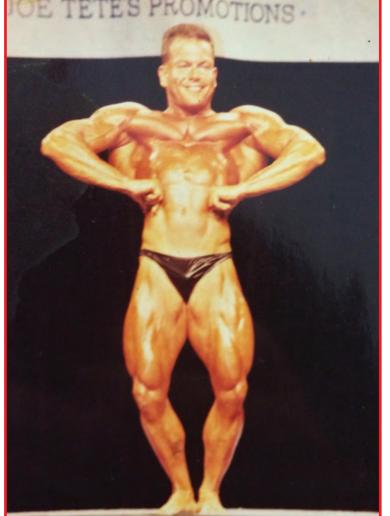
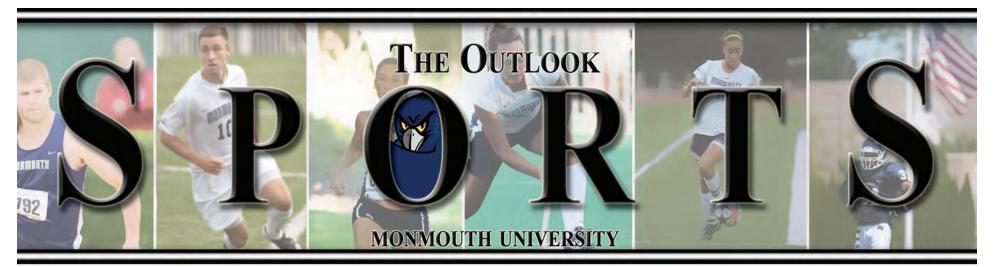


PHOTO COURTESY of John Jackman big or too small. His goal was to **John Jackman** was a well-known body builder in NJ for 10 years.



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JERSEY GOT A NEW TOPES

The Monmouth Mob will be revamped for the upcoming '15-16 school year with some benefits including free food, tailgates, gift cards, and coupons for sponsors such as McLoone's, Turning Point, and Surf Taco.

