

After Two Decades of Service, Thomas Pearson Steps Down as the Provost

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Dr. Thomas Pearson decided he will be stepping down as provost at the end of the spring 2014 semester after 22 years in the position.

this is the right time, but I serve full-time faculty members were at the president's pleasure and he said he would like to make different University presidents. the change," Pearson said. He also said that he had discussed achievements in the academic the possible stepping down with each presidential candidate but is Film Series to the University; proud of his 22 years of service A free annual event that allows as provost.

provost as being "an air traffic added, "I have a range of feelings; mixed feelings. My first academic side while great things sity."

Brown explained that the informal title of the provost is the Chief Academic Officer. "Everything that happens on campus that's academic oriented falls that's courses, when they're offered, the timing, who teaches them, when they're not offered." He also explained that the provost also selects which faculty is tified," he said. hired along with which faculty gets promoted.

versity, he is stepping down to return to teach in the Department of History and Anthropolstarted in when he was first hired by the University in 1978. He served as a faculty member un-

til 1992 when he was hired as the provost after the previous provost was fired.

Pearson explained that his greatest accomplishments as pro-vost were often "collaborative efforts" but one particular event he recalled was transforming Monmouth College to Monmouth University.

Under Pearson as the provost, "I am stepping down because approximately 89 percent of the hired and he served under four

Along with Pearson's field, he brought the Provost viewers to watch films involv-Pearson compared the job of ing other countries and cultures.

One thing he will miss about controller for the University." He the position is planning the future of the University. "Sometimes it is one of the more draining parts feeling is grateful for being able of this job when you want to grow to serve as long a time as I did... and create new programs," said I had the privilege of leading the Pearson. "That's also the fun part, sometimes not the process, but were happening at the Univer- once you get there you get to see the results of your work... I do a University President Paul lot of thinking about where we were and where we are going.'

The process of finding another provost to take Pearson's position has begun, according to Brown. "We have done extensive adverunder the provost," he said. "So tising, we have done extensive outreach, we have established processes to follow to apply [and] we will have public forums coming up once the finalists are iden-

Brown has created an advisory group to help him with the process Pearson is not leaving the Uni- of selecting another provost. The group consists of: Nahid Aslabeigui (professor of economics), Grey Dimenna (Vice President and General ogy which was the department he Counsel), Rekha Datta (professor

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Dr. Thomas Pearson (top) proudly stands in front of his many film series posters. (Bottom right) he is found working at his desk. (Bottom left) Pearson poses with the most recent poster of his film series.

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Volunteer members from the nearby local communities joined University employees for the opening of the Monmouth University Community Garden on Saturday, April 26. The garden, now approaching its fifth summer of operation, has donated

approximately eight tons of produce organizations, and a private section to various charities across Monmouth County in the past four years.

The garden lies adjacent to the tennis courts along Beechwood Avenue and consists of 37 garden plots divided into two sections: a community side where all of the crops that are harvested multiple times throughout the year are donated to philanthropic

available for rent to people in the community.

Dr. Robin Mama, Dean of the School of Social Work (MSW), runs the garden with the help of an eight-member steering committee that consists of herself, Dr. Pedram Daneshgar, assistant professor of biology, Barbara Arrington, an in-

structor in the MSW, and five local volunteers from the county. Many factions of the University community and residents of the neighboring towns have had a factor in the garden's growth over the previous four years.

"This has been a collaborative effort since it started," Mama said. "We wanted a space where we would harvest and give to the community and a place where people can enjoy intersecting with the University.

The garden was founded in 2009 by a former University graduate student, Sean Foran, as part of a project

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University Garden Donates Food to Local Organizations

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with the University's Center for Community Health and Wellness. After securing the space for the garden, which was only half of its current size in 2009, Foran and the MSW solicited donations from area businesses and drummed up interest about the garden by lobbying with members of the community.

"When we got closer to opening the garden, Sean and I went doorto-door with the book 'The Earth Knows My Name,' by Patricia Klindiens with a piece of paper about the the environmental club has planted garden in it," Mama said. "The re-

sponse was amazing."

The garden received a \$2,000 gift card from Home Depot in Long Branch to purchase its initial supplies, plants from Barlow's, a flower farm and nursery in Sea Girt, and a \$500 donation from Central Jersey Bank. Additionally, local volunteers installed the garden's irrigation system.

"It was all a grassroots startup effort," Mama said. She also explained that former members of University fraternity Tau Kappa Epsilon built the garden's storage shed and that fruit trees on the garden grounds.

"There has been a nice collaborative effort with groups and individuals from the community and we have had people who have rented plots every single summer," she said.

Mercy Azeke, Dean of the Center for Student Success and Academic Advising, has rented a spot in the garden for the last three years. "I liked the idea of the being able to socialize a little bit with my colleagues and get to know people in my neighborhood," Azeke, who resides in West Long Branch, said. "And to donate, that's part of the joy of doing this - to give some to my neighbors."

All of this year's private plots have been rented for the summer, Mama said, and the crops on the community side are given a head start by being nurtured in the campus greenhouse located behind the Facilities Management building during the winter months.

To expand campus involvement in the garden, the University recently created a joint effort between students in science and first year seminar courses taught by Mama, Daneshgar and Dr. Merrily Ervin to cultivate the garden during the school year. "We thought it would be a unique way to teach them about gardening, and also about how to think about biology, plants and how to eat healthy in college," Mama said.

origins of food and the underprivileged who battle hunger every day is an important aspect of the garden, Daneshgar said. "We eat all these things every day, but no one actually thinks about where it comes from. Students learn that making food is a process and it takes time and it's a lot of work," he said. "These kids also see that there is a need for food. When we go to these food banks... they get to see that food isn't always available to everybody. I think it kind of changes their perspective on things a little bit. We hope it does," Daneshgar added.

This year the garden will donate produce to 10 local charites, including the FoodBank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties in Neptune. "In Monmouth County, 1 in 10 people suffer from hunger and need food from the food bank. Fresh produce is diffiuclt to obtain and all donations are greatly appreciated," Marion Lynch, spokesperson for the FoodBank said.

Ken Kretsch, an Eatontown resident who just rented a garden plot for the first time, said he anticipates keeping the crops he grows this year but will give back in the future.

All of the produce in the garden is organically grown with seeds purchased from Burpee, a national seed supplier. A deer fence borders

Educating students about the the garden's perimeter and instead of using pesticides, natural insect deterrents like basil and mint plants are strewn throughout the garden.

All of the weeding is done by hand, which makes volunteers necessary for effective growth. "[Last year] we weren't getting enough volunteers to come out and weed, so weed management became a problem and that affected our crop," said Daneshgar.

Even with all of the volunteer labor and donations it has received, the garden has struggled to keep a balanced budget, according to Mama.

Other than its supplies, the garden's primary expense is its water bill, which is separate from the University's bill. The garden's main revenue stream is its private rental plots, which were just increased from \$25 to \$30 for the year in 2014. The MSW funds \$1,000 to the garden each year, and other donations are received from the campus employees and environmental club. Donations are accepted through the MSW page on the University website

Anyone interested in volunteering in the garden or learning more about it can attend the steering committee meetings on the second Monday of every month at 6 pm in the Magill Commons Club Dining Room.



Steering Committee member, Carol Fornwald (far right), shows the University garden to a local family in the community.

Pearson to Return to Teaching in Fall 2014

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of political science), Robin Mama (Dean of the School of Social Work) and David Marshall (Chair of the Mathematics Department), according to an email from Brown to all University employees. He explained that the advisory group's goal is to have a new provost by the beginning of the 2014 fall semester.

During Pearson's 22 years as the provost, he has gotten to know many faculty members and out the duties of the graduate many would agree that he left his mark on the University.

Several members of the University wished to say a couple of words about Pearson.

"I think it is important that we thank him for his many years of service to the advancement of the academic experience here at Monmouth. We have really transformed the academic experience under his leadership and look forward to continuing to build on the strong foundation he has laid," said Mary Ann Nagy, Vice President for Student Life and Leadership Engagement.

students," said Patti Swannack, Vice President for Administrative Services.

"... It is very unusual for a provost to serve in that position for 22 years. Dr. Pearson has been an exception not only in providing the long service but to have done that in an exemplary way and with numerous major accomplishments ... I would like to thank Dr. Pearson for the confidence he placed in me to carry school office and of the vice provost," said Dr. Datta Naik, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School and Continuing Education.

"We will be thrilled to have him back in the History [and] Anthropology Department. The first rate institution of higher learning that Monmouth is today owes more to him than perhaps to any other single individual," said Frederick McKitrick, Chair/ Associate Professor of History and Anthropology.

"...[Pearson] should be congratulated for his dedication and transformative working in mak-"... Tom's passion and love for ing Monmouth the fine universi-Russian history and teaching is ty it is today ... Congratulations so strong that I can understand on returning to your first love, why he wants to return to teach- teaching," said Stanton Green, ing. I think the real beneficiaries Dean of School of Humanities teacher with an extensive knowl-"... Professor Pearson has alto take his classes in the future. ways respected the academic A great teacher like Tom can enterprise. He understands what

have an incredible impact on is needed for first-rate teaching, scholarship and service. I especially admire that during all his years as provost, despite the job's endless demands, he has [taught each year] his course in Russian history," said Brian Greenberg, Jules Plangere Professor of American Social History

> "My fondest memory [of Pearson] is listening to his stories about his trips to Russia with the Monmouth University group. My dream is to one day join his Russian tour and learn from Russian history expert Provost Pearson,' said Petra Ludwig Shaw, director of public relations.

Tom Pearson has been a strong, dynamic and caring provost. He oversaw Monmouth's transition from a college to a noted regional university. He also led the University during a period of incredible growth. He is one of the hardest working and most thoughtful individuals I have ever met. The Monmouth University we know and love today is in large part a reflection of his dedication and hard work. We have been very lucky indeed to have such a talented leader," said Richard Veit, professor of history



PHOTO TAKEN by Jacklyn Kouefati

Dr. Thomas Pearson served as provost for the last 22 years and will be stepping down at the end of the spring 2014 semester.

ic Affairs for 22 years and his what he's done. A lot of respect counsel have brought stability and excellence to Monmouth University..." said Dr. Salib Sarsar, Assistant Vice President for Global Initiatives.

"...His legendary love for foreign films culminated in the Provost's film series. He won't be Provost starting July, but I would love for us to keep on the tradition of the film series, perhaps as would be 'Welcome to Monmouth Pearson's Film Series," said Dr.

for what he's done for us ... He just deserves the recognition ... Enjoy it, Tom. You richly deserve the time that's coming up," said Brown

Pearson did have a few kind words for the person who will be taking his place in the fall of 2014.

"I would say the main words University' and you have so much

are the students that will have and Social Sciences. the privilege and opportunity

and anthropology. "Provost Pearson is a great Rekha Datta, a professor of po- amazing talent to work with and I edge of Russian and Soviet histories, an accomplished scholar

and a kind gentleman. His steady hands at the helm of Academ-

litical science.

"[I feel a] lot of thank you. You sound inadequate when you say 'thank you' after decades of

think if you respect the sense of community here but at the same time know we will be counting on the provost to be providing exwhat he's done but I appreciate cellent leadership," said Pearson.



President Brown Looks to the University's Future

BRIANNA MCCABE CLUB & GREEK EDITOR

As President Paul Brown wraps up his first academic year at the University, he continues to prepare and manage the strategic planning process that will continue to enrich academic programs, campus facilities and funding opportunities.

As the University's Head Hawk, Brown strives to achieve his goals of gaining more visibility and increasing diversity at the institution in the upcoming years.

'So far, my first year as president has been great," said Brown. "The first year, for me, was about understanding how the University operates as well as knowing the culture, and I feel pretty good about having a sense of that.'

According to Brown, he has interacted with approximately every full-time employee on campus and thousands of students in order to feel submersed in the University and the people who comprise the heart of it.

Michael Maiden, Assistant Vice President of Communications and University Relations External Affairs, said Brown has fully encompassed himself in the University for months prior to becoming the eighth president of the University on August 1, 2013. Brown spoke to former President Paul Gaffney, members of the Board of Trustees, community leaders and faculty members in order to prepare for his term as president.

'He didn't just walk into a dark room and flick on a switch," said Maiden. "He was well-prepared, and not just with information presented to him: he, himself, was asking questions that nobody had thought to ask.'

Brown spends most of his days engaging on the campus, either publically at sports games, ceremonies, and events, or privately through discussion with trustees, alumni, cabinet members, staff, professors, elected officials, or students.

Additionally, Brown focuses on cultivating fundraising and building relationships with local leaders and key stakeholders through external affairs. But one of the most important tasks, according to Brown, is planning for the future. "I never think in terms of the current semester," Brown said. "I think in terms of a year from now."

Maiden believes that Brown aspires to create the best University that the institution can possibly be, which takes a certain type of leadership - a quality that he believes Brown embodies. "If you jumped in a time machine now and stepped foot on campus five years from now, I think you would be really surprised," Maiden said.

During his presidency, Brown plans to showcase how the University offers the best educational programs and their uniqueness in comparison to other institutions to better serve students. Brown plans to intertwine this central idea into the "comprehensive, inclusive, and transparent" strategic planning process, according to Petra Ludwig, Director of Public Affairs.

Brown has involved the whole campus in the strategic planning process and one of the key facility decisions was the \$40 million multi-year commitment to the science facilities. "We are about halfway through the process right now, and I feel so pleased that we are far along in our process," Brown said.

Maiden said the planning for the science facilities carefully considered how students will use the laboratories, how to make it more welcoming, and how students will use it for recreational purposes outside of the classroom.

Another facility accomplishment Brown implemented was the \$15 million upgrade to the football stadium.

Additionally, the construction of Pozycki Hall and the second-year residence hall, which were inherited from Gaffney, are still underway. Brown expects the construction to be complete by the end of 2015 or the very beginning of 2016.

The strategic planning is as important as any physical changes to the campus," said Maiden. "Anybody can come out with a plan. It is how you turn the plan into an action. It comes from the community (teachers, students, faculty, admin, staff, and facilities) and makes it into something that can transform us into a better institution."

Maiden said Brown is blending various perspectives in order to gain a deeper understanding of what the University means, in a broad, yet inclusive, manner. Under Brown's leadership, the University is essentially going to remarket itself.

During Brown's strategic planning process, he hopes to reinforce the University's strong points. According to Brown, one of the strengths of the University is the comprehensive set of academic programs that are offered. "I love that we have a plate of opportunities," he said.

Mary Anne Nagy, Vice President for Student Life and Leadership Engagement, said, "At the heart of every University campus, we would



Dr. Paul Brown, Christine Todd Whitman and Brianna McCabe (left to right) posed for a photo after a luncheon.

not exist if it were not for our purpose of educating students and preparing you not just for career, but for life. And the heart of that is the academics mission."

Brown also hopes to address the weaknesses of the University and transform them into strengths. "Our biggest challenge is we are too regional... [the University] is not as well-known as I think it could be," said Brown. He wants to reposition the University in the media and host relevant programs that will attract the community.

Brown believes the visibility will increase diversity by inviting more underrepresented applicants from different backgrounds.

"Our diversity issue is defined by location," Brown said. "I love New Jersey, but I don't want 90 percent of our students from New Jersey that doesn't serve us very well." According to Brown, approximately 70 percent of current students reside in New Jersey.

Brown feels fortunate that he is surrounded by faculty, administrators and cabinet members who are leaders. "My role is to let them lead. I have to guide and I have to help provide some context, but my job is choosing and/or retaining good leaders," he said.

Brown said he is inspired to achieve greatness by his daughter, who is currently finishing her first year at college elsewhere. "These approximate 4,600 something students running around could be my daughter," he commented.

Joseph Dellera, Senior Class President, said, "President Brown has his own style and brand of charisma that people adore. By the time his tenure as President is up, he will leave his own legacy."

Brown said, "Higher education can make a difference in the life of a student, I am truly convinced of that. So when I can see a student growing and changing, learning, and interacting, it is very satisfying.

Across America Continues he GMU Debate

ANGELA CIROALO NEWS EDITOR

There has been an ongoing debate on whether labeling genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in America should be enforced as a law or banned from the country. As consumers continue to learn more information about the genetic modification process and its prominence in the food system, more people are anxious to know which foods contain GMOs and which do not.

that GMO-creating companies argue that the process does not alter foods and is 100 percent safe and beneficial, therefore they should not require a label.

GMOs are organisms that are

on April 17. "Vermont is once again leading the nation by acknowledging the important fact that everyone has a right to know what they are eating," he said.

One of the main reasons Americans are concerned with GMOs being used in the food supply is because there is no way to know if the food you are eating is genetically modified unless it is 100 percent certified as United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) organic.

"The issue has become much The controversy, however, is more contentious in recent years, with more attention being paid as public awareness, education, and concern grows," Charles Balzer, adjunct professor of science, chemistry and biology, said.

The production of GMO foods modified through inserting a gene was first approved for commercial from one organism into another sales in 1994, which many people do organism to create a desired trait, not know, Balzer, a registered dietitian for the past 20 years explained. Another fact he added was the high percentage of food in America that is being genetically modified and sold in the food supply. A study completed in 2011 by the the law before enforcing. Also in Non-GMO Project found that 90 percent of canola crops, 88 percent of corn crops, 90 percent of cotton crops, 94 percent of soy crops, and 95 percent of sugar beet crops are genetically modified. These foods are used in a majority of the food supply and, because there are no GMO label laws in America, there is no way to know if your food contains GMOs.

in place.

"One of the most compelling facts surrounding this issue for me is that more than 60 countries around the world, including Australia, Japan, and all of the countries in the European Union, have significant restrictions or outright bans on the production and sale of GMOs," Balzer said.

A significant amount of the American population believes that because other countries around the world are labeling and banning GMOs, America should also pass GMO label laws. In a 2013 TIME Magazine study, 93 percent of Americans reported that they would prefer if GMOs were labeled so they will no longer feel like they are being deceived.

'The government should be doing what the majority of the people want," said Lam, who speaks to groups and organizations on the tonic of GMOs. Ana we want GMO foods labeled." Lam stated there is no "good argument" against GMO label laws. The biotech industry claims that labeling will irrationally scare people away from eating GMO foods," she said. "I think those that worry about consuming GMOs are well justified and want information so they can choose foods that support the farmers in whose practices they trust.'

partment.

Ervin believes that growing foods that are genetically modified will result in better-tasting fruits and vegetables that can live longer and will become resistant to insects. She stated that GMOs allows food to withstand environmental challenges of drought, disease and insect infestations.

The findourcommonground.com website also referenced that GMOs decrease soil erosion, reduce herbicide runoff, reduces greenhouse emissions and produces beta carotene nutrients in the food supply.

Alternatively, there are many farmers, scientists and food safety officials that do not agree with the evidence the GMO supporters pres-

The product of a GMO is a transgenic food, which means there is a transfer of genes from one species into another, Lam, also the Chair of the East Brunswick Environmental Commission said. Therefore, to create GMO corn the Bt bacteria genes are inserted in to the corn's DNA, allowing the corn to produce the toxin and prevent weed growth. This increased use of herbicides in the food supply causes a great concern for many. Pedra Daneshgar, assistant professor in biology, said one of the reasons he agrees with organic farming rather than GMO food production is because herbicides have been linked to cancer and can also affect the drinking water. Between 1996 and 2008, US farmers sprayed an additional 383 million pounds of herbicide on genetically modified foods to withstand the herbicide and insect intolerant sprays, creating super weeds, stated the Institute for Responsible Technology (IRT).

harm, GM (genetically modified) foods contain higher residues of toxic herbicides. Roundup, for example, is linked with sterility, hormone disruption, birth defects, and cancer.'

The IRT also stated, "The American Academy of Environmental Medicine (AAEM) urges doctors to prescribe non-GMO diets for all patients." Organ damage, gastrointestinal complications, immune system disorders, accelerated aging and infertility were found in animal studies that consumed herbicides, according to the IRT.

"Human studies show how genetically modified (GM) food can leave material behind inside us, possibly causing long-term problems," the IRT stated. "Genes inserted into GM soy, for example, can transfer into the DNA of bacteria living inside us, and that the toxic insecticide produced by GM corn was found in the blood of pregnant women and their unborn fetuses.' Pedram Daneshgar, assistant professor in biology, who created the Community Gardens at the University with Robin Mama, Dean of the School of Social Work, said the fruits and vegetables grown in the University's Community Gardens are 100 percent organic. Organic foods are grown without using any synthetic fertilizers or pesticides, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Foods are grown naturally and must be tested to guarantee they are pesticide and chemical free to receive the 100 percent USDA organic label. The reason people are turning to organic foods is a result of GMO food production, according to Lam. "More and more people are learning about GMOs every day," she added. "The demand for organic vegetables is growing and I believe that the reason is because the people are trying to avoid GMOs."

Theresa Lam, Board Member at the Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Jersey, said.

Connecticut and Maine previously passed GMO label laws, although chose to wait for other states to pass America, there are currently about 29 states considering GMO label laws, according to the National Conference of State Legislature.

Vermont was of the 29 states in America considering GMO label laws, until April 23 when the law was approved by state lawmakers and is now awaiting approval from the governor. If it is approved the law will take effect for the first time in America in Vermont on July 16, 2016.

In Vermont the decision was approved in a 22 to 2 vote. "Today the Senate stood up for the vast majority of Vermonters who want to see genetically engineered foods labeled," said Falko Schilling, a spokesman for the Vermont Public Interest Research Group (VPIRG)

"Estimates are that GMOs are in as much as 80 percent of conventional processed foods," added Balzer.

American people with the freedom to choose if they want to consume GMOs or not. American states are seeking to approve GMO label laws similar to the states across the world that currently have label laws

Many scientists and chemical companies argue that GMO production is beneficial to the American population, increases agricultural productivity, benefits the environment, and can enhance nutritional content in foods.

'GMOs may maintain our food The label laws provide the supply when environmental conditions change as crops may be made more drought resistant, pest and disease resistant or adaptable to different temperatures," said Merrily Ervin, coordinator in the chemistry, medical technology and physics de-

"This is causing farmers to use even more toxic herbicides every year," according to the IRT. "Not only does this create environmental

"Every New Beginning is Some Beginning's End"

CHRISTOPHER ORLANDO MANAGING EDITOR

My journey at *The Outlook* started with Casey Wolfe (whom you'll meet later) and I deciding to go to the Involvement Fair. I was a sophomore and she was a freshman, both of us looking to get involved. I ended up talking to Dr. Patten who introduced me to Sandra and I never looked back.

Joining The Outlook gave me a feeling of belonging from the very beginning. As a contributing and staff writer, there was always someone who was willing to chat or help with a story. As the politics editor, I had to learn journalism and leadership in a very short amount of time and finally as managing editor this year. Outlook became my home away from home and my second family. I saw three different editorial staffs come and go and never quite thought I would get to that point but now I have and there are a lot of people I need to thank.

My Family

Mom and Dad: I would not be in this position without your constant love and support. I remember when I first told you I was going to start writing for the newspaper and despite never doing it before, you both told me to give it a try. As always, you both gave great advice and always had my back which I could never thank you enough for. Your best advice was to learn as much as possible while in college and I can honestly say I learned Lu-Ann, Nicole, Ann Marie and Viv, more about myself than I did out of a thank you so much for having me textbook and for that I am very grateful

Nicholas: I am so proud of you and I am so excited that you will be joining the Monmouth University community, while it doesn't feel like it; time will fly so absolutely try everything and know that you are joining the best place to foster an education but the community will benefit from your talents greatly.

Michael: as you continue to grow up into an adult, never stop telling jokes and making people laugh. Those nights of watching random TV shows and cracking jokes are some of my best memories so thank you for helping me crack a smile when I needed it.

Adrianna: my only little sister, don't grow up too fast. You have such a contagious personality and are a joy to be around. Keep being a goofball and don't forget that you'll never date.

Nanny and Pop-pop: Thank you so much for reminding me how important family is and to not get wrapped up in what I am doing that I might miss out on some of the most beautiful things in life. Nanny, your strength is incredible and I admire it so much. I can't wait to go to AC again with you! Pop-pop, unfortunately you didn't physically see me through college but I know you were never too far away. You taught me that the best things in life are the simplest and "You can't take money to the grave" and that generosity is the foundation of a good person. I hope heaven has an Outlook newsstand for you to read this.

cal communication class was easily my favorite class in my four years. It even inspired my thesis (thank you again for your comments and suggestions). Your willingness to always offer your knowledge in articles was always a great contribution and you opened my mind to the idea of having a future in political communication. Thank you for being a great mentor.

Dr. Patten: Thank you so much for everything. If I hadn't started talking to you that day at the Involvement Fair, I would have never talked to Sandra and never would have been in the spot I am today. Your knowledge of political science has nothing on your compassion and willingness to help others so thank you for everything.

The professors of the Political Science Department: As a department, you are all top notch. I can honestly say I was interested in every single political science class I ever took and that is due to the passion and commitment of each of you. Thank you so much for being great sources and contributing your knowledge to articles. The section wouldn't have been the same without you all.

Any professor who contributed to the politics section: Thank you so much for being available to myself and my writers. It means so much that you would take time out of your busy schedule to comment and answer questions.

Conference and Events Services: over these past four years. I remember interviewing with Viv and Nicole for my spot and who would have thought I would have done four years with you all. I will miss you all greatly and maybe one day I will be filling out a form to have my wedding pictures taken... hopefully I won't have to call with questions.

Non-Outlook people

Other members of student-media: This year has been one for the ages. We finally all started to work together which was a great advancement to be a part of. To the new student leaders, please continue this work. It was awesome getting to meet and work with all the student leaders and develop friendships with all of you. Good luck to everyone next year!

My Foodtown friends: Five years is a long time to work in one place but I was always in good company. I basically grew up with you guys and can't wait for Blueclaws games this summer. Thanks for all the great memories and to many more!

Anna: The other half of the "Media Elite" as we have been coined. Meeting and starting to date you was easily the best part of my senior year. You have always been supportive and understood the chaos of working for a student-media. I cannot thank you enough for everything you've done for me this year and the great memories. I look forward to making many more memories together. I love you.

being such a genuinely good person. Sandra: You believed in the political science major who couldn't believe some of the stuff he wrote in his early stories. I am very grateful for the opportunity you gave me and the advice you were always willing to offer.

Gina: Yes you will always be ma'am but thank you for always being supportive and cheerful. I am so happy you were my first editor-inchief and technically my first journalism teacher.

Staff of 2012: You all helped me grow as a leader and a journalist. With this group I turned the section into my own and started the legacy I will leave.

Nick: It was great discussing politics with you and just hanging out in the office. Hope your new job is treating you well.

Ed: Here's no one to talk sports with on Mondays! It isn't the same but expect some trash talk come football season.

Jenna: You are the most intense person I know. You never half did anything and I always respected that about vou.

Alexis: You are without a doubt the friendliest person I met at Monmouth. I still think of you every time I see something "Boy Meets World" related.

Brett: I miss the loud introductions I used to get walking into the office. You had the biggest impact on my journalism career and evolution as a student leader. I learned so many different things about journalism from you including the value of hard work and the amount of commitment it takes to produce an award winning newspaper. I am very thankful for everything you taught me and even more thankful for your friendship. I will be handing over my desk and the wiffle ball bat this year. It's quite sad.

To both staffs: I can't begin to tell you how touched I was when I saw the entire group of you get out of the van for my 21st birthday. It was such a great experience to have with all of you there despite the horrible group picture we all took.

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Jackie: I am so proud of the job you did this year. No one could have done the job like you and you should be very proud of your own accomplishments. I am going to miss working together like we did this year but I know you are going to do great things in the journalism field. Good luck and I am sure to hear from you soon!

Sandie: I can't wait to start the graduate program with you. I am sure we will be sitting there thinking about Mondays and Tuesdays in The Outlook some days but either way I look forward to starting the program

respect for the ability to be diverse in that Jess and I started but also give her skills as a journalist.

Alyssa: You really are taking the world by storm and that's awesome to see. Keep up the great work and don't stop yelling "BOATTTTTT" when it passes at the inlet.

Taylor K: I didn't really get a chance to talk to you until the San Diego trip and you are such a nice person to talk to. Hopefully whatever road you take you are successful and enjoy the ride there.

Fabiana: I am so glad you found your way up here despite being TV/ Radio. Your media skills cross all medians which is great and hopefully will serve you well in the future. You and Bri are gonna kill it in news next year and I will certainly be reading.

Jess: My partner in crime; the Mac to my Will. Working with you this year has been so much fun. It was so great having a co-editor who I could nerd out with and we really do make one hell of a team. Somehow I think we will always be friends and I'm excited to see what DC has in store for you!

Kyle: Rooming with you in San Diego was a good time. It was great having another guy around. Good luck next year and the wiffle ball bat is above my desk if you ever need to make a quick escape.

Taylor C: You are one of the funniest guys I've met at MU. Hopefully you get a chance to show the journalism world what you're made of. Good luck.

Kelly: I knew, without a doubt, writing your part of my senior good bye would be tough because you were my first friend in Outlook. I remember vou commenting on my status about going to my first Rascal Flatts concert and the rest was history. I admire so many qualities about you as a person and I can't wait to see what you do out in the real world. I will leave you with this quote, "My wish, for you, is that this life becomes all that you want it to, Your dreams stay big, and your worries stay small, You never need to carry more than you can hold, And while you're out there getting where you're getting to, I hope you know somebody loves you, and wants the same things too, Yeah, this, is my wish."

Netta: You were always a source of knowledge on a variety of subjects and your work in Photoshop was always crazy good. Thanks for everything!

Matt and Evan: Thanks for keeping the website running as well as it has. You guys are a huge part of the team and were always willing to help.

Bri: You really showed you are the real deal this year. You had some of the best front page stories and never stopped trying to get better. I know you and Casey are going to be a great team next year and watching you and Fab in news is gonna be electric!

Oh who am I forgetting.... Oh right: Twouble!!: Hi Casey! I am so proud of you and the work you put in this year. You deserve to be Editorin-Chief because of the commitment you have shown to becoming a better journalist and leader. I remember walking around that involvement fair together and then you joining Outlook shortly after I did and eventually being promoted to Features. You are going to take the newspaper to the next level and beyond. Good luck! And if you need anything I am here for you and The Outlook. Sandy: Mornin y'all! That was the best greeting I could ever ask for. Thanks for always being there and keeping this circus in one piece. Keep an eye on the kiddies next year! Evelyn: Hi Momma! We miss you in Plangere terribly. You always had the best way of putting things and were always 100 percent honest and that skill isn't found very often. Keep on whistling. Brandon and Victoria: You have no idea how hard it will be for me to give up my pages but I can't think of a better combination to take it over from theater minor) and someone who I Jess and I. Keep up the great quality

it your own touch and legacy. These pages have given me a place at MU and a name for a good reason and I hope it provides you two the same. You guys ever need anything you know how to find me.

To my politics writers: You guys are an incredible group of people full of knowledge. Over the course of time, I was lucky enough to call some of you friends. I appreciate the amount of work you put in for the section and I know that wherever your career path takes you, it's a very clear road for you all.

Trying to condense three years' worth of memories into one broad sheet is a lot tougher than I thought. I keep looking at the group pictures and all the friends I made through Out*look* and it makes me sad this chapter of my education is ending but I am looking forward to the next chapter of my life. "Welcome to wherever you are. This is your life, you made it this far

"Welcome, you gotta believe That right here right now, you're exactly where you're supposed to be Welcome, to wherever you are." The Outlook was exactly where I needed to be.



Professors

Professor Morano: Thank you so much for taking in this political science major and turning him into a journalist. You always made me feel right at home and when I made a mistake, took the time to show me how to improve.

Dr. Novek: Your newswriting class made me fall in love with journalism. You guided my newswriting to a new level and you were always willing to help with anything, from Outlook stresses to what I was going to do after college. I wouldn't be the journalist I am without you and I thank you for the impact you had on my college experience.

Outlook staffs (2011-2013)

Staff of 2011: Thank you for making me feel like part of the team right away. I miss all you guys for the jokes and lightheartedness that Mondays and Tuesdays didn't even feel like work.

Anthony: So if I become president are you gonna buy me that beer? Most likely not. Congrats on the business column, it's a good read. I mean who else would I learn to save money from than the guy who never spends any lol

Joanna: You were always such a sweetheart in the office and I hope your travels in the south are treating you well.

Matt: You were always my go to guy with questions about InDesign and you always did it with a smile and Dr. Phillips-Anderson: Your politi- a willingness to help. Thank you for

together.

Erin: The Outlook baby. Have fun in London! The biggest concern you'll have to worry about is wanting to come back. Be safe and come back with great stories.

Angela: You are one of the people I feel like I got closest to this year. Your passion and desire to be the best in news will get you there. I look forward to reading your health column one day and being able to say I knew her when she was just starting.

Maggie: You are one of the most genuine people I've met and one of the most dedicated to being the best. You are the only person I know who can have a double major, double minor, have a radio show, intern and be sports editor and still find time to go out and have fun.

Nicole: I held onto the bat all year! HA! I am so glad we got to the point of joking around and busting each other's chops this year. You are such a character (ironic because of your

An Interview on the State of Argentina: Past, Present and Future

IZIAH THOMPSON STAFF WRITER

Dr. Kenneth Mitchell is an Associate Professor of Political Science at Monmouth University. Having completed a PhD in Politics at Oxford University, his extensive knowledge on Latin American Politics is evident through his instruction of PS 275 Latin American Politics and PS 398 Argentine Politics.

Outlook: Let's begin with the crisis. The increase in crime, and most recently the violence seen in headlines about Argentina. When sort of thing is happening. did this happen, and what could be to blame?

Mitchell: Well, crime in Argentina, it's important to note, has never been at American levels of crime. There are a couple of [key] things about what's going on right now in Argentina.

Number one - It is fairly difficult to collect accurate data on whether crime really is spiraling, because of what happened in January. See each year in Argentina police and others such as teachers negotiate a contract. Now Argentina suffers from 25 percent inflation, and contract negotiations take into account whether the inflation will get worse over the next year, if not your losing money. Now, what happened was the police negotiated hard, but the government wasn't going to meet their demands. So the police went on strike. Imagine that, police across a country go on strike. There's no police officers.

Outlook: Wow.

Mitchell: And Argentina has federalism, which means instead of states they have provinces. Two of the provinces are Rosario and Cordoba. When the police went on strike these two provinces, and the police sort of sit back and don't is not worth it. come to work. This means immediately, there is a political problem, right? The federal government had to work out a deal with the police union very quickly. Which then led to a great deal of discussion about crime.

So, has the crime rate gone up recently? Maybe, it's hard to tell. But the context around crime, and if the government has done a good job about it has citizens kind of ticked off; their government has let police go on strike. It led to some things that didn't have to happen. I mean some people died in these riots. And there is the issue of inflation, and not surprisingly the people often blame the government for high inflation. [The people] are mad at the government for that. Which leads to salary problems, which leads to these strikes.

striking. So if you're in Argentina, your fourth grader, a couple days a week doesn't have school. So if the teachers aren't showing up to work, and the cops aren't showing up to work, you can imagine people will get pretty angry. Then if they are asked in opinion polls whether crime is rising in the county, of course they say yes. It's like in America when it's asked if gun violence is going up. If the question is asked after a significant event. The numbers rise but if you look at the data, America has always had a high level of gun violence. **Outlook:** Looking at earlier this month, a few people were lynched. The people seemed to be taking justice into their own hands; is this a reaction to the lack of police on the streets? Mitchell: Well, these lynchings are not actually people being hung but what happened was this. Very common in the city they have what you call purse snatchers. One person drives the motorcycle while, the about 1982 the sort of transition

partner sits on the back and grabs the purse and then they ride off. What happened was in Cordoba someone grabbed a purse and the people who saw it happen, jumped out and kind of knocked the motorcycle down and the crowd mauled the thief and they killed him.

Its mob rule that sort of thing. And incidents like this have led to discussion about, have we lost control of ourselves. People say it's not our fault it's the governments fault ... Wait, no it's our fault. There is sort of a debate in Argentina on why this

Outlook: Now about the inflation in Argentina, what does it mean for an everyday resident in one of those providences with inflation that high and fluctuating?

Mitchell: Well inflation prices are going up. You have to think of it as a math question, lets say if an annual inflation rate is 24 percent. There are 12 months in a year, the price on average for everything is going up 2 percent every month. If you paid one peso for whatever it is your buying, that same thing a month later would cost a peso and two centavos. 100 pesos, the next month would be 102 pesos

With it growing every month, by the end of the year let's say the sack of potatoes that cost 100 pesos is 124 pesos. It doesn't sound like a lot but if everything keeps going up. There are a couple issues, one is that money you have in the bank sitting in there, unless you're getting an interest rate that's above 24 percent your money is actually shrinking. If I put 10,000 pesos in the bank and the bank is giving me 12 percent interest. Sounds great I wish we could have that here. But if the inflation rate is 24 percent your 10,000 pesos

Outlook: Devaluing their money. Mitchell: Correct so, inflation hurts savers, those who put money in the bank. It encourages consumers to consume, you know buy now because it will be more expensive to borrow. In America we have the opposite problem, we have deflation.

Prices drop, lets see where the bottom is, think housing in America. Inflation is the opposite, if I'm a police officer I don't want a contract that accounts for 24 percent inflation, 24 percent was last year. You know, I actually think it's going to be 30 percent this year, so I need a raise of 30 percent just to keep it the same. If I want a 30 percent raise everyone will and this is called an inflationary spiral. Which can go both ways. Both inflation and deflation can be very dangerous. As for the day to day lives of Argentinians, A similar issue is the teachers well it makes it complicated. You have to try and guess who has the lowest prices every day. You have to figure out where to get your potatoes cheaper. In 1989, in Buenos Aires they had hyperinflation. We are talking about 24 percent inflation imagine 900 percent inflation. Now do the math, divide that by 12, and then by 30 you get a daily inflation rate. We're talking prices changes five percent a day. Now you need to buy as many potatoes as you can, because you expect the price will rise. What happens if everyone has that idea? Uh oh...

back to a democratic government. It is a sort of glass half full, glass half empty way of looking at it. On the one hand, the glass half full is that they haven't slipped back into military government. Other countries like Peru slipped back into military rule in the 90's. There are cases where democracy doesn't last very long.But, it's lasted I guess that's the good news. You know, in Argentina it's expected to be a democracy the people don't expect anything else. And that didn't exist before 1984, the idea of a military government was never too far.

So democracy seems to be pretty stable in the sense people expect Argentina to be a democracy. However, Argentine politics is deeply divided between working class people and middle class people and they still have a fundamental problem were both sides associate, Argentina with themselves meaning that the other side is not Argentina. This leads to a particularly damaging kind of politics. When different political parties don't accept the other sides legitimacy, it becomes a zero sum game. And that can become very unstable, because you have to win elections. If you don't you lose everything, the other side will demonize you and do everything possible to make sure their ideas are the only ideas that matter. Both sides have changed constitutions, they've changed rules, they've ruled by decree at times. They have used every play in the book. The consequences of that; Argentinian institutions like the court system are very weak, the relationship between the legislative and executive branch is very weak, controls on corruption are very weak. When one is in power, it's sort of "our corruption." Its only bad corruption when you're not in power, that sort of thing. So, the cup is half full democracy has survived a lot of crisis in Argentina. Half empty the sort of basic institutions of democracy we like to stronger simply aren't.

Outlook: So these weaknesses, are they really to blame for things like high inflation and issues with the economy? Is the president or her party's economic policies to blame? Argentina had one of the most flourishing economies in the world, right?

Mitchell: 7 wealthiest country in the world. It's around 77 now. It's important to remember that when it was wealthy it wasn't a democracy. So, Argentina is blessed with economic advantages. It is blessed with extremely fertile land, we're talking world class agricultural exports. Argentine beef and wheat and soy beans are consumed around the world.

So it gained a lot of wealth from agriculture, but the concentration of wealth was always in the hands of those who had all the land. See as soon as you allow people to vote. Argentina is a country that is 97 percent urban. So the wealth is in the countryside, but the humans are in the city. When you have a vote the cities beat the countryside. The inherent problem in Argentina is how you deal with that division of wealth. You have elections and those in power essentially try and take money from the countryside.

the economy. They have too much wealth they can't manufacture anything its workers are too expensive, it could never compete with China, it can't compete with Brazil. It is a world class agricultural exporter, and in the city there are services. You know, there's a restaurant on every corner. Everyone seems to work at a restaurant, that sort of thing.

So there will always be limitations. So is it bad economic policies to blame for economic struggles? I would think not. It's more the reality of what Argentina can do to make money, and that's simply agricultural products. Especially when agricultural prices drop internationally. Then you've got a problem. That's what happened in 1930. When the price of agricultural products is high they make money. When it is low they don't, the economy crashes and they have a military government.

The good thing now is that when the prices drop you don't get military governments any more. You get a lot of instability, and problems but not a military government. Democracy has also coincided with the rise of China. What happens if China doesn't want to buy up everyone's soy beans, red meat, everything Argentina exports to China? What happens if they don't buy any more? Well Argentina is back in a difficult situation. "Where's the money going to come from, we are too wealthy to make anything. Can't make radios or cars, our labor is too expensive." No one would buy it.

It isn't so much policies are bad, but the reality of the structure of their environment is tough, it's really tough. This is the problem with most countries in South America too wealthy, and an economy that is driven by an export. Copper in Chile, beef in Argentina, the government is forced to create jobs via programs. So when they have money it's possible when they don't it isn't.

Outlook: So can we expect lasting democracy in Argentina, as far as you're concerned?

Mitchell: Yeah, it's just weakly institutionalized. I don't expect any military government or dictatorship. Outlook: In five years do we see a similar Argentina? A stable country? A fluctuating economy?

Mitchell: I think there are some positive signs to be honest with you. Last summer the current president, Cristina Kirchner was thinking about attempting to lengthen her term another three years. Her party lost the midterm elections which means she cannot change the constitution. Which means she'll be gone in 2015. Not to say whether she has done a good or bad job. For democracy, its important that she doesn't change the constitution. That leads to the idea that she won't leave power, ideas of dictatorship, so somebody else will take over.

who is the mayor of Buenos Aires. He can't get enough votes to win.

So in five years, one of those two men will be president. In another Peronist government, the key will be inflation. If inflation is 15 percent they look really good, if 40 percent Argentina looks not so good. It would look very unstable. It's not really about who wins. Inflation is more important. There are good signs, a recent report shows inflation dropping. Part of this has to do with Cristina not wanting to leave office with an inflation rate closer to 40 percent. Because she wants a legacy left behind of someone who created a lot of jobs and it was sustainable. If there was an economic crash in 2015 she would be blamed for it. That's what her place in history would be.

Outlook: To bring this back to Monmouth students when it comes to fears and expectations of Argentina, for Americans; are there any issues as far as travel exports etc.?

Mitchell: Well, I've taken two groups of students to Argentina and both groups kind of fell in love with the country. They really had a good time. A lot of kids now are studying Argentina in grad school, which is great, it makes me really happy. I think there are reasons why Monmouth University students like Argentina when they travel there. One is that Universities teaching Spanish, I mean through study abroad programs were traditionally tied to Spain. Spain has become incredibly expensive, so it's hard to study abroad there. It has also been in a depression since 2008. You know youth unemployment is about 50 percent, tough place. Overall unemployment's about 30 percent, that's really tough.

The attractiveness for Universities going to Spain has declined across the board. Okay, that opens up an opportunity for Spanish speaking countries elsewhere. Now, what kind of place is needed to bring university students from the United States?

It can't be too violent, it has to have some development, you know, those kinds of things. It's one thing to vacation in Cancun. It's another to go on exchange in Mexico and live in Mexico City. You know I lived in Mexico City for a long time. It's a very dangerous place. Almost everyone I know got kidnapped at some point, or robbed you know. Didn't get killed, what happens is they kidnap you. Take you outside the city, they take all your clothes they, take your shoes, your wallet. Then you kind of have to walk back to the city. It's a dangerous place.

Places like Rio, and Sao Paulo: first of all they speak Portuguese there. There is not a great demand for university students to learn Portuguese. Chile is a very safe country, but places like Peru, Venezuela and Ecuador are pretty unstable places. Not the easiest places for universities to put students, for long periods of time without fears of crime, or something happening. Argentina, and Buenos Aires in particular, its basically a European city. It's like being in Madrid or someplace in Europe. That's one of the reasons why it's attractive for American students to want to go down there. It's developed, secure, culture, foods good all that stuff. Lots of reasons why students love going there. Also, the seasons are reversed so, when I take students over winter break. it's summer. It's 100 degrees, and 100 percent humidity. It's like a giant party, it's fun. It's their holiday season. Argentina just really has a lot of reason for why it attracts

Outlook: Shortage of Potatoes, and other products.

Mitchell: Right.

Outlook: Okay, so it's been 30 years since military rule in Argentina. A columnist recently wrote that, "democracy has not yet led to stability in Argentina." Do you think that has merit?

Mitchell: I think when you think about democracy in Argentina,

But the countryside has ways of defending itself, Argentinian growers can stop growing food for a year, they are phenomenally wealthy in the countryside they can go on vacation for a year if they need to.

But the Argentine government cannot survive for a couple of months without the money they make from exports. Government can rarely meet the demands of what the people who vote them into power want, because of the structure of *Outlook*: Who?

Mitchell: 85 percent chance that it's a Peronist's from either her party or another faction of Peronist.

Outlook: And Peronists are supported by the working class correct? Mitchell: Right, so it's going to look pretty similar politically. But it breaks down essentially into two possibilities. One Peronist faction. the victory front, the likely candidate will be Governor Scioli, an ally of Kirchner.

The other Peronist opposition will likely be a guy by the name of Masa, who's a mayor. He led the alliance against Cristina in the midterm election. So it's either Scioli or Masa will be president of Argentina.

And both agree with the economic policies of the Kirchners. The other opposition is a guy named Macri, university students. Ρ

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Not All Change is Bad

THE OUTLOOK STAFF OPINION

Change is hard. Sometimes it's scary and uncomfortable and other times it's exciting and new. Here at *The Outlook*, we undergo such changes every May when we're expected to transition from freshmen to sophomores, juniors to seniors, or seniors to full-time, working adults. The thought of moving on after getting comfortable in the positions we've occupied for two semesters is unsettling. No matter what we are planning to do when finals week is over, the uncertainty of those future experiences is what makes us nervous or excited to move on.

Many editors will be graduating this May, leaving the world of Monmouth altogether. Though most have grown and matured during their four years here, some editors still feel unprepared to enter the real world. We have been sheltered at the University to an extent, depending on professors, faculty and email reminders to get us through our college careers. Now, graduating seniors are tasked with managing themselves and their responsibilities without the guidance of their professors.

"I feel like Monmouth has kept me in a little bubble for four years and I don't want to leave that bubble, ever," said one editor. "Monmouth Hawks fly together so why must I fly away?"

The hardest part to take in for a lot of seniors is that they will not be returning to school in the fall. School is all we have ever known since kindergarten. To suddenly stop going is somewhat of a shellshock.

Many students are still feeling overwhelmed about not having a career lined up immediately after college, or even knowing what

jobs they should apply for. "It is it isn't the only cause of anxino longer a direction but a possibility of many, which also leads to excitement, but also fear," another editor said. "It is like leaving home to go to college all over about being somewhere that is so again, but this time Monmouth unfamiliar. "If I was staying on is my home and I have no idea where I am going next."

Some editors expressed that they are not ready to give up the social scene that the University

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offers. After graduating there are no more Thirsty Thursdays or college nights every Tuesday at Jack's, and going out on weeknights is almost impossible because adults have to wake up early for work Monday-Friday.

Though the anxiety of moving on can seem crippling, there are resources at the University to help ease graduates into the real world. Career Services is available during the week for students who need help with resumes, job applications and simply knowing where to look. One editor said that some departments also send out emails with job listings to their students.

Graduating may be scary, but path to success.

ety in students. One editor will be studying abroad in the fall semester, and though she is excited, she said she is nervous campus for the first semester of my junior year I wouldn't think twice about it," she said. "But now that I'll be living in Europe for four months, there are a lot of different things I have to prepare for and take into consideration." She added that despite her nervousness, the Study Abroad office is helpful and supportive in preparing students for travel.

Students don't have to graduate or travel abroad to experience anxiety about transitioning to the next year. Underclassmen watch the seniors prepare for the future and express fears and concerns, giving other students a look at what's ahead for them. They may not know firsthand the experience of finding a fulltime job just yet, but we are surrounded by fellow students and friends who do. Underclassmen are then under pressure to search for jobs and internships themselves.

Ultimately, the University has gone above and beyond to make sure students are as comfortable as possible while transitioning to the next step in their education and career, however, the fear of moving on still affects most people. Though, with the nervousness that comes with transition also comes excitement. Change may be frightening, but new experiences can be rewarding. With the support that the University provides, we are as prepared as we can be, no matter what the next stepping stone is on our



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Are Cars Still Made in America?

BILL ROMBA STAFF WRITER

Made in America. With the amount of trade we do with countries like China, Japan and some European nations, that's a slogan we seldom hear nowadays. From t-shirts to electronics, most everything Americans use is imported.

The New York International Auto Show finishing up this past weekend got me thinking that while there are still certain cars that are built in the U.S, the auto industry here is a little bit backwards from what it used to be 40 years ago.

In the 1950s, 60s and 70s, brands like Chevrolet, Buick, Ford, Chrysler and Dodge were all quintessentially American nameplates and they were all produced in the aptly named "Motor City."

But today, many of these brands are built overseas rather than here in the states. Yes, General Motors builds the Corvette in Bowling Green, K.Y, but it also produces the new Chevy SS in Australia, the Chevy Sonic is built in Korea on the same chassis as its sister, the Daewoo Aveo and Buick is now one of the top selling car brands in China.

Meanwhile, Chrysler is now owned by Fiat, with the company producing the 2015 Jeep Renegade in Italy on the Fiat 500L platform and the Dodge Dart on the same chassis as the Alfa Romeo Giulietta and while Ford still boasts different plants in Michigan, Ohio and upstate New York, they have always built their popular Fusion model in Mexico. They only added an-



PHOTO TAKEN from carfinderservice.com Car brands such as Ford are no longer built in the United States as they are now manufactured overseas.

other assembly facility in Flat trucks, nine models are built ex-Rock, MI in August of 2013 to keep up with demand.

One would think that creating jobs in America would be a priority for the "Big Three" American auto makers. But in recent years, that job has been left up to the Koreans and the Japanese.

According to HyundaiUSA. com, the popular automaker boasts an engineering facility in Michigan, a design, research and development facility in California and a manufacturing facility in Alabama.

The website also says these plants provide Americans with 94,000 jobs and contributed \$7 billion to the U.S. economy in 2011. Honda boasts three automobile production plants in Ohio and another in Alabama.

Toyota's website says the manufacturer operates 10 U.S. plants which employ 365,000 Americans and produce just fewer than 1.3 million vehicles.

Of these 1.3 million cars and

clusively in the U.S. (for example, the Corolla is manufactured in Mississippi, the Tacoma and Tundra in Texas and the Camry in both Kentucky and Indiana). So while American car makers still build some of their models in America, they have discovered it is more cost effective to produce their cars on the same frames as cars they produce overseas under different nameplates.

This means that they will more than likely build the cars we drive overseas with their foreign counterparts, which leads to closed plants and lost jobs here in the states.

Thankfully, there are other manufacturers who, despite the fact that they're foreign, still employ American men and women and even though many American cars are not made here, it's because of these auto makers that the idea of "Made in America" is not as quite dead yet.

The Benefits of **Stressful Times**

KYLE O'GRADY STAFF WRITER

The end of the semester is approaching fast. I have essay upon essay due, group project after group project coming to a close and the stress is almost becoming unbearable.

As I sit here in self-loathing for all the procrastinating I have done, I wanted to remind myself why the stress of school is not that bad.

First off, being stressed over college assignments means that I am in school. There are plenty of people who cannot afford to go to school.

If I were to so much as complain to them that I have a paper to write they might laugh in my face. I try to breath each stressful breath deep and know that somewhere out there, someone is jealous of the paper I have due on consumerism in America.

Not only are people jealous that I am stressed from school because I can afford to attend, there are also graduates who lust for the days when the most stressful aspect of their life was a group project.

Right now all the finals looming in the back of my mind seem to be the end of the world, but in reality when I am sitting in some am to 5 pm job, I will be wishing for these days. I have to remember to enjoy the easy stress that comes with college.

I also like to try to remind would be without all this stress. Think about it; if you take college out, and the stress of papers, tests, and assignments due, life becomes pretty blasé.

Yes, it's enjoyable for a couple months (i.e. why we need summer vacation) but by the end of the summer I am always itching to get back to school. Stress at times can feel daunting, but I'd much rather have this stress then go through a very simple, boring life.

I tried to find one more reason to revel in the stress as I watched the clock tick closer and closer to my group project's due date. So I took to the internet and found that stress can actually help boost our immune systems. The more stress we incur the better we are able to cope with stress.

Being sick in the summer is never a good time, so I can look at this stress as prep for sick-free summer months. I can also look at the stress I'm under now to help me better prep for the stresses that come later on in life.

It's also important to remember there is an end. We are officially about two weeks away from the end of another semester, that's about 14 days to go.

In 14 days the sun will shine, my summer job will start and my weeks will be filled with endless bliss. The going may seem tough now, but in 504 hours I will relax on the beach a whole lot easier knowing that I gave this semester my all.

So stay strong, and remember myself how boring my life in the end the stress is a good thing and will eventually pay off.

MU Welcomes Rush Holt

President Paul Brown announced on April 25 that Congressman Rush D. Holt, Jr. of New Jersey's 12th District will be the keynote speaker at the 2014 Spring Commencement. More than 1,000 graduating students will participate in the ceremony which will be held on Wednesday, May 21, at the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel, NJ.

Congressman Holt, a five-time "Jeopardy" champion who holds a Ph.D. in Physics and a patent for a solar energy device, has represented central New Jersey since 1999. Representative Holt serves on the Committee on Education and the Workforce and the Committee on Natural Resources, where he is the Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources developing long-term strategies to decrease dependence on fossil fuels.

"Representative Holt is an ideal choice to receive an honorary doctorate of Science from Monmouth University," President Brown said. "He has consistently pushed for more money for scientific research and better science education," he added. Dr. Brown also noted that Monmouth has made a strong commitment to strengthen the University's science programs and facilities, including a significant \$40 million renovation of the School of Science buildings. The New York Times describes Holt as Congress's chief advocate for scientific research over his eight terms. He has been honored as the Biotech Legislator of the Year

A Letter from Vice President Nagy

Dear Monmouth Students,

On Sunday, May 4, 2014 from 12 pm to 6 pm the Student Government Association and the Student Activities Board will host the annual program Springfest on the Shadow Lawn (rain site: the MAC). We would also like to recognize the Greek Senate, the Residence Hall Association and the Student Alumni Association respectively for their generous contributions this year. The day will include live music, carnival food, Aramark BBQ, festival games and giveaways.

Springfest 2014 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 remember to 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 take care of one another are all essential elements to the success of this day. Therefore, I ask that you spend a few moments reviewing the following guidelines that will be in effect for Springfest 2014.

1. Alcohol, pets/animals, open-containers, squeeze bottles, bags, backpacks, and/or similar items WILL NOT BE PERMITTED. Any student/guest that attempts to bring the above listed items to the event will be asked to leave the festival area.

2. Springfest is a closed event for only Monmouth students and their immediate guests. Monmouth students/their guests must have valid University/photo ID on their person and be prepared to show to event security or MUPD upon request. 3. 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 4. Students that wish to hold a party on Saturday, May 3 must complete the Office of Residential Life's Social Affairs/Policy Application by Thursday, May 1, 2014 by 3 pm. 4. Parking in the Great Lawn and Garden Apartment Lots will be strictly enforced on May 4. 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 surrounding 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, the Student Activities Board and Monmouth University in our effort to present Springfest 2014 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!



and with The Science Coalition's Champion of Science award. Scientific-American magazine has also named Holt one of the 50 national "visionaries" contributing to "a brighter technological future.'

The 2014 Spring Commencement will be the second graduation ceremony for President Brown and the first since his formal inauguration on April 10, 2014.

I look forward to your 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

Jersey Shore Ro er Girls

ADRIANA EISELE CONTRIBUTING WRITER

"You need to be 18+ with health insurance," read a poster posted on the Asbury Park Boardwalk. There are posters all over the city advertising "to become A Jersey Shore Roller Girl." Who would ever want to join a team that promotes enrollment with their main specification being health insurance? Surly, you would think, only people who have gone mad would look into joining a team like that.

In reality, The Jersey Shore Roller Girls (JSRG), are actually quite popular, and their league is continuing to grow. The Roller Girls are an allwomen roller derby league, and are constantly recruiting interested girls all over the state. Betty, known on the flat-track as "Black Eye Betty," is one of the founders of the Jersey Shore league.

"I've had my fair share of broken limbs and black eyes, but you better believe I've dished out some black eyes as well, hence my nickname," said Betty proudly. Betty is very friendly, but she also has this spunky, I'll-kick-your-a** attitude. 'Roller Derby is, with no doubt, a rough sport. It is not made for the weak, but under the rough and tough skin of each of our players, there is your typical, kind, and friendly girly girl. We have built a league of winners, tough players who fight to win, but when you join our league, you become part of our family. We all support and help each other, and while injury is inevitable, it is never intentional," said Betty.

"Before you can compete in the real league, you have to go through a mandatory 20 week training period. At the end, there is a written test about the rules and conduct. There are certain ways you have to skate, fall, and play because it's a really physical sport and can be very dangerous. There is also a physical test that has to be administered before taking part in an actual bout. We are

really thorough about who can actually compete in the real big bouts," said Christine Hodan, another roller derby player turned coach. A bout is the name used for the roller derby matches.

Betty and a few of her friends (the other founders) had always wanted to start a roller derby team. "My friends and I were inspired to begin the league after we watched the reality show Rollergirls," said Betty. "We never imagined the league would be as big as it is today," she said proudly. The JSRG now consists of three intra-league teams and two skating travel teams.

No league had been in existence in the Jersey Shore area prior to the JSRG. The JSRG now is a revamped flat-track version of the old-school roller derby sport. Flat-track roller derby is a fast-paced contact team sport. It requires speed, strategy, and athleticism. "We started in 2007, and our first bout was in 2008. I was delighted that it turned out to be such a tremendous success," said Betty. "The first bout was held at Convention Hall, in Asbury Park.'

Betty added, "We are proud to say that our bouts are still held there, and over the past few years our supporters and fans have Derby grown in size, helping to keep the sport and our league alive."

Since roller derby is flat-track, bouts can be played on any flat surface that is suitable for skating. Convention Hall made the dream of creating a roller derby league much more attainable, being that the venue was built for the purpose of sporting events, concerts and other special events.

"I always saw posters advertising The Jersey Shore Roller Girls posted all over Asbury Park," said Evan Kaplow, a female resident of Ocean Township, NJ. "One time, I was walking the Asbury Park Boardwalk and stopped at Convention Hall, said Evan.

"There were girls standing outside, dressed in tank tops and short-shorts, high knee socks, elbow pads, knee pads, and roller skates on. They had braided pigtails sticking out of their helmets. They looked so cute in their team uniforms. They were promoting the roller derby team and selling tickets for the event that was about to start," explained Evan

Intrigued, Evan decided to attend the bout to see what roller derby actually entailed. "It looked so cool; intense, but fun. There was a sign up stand at the bout, so I signed up and they emailed me all

of the information on joining," said Evan. "They get really excited about new members joining because it's not the most popular sport for women, especially nowa-

is not



PHOTO TAKEN from Facebook.com The Jersey Shore Roller Girls have carried the 1950s sport of roller skating to nearby Asbury Park. Allison "Hotrod" Hussy (above) prepares for the Jersey Shore Roller Derby.



As the warm weather finally apthe annual ritual of spring-cleaning. For some, this means going through and dusting to our heart's content. For others, this means spring cleaning through their social media, deleting frivolous accounts and even ity than the quantity. filtering whom they are in contact

The Unfriend Zone

move if they wish to continue the relationship.

Back in the day, Facebook was all about the numbers. If you didn't proaches, most of us will take part in have at least 300 friends you were deemed uncool in the realm of social media (There was a grace period of old winter wardrobes and cleaning course for those who just made an account). However, it seems recently that being "friends" with someone on Facebook is more about the qual-

Alex Mitchell, a junior social work major explained that she has on Facebook for multiple reasons such as lack of contact or negative commentators. "If I don't talk to them then why should they have access to what goes on in my life? The last time I did a mass unfriending of people was after something fairly tragic happened in my life and people were talking negatively about me and someone I care about. I decided that I didn't want to subject myself to others negativity and hatred so I unfriended close to 300 people and honestly I'm happier because of it,"

interaction issue while speaking about social media for a non-profit group. "The audience was comprised of primarily middle schoolaged children. One of the questions posed by a parent was on problem solving skills among her child and another child. It was evident that many students hide behind a screen to express themselves passive aggressively, rather than resolving problems face-to-face through nonis something that has been bothering you, gives you the chance to get it off your chest, your friend the chance to speak their piece, and both of you what's being said about me on a

one of the more mainstream sports

for women. We realize that the

chances of injury are high, and the

girls are required to wear protective

gear at all times," said Christine.

The players are required to wear

kneepads, elbow pads, and helmets.

can but also try to push people down

"You have to skate as fast as you

at the same time," ex-plained Evan. "It's

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close and friendly, in spite of the intense and aggressive nature of the sport itself. The coaches were always looking out for everyone, so even though it was intense and aggressive, everyone was actually totally sweet and kind and helpful during the learning process," explained Evan.

"I loved playing and had an amazing learning experience. It was so fun, but it was equally, if not more, horrifying. It was so much harder than it actually looks. And there are so many rules you have to learn and follow," said Evan. Evan never finished her 20 weeks of training because she moved out of the area, but seems determined to find another league to join in Philadelphia. "I never actually got to compete in a real big bout," said Evan, "but we had practice bouts at the end of every practice and it was really fun, but also really scary at times."

"The league is comprised of women from all backgrounds and ages, all with one ambition in mind: to give it our all. The teams practice, train, and scrimmage rigorously, multiple times a week," said Christine.

"Surprisingly," Christine explained, "we've even had to turn people away from our bouts due to fire codes; we've had that many people want to come support us!"

"There are a lot of details of the sport that I think get overlooked by many," explained Evan. "A lot of people look at it as a bunch of angry butch girls beating each other up, but in reality it's much more than that. While it is a very intense and sometimes angry sport, the girls under the helmets are just like any other girls in the world. Yeah, we like makeup and pretty clothes, but us Jersey Shore Roller Girls are just a little bit more bad a**."



communication, who has seen the value his or her friendship, but there friend others for the right reasons, and without other friends influencing you.

"I'm no longer worrying about

with. "Untriending" is an odd twosided coin. On the one hand, there is unfriended dozens of acquaintances the person going through their list of friends, choosing which ones they decide to stay connected to through these online social medias, creating the question of why we unfriend people.

"It depends on their purpose in the unfriending. Sometimes, the Facebook friendship is really the last thread connecting people in a dysfunctional or non-existent relationship," explained Dr. Jamie Goodwin-Uhler, psychology professor. "In that case, cutting that tie can feel like finishing up unfinished business, and the unfriender feels relief that they get to put the relationship in the past and move on."

"But Goodwin-Uhler added, some others may unfriend as a passive-aggressive move-- they feel a sense of power in having gained the nitely affected social interaction upper hand. They can exclude someone from their life with the click of a button, and without saying a word, force the other person to make a Harris, specialist professor of

Even though there are positive reasons for unfriending someone you have no real relationship with, is it the proper way to end friendships and other relationships?

said Mitchell.

"Social media has most defiand social problem solving. I witness this almost daily, especially with younger students," said Mary

violent, compassionate communication," Harris said.

Harris added, "This is very concerning to me. But what is most concerning is this is not isolated to one age group; I have witnessed similar behaviors among middleaged adults. I think it is up to us to encourage our peers, our family, our coworkers, our students, that social media cannot and will never replace real-life human interaction."

It may seem very passive aggressive to unfriend someone as a way of saying "hit the road," but there are reasons why it may be best, especially if you feel that the person in particular is being a negative influence in your life.

"Unfriending cuts off the possibility of productive discussion. If it is a relationship that you think has the potential to continue once whatever issues you have are sorted out, assertive (not aggressive) face-to-face communication is usually best," Goodwin-Uhler said.

Letting the person know that you

relationship in the past and move on.

DR. JAMIE GOODWIN-UHLER Psychology Professor

the opportunity to get your needs met and come to a resolution. Sometimes, though, unfriending is for the best. "If someone has repeatedly proven to not be a positive influence in your life, and their virtual presence is only causing stress, distraction, and unnecessary negative feelings, it may be time to cut the cord," she said.

So if you decide to do a little personal reflection and social springcleaning, remember that these are people, and not just virtual relationships that disappear after you hit that unfriend button. It can be beneficial and a refreshing step into a new part of your life, but make sure you un-

public forum or who's looking at my stuff and judging me because they no longer have access to my site and they no longer come up in my newsfeed," Mitchell added. "I use unfriending to get rid of negativity or simply people whom I no longer have contact with. When it happens to me I assume the person is doing the same thing I do. I don't take unfriending personally. I see it as someone ridding themselves of negativity and people they don't care about. Even now after defriending 300 plus people there's still people I'm friends with on here that I don't talk to, or talk to often."

Thank You for Being a Friend

WESLEY BROOKS

In college we are encour- treme tensions. aged to form a group of friends and hope to get one or was because of clubs that she two close companions from it. The benefits of a close friend are endless and range from different clubs. "Organiza-someone to do things together tions such as Commworks someone to do things together with to someone to confide in.

Alissa Trovamala, a sophomore, said, "A close friend is said. someone who can give you Th advice and is always there for you." This is particularly important in the college years because students may need someone to talk to and who also cares about them making it through what can be a very difficult time in their lives.

Trust is one of the very important factors in a close friendship. Michael Thomas, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, one's resume, this is one of believes that trust is the single most important factor when it comes to close friendships. "Close friends are there to go let for students to learn how out with but most importantly there is trust between the two people," said Thomas. Close friends often know a

lot about each other including strengths, weaknesses, likes and dislikes. More than just a friend, advice is often shared together more frequently and about topics on a more significant level including school and social concerns.

Jackie DiPasquale, a junior communication major said, "Close friends are there to support and share special times together. Joining clubs is a great way to form these strengths. friendships and find people who have similar interests."

leveling the playing field by helping to provide for a mutual sense of respect in the matter such as when unsure friendship. It also is equally important to have some differences so that one can learn source, of communication, it something new from the other is not a substitute for what one person and it forces one to can express through a person get out of his or her comfort to person dialogue. A close zone in a different manner. friend is more than a person to It is also not good to be 100 talk to. He or she is someone percent alike because that is who can give advice and cares also grounds for a stressful for one's success.

relationship and allows for a significant amount of arguing to occur as a result of the ex-

DiPasquale agreed that it formed close friendships because she was a member of helped me a lot with making connections here at MU," she

This is true whether or not the club is in or out of the student's major because the numerous times a club meets during the semester allows students to bond with each other and see the importance of working as a team. Close friendships often form through this as common interests are displayed in this setting very frequently. In addition to looking good on the other great reasons to join a club or organization.

These also provide an outto trust one another and the two way street it takes to form a good friendship. Even a job like the Resident Assistant position fosters this. Stephanie Mamo, a sopho-more, noted, "They all have to work together as a team in order to achieve their goals. They spend so much time together that they are bound to form close relationships." Activities such as planning a program or creating a training session promote bond-ing with staff and getting to know one's likes, dislikes and

This also means that one is able to confide in the per-This is critical as it aids in son when things are not going as well often with a face to face conversation about the of a roommate or class issue. While social media is a

Like Mother, Like Daughter

VICTORIA KEENAN STAFF WRITER

There is a time in everyone's lives where we think, "I'm not going to be like my parents." Whether it's their thoughts and opinions on something or how they disciplined us when we did something wrong, everyone thinks they will be different. Of course, in some ways, we are different from our parents. We were all born and raised in different generations, had different life experiences, and for the most part, we have different tastes in everything. At the end of the day though, we are our parent's children. Whether we have different personalities or not, we had to have gotten something from them, right?

For me, it is inevitable that I will turn into my mother. We have different taste in music, clothing, and even in people in general. Our personalities have clashed a lot in the past because we are very similar, and thankfully, I have my dad to break up our petty arguments. Not that I consider myself much older now, but when I was a teenager, especially around 15 and 16, I couldn't wait to get out of my house and be away from my parents. I thought all they did was nag me and they were always complaining that I was doing

something wrong. I hated listening to their advice because I was too stubborn to realize that it would help me in the future.

Somehow, some things got through. I have many similar values that my parents have and am very thankful that they raised me the way they did. The more people I meet in life, I grow even more appreciative that I have the parents that I do. My mom would always tell me stories about when she was in her teens and 20s and how she was the more mature and responsible one that all the parents trusted. I somehow managed to end up the same way. She taught me what to do or not do in certain situations, what to be careful about and overall, how to stay out of trouble. Of course, many things I had to try and learn for myself, but I always have my moms voice in the back of my head.

Christina Zullo, a sophomore communication major, said, "Every time I yell at my boyfriend, it might as well be my mom yelling at him."

Keri Mullin, a junior accounting major, also agrees that she is turning into her parents. "It's silly, but I used to go in and out of stores when I went shopping. Now, I take six hours in just one store, just like my mom does.'

Mullin added, "I have a very similar personality to my dad as well. We can both be stubborn, I like things to go my way."

Rebecca Stanford, Associate Professor of communication, said, "Families of origin have a significant influence on our behavior. We often revert to those patterns of behavior that are most familiar for us without even realizing it. So, our parents' behaviors, types of speech, references, and so forth are familiar and likely to pop up in our own talk and behavior for that reason."

At times, I will be doing or saying something here at school and I think, "Wow, it's like my mom came down from North Jersey and said this." How I react and deal with things are almost identical in how I know my parents would react in the same situations. Of course, I have my own personality and my own life, but it is apparent that how I am is very much shaped by them.

As I've grown up, I've realized that you are absolutely a product of where you came from, and I could never express how glad I am to have come from where I did. I don't think my parents could have done a better job raising my brothers and I, so I guess it's not that bad ending up to be just like them.





As we grow up, we often adopt the behaviors of our parents without realizing it, however, it is not always

PHOTO COURTESY of Casey Wolfe Best friends can be someone you have known for years or someone you recently met.

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If your graduation date is incorrect, please contact the Financial Aid Office at (732) 571-3463 or via e-mail at dorsey@monmouth.edu, or you may visit us in person in Wilson Hall, Room 108.

When Striking Out is a Good Thing

"Strike Out Arthritis!" is a campus-wide wiffle-ball tournament occurring at Great Lawn at Monmouth University on Saturday May 3, a day filled with sports and entertainment all for a great cause.

"Strike Out Arthritis! Is the signature philanthropy event of Alpha Omicron Pi," says Victoria Day, Philanthropy Chair of the chapter, "and all proceeds benefit the AOII Foundation's work to eliminate arthritis as a disease and to eliminate the pain and suffering it causes old and young alike." To date, the AOII Foundation has given more than \$2 million in grants for arthritis research and education.

The May 3 event will be a wiffle-ball tournament played on the fields at Great Lawn beginning at 12 pm. Participating teams already committed to play include the sisters of the Iota Theta chapter. Additional teams desiring to play or sponsors wanting the support the event may obtain information by emailing Victoria Day at s0817489@monmouth.edu. Teams can register with up to seven people with a donation of \$20. Thursday May 1 is the deadline to register.

"Strike out arthritis is supporting an amazing cause! Participating will benefit Arthritis Research and it will be a ton of fun," said Alex Stucy, charter member of AOII. In addition to the wiffle-ball games, there will be refreshment booths, prizes, derby, and a guest from the Arthritis Foundation. For more information regarding the event, contact Victoria Day at s0817489@ monmouth.edu.



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Someone very close to me once said, "Don't ask yourself what the world needs, ask yourself what makes you come alive. And then go do that. Because what the world needs are people who have come alive." After hearing this quote from the most inspirational person in my life, I chose to live by it. I feel Monmouth was a place that truly made me come alive. Monmouth allowed me to thrive and succeed through the classroom, student organizations and extra added perks like traveling to Ireland, Seattle, San Francisco, Philadelphia and San Diego to further my education and frame my outlook on life. I will be forever grateful for the opportunities I was presented and for the people that I have met during my time here.

Before Monmouth I never felt so comfortable, so at home and so accepted. I met some of the most influential professionals and my very best friends that will stay with me forever. I would not have succeeded or gotten to be where I am today without the following people ...

Mom and Dad: Thank you for being my support system, my cheerleaders and the most important two people in my life. I would not be where I am today without your guidance, your love and your faith in all that I do. You have given me so much these past 22 years and I hope that I can one day be at least half the parents that you are for my children.

Office of Public Affairs Staff: Thank you so much for providing me a place to grow and learn within my field. Each one of you have been so supportive and it was truly an honor to be able to work in your office for the past four years.

Professor Harris: You are one of my biggest inspirations. You have taught me so much about life and to never give up on my dreams. You have always believed in me and made me realize my true potential. I am so thankful that I had the opportunity to to work with you these past two years.

Dr. McAllister: I appreciate all that you have done for me this past year. You were always there to support me through anything along the way and to help me realize my potential as a leader and a PR professional.

Shadow PR Eboard: Thank you for an incredible year. From Habitat for Humanity to raising over \$10,000 for The Valerie Fund, and everything inbetween, we would not have been successful if it was not for all of your hard work and dedication. I was truly blessed with such a great group.

happy that you stuck with me until the end and became one of my best. You've always reminded me that I "just gotta want it" and I've honestly lived by that quote ever since the first time I heard you say it. I'm sure going to miss our time together and I wish you nothing but the best in the future.

Melissa: The only other girl that shares and understands my love for hockey and the New York Rangers. I'm so happy that I decided to randomly walk out of my class to accept your invitation to watch a Ranger playoff game a couple years ago. We have become so close over the past year and I am so sad that you are leaving me for Tampa, but I am so proud of you for going for your PhD (and that I have a warm place to visit for the next 5 years). Good luck with everything! You'll do great.

Raven: My little "Rae of Sunshine." Words cannot express how happy I am that I met you. You have always been there for me and I am so thankful to call you one of my best friends. I'm so sad you left me a semester early, but the memories we made last semester will stay with me forever. You're an amazing woman and I cannot wait to see what the future holds for you.

Sandy and Evelyn: This is actually my hardest goodbye to write. You two were my mothers away from home. I cannot thank you enough for all of the guidance and support you two have given me over the past four years. I could always count on you both to tell me exactly what I needed to hear versus some BS advice. I could write an entire Outlook page for how thankful I am to have you both in my life. I am going to miss you both so very much.

Gina: I owe my love for The Out*look* all to you. I walked through the door and made a change my freshman year and never looked back. Thank you for welcoming me with open arms and being an amazing leader.

Anthony: The older brother I never had. From practically living at The Outlook to hanging out at the dips, we've had so many good times and talks. I'll be sure to give you a call to complain about how I wish the real world would just stop hassling me in a few months

Brett: I can't believe after all this time I still have yet to come up with a nickname for you despite the running list of about 50 that you have for me. I'm not going to lie, I kind of missed you in the office this year (kind of). It was strange not having someone throwing things at me, yelling "AD!", or gesturing ATG-GTA ... now that I think of it, I actually enjoyed the si-Kristi: We accomplished so much lence this year. You're probably the in our short time with Shadow PR/ only person that can make me so inwithin the same 60 seconds, but I am thankful for that. We've been through a lot together and had our share of ups and downs, but I am so glAD that I am able to call you one of my best friends and that we remained so close even after you grADuatED. (see what I did there?) I hope things stay that way once I move on from bartering and placing ads. To the amazing members of the "Seattle Staff" (Anthony, Brett, Ed. Gina, Jackie, Jenna, Joanna, Matt, Nick and Sarah) Our bond was one that is found few and far between. This is the year that *The Outlook* became my family, even though some saw us as just a group of student journalists. I am so thankful to have experienced Seattle and my first full year working at The Outlook with this staff, and I often wish that I could go back. You are all amazing writers and I hope that each one of you is able to land the job of your dreams. To my wonderful "SanFran





Staff" (Alexis, Alyssa, Brett, Casey, Chris, Clutter, Ed, Jackie, Jenna, Kevin, Maggie, Nick and Nicole) We went through a lot together, but in the end, we maintained our Outlook family. Through all of the ADs, EDs, ASSes, Hodges, and of course barters, we accomplished another national title, ultimately proving how amazing each and every one of you are and that you are most definitely in the right profession. Never stop writing, and remember, as Mr. Feeny would say, "Believe in yourselves. Dream. Try. Do good."

Angela: My future business partner! It has been nothing short of fabulous getting to know you and becoming so close this past year. You never cease to amaze me with all that you do and how you excel through your various positions. You are such a smart, funny, energetic, and positive person and I am thankful to have you in my life. I am looking forward at what the future holds for us and our business.

Alyssa: From our Starbucks runs to sushi dates to trying to stay awake in Damiani's Human Biology class, it has been one heck of a ride. I can always count on you for a laugh or for solid advice when I really need it. You have always been there for me no matter what and have been such a great friend, and I know that we will remain close after college. You are an amazing artist, exceptional writer and you deserve nothing but the best. Go after your dreams, and never stop believing in yourself.

Bri: You are always there to offer a smile, a laugh, or to share a ridiculously funny story just when I need it the most. I always loved your quirky, bubbly personality - never change that. I am so happy that we became so close this year and my graduating better not change that ... you know, as we continue through life like plastic bags caught in a tree. Thank you for being an amazing friend. You are truly "McCabe-able" of anything and I cannot wait to see what's in store for you in the future.

Casey: You are going to be an amazing leader and I can't wait to see what the paper is going to look like next year. I am so happy that I got to know you and have grown so close with you. I can't believe that I found someone that has literally the same exact taste in music that I do, and that I have a concert buddy for life. You are probably the sweetest person that I have ever met. I am thankful that vou have entered my life and I hope that you never leave. Best of luck next year, I know you will do great.

Chris: We have grown so close and I am lucky to have you in my life. memories these past four years and You have been such a huge asset to you have grown to become such an The Outlook and have been one of important person in my life. I do not my biggest supporters. Thank you for your consistent words of wisdom and encouragement along the way. I would not have been able to get through this year without you always standing behind me and offering a helping hand. I wish you the best of luck in grad school and whereever the future takes you. I know that you are going to be very successful, so just remember to keep me in mind as your PR chair for your presidential campaign. Commando for President 2028! Jess Leahy: I am so happy that you applied for the advertising position! I know that I am leaving The *Outlook* in great hands. Maggie: Oh Margaret Mary, where do I begin? You are one of the sweetest and happiest people that I ever met and I love that you are always in such a good mood. You truly brought so much positive energy into both the PRSSA and *Outlook* offices and I am really sad that I won't be able to see you every single day like lets spread our wings and soar.

I have for the past two years. I know that you are going to do amazing leading PRSSA next year with Casey and I cannot wait to see what you both accomplish.

Netta: I'll only be a town away in a couple of months, so this isn't really goodbye, just a see you later. It's been great getting to know you this year. From talks about hockey to music to whatever random topic came to our minds, it's been a blast. However, I am still waiting on you to find me my Canadian and for you to introduce me to quality beer.

Nicole: A woman that can relate to my struggles of being constantly overwhelmed with work and overly involved at Monmouth. I wish you the best of luck in everything that you do. I will really miss you!

Erin, Fabiana, Taylor, Sandie, Kyle & Jess: I am so happy that I got to know you all this year and that you joined Outlook. Best of luck to those graduating and good luck to all of the returning Outlookers next year!

Jackie: Of course I had to save you for last in The Outlook group! You did an amazing job with the paper this year and were an excellent Editor-in-Chief. I wish I was able to dedicate more time to giving you attention this year. I am truly blessed to have you in my life and I cannot thank you enough for everything you have done for me. You were always there to remind me of my worth and to inspire me to keep pushing through any challenge that was sent my way. You are such a strong woman and I admire your leadership and value your advice. You are going to be so successful one day and I cannot wait to see what the future has in store for you. I am honored to call you one of my best friends and I hope that we remain this close once school is done. I will never say "goodbai" to you, only see you later!

Nicholas: You have been my best friend for almost 23 years. I consider you more like a twin brother than a cousin, and I value our relationship so much. I am so thankful to have you in my life as someone that supports me, takes care of me, and makes me laugh the hardest. You are such an amazing person and I hope that you realize how much of an impact you have had on my life.

Jenny: I had to save you for last since you were the biggest part of my Monmouth experience. Even though you hated my guts the first day you met me, I somehow conned you into becoming my "beastie" and world traveling companion. From Ireland to Mexico, we have had quite the adventures. We made countless know what I have done to deserve such an amazing, loyal, supportive and beautiful best friend. I could go on forever about our memories, favorite songs and inside jokes. There is no one I would have rather lived with or had the sleepy ha-ha's with for three consistent years. I sure missed having you by my side day in and day out, but I know that you are doing amazing at UNC and that you are going to be such a wonderful and successful nurse. Thank you for being you and reminding me to "hold on, for one more day" whenever times got tough. Para vivar en la casa ... en las escuelas ... tis all. I wish I was allowed more space to write even more about all of the wonderful people that walk the Monmouth campus. I am excited to take the next step in my life, but I will forever miss the place I called my home for the past four years. Now is the time for the Class of 2014 to come alive and start a new chapter. Hawks,

PRSSA and I could not have asked credibly angry and then laugh so hard for a better co-president. You have become one of my best friends and I regret not becoming closer sooner. You are destined for amazing things and I cannot wait to see where you end up. Make sure you keep in touch, and don't forget to invite Sarah and me to the wedding.

Brittany: My first roomie and my very first friend at Monmouth! Some of my best college memories have you in it and I know that we have so many more to come. I've heard that your first roommate in college might not turn out to be a lifelong friend, but in this case, I believe that statement is false. "Anyway Brittany." I could not have asked for a better Willow and Norgrove roomie and friend.

Matt: From our days in Laurel and Willow halls to all of the "Wednesday Friendsdays" and parties at Fairfield to Howland, and everything else inbetween, we have had quite a memorable four years. You were one of my first friends at Monmouth and I'm



Goodbye to All <3 Angela



ANGELA CIROALO NEWS EDITOR

So I think that I have put this off long enough. Goodbye to all, I love you all very much. It isn't goodbye, it is, "until next time."

I want to begin my goodbye with a quote from my Western Civilization professor from sophomore year, Paula Burns-Ricciardi. It went something like this, "We are all like stones thrown into a river and we never know the effects (the ripples) we are going to make in someone's life." In other words, we never know how our actions, words or decisions will impact those around us. It only takes one action to create a ripple effect in someone's life.

There are so many people in my life that have created this ripple effect in me during my college career. The impact that you all have made on me, the everlasting lessons that I have learned, the skills I have developed and the memories that I cherish will last forever. Thank you all! I would not trade any of it for the world!

My Outlook crew: I love you all very much! I really hope to stay in contact with you all. You really are all like family to me. Let's please not lose contact! Thank you for always understanding, helping and being there for me.

Sandie and Erin: You two were awesome this year. It took us a bit to figure one another out, but we were a great team. You guys really developed over the past several months and I look forward to seeing all you achieve in the future. I'll miss you guys!

Jackie: I am incredibly amazed by just how awesome of an EIC you were this year. I think you blew each and every one of us away. You are going to land a remarkable job in the future and blow them away too. Thank you for allowing me to write anything I wanted this year and giving me as much freedom as I needed.

Chris: I will never forget how helpful you were from the moment I shyly started Outlook and didn't talk to a soul. You were always so willing to help from day one to our final production day. Thank you Chris! You are a great person and I am so glad to call you my friend.

Casey: I am so happy we grew closer this year! You have such a sweet personality and I love talking to you. Thank you for always listening. Good luck next year even though I know you won't need it because you are going to surpass every goal you ever thought imaginable next year! You are amazing!

Alyssa: How can I say goodbye to you?! Thank you for being there for me when I needed you most. You really know how to be a good friend and I will miss your loving, caring, but also loud and honest personality. You are such a terrific person! You are going to take the world by storm one day. I will always be here for you. Love ya!!

excel in the future. Thank you for all of your hard work! Good luck Paul!

Maggie: You are such a unique person with such skill and intelligence behind such a bubbly and delightful personality. Thank you for always motivating me and having a smile on your face. I enjoy every conversation I have with you.

Nicole: Thank you again for my awesome TJ bag! You have done an awesome job with entertainment this year. All of your hard work will pay off soon! Good luck!

Taylor Copp: I think you are capable of great things if you get it together (no showing up to class under the weather) and if you start to be nicer to people, which you are capable of. Good luck Taylor!

Fabiana: You are a beautiful person inside and out. You are going to accomplish so many amazing things in the next two years and I can't wait to hear about it! Best wishes in all vou do!

Jess R: You always have something positive and supportive to say. You are incredibly smart and I know you will change the world one day.

Taylor Kelly: I will never forget that awesome story you wrote about your grandmother in Editorial Writing. You are a great writer and vou did awesome this year, Good luck! Matt and Evan: Thank you for

always fixing my mistakes online! Netta: Thank you for the intrigu-

ing conversations! You are filled with a plethora of knowledge that I hope you are able to one day apply to something awesome.

Jess #2: I can't believe you are only a freshman! You are so smart and driven for such a young age. Good luck girl!

Sandy: Thank you for always helping us all when we need vou! You are such an awesome Outlook mom and we don't know what we would do without you. Thank you Sandy!

Jenna: Thank you for bringing me to the Outlook! If it wasn't for you and all of your teaching, I would not be half the journalist I am today.

Anna Chamberlain: Thank you for working with me this year and helping me with *Hawk TV*. You are such a sweet person, Anna, with such motivation and perseverance.

Professor Harris: Though we only started to develop a friendship this past semester, you have been a motivation to me since the first day I walked into your office sophomore year. Your exuberant personality and dedication to your students is remarkable. When I say that you are a role model in every walk of life, I truly mean it. You inspire and motivate me everyday! Thank you for all that you have done for me and I look forward to seeing all that you accomplish in

to Ireland, Paris, Germany, Prague, Switzerland and so on. We will never forget our four months in Italy and I will never forget all that you did for me. You are such a sweet caring person, Nicole. I have always looked up to you. Thank you for being an inspiration to me, for talking to me late at night, for being one of my best friends and for always helping me when I needed you. Love ya girl.

Maggie B: My soul mate best friend. Thank you for everything Mags.

Jessica Dagher, Natalia Santos and Melanie Mecha: The four of us have grown so much since high school. I love you all very much! We have had some incredible experiences together. I am looking forward to this summer together.

My family: Dad: You are my rock, my hero, my best friend. We are so alike, but so different at the same time. I love you dad. Thank you for supporting me even when you didn't agree with me. Thank you for being there for me and helping me in every walk of life.

Mom mom and GPG: I love you two more than you will ever imagine. Mom mom: you are my ultimate best friend. Words cannot express my appreciation for you. You are there to help in every situation whether it is doing my laundry, cooking me dinner, offering words of encouragement or just answering the phone when I need someone to talk to. I hope to be half as kind, dedicated and hard working as you. GPG: you make me smile more than anyone else on the planet! I will never forget the day you brought me flowers to work. You are my real prince charming. You always know how to make my day. I love you GPG. Joey: I am so proud of you, my adorable little brother!

I would also like to thank my aunts, uncles, cousins, and relatives for all they have done for me over the years. Always reading the Link or The Outlook and helping me whenever I needed you! Thank vou all!

I am very sad to end this chapter of life, but very excited to start the next! Life is a journey. It isn't about meeting the ultimate goal of happiness. It is about the conversations we have, the people we meet, the places we go, the beauty we see. I can honestly say that I have changed so much over the past four years and I love every moment of my journey so far, regardless of how tough and difficult it was along the way.

If I can leave behind a final word it would be: "Do it!" Whether "it" is the goal you have always dreamed of achieving, a race you have always wanted to run, a class you always the coming years. We will keep in wanted to take, a club you wanted to join, a job you wanted to apply for





Kelly! This is not goodbye, this is only the start of something amazing. We are going to do awesome things together with our business proposition. You are such a driven and dedicated woman and I look forward to putting our skills together to accomplish greatness.

Bri: Wow you have really developed over the past year! I could not think of a better, more dedicated person that is more committed to learning and achieving goals. I am honored to pass down the news editor title to you. Be creative and push to make an impact. Let writing be your voice. Good luck next year!

Paul: If it wasn't for you I would not have had ONE consistent writer all year. You are one heck of a reporter. You do whatever it takes to get the quote and I know you will contact, of course!

Dr. Novek: Though I only took two classes with you, your feedback and critiques are very much appreciated. I truly look up to you Dr. Novek, and I hope to keep in contact with you in the future. You are an awesome professor, keep it up!

Professor Morano: I attended vour Intro to Journalism class not knowing who you were or what you were capable of. Thank you for guiding me as I learned to become a journalist (I had a lot to learn), and helping me excel over the years as my advisor.

Quadpod: Nicole, Steph and Allie: We had some of the best times together freshman and sophomore year. I love you all and miss you all very much since we barely see one another. I attribute my true college years to you guys. I wish you all the best of luck. I know we will never let our friendship fade! <3

Nicole: You get a whole paragraph to yourself. My roomie. We traveled across the world together

or a girl/boy that you always wanted to talk to. Regardless of what "it" is, get out there and do it! We are given ONE life, make the most of it! Be grateful for every moment and remember that there is no better day to do it than today. So put those fears, worries and excuses aside. Twenty years from now would you rather look back and thank yourself for overcoming your fear or look back with regret because you never even tried.

You never know the impact that one decision, one conversation, one class, one day will make on your entire life (the ripple effect). I want to motivate you all to get out there and do something that you always wanted to do, and I will do the same as I step out of my college comfort zone and enter the real world.

If you're brave to enough say 'goodbye', life will reward you with a new 'hello'. Good luck to everyone and all of their future endeavors! I will miss you all very much!

When Everything is Finished, That Will Be the Beginning

CASSANDRA FIGUEROA ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Monmouth has been the best four years of my life thus far. These years have been scary, demanding, thrilling, and stimulating, all at the same *damn* time.

That's what makes it so great. Everyday is something new. If it's not new friends, it's a new class everyday, if it's not a new residence hall, it's a new, enthusiastic professor.

Monday, the work day, the "I need coffee" day, the "let's go to the DH" day, is completely different in comparison to Friday, the "let's go out" day, the "wanna go to the beach" day, the "homework can wait" day. Everyday of the week is priceless in college, which is why I'll miss it so much.

appreciate those long hours in the library; it was relaxing knowing that my only worry was a test, and that in a few moments a friend would most likely walk over to me to catch up. I'm going to miss the days when I

have simultaneously made the paper so much better. I loved every one of your articles and it's obvious you were born to write.

Casey, a backbone. You answer all my sometimes silly questions, no judgments passed, and I appreciate that so much. You are one of the biggest reasons why California was a good time.

Chris O, you are a strong man; dealing with all these women, I couldn't do it in your shoes. But really, you are going to go far. Remember me, your public policy partner, when you make it big.

Erin, I can't imagine not having you around to boost my confidence. You are stunning and hilarious to top it off; I love you, like an honorary big.

Fabiana, you're kindness in the of-I look back on my career here and fice was always appreciated. You are beautiful in all ways.

Jackie, hey girl. You are charismatic, supportive, fun, intelligent, and a phenomenal EIC. You did absolutely amazing this year; you've worked so hard. The Outlook would

tough, all things I like. We're going to have a great time at formal!

Maggie, I can't say bye to you. I don't want to. I love you so much. You are everything a friend and sports editor should be! You're perfect.

Netta! You're supportive and a great person to talk to. We were so lucky to have you as our graduate assistant. You told me things you've learned over the years that I have truly taken to heart.

Nicole, you've made me laugh from the beginning of the year when I hardly knew you at all. You've made me a better editor through your writing tips and I'm probably going to contact you in the future to ask you about commas during graduate school, so you're warned.

Paul, you've helped the news section so much. Your efforts and willingness to lend a hand whenever possible has made a huge impact on me. Thank you for everything.

Professor Morano, you have shown dedication to your students in both classes I have taken with you as well as at The Outlook office. The time and effort you put into helping us become the best writers we can be has proven to impact our group and I know it will continue to do so in my future endeavors.

Sandy, what would we have done without you! You always kept us on track and held a genuine smile while doing it. You knew exactly what to say when I was nervous about traveling and you are really a positive role model in our office. The Outlook is extremely grateful for you.

Taylor K, this boo right here is my undercover lover, my partner in crime in California, and my distraction from work in The Outlook office. Having class with you has taught me one thing, you are committed to everything you do (including me because I'm cute). But your drive will lead you to do great

things Taylor, I'm glad you've become a bigger part of The Outlook and I look forward to seeing what such a unique person will bring to his fu-

Victoria, my sunshine. You came into The Outlook out of nowhere and instantly made me smile. You really do brighten my day, no matter how

These individuals make up only a small percentage of people at the University that have affected me... here are some more.

Susan Bennett: the person who has believed in me from the start. You are a huge motivation to me and you've provided me with the confidence I couldn't find in myself. You're able to find the good in all things and stay positive in the hardest situations. I really look up to you.

Corey Inzana: a huge inspiration. You taught me to look at the world with a new set of eyes. You've helped me to restore my faith in God and find my passion through Guatemala. No matter how many times you annoy me with your mostly corny jokes, I will always remember what you have done for me.



that allows us to relate in so many ways. I'm graduating, and you're going to Italy, but I know, no matter what, that you will always be a huge part of my life.

James Carney: the person I grew closest to during my four years here, though, probably the only person who didn't expect a part in all this. You're the most committed person I have ever met, through homework, fitness, and relationships, you are relentless. Your motivation and drive will always be something I envy, and I hope you always remember the huge impact you've had on my life.

My AOII sisters: one of the best decisions I've made at school was to join this sorority. At first, I had my doubts, but each and every one of you has shown me what sisterhood is all about. I'm impacted by each of you in different ways and value your roles in my life. I will always be an AOII, which means you will all always be a part of me. ALAM



The Guatemala group: my favorite vacation - that was nowhere near a vacation - was spent with the most incredible group of people. You are all beautiful and deeply compassionate. We shared such a unique experience that has given us such a strong, unique bond. I hope it will always stay that way and I hope we'll

my first phone call when I received the Orientation Leader position, my first call when my car wouldn't start, my first call when I got into graduate school, and you will forever be my number one most important person to tell my every achievement and struggle to. I couldn't have done this without you.

My mom: My biggest fan, my biggest encourager and the person who will always look to me as a superstar. When I lose confidence, you're there to tell me how great I am, and remind me what I'm capable of. No matter how many times I'm wrong, or how many times I mess up, you are always there showing me the same amount of love as always. You're beautiful, just the way you are.

I'll leave you all with 10 tips. 1. When you need to study, go to the third floor of the library, it's the most peaceful place there is. 2. You will appreciate the Dining Hall once you lose your meal plan, so enjoy it while it lasts and stop complaining. 3. Make friends with every employee on campus, they will hook you up! 4. Your friends from freshmen year DO NOT have to be your friends senior year, though it is nice when it occurs. 5. Do your homework, and learn to be interested in what you are learning. When you stop looking at it so negatively, it isn't that bad. 6. Joining clubs on campus will make you feel like the most popular person on campus; you'll never be alone again. 7. A 4.0 every semester isn't worth your stress, if you're in the library more than you see your friends, family, and the campus overall, you're doing something wrong. 8. Get a five-subject notebook and rent your books. 9. If you need a conversation starter, discuss the state of the parking. 10. Do things that make you uncomfortable, things that scare you, because when you accomplish them, which you will, you will realize you can do anything.

I'm graduating, but I'm ready and excited to experience what's



have to sit through long AOII chapter meetings, making faces at my sisters and learning about all the beautiful things they've implemented while on campus.

I'm going to miss late nights managing at the Hawks Den for Residential Life, having friends stop in, having time to do my homework, making jokes with one of the most inspiring and influential bosses I've ever had. I'll miss New Student Orientation, probably the best summers of my life, and I'll miss Guatemala meetings, and nights at Jack's, and sitting in class, listening to my professors talk about all the things they are passionate about.

And I'll miss The Outlook.

Alyssa, you are someone who will be hard to forget. Your fiery, bubbly personality is contagious. I love being around you, I wouldn't mind being on another 6 hour plane ride with you or staying up all night at *The Outlook*, talking and not doing our homework.

Angela, you have always pushed

giving us the confidence we needed and taking charge when it was required, thank you for everything. Jessica (Politics), I'm jealous of

have been a mess without you there,

your hair, and your outfits, and your political intelligence, if that makes sense. I know you are someone who will make a difference in the world.

Jessica (Marketing), you fit right into our group when you came later in this semester. You were my hot tub Cali girl and it was nice getting closer with you; you're the easiest person to talk to.

Kell, wonder woman. I don't know how you do it all. All your work here will prove to benefit you once you graduate and I can't wait to see where you will end up.

Keurig, this is one of the hardest goodbyes. You have gotten me through many long days and nights. A staple in the office, providing me with delicious tea and coffee. Never letting me down or overflowing my caffeinated beverage. You can't be replaced with any old machine, we Kyle, I'm so glad we were able to Bri, my girl. My online smack get closer in California (The Crew!). You have so many sides; you're sarcastic and sweet and smart and

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me. My biggest critic, a motivation. have an electronic bond! You are an immaculate editor.

talker. You have made *The Outlook* so much fun. Not only that, but you



Professor Novek: from introduction to Journalism to Editorial Writing, you've helped me grow in so many ways. It is not only the skills and techniques I will remember, but all of the support and guidance you've provided along the way as well. Your drive and commitment to your students will always standout to me, and it will forever encourage me to fight for my own passions in life.

Katey McElroy: my sister and best friend. Now I know what a best friend truly is because of you; from helping each other get through breakups, to cuddling on your bed every night over winter break. You have a beautiful, compassionate soul

never forget the great moments we had while there.

My EOF Family: we started together, and though many of us are ending separately, I'll always appreciate the friendships we share. We're all connected through this incredible program and I can't imagine not having EOF during my four years. Even now that we are involved in different clubs, departments, etc. on campus, I always feel welcomed when I run into any of you. Good luck to my first MU family in all that you do.

My family: through all of this, my family has supported me and been those who remind me of the love I'm surrounded by, no matter how far I am. You all have such a big piece of my heart and I can't imagine my life without such confident, strong, beautiful people to back me up.

My dad: "I'm strong when I'm on your shoulders" is an understatement. You've been my biggest, most committed support system throughout my four years here. You were next; even if I don't know exactly what that is yet.



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NICOLE MASSABROOK ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

How exactly am I supposed to say goodbye to the last four years of my life? My experiences here have changed me completely (for what it's going to be like when special. I pack up my room, knowing I'm not coming back in a few months. There are also people I couldn't imagine life without and who made my four years here some of the best.

First of all, thank you to my to Monmouth and for putting up with a kid who always forgets to call.

Thank you to Amanda Caruso for being the **best friend** a girl could ask for. Four years ago, we one look at your posters and told you we were going to be good friends. I think you thought I I don't think either of us thought we would be so close by graduayears with.

This school wouldn't be a school if I didn't have great you to all of my professors at at what you write. Monmouth. There are far too been so influential.

has been the way the University allows students to participate in The Outlook office is a home, but so is Woods Theatre.

Nicole Ricciardi, Fred DelGuercio. Doc Burke and Maurice Moran, thank you for teaching me volved in the department. I really do consider it a privilege. Nicole and Sheri, you two are basically psychologists. You're both amazing and deserve so much credit for what you do.

Thank you to all of the students in the theatre program. Despite being an English major, Woods Theatre gave me a miss you so much. home when I needed one most. ing, friendly group of people other brothers and sisters. We let new members choose us. We for the job. welcome them with open arms. I

I joined you guys for "The Foreigner," but being with you guys changed everything. I'm really happy right now, and I credit you guys with a lot of that.

Stephen Lang, thank you for the better) and I can't imagine knowing how to make a girl feel

Of course, The Outlook also changed things for me. Thank you to Morganne and Matt for being great editors for me to look up to. Thank you for allowing me to have this position.

Thank you to my current staff family for encouraging me to go for making this year great. Peter, you really made my job so much easier this year. Thank you for always beeing so reliable.

Amanda, I know you will do great as an editor next year.

Thank you to the 2012-2013 moved into Beechwood, I took staff. You really are the weirdest group of people (and I'm saying that as a theatre kid), but I love and miss you all. Brett Bodner, was crazy (which is correct), but you're a ridiculously annoying person and I want to smack you. Thanks for being a great EIC and tion. I am so glad you're the one being afraid of me. That actually I've gone through the last four did wonders for my self esteem at that time, and I really appreciate it.

Nick and Ed, thank you guys for being cool and doing the occasionteachers to learn from. Thank al article for me. You're both great

Jenna, it's crazy to think that many too name, but you've all I started writing for you with Arete four years ago. You've been One of the most important a great writer to look up to and I parts of my life at Monmouth really enjoyed being in the office with you for a semester.

Alexis, you're my favorite. other departments. Obviously, That's it. Just wanted you to know.

Then there's this year's staff. You guys have made this year Thank you to the Theatre De- amazing. I love working with you partment. To Sheri Anderson, every week and going to San Diego with you. We're a family and I'm going to miss you all.

To Jackie, the truth is that I so much and letting me be so in- wasn't quite sure if you could handle this job, and you completely exceeded my expectations. You've been an amazing Editor-in-Chief full time teachers and part time and you've done such an amazing job this year.

> Christopher, you're like my brother and I love you to death. That said, I'm still totally willing to steal that bat back if you do something wrong. I'm going to

I've never met a more welcom- loved spending the past couple years with you, and some of my in my life. You're a family. We best memories of working at the don't wear letters or call each paper were with you. You're going to make a great editor next year. I don't choose new members; we know that you're the best person

wasn't a very happy person when art everywhere. You're so talented and so loud. Hugs.

> Bri, I'm so glad you joined us this year! You've been a great editor and you're a great writer. Stop questioning your skills in entertainment! You're a damn good writer. Don't doubt that, and you'll do great in whatever path you end up on.

> Angela, you're so sweet and I will always love running into you at Trader Joe's. I can't wait to see where you end up because I know it'll be somewhere great.

> Jess Roberts, I think you're legitimately one of the coolest and smartest people I've ever met. You're awesome and I've loved having you in the office this year.

> Sandie, I'm so glad to finally see you in this office! I feel like we've been passing each other in journalism classes for years without getting to know each other. I'm glad I got to discover that you're crazy (in a good way). Best of luck with everything you do!

> Taylor Kelly, my fellow English lover, I remember my first (ever) college class was with you four years ago. It's crazy that we're here already. I can't wait to see what you do in the future, and I know it'll be great.

> Erin, Hamilton pride! I've had a great time getting to know you over the past year. I hope you have the best time in London next year!

> Taylor Copp and Kyle, thank you for being boys. No, but really. Christopher would need so much more therapy if you guys weren't here. Wish you both all the best!

> Netta, Thank you for being a Photoshop god and for looking unfriendly enough to make sure no one sat in our row on the way to San Diego.

> Kelly, I'm gonna miss you! I love talking to you and I love complaining about being overinvolved in stuff with you. I know you're going to do great things, and I can't wait to hear about them!

> Fabiana and Jess Leahy, I loved getting to know you guys in our room in San Diego! You will both do so great next year!

> Maggie, you're truly one of a kind. I will never meet anyone else in the world like you, and it's been a blast hearing your crazy stories.

To all of the students who pick Casey, you're the best. I've this up over the summer, I have some advice. Get involved. Try things you aren't sure you'd be good at. Talk to people you aren't sure you'd like. Read books that make you question everything in your life. Most importantly, soak it all in. Before you know it, you'll Alyssa, I can't wait to see your be putting on your cap and gown.









The Energizer: Brooke McCarthy

NICOLE MASSABROOK ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Brooke McCarthy's voice was pouring into the parking lot of Woods Theatre when I arrived at finishing a voice lesson before our interview, a hobby that clearly paid off when she won the lead role in the Department of Music and Theatre's spring production of "Little Shop of Horrors."

down to meet me five minutes late, she greeted me with a huge smile and immediately started can't really imagine anyone getting mad at such a welcoming and upbeat personality. Immedespite her business major, Mc-Carthy is a theatre kid. She's outnext to her, I can almost feel all the energy she has bottled up.

little terrified when she was given the role of Audrey for "Little is an understatement. Shop". McCarthy has been inuniversity, but still, she feared angry that she wasn't still in the major.

they're not holding that against

think it helps that I'm really good friends with a lot of the people [in the play]."

Brandon Wiener, a junior, played McCarthy's love interest in "Little Shop of Horrors". Wiener our interview. She was upstairs said, "When I learned that Brooke was given the role of Audrey I was ecstatic because we had played opposite each other my freshmen year in 'Crimes of the Heart' and I couldn't wait to rekindle that flame in 'Little Shop.' I thought When the lithe brunette came she did an incredible job, and I cried when I [killed her character] every night."

Ultimately, the production went apologizing for her lesson. I on without any grudges. It isn't as if McCarthy hasn't earned her dues in Woods Theatre. Though she applied to Monmouth for the diately, though, I can tell that, business school, she had a last minute change of heart just before starting. She decided to major in going with the ability to speak to theatre before deciding to double strangers very well. Just sitting major, but then decided to major in just business with a concentration in accounting and minors in Despite this, she was just a musical theatre and Italian. To say that she has a variety of interests

Despite switching her major to volved in the theatre department business, she remained involved throughout her four years at the with theatre department productions, with secondary roles in varthat other classmates would be ious productions over the years, such as 'Working' and 'Twelfth Night.' Plus, the senior is very McCarthy said, "For the first involved in the student-run the-couple weeks of rehearsals, I atre group, Boom Roasted Prowas literally like 'Oh my god, ductions, where she finally got to everyone probably hates me. I'm merge her interests in theatre and not even a major...I hope that finance as their financial director.

Her face lit up when she told me me' ...but I think it ended up about their cabaret (though she



PHOTO TAKEN from facebook.com Senior Brooke McCarthy ran the NJ Half Marathon on Sunday.

I brought up). "We're actually teaming up with the glee club on campus [for this event]. Me being a senior, I have a solo in our song 'Let it Go' which is really nice because I love [Disney's "Frozen"]. It just came out and it's like everyone's obsession; I love it too, can't even deny it," she laughed.

It's obvious at this point in our conversation that McCarthy knows how to juggle. So it's unsurprising that she's also the chair of the newly reactivated Accounting Society's first networking event. "[The event is for employers] to try and get to know who we are instead of just some words on a paper," she said. McCarthy working out really well, and I was pretty excited about any topic sounds so proud of herself when hobby lately. Honestly, I've never three hours.

took place on April 17) will be in Wilson Hall with over 100 attendees, including alumni, students and business representatives. Not that McCarthy needs a job right away. After a summer internship at JP Morgan, she applied internally for another internship for this summer and beat out 200 applicants.

Of course, McCarthy isn't just focused on school and work. She loves to travel. Growing up, both of her parents had pilots' licenses. "We used to fly all over. I used to go to Puerto Rico a lot when I was little because my dad worked there, then we would fly to Indiana every summer because we have family out there, Dominican Republic, Florida a lot. I remember being a little kid and I would steer the plane," she laughed.

It was only natural that the she would feel some wanderlust in college and study abroad. She said, "I went to Florence, Italy [for a semester] about two years ago now. I went all over Europe, eight countries, I think. That just reaffirmed that I love to travel."

She loved putting her Italian minor to use, but now she misses being able to speak Italian so much. "That's what I miss most: going to a restaurant. Because I would always find cool things to eat and I'd get to talk to the waiters [in Italian]."

McCarthy's diet is a far cry from the typical ramen, coffee and vodka regimen. McCarthy is a vegetarian and a runner. She explained, "That's become my new

she tells me how the event (which been so healthy in my life. I can tell you right now that I'm an energetic person, and I can tell you right n now that I have 10 times more energy. Once a semester, I usually lose my voice, which was scary for 'Little Shop,' because I'm not getting enough sleep or cramming...because I'm working out every morning and eating really healthy [that didn't happen]."

McCarthy told me how she's been slacking off on running since she started doing Crossfit (an intense workout program that focuses on strength and conditioning). However, she also told me that she ran ten miles on Sunday as part of her training for the Long Branch Half Marathon, and suddenly I wonder what Mc-Carthy's definition of slacking off is. She claims that she doesn't really know how she juggles everything, and I find myself slightly envious of her energy.

Zoe Bulitt, Vice President of Boom Roasted Productions, has been friends with McCarthy for a few years and knows how hard the multitasker pushes herself. "Brooke is the craziest person I know (in a good way). She has so much on her plate and gets all of it done in the mere 24 hours in a day. And not only does she get it done, but she also puts her 100% into everything," Bulitt said.

It doesn't look like she'll be slowing down anytime soon. McCarthy finished the Long Branch Half Marathon (13.1 miles) on Sunday in just under



AMANDA GLATZ STAFF WRITER

Over the last several years, Amy Poehler and a wonderfully nuanced comedy cast have made "Parks and Recreation," a quirky mockumentary about local government in a fictional town, into an under-the-radar hit for NBC. Leslie Knope, an over-achieving and over-enthusiastic government powerhouse episode.

The finale's opening scenes find crossroads in her life. She's in San after the show.

edy chops as Leslie reacts to meeting her idol is worth a rewind.

While Leslie grapples with her future, Tom (Aziz Ansari) is looking to officially open his new restaurant in time for the town's Unity Concert, which Leslie has arranged to seal the merger of Pawnee and its neighboring communities. He's enlisted the entire Parks depart-The show, starring Poehler as ment to help, but chaos ensues when the team struggles to pull together the opening on such short employee, concluded its sixth sea- notice. After a disastrous first atson last Thursday, April 24 with a tempt, Ron (Nick Offerman) and the others convince Tom to give it another go, suggesting that he en-Leslie far from her beloved town courage celebrity attendees at the of Pawnee, IN, and at a major Unity Concert to stop by the Bistro As it turns out, the Pawnee consical acts The Decembrists, Ginuwine, and Letters to Cleo were all in attendance. Andy (Chris Pratt) even got in on the action, playing a few songs for kids as his celebrity persona, Johnny Karate. He realizes afterwards that he seriously misses playing in a band, and quips to his wife April (Aubrey Plaza) that, "they never tell you when you go solo, it's just gonna be you up there." Ultimately, Andy is reunited with his notorious band Mouse Rat, and the ensemble closes the show with a rendition of "Bye Bye Li'l Sebastian," a callback to one of the show's longest running jokes in a segment that is endearingly cheesy. Despite being a seemingly unimportant part of the overall plot, the Unity Concert manages to drive home the heart of the show, illustrating these characters' love

As the hour-long finale nears its conclusion, loose ends seem to be tied up for everyone in the Parks department: the concert drove tons of hungry customers to Tom's Bistro, and the most influential people of Pawnee lined up to invest; April and Andy celebrated a job well done, and reaffirmed their love by joking that they should get divorced in order to get married again; Ron once and for all revealed his saxophone skills to his friends; and Ben, who had spent most of the episode encouraging his wife, found his own victory in the form of a board game he once created, the Cones of Dunshire, becoming a reality.

The only question mark left of



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Francisco attending the National Parks Conference, but her mind cert turned out plenty of VIPs: muis on a job offer that would uproot she and her charmingly dorky husband Ben (Adam Scott) to a new state. Despite the pros of the new gig, Leslie can't bring herself to leave Pawnee - not when the town is in the process of a merger, and certainly not when she just found out that she's pregnant with triplets.

Leslie's inner turmoil, while being the focus of the latter part of season six, does not weigh down the final episode with unnecessary drama. Rather, it allows for realistic character growth as we watch the hero of the story choose her next path in life. A particular highlight came in the form of a cameo from Michelle Obama, who was the keynote speaker at the National Parks Conference. Though the First Lady's guest spot felt rather like an excuse to promote her campaigns, watching Poehler's com- for each other and their town.

the finale was Leslie, and whether or not she could give up her dream life for her dream job. In her final meeting with her potential employer, she asked for both - she would accept the position with the National Parks Committee, but she would run the operation from Pawnee. The decision, while seemingly a bit of a cop-out, was actually an entirely fitting end to a story line of a character who would never settle for something that she didn't believe in with her whole heart.

Just when the episode seems over, we are suddenly thrown three years into the future, when Leslie is calling the shots from Pawnee's City Hall. We get a quick glimpse of the now toddler-aged triplets, as well as a sneak peek at the lives of Leslie and Ben down the road. There's a sense that something huge is about to happen, present in Ben's fancy attire as he prepares to attend a mysterious event, as well

First Lady Michelle Obama made a surprise cameo appearance as herself in the season six finale of "Parks and Recreation."

with an unknown group of people to hear what they have to say. As the pair descend in the elevator, the episode closes with Ben asking his wife if she's ready for what's about to happen. "Not at all," Leslie replies, "but that's never stopped us before."

Given the consistently poor ratings of "Parks and Recreation," creator Michael Schur was unsure of the fate of the show when devising this episode, and so it is fitting that season six's closer feels very much like a series finale. Everything seems to fall right into place, and does so with a chaotic hilarity that has always been at the crux of the show. The jokes were on point, the characters were relatable, and the risky creative decision to end With "Parks" now renewed for criminally underrated comedies.

as his persistence that Leslie meet a seventh (and probably final) season, where does it go from here? In an interview with Entertainment Weekly, Schur gives some clues: "The politics in [Pawnee] as we've come to know them are not going to be essential to the show as they were in the first six seasons... Leslie is still living there, but she's playing on a much bigger stage."

With very little information presented about Leslie's "bigger stage" (other than the hilarious surprise of her firing an incompetent employee in a cameo by Jon Hamm), there are still many questions about where the show will move from here. But as long as the show is consistent with its character-driven writing and takes creative narrative leaps, "Parks and Recreation" will remain one with a time skip paid off in spades. of *NBC*'s smartest, strongest, and

"Here's Looking at You Monmouth"

Real World, I Think This Is the Beginning of a Beautiful Friendship



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Goodbye is such a bittersweet concept, especially when put in the terms of a graduation. On one hand, you are excited about the next step in life, for whatever that may be, a great unknown that you have never experienced before. Yet on the other hand you are leaving a place that has become a home to you over the years, and with the family like ties that have been formed with friends with that home. Suddenly you begin to see everything as if it is the first time, the cafeteria food suddenly tastes slightly better, the squirrels much cuter and the landscape even appears slightly greener.

My experience at Monmouth has been an excellent one. Every year brought about something different, with new faces and fun stories. However, I would not have been able to experience any of it without the support of my parents. They have been my backbone throughout my life, and always inspired me to just "do my best." Without them I most certainly could not have had the experience I have here at Monmouth, and I am forever grateful for them for the experience.

I am incredibly grateful for everyone that I have met throughout my time at Monmouth, especially Dylan. You have become my very best friend, always ready with a kind word and laugh for me at the end of the day. Thank you for all your love and support as our senior year comes to an end and the real world starts to approach, I know I can always count on you. I look forward to our future adventures in DC

They say that the friends you make in college are the ones that you have a bond with for life. As the years have come and go and more friends have been made, I was able to really understand that bond that they always spoke about.

Kelly, Michelle, Dan, Ryan and Sam, you guys have become my second family and without you all Monmouth would not have been redoing nothing but cracking jokes and laughing with one another. I will miss seeing you all the most, but I know we will stay in touch. To all of you on the debate team, you guys are an amazing group. It about Monmouth was how available was never dull when we walked into

working with each and every one of you. California was a blast with you all and I hope you all continue to be a team and support one another and have fun civilly disobeying.

Jenn and Kirsten, I love you both. You two are the best people in the entire world, and I have learned so much from our friendships. Through long "Gossip Girl" nights to birthday parties and shopping trips, you two ladies have been there with me through it all. Jenn you are my go to girl, and I love our long talks over pizza or sushi or long shopping trips when we need a good dose of retail therapy.

Jacquie, my first debate partner, we will always share that special bond of failure at our first tournament. I will never forget getting evidence together the night before and just looking at each other asking ourselves what we just signed up for. You are one of my best friends at Monmouth and one of the hardest working people I have ever met. I am so happy we became as close as we have, through our talks over pizza and Rook coffees. I hope you come to DC in the spring next year so we can walk around the capitol late at night again.

Lucy and Katie, we may not speak as often as we all try to, but I would not have made it through freshman year without you two. Even though we all have gone our separate ways as time went on, we still kept in touch with one another through our inside jokes. When I think of college I will always think of "Legally Blonde" nights, This is Dorm Life, and of course "Hellllloooo America!"

Jules, Shannon, Shayna, Laura, Marissa, Lauren, Billy and Reid ,the memories are overwhelming from sophomore to senior year. I am so happy I met each and every one of you through our bonding nights, and diner breakfasts. I will never forget our haunted house this year, with the Ouija board moving or Shannon and my lights going out.

Adrianna, Kitrina, Sarah and Dave, I am so happy we all bonded motely the same. Some of the best as much as we did over our time times have been just us hanging out, in India. It was one of the greatest experiences of my life and I am Thought I should just say it...for the likes.

class, and I had an excellent year especially lucky enough to have excellent experiences with professors in both the Communication and Political Science Department. They have helped me every step of the way, teaching me valuable lessons within their classes and always working with me to better myself. They have been encouraging, kind, and always ready to lend a helping hand or words of advice.

Dr. Patten, you have definitely been a great source of wisdom and encouragement. You have taught me a lot throughout my education here at Monmouth, but perhaps the most important thing is the confidence to never give up. As a debate coach you always pushed us to move forward and try again after we lose, which showed us that if we work hard enough we could accomplish whatever we put our minds to. This is the very lesson I keep in mind as graduation comes closer, and I want to thank you personally for giving me the confidence to succeed in the "real world."

Dr. Datta, I am so happy I got to go to India with you. It was a life changing experience that I would not have gotten to have if I did not take your class in the fall. It is always a pleasure to talk with you and get your advice on different events or topics. Thank you for always being available to talk whenever I had a question and all the advice that you have given me.

Dr. Cotton, I want to thank you for your help with my senior thesis and giving me the interest in international relations. You always have great guidance on how to shape a paper or idea, and I appreciated your feedback when writing something as important as my senior thesis. Your course is part of the reason I wrote it, and part of the reason I became interested in international relations. Thank you for being a great professor.

Dr Phillips-Anderson, you have been a great source of help in the last two years. Thank you for always being available for a comment at The Outlook, and being our go to guy on a various amount of topics. Your political campaign class is one that really stuck with me, and I appreciated the outlook various articles.

here at Monmouth and even though I have not had you since sophomore year, I always knew your door was open for some friendly advice. Thank you for all your help and support while I have been here at Monmouth.

Professor Scott, it has been an absolute pleasure to be able to take the courses I have with you. I have learned something new in each and every one, especially the speechwriting course. You have helped me become a better writer, and I will always appreciate the skills and lessons I have learned from taking your classes.

Professor Morano, thank you for being a great advisor. You were the first to call me a "real journalist" and I always appreciated that statement and courage to try to be an actual journalist with it. The opportunity to work with you on The Outlook has been a great one and I appreciate all that you have done for

When I first came to The Outlook it was because my friend, and our wonderful sports editor Maggie, worked for it. I told her I was interested in writing a piece, maybe for politics to which she sent me on my way to meet Chris. When I first walked into the office I never expected to be where I am today. The Outlook was the first organization that I really stuck with in my college experience, and some of the greatest friends I will ever make.

I will miss asking Angela for health tips advice, or discussing the latest blog post on a vegan food website that we are dying to try or sharing a laugh with Erin over different types of pro feminist types of comments or jokes and bonding with you, Netta and Alyssa at the Z00.

Bri and Brittany, fully expect a text in October to discuss what is happening on the "Walking Dead," and how if they kill Daryl we will revolt. Also I don't know what to do without nerding out with indepth discussions with Nicole over the wonderful "Dr. Who," "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," or "Game of Thrones.'

I will miss hugging Maggie after a long day or listening to her life happy we all got to share it together. that it gave me in my political sci- stories that always provide a fresh of it. Monmouth, my friends and ence classes and when I wrote outlook on life. Sharing a room with my professors, have given me the Maggie and Taylor in California was a great experience, and I had so much fun bonding with you both. Especially with Taylor and Sandie

over our love for Brighteyes, and the surprise when the song came on.

Fabiana and Kelly, you two have been so much fun to get to know you both. Fabiana you always work very hard at your section and will go far with whatever you put your mind to. Kelly you are one of the hardest working people I have ever met, and it was truly amazing to watch you accomplish all that you have over the span of the year.

Alyssa and Casey, the dynamic duo, you two have been such a fun pair to be friends with. I love talking with Alyssa about life and listening to her empowering advice on what to do. "Oh boy" Casey I have loved our times together laughing and talking, driving Chris crazy, or discussing fashion.

Speaking of discussing fashion, Jackie you have been our fearless leader thank you for all of your advice and making this year a truly great one. I look forward to the day I see your name in Cosmo's magazine, and all the great advice you will share with the world.

Sandy, thank you for always working with me through my complicated planning. I would not have been able to go to San Diego without all of your help and patience this year. I really appreciate all that you do for us!

Being a politics editor alongside with Chris has been an adventure of it's own... and I will refer to the sign. I want to thank you for the encouragement throughout the two years of working together; through the long office hours contemplating how to arrange or frame a story, different types of stories to write, or discussion of politics, our predictions and what we want to see changed. It has been a lot of fun, even when we played the Kennedy song on loop, and I am proud of how our section turned out and our up and coming replacements that will now carry the torch.

Throughout my experience here at Monmouth University I was lucky enough to meet the people I have, participate in The Outlook and debate team, and have the education I have received. It has been the greatest four years of my life and I would not change a moment confidence to move on into the big ole' scary world, mainly because I know their doors will always be open when I return.

The one thing that I truly loved each and every professor was. I was

Professor Harris, I am so thankful to have taken the course I have with you. You have been a great ally





TAYLOR COPP ASSOCIATE CLUB & GREEK EDITOR

The word "mistake" has a highly negative connotation, but why? I look back on my life and I have made a boatload of mistakes and I plan to make more in the near future. Making bad decisions builds character, make be there to fill my tank when I for great memories and admit it, it's pretty fun.

My career here at Monmouth University, while extremely enriching, challenging and valuable, was a mistake. I was never destined to be a Hawk. It wasn't until about a week before freshman move in that I applied and was accepted to the University. Sure, I'll admit that I came here for all the wrong reasons that I'd rather not re-live, but I've made the most out of the mistake I made almost four years ago.

From being a freshman, wreaking havoc in the then brand new Mullaney Hall, to writing this outside, on the beach, I've made tremendous strides as a student and as a young man. There is no way that I would have done this on my own, so take this as my way to thank everyone who has contributed to my success over the years.

First and foremost I have to thank my friend, my voice of reason and my super-annoying roommate, Joseph T. Dellera. I'll say it, but I don't say it nearly enough as I should, so thank you, thy thigh master. I feel like it was just yesterday that we met at that party and now we've been living together for way too long. Yeah, it's true, there are times where I question my intelligence, your sanity and our friendship, but I know that deep down, I'll understand it all one day. Thanks for letting me eat your food, introducing me to baby wipes and justifying my actions to other people. You're one of the most genuine people I know, and I hope that after you finish law school, I won't need you as my legal defender, because I'm sure you'll charge me way too much.

Since I thanked Joe who is a member of my fraternity, it would be unforgiving to not me passing grades. I surely am thank the rest of my brothers. So brothers of Kappa Kappa, I'm box, so thank you for putting sure you're happy to see me go. I will no longer be an obnoxious, annoying headache, who is hellbent on cursing you out, breaking or stealing your stuff when I come to visit. I know that I have such a short amount time. John Just make sure you yell at people been busy a lot of the time, but Morano and Elanor Novek, you who don't follow directions like every moment I've spent with two have me kicking myself for you was amazing. I wish I could not getting into journalism soonsay that I remembered them all, er. I can't properly express my but that's what you guys are for, right? Okay, now for the more important people. Shout out to the guys at McDonald's who hook me up with the \$1 Big Macs all day long. Thank you for allowing me to purchase a Sweet Tea cup and fill it up with Coke. You guys saved me a lot of money. You have no idea. can't forget about the late night drives there, way back when I used to have a dual residency at Birch Hall. Al, Kumar, Bogan, Boyle, Gaban, Marc, Brandon and the rest of you annoying people, I can't lie, you guys were some of the greatest people I've met at Monmouth. I know I wasn't a real member of Birch, nition they deserve for all of the but you welcomed me with open arms, allowed me to chill out, on their students, so consider this

never forget those memories, and I'm sure you will never forget me either.

Besides beach appeal and impressive landscaping, one of the main reasons I decided on attending Monmouth was because I knew Aramark would always was running low. I would like to thank "Black" for cooking up a nice grilled chicken; man those always hit the spot. Your grilled cheese skills need some work, but boy, that chicken. I can't get over it. Carlos, I really think you should open up your own restaurant one day. You always have people lined up from the omelet station to the Great Lawn, we love you. Diamond, thank you for always smiling and keeping my days filled with joy. I always did love your sense of humor, especially your jokes while scanning ID cards.

I would also like to thank the entire Office of Student Activities and Involvement. As an employee of the office since freshman year, I have forged many relationships and memories. Even though the office is quiet at times, I know you are a rowdy bunch. Thank you, Jan, for offering your advice when it was needed and thinking of me when you presented me with an extra job opportunity earlier in the year. Thank you Betty for all that you do. As a former senator of SGA, I know your job is far from easy, but it's your love for the students, and the students' appreciation of you that keeps you going. Most of all, thank you Megan McGowan. Thank you for being the best boss possible. Thank you for for all of the verbal warnings, thank you for never answering your phone when the set-up crew needed you most, and thanks for having me spend my friday nights rolling around tables, stacking chairs and moving around that awful curtain. Oh, and thanks for the events that make Monmouth an exciting place to be, I guess.

Last, but far from least, thank you to all of the professors that felt sorry enough for me to give not the brightest crayon in the up with me. Although I share memories with all of the professors I've had throughout the years, there are two professors that have done a lot for me in gratitude and appreciation for the long talks, endless instruction and extremely helpful advice that you've given me up to this point. All I know how to say is thank you and I promise that graduation will not be the last time you hear my name. If I do ever make it big, just know that my inspiration had to come from somewhere and it was from the two of you. Also, Speaking of McDonald's, I thank you for being there for me at my lowest points, like when I arrive hours early for class with sob stories from the night before. I don't get too close with my professors but for some reason you guys are like my mom and dad (in the most non-weird or offensive way possible). I know that professors rarely get the recogtime and dedication they place shoot billiards and move the my avenue of expressing my rec-

vending machine around. I'll ognition. Keep being yourselves, its working.

> To the entire 2013/14 Outlook staff, writing for The Outlook has been a challenging, but rewarding experience I wish never to repeat, but I will cherish all the memories that I have, especially those on production days. Honestly, even though I am the new guy, I feel as if I've been part of this family for years. However, I know that you guys are going to fall apart without me, because, lets face it; the newsroom is boring without me.

Here is a little something special to those I annoy more than usual:

Brianna, I know that I can be stubborn at times and that I typically have nothing nice to say, but I just want to say thank you for being a great mentor and an even better friend. The only reason I antagonize you is because I get a kick out of your amusing reactions. I might actually just miss the long, but somewhat meaningful conversations we have, the near genius headlines I come up with and all of those trips to Taco Bell. I dont know how you're going to fill the void next year, just dont call me, call Ghostbusters or something, ya dwe3b. Love Yeezus.

Angela, in the short time that we have known each other, I feel like we have become great pals. I know sometimes I can be extremely hard to work with, but in the end, I know you appreciate me. You said it yourself, you think very highly of me at times, ha. I will always remember you as the girl that persuaded me to never eat organically, always choose genetically modified foods at the supermarket and eat lots of meat. Peace.

Chris, I will miss commenting stupid stuff on your Facebook posts. Although I was less than helpful as a source to your stories, I always got a kick out of how witty I am. Consider yourself as my trial run to my future comedic career. Thanks.

Jackie, it's cool to have known you. It's kind of impressive that someone my age could be so much better than me at something. You'll do alright in life, I'm sure of it. I think you'll be a great mom too because your really stern. Like, really.

Sandie, I'm going to miss throwing pieces of the chair at you.

Casey, good luck next year. you yell at me. Maggie, you're weird. so You're my fave. Alyssa, goodbye. That's it. I hate crying. What am I a two-year-old infant? No, but before this starts getting too mushy, lets get back to the notion of mistakes. There is no such thing as perfection and nobody can do everything right. We learn from every mistake we make and there is nothing wrong with that. The key to mistakes is not making the same mistake over and over, because that is just silly. To conclude, my final words printed in this publication will be those of Denzel Washington. He said, "The chances you take, the people you meet, the people you love, the fate that you have, that's what's going to define you.... Never be discouraged, never hold back, give everything you've got and when you fall throughout life... remember this: fall forward.'



IT'S A BITTERSWEET SYMPHONY

Not a Goodbye, But a "See You Soon"

TAYLOR KELLY LIFESTYLES EDITOR

First and foremost, I have to say that I am still in shock that my college career is coming to an end. I still remember moving into Cedar M1 like it was vesterday. I also remember crying like a baby and having a mental breakdown after my parents left me between four cement walls.

It is quite ironic that I'll probably be having another breakdown shortly after I walk across the stage at PNC in my cap and gown. This entire experience has been one wild ride, with ups and downs, but mostly, memories that will last a lifetime. I wouldn't have had such an amazing experience at Monmouth if it grateful I have the opportunity to thank them all.

I begin? If it weren't for you guys, I wouldn't be here in the first place. I could never begin to thank you enough for all that you have done for me these past twenty-one years. You both are the reason I had the opportunity to come to college, a privilege many people wish they could receive. From reading me bedtime stories (which mom claims is what "made me so smart") to taking me back and forth to school, dance, and every other place I wanted to go, you have both been my biggest fans and greatest supporters. Your encouragement, belief in me, and constant my, Haneev, and most importantly, bragging (yes, I'm talking to you dad) pushed me to become who I am today. I couldn't have done any of this without you, so thank you. And I hope you're ready for me to come back home after four long years of freedom.

To my extremely large family: encouraging me throughout all my

our door. I was never fond of sharing my name with anyone else. Yet, that was the first thing to bring us close together. Along the way, we discovered that we're both only children, had white cats, and a bunch of other coincidences that make us quite the pair. I couldn't imagine these four years without you. From random adventures, to MDW, to locking ourselves in our room for hours and jamming out, I found my partner in crime. I can always count on you for a good laugh (you do most of the crying part). I'm looking forward to whatever else we can plan in the future-there's so many more activities to do. Thanks for being my go-to girl since day one.

other nametag that read "Taylor" on

To my roommates. We've been were not for a lot of people, so I am together since day one at Monmouth and many people can't say the same. I can't even think of all the memo-To my mom and dad. Where do ries we've shared, from Cedar Hall to Willow and of course, the one and only Cummings Avenue. I never believed I would find so many friends at college and I'm glad that I found you guys. Each one of you is so different, which is what I love most. You all were what made my time at Monmouth so memorable. We have watched each other grow from awkward girls fresh out of high school to even more awkward twenty-something year-old women. I could fill a page with everything from these past four years. From the memory jar, to Draft Trash, Timpranking Madison regularly, you guys have provided me with tons of laughs. I can't wait to sit around in twenty years together and talk about all the late nights and early mornings we shared. I wish you all the best of luck in everything you do. My wise words of advice to you all (well not Thank you all for supporting me and exactly mine): Cherish every damn moment.

years at Monmouth. I'm sad that I though it took some time), but I met now. Thanks for always keeping me have to go, but you will always hold a special place in my heart. I have met some of my greatest friends I do. Mondays and Tuesdays in the through this experience and I can't office always provided me with enwait to see what you all do to make tertainment (and lots of food) and al-

a great group of ambitious people who share a love for writing just like



AOII even greater. From talent show practices to sisterhoods and countless long hours together, I'll never forget any of it. Keep exceeding the



expectation. To my twin: We didn't choose to be twins, but I couldn't have asked for anyone better. I can't wait to come back and hang with you when you're a big bad senior. To my little: don't be too lost without me, can't wait to come annoy you next year! To the boo crew: Hay boos. Keep it classy. Thank you all for making my time at college even better than before. And you better believe I'll be back to visit (I'll still be able to hang with the crew). Best of luck to all of you!

To *The Outlook*. Thank you guys for taking me under your wing this year when I decided to take an editor position. Even though I was a staff writer previously, I was usually too nervous or scared to walk in the of-To Matt. Even though I only had fice doors. Maggie, thank you for en-

lowed me to become more involved. San Diego was one of the best experiences I've had. You all welcomed me with open arms and I'm sad to leave so quickly.

Jackie: Thank you for all of your help with my dumb InDesign, Photoshop, and AP questions. You were the best Editor-in-Chief I could ask for! Now let's hope we both get employed in the near future...

Chris: Thanks for your assistance with the paper and always being there to answer any questions. Don't forget about all of us when you're the President! Good luck!

Sandie: We became closer through The Outlook and I'm happy I met a friend as wild, crazy, and funny as you. You're going to do great things, probably in Guatemala!

Erin: I can always count on you to make me laugh with your sarcastic remarks. Have so much fun in England and come back to The Outlook!

Maggie: The girl who got me into the doors of *The Outlook* office and the craziest San Diego roomie. Your personality is one of a kind and I hope you continue to make people laugh. Say hi to Uncle Jimmy and

entertained and making me laugh. And please, one day if I ever get famous, paint a portrait of me!

Taylor: Taylor Gang. Thanks for always providing the office with entertainment. Good luck!

Nicole: A fellow lover of English and entertainment. I will forever be jealous of your awesome page layouts. I'm sure I'll see your novel on shelves one day! Good luck!

Jess: Thanks for keeping the San Diego room level-headed after Maggie's wild tangents. We will forever remember Uncle Jimmy. I know you'll accomplish great things!

Kelly: Thank you for always filling my pages with ads when I am in dire need. And ordering us food every week. And fixing all the problems we ever have. You're a wizard. I hope we both figure this whole grad school thing out. Until then, keep being awesome at social media, tweet me! Good luck!

Kyle: Thanks for rolling with the crew in San Diego. It was difficult dealing with Sandie, but we made it through somehow.

Sandy: Thanks for being the Outlook mom! I wouldn't know how to work a fax machine if it weren't for vou!

Professor Morano: Thank you for always pushing your students to do well. You give great advice that will help me to be an even better writer.

To my writing staff: Thank you guys for all of your hard work and dedication. Without you, there would be no lifestyles section.

Kelly: You always pull through for me! I can always count on you to help fill the pages with great content. I hope you take an editor's position because you deserve it! Good luck!

To the entire staff: I know you all will be very successful in your futures. Keep on writing. I'll be back to pick up copies of The Outlook.

To my professors: Thank you for giving me the education I dreamed of. You all helped me to hone in on my skills and make my college experience worthwhile.

To Monmouth. Thank you for





years in school. To my best friend, Katie. From the pleasure of knowing you for couraging me to step out of my combeing the girl I fought over Barbies with in fourth grade to becoming my first college roommate, you have stuck by my crazy self for more than a decade. If I didn't have you to ignore every night in our dorm room freshman year, I probably would have packed my bags and ran back then. College taught us a lot of things about ourselves, and through everything, I am still proud to call you one of my pals. In our high school yearbook you said I'd be stuck with you, and you're right, I still am. I'm convinced that if we made it through another four years, forever won't be too hard to manage. Thanks for being my BFF4L, for being there whenever I needed you, and for always being you. Now please, do not grow up and become the crazy cat lady that I've always imagined you as. And get over Harry Potter already. See you in H-town. To my soul sister, Taylor. When didn't even exist on campus. Now, we first moved into the dorms, I have we have over 100 members and to admit I was quite upset to see an-



my last two years here, I am grateful for the time we've shared. In just two short years you have changed and become an even greater notso-young-anymore man. You have been there for me whenever I needed you and I am grateful for that (even though you usually think I'm not). From carrying my laundry to the car, to listening to me complain, to sitting through my awful TV shows, you've been an awesome sidekick. I can always count of you to cheer me up when I'm down or to really make me mad (both of which tend to happen quite often). No matter what, you always manage to make each day brighter. I hope you still want to hang with me even though I'm an old graduated lady now. I'm always up for trips to Downtown Westfield and long days on the beach. Thank you for everything.

To my sisters. Two years ago AOII are ready to embark on many more

fort zone. Joining The Outlook crew was one of the best decisions I've made at Monmouth. Not only did I learn InDesign and Photoshop (even



the ghost for me. Keep on partying on girl!

Casey: Who knew you had a wild side? Thanks for accompanying me to class regularly and joking around with me about it. You're going to do great things as Editor-in-Chief! Good luck!

Fabiana: You are the most stylish, "fab" girl! Plus, you love nails just like me! Good luck to you and keep the Outlook strong (I know you will!)

Brianna: Thanks for always livening up the office and sparking conversation about nails and Chipotle (two of my favorite things). You will do great things as managing editor!

Angela: The vegan queen. I don't know how you do it, but I commend you. Thanks for all of your compliments and health tips! Good luck in the future!

Alyssa: If you weren't in the office, I wouldn't need a hearing aid thank you enough.

being my home away from home these past four years. I will miss vour beautiful campus and all of the great professors, students, and mentors who helped me get where I am today. This is the place where I grew into myself and I am thankful for everything I have experienced here.

To the students who haven't had to graduate yet, enjoy every second. People told me the same thing four years ago, but I never expected time to fly by as quickly as it did.

Do your homework ahead of time, study, but don't stress too much. Go to Amy's, make it to Happy Hour at the Mix, try to beat the clock at Bar A, and definitely say yes when your friends want to drag you out (even if you want to say no).

Next time you blink, it'll all be over. As for me, I'm looking forward to new beginnings. But, Monmouth will always be a part of who I have become, and I can't say

A CASE OF THE EX A Love Letter to Those Happily Left Behind

JACKLYN KOUEFATI EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Everyone has a past, which means everyone has an ex. Whether it was an ex from a serious seven year relationship or just an ex that you used to the same college and instead drunkenly make out with from time to time. There doesn't have to be an established title for you I mean I didn't care because I to know deep down inside how you felt for that person or if that person was considered an ex or not. If you were involved with able when I saw you grinding him/her romantically or sexually but you aren't anymore, that person is an ex.

What a lot of us college students need to understand is that it is okay to be single. Dr. Gary Lewandowski, the Chair of Psychology Department, said, "In fact, being single is infinitely better than being in there are certain factors that an unhealthy relationship. Use the time that you are single to Those factors include: shared and want to be, what you really want in a partner, and what you ally is a best friendship with can do to be a better person so want a relationship you're more likely to find a good one."

Basically, do not waste your time with someone if they aren't making you happy. Some of us learned that the hard way, but that's alright. It is a lesson learned.

I am here today to not only acknowledge the skeletons in my closet but to express some feelings I've kept locked up inside. This is a letter to my past exes.

changed).

When I met you, I was so young. I didn't know the difference between true love and puppy love. That didn't matter to me though. All that mattered was that you looked at me with stars in your eyes and that you had your license before me. head away from me when you That way you could actually looking back brings a smile public proudly. to my face and warmth to my heart.

we were hiding away in your it taught me to be more care-

you "loved" me.

Remember when we were at me. of going to parties together we went to parties separately? was able to go with my roommates anyway. Things did start to get a little uncomfortwith other girls. You told me you "loved" me though, so who cared if you were having drunk girls twerk on your me in the darkness. pelvis in a dark damp fraternity basement? You loved me. Nothing in this world mattered, right? Wrong.

Lewandowski explained that a healthy relationships needs. and communication. "It reto become an even better person," he said.

world mattered, right? Wrong.

I had all these angry feelcheated on me, when you left me, when you made out with the girl two feet away from me Dear John (names have been not to yell or to scream, but to say thank you.

Thank you for treating me me grateful for how I am getting treated now, and that's iester.

Thank you for turning your walked past me on campus. It

Thank you for being unfaith-When we weren't getting trust in people. Now it just rocks. half- off appetizers at 10 pm, made me stronger. Of course

house at late hours of the ful with who I give my heart to, night. I never understood why but it didn't make me scared to you didn't want to be seen in care again. So you didn't break public with me, but I didn't me. As much as you thought you think anything of it because did when I was crying because I missed you - you didn't break

> Thank you for taking me on cheap dates. It made me appreciate when I get spoiled. Listen, I am not saying Applebee's is a cheap date because let's be honest, I love Applebee's. I mean it in the way that you never took me out and when you did, it was where you wanted to go. Which was either a chain restaurant or the movies where you could hide

Thank you for only hanging out with me at the obnoxious hours of the night. It made me realize that you were probably a vampire because not only is that not normal, it's not enjoyable. The day is meant for socializing and being with the one you really figure out who you are respect, care, trust, honesty, love. The night is of course for cuddling but also sleeping - not being insomniacs together and someone who truly values you having one person wish it was that if you do decide that you for who you are and helps you different. If you two are night owls then it's a different story.

There's a big difference be-You and I didn't share any of tween hanging out at 8 pm and those factors and I don't think 12:30 am. Some people say that's you made me a better person a booty call, but other naïve peobut that's beside the point. You ple who want to believe that their "loved" me. Nothing in this partner actually cares for them call it love.

Overall, thank you for being ings trapped inside when you an absolute terrible person to me. I am not saying you are a terrible person in life, you just were when we dated. Our relationship at a bar. But today, I am here was toxic. At the time I did not see that because I was so blinded by my heart.

Today I see clearly and realize like absolute garbage. It made that there are no hard feelings. I do not wish anything bad upon you. Honestly, I hope you find like a princess, not the court happiness like I have. I also hope you learned from your mistakes because no one deserves to feel rejected, unwanted or unloved.

I am truly thankful for the way take me on romantic dates to made me grateful for my man you treated me because it not the diner and Applebee's. Just today who holds my hand in only brought me to my prince charming today but it also made me the person I am no. And ful. At first it made me lose honestly, I think who I am now

Xoxo, Jacklyn

Thrills, Spills and Chills

The Most Exhilarating Amusement Parks Around the Area



Knoebels theme park in Pennsylvania has rides like the swings.

KELLY HUGHES STAFF WRITER

With summer in reach, its time to start ahead on planning daily adventures. Summertime has long been appreciated by college students after two grueling semesters of hard work. Though your summer plans might be taken up by a job or internship, you are usually granted more free time that you lacked during the school year. If you want to take advantage of the warm days with old friends, the area has many amusement parks for you to consider taking a mini vacation.

At a small fee, you can enjoy these theme parks around the surrounding states throughout the summer.

Right in Jackson is Six Flags, probably one of the most frequently used and well known by University students. While many students are probably already familiar with Six Flags, this summer it is introducing a new drop ride.

Zumanjaro Drop of Doom is inspired by the African theme of Safari Off Road Adventure so guests waiting in line will also be simultaneously watching baboons in their habitat. The ride is set to drop 415 feet from the air, making it the tallest drop tower in the world, according to the Six Flags website. The drop speed is 90 mph and if that isn't daring enough, it is surrounded by Kingda Ka circling its tracks at 128 mph. Online discount tickets start at

fessor Aaron Furguson noticed the downfalls of amusement parks. "I never have a problem with costs at amusement parks. However, I do have a problem with line management at rides. There is also a sense that once you are in, you almost feel like a prisoner. All of your meals, entertainment and interaction are solely with others in the park," he said.

If you are up north this summer, plan a day trip to the popular tourist spot Coney Island at Luna Park. The park will be welcoming a new, steel roller coaster called the Thunderbolt on Memorial Weekend. The 25 foot tall roller coaster which features over 2,000 ft. of track will go upside down as well.

New York native and junior public relations major Rebecca Zidik has been to Coney Island quite a few times. "Well, Coney Island is a huge historic landmark and it has cleaned up well from previous years! I remember getting hot dogs on the boardwalk at Nathan's and of course going on the wonder wheel at Luna Park where you can see out onto the water. It's one of the best parts of Brooklyn to me," she said.

One destination for a longer amusement park vacation is a visit to Knoebels Amusement Park in Elysburg, Pennsylvania. Since the park includes free admission, free parking, free entertainment and free picnic facilities, many people pay for the nearby camp site. The only pricing comes from the ride tickets. Thrill rides, roller coasters, laser tag, 3D experiences, and a water park are just a few of the attractions Knoebels has to offer. Also located in Pennsylvania, Hershey Park is a popular destination not only for amusement park enthusiasts, but chocolate lovers as well. Hershey's season begins May 9 and tickets begin at \$58.95 for adults. Even if you are not a fan of roller coasters and thrill rides. Hershev has something for you. The popular Chocolate World attraction shows you how the famous candy is made. You can also enjoy the create-yourown candy bar station and dream up your own unique treat. Check out the Stormrunner or Wildcat coasters. Hershey Park also offers tons of water rides like the Coastline Plunge and Tidal Force. There are plenty of amusement parks to please your thrill- seeking self this summer, so plan accordingly.



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Clementon Park and Splash World is located in southern New Jersey. The park opens on May 23 and you can buy a summer pass for only \$49.99 with unlimited visits including free tickets for friends and \$1 drink refills.

A popular ride is King Neptune's Revenge, a log flume dropping over Clementon Lake. The wooden roller coaster Hell Cat drops at 110 feet for a sure thrill. The water park includes eight attractions, such as the Big Wave Bay wave pool which has 23,000 square-feet of seemingly real waves.

Junior public relations major Allie Phillips has lifeguarded at the park the past few summers. "Clementon Park and Splash World is the place to cool down this summer. There is so much to do for all ages in the family and our certified lifeguards make sure to keep everything safe. It is a fun and easy going park," she said. Associate Communication Pro-

Men of Tau Kappa Epsilon Dominate Greek Senate Academic Bowl

NINA COSTA STAFF WRITER

Greek Senate hosted Greek Week's Academic Bowl that took place on April 23 at 9:30 pm in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center (RSSC)'s Anacon Hall. Over 300 students attended the event to see which Greek organization would be crowned academic champions.

Each sorority and fraternity was required to have a total of four members on their team and there were four rounds of questioning. Rules for the night stated that each team had exactly 60 seconds to respond to the questions projected on the big screen. After each round, a different sorority or fraternity faced elimination depending on the overall score, and by round three, two teams were eliminated.

The brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) won the event with their knowledge of random topics and subjects. Vincent Vento, a brother of TKE, mentioned that it was great being there to compete with his brothers. "It feels really great to bring home the W to the men of Tau the mentality that we could win, which is the right mindset to be in if you want to win," said Vento.

Round one of the competiranged from subjects such as chemistry, to basic knowledge about elimination of DTD.

West Long Branch and Monmouth University. By the end of round one, Phi Kappa Psi (Phi Psi), Al- ing the human body, and geography. been on the team since they were

Round two consisted of seven Dellera and brother, Marc Hahn, a even though that makes it more fun, questions regarding topics involv-

senior criminal justice student, have pha Kappa Psi (AKPsi), Delta Phi Round three resulted in both AKPsi both freshmen. Fellow teammate



PHOTO COURTESY of Taylor Copp

Brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) (from left to right) Marc Hahn, Kevin Konapaka, Joseph Dellera, and Vincent Vento collaborate to win the Academic Bowl.

Pi), Sigma Tau Gamma (STG), Tau Kappa Epsilon, and Alpha Xi Delta (AXiD) advanced. There was also a tie breaker between fraternities tion consisted of 10 questions and Delta Tau Delta (DTD) and Tau Delta Phi (TDP), resulting in the

Kappa Epsilon, we definitely had Epsilon (DPhiE), Sigma Pi (Sig and DPhiE being eliminated, leaving STG, TKE, Phi Psi, DPhiE, and AKPsi to battle it out for the title of Academic Bowl winners.

> Joe Dellera, a senior political science major and brother of TKE, said that their teams were picked by carrying over people from prior years.

Kevin Konapaka, a senior history student, joined the team his sophomore year and the newest addition to the team was senior, Vento.

Gabriella Tornatore, a health studies major, is a member of DPhiE said, "I thought the Academic Bowl had challenging questions to ask and the answers right."

I thought the questions were a bit ridiculous."

Tornatore attended the event because it was mandatory to cheer on her fellow sisters in DPhiE. It was also her third and final year attending. Overall, Tornatore said she was surprised and thought that DPhiE would advance because the girls who participated were all very bright and intelligent.

Vento and Dellera both said that the toughest question of the night was the question that asked the name of the actor who played Carlton Banks on "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air." The reason behind this, they concluded, was because he is no longer a prominent actor. The easiest question for Vento was who voiced Fiona's name in Shrek because he loves that movie. Dellera, on the other hand, viewed the Mc-Donald's question regarding the number of calories in a Big Mac as easiest to answer considering the amount of times he has enjoyed Big Macs.

Swanson said that the results did not shock her. "I was not exactly surprised by the outcome, I thought TKE had a solid group representing them and they knew a lot of information. I thought the questions were very difficult because they were all about completely random information. Surprisingly many groups got

Wilson Hall: Luxurious Salon and Spa

LOUIS GARBARINI STAFF WRITER

Wilson Hall was transformed into a spa through the use of its historic beauty and added decor for the Student Activities Board (SAB)'s annual Spa Night on Saturday, April 25 from 6 – 9 pm where students and faculty were pampered, de-stressed and styled through the use of local salons in the Monmouth County area right on campus.

Signups for the event were held the week leading up to the event Monday through Friday from 12 -4 pm in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center (RSSC) for students and faculty members to make reservations for the spa services they wanted to sign up for. Local spa chain, Mosaic Salon of Shrewsbury, NJ offered students pampering services that included manicures, massages, paraffin hand oil dips and make up applications.

Attendees were asked to choose two different services during the vices as a tip to the salon specialPaul Mitchell School of the Jersey curling on female attendees. Shore in Brick, NJ.

SAB Festivals Chair Samantha Kofsky was in charge again this year of her home grown SAB Spa Night event. Kofsky said, "SAB's spa night was intended to give 150 students a relaxing night to bond with their friends, have massages and manicures, and to make their own zen gardens as a way to destress before finals week.

Kofsky continued, "Through SAB putting in many hours of preparation, the club was able to transform Wilson Hall into the ultimate spa experience for their guests. We hope to make this event another campus tradition because it proved to be a great way to bring the semester to a close for the students."

The night of the event, the entrance to the Rotunda Room was draped with fabric and lit up by streaming bright lights accompanied by hanging paper lanterns. The Rotunda Room itself featured a "create your own" cupcake and reservation application process sundae bar alongside refreshments and paid \$2 for those chosen ser- for spa goers to enjoy. To the right, to enjoy; having this many workthe Morning Room featured eight ers also allowed for lines to be stylists from the Paul Mitch The first 50 attendees to sign ell School of the Jersey Shore that time. up and make reservations re- performed various hair styling ceived free hair styling from the techniques from straightening to

First year student Emily Townsend said, "The woman who did my hair was very nice and talked to me the whole time. I had her do a waterfall braid and she then curled my hair after... I absolutely loved it because it was exactly what I wanted and more.'

The next room, the Versailles Room, featured tables for attendees to sit at and enjoy their food while they waited for their set appointment time to come up. The tables were decorated with large glass vases topped with huge rose balls accompanied by white glass lit lanterns, balloons and gold and silver balls. The fireplace lit the room up with one of SAB's fire props that really set the relaxing mood.

The final and main attraction was in the last room, the Pompeii Room, which was transformed into a fully functional spa resort, all made possible by the Mosaic Salon of Shrewsbury. The room was filled with over 15 different spa salon specialists for spa goers short and appointments made on

Got Talent?

NICOLE NAPHOLZ STAFF WRITER

Greek Senate hosted the annual Talent Show," to mark the beginning of Greek Week. The talent show was hosted in Pollak Theater on April 21 at 9:30 pm.

The talent show consisted of eight acts from different fraternity and sorority organizations, including AOII (AOPi), Delta Tau Delta (DTD), Alpha Xi Delta (AXiD), Delta Phi Epsilon (DPhiE), Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE), Tau Delta Phi (TDP), Alpha Sigma Tau (AST) and Lambda Theta Alpha (LTA). The judges for the event were King Rice, coach of the men's basketball team, Tom McCarthy of the Counseling and Psychological Services Office and Deanna Getty from the First Year Service Project.

The show began with hosts Mike Migliaro, a brother of Phi Psi and Megan Van Tine, a sister of ZTA, welcoming everyone to the 2014 Greek Week talent show. To start off the show, Migliaro and Van Tine announced the winners of the Greek week t-shirt contests. Because the theme of this year's Greek Week was "holidays," the contest was judged by the organization that represented their designated holiday the best and who created the best original design. The winners of the t-shirt contest were the brothers of TDPhi, which earned them 50 points towards Greek Week. The winner of the overall event was the new fraternity on campus, Tau Delta Phi with the performance of Cinco de Mayo, giving them an additional 50 points in the Greek Week competition. Second place was awarded to the sisters of Lambda Theta Alpha and their performance for Halloween. The sisters dressed up in scary, ripped up clothing and danced to songs such as Michael Jackson's "Thriller" The brothers of TKE took third place for their skit of Fourth of July. Their skit was based off of America and the concept of freedom. Each of the brothers wore red, white and blue and performed songs that were

related to America.

The sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi placed fourth with the medley of songs for Veterans Day, in which they dressed up as soldiers and performed songs that related to veterans and how they contributed to our country.

The brothers of DTD earned fifth place for their performance of "Chicken Fried," by Zac Brown Band for their holiday, which was President's Day.

Greek Senate Activities Chair, Joe D'Amico of TKE, organized the Talent Show. "All of the acts were fun and entertaining. Tau Delta Phi won it with their act. Their music was on point and they got the whole crowd into it," said D'Amico.

Kelly Young, Greek Week Chair of AXiD, said, "I thought the idea of holidays as the theme for this year's Greek Week was fun! We were able to be a lot more creative this year with our shirts and our talent show performance.'

"It took the whole year to plan out all of Greek Week. A lot of planning and organizing goes into the whole thing. I have been meeting with Jon Buchalski all year. My committee has helped me out so much as well I couldn't have done any of this without them," said D'Amico. Towards the end of the show, the announcers explained that there would be a new form of social media being used for this year's Greek Week. The Greek Senate had created a Twitter account, @MU-GreekWeek2014, specifically used for information about the events that would be taking place. Before and after each event it would update students on which organizations were in what place. According to Buchalski, the Assistant Director of Student Activities for Fraternity and Sorority, the show was an overall success. He said, "Pollak Theater was packed on the first night of Greek Week. Joe D'Amico planned an awesome week and wanted to kick it off right with a very exciting and fun event."

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Sophomore Darius Jenkins stated, "It didn't matter if you were a guy or girl coming to Spa Night, there was still many things anyone could do. It was nice to attend an event where it was focused around students just relaxing and enjoying themselves, especially after these stressful and busy last few weeks of school before finals.'

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Assistant Director of Student Activities for Multicultural and Diversity Initiatives, Heather Kelly said, "I think Spa Night was a fantastic event. On a rainy, somewhat miserable evening, SAB gave Monmouth an awesome way to relax and pamper themselves in the light of upcoming finals."

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JACKLYN KOUEFATI EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Wow. That's all I can say at this point. I knew this day was coming but I didn't expect it to be so soon. It's crazy to me that in only a few short weeks I will be graduating from Monmouth University and leaving everything I've known for the past four years behind. I write this with a heavy feeling in my heart but I know that it is the time in my life for me to move on to bigger and better things. With that being said, there are several people I need to thank.

My family. Thank you for supporting me in everything I've ever done, especially my father. I am Daddy's little girl and I am incredibly proud of that. Thank you for being an amazing role model and for holding my family together when we felt we were going to break. Thank you for raising me to be the woman I am today. I love you. Mommy, Freddy and Stephen, thank you for always being my cheerleaders. I love you all. I can't forget my Babci. Thank you for always calling me to make sure I wore a coat when it was snowing and I didn't get on the parkway too late at night. Thank you for your 15 minute voicemails and just always making me smile. You are my angel.

My "future in-laws." What can I even say about you all? You were all amazing enough to open your arms to me and accept me like I was one of your own. I could never thank all of you enough for that. Mom and Dad, words cannot express how grateful I am for the two of you. Thank you for not only giving me your son but thank you for just making me smile whenever I needed that. I am so honored to one day become a part of your family. Luisa, my sister, thank you for sticking up for me when I need it and checking up on me like a big sister would. I love you and your beautiful family. I am so happy to be lucky enough to watch your kids grow.

My Sebastian. My man. My heart. My future. My soulmate. I never in my life thought I would find a man that was not only handsome but sane enough to deal with me. Then I found you. I thank God every day I walked ing to get the boot. into Frank's Pizzeria five years ago. That was the day you stole my heart forever. Thank you for always standing behind me and thank you for always catching me when I fall. You are my rock and I cannot thank you enough for that. I love you.

My ladies. This is going to be long but I am going to try to make this simple and heartfelt. Thank you to my Pompton ladies. You girls have been there for me since Girl Scouts. You are so beautiful on the inside and the outside. I am so happy we have been friends for all of these years.

My old roomies Jaclyn, Alyssa of you has been strange. I am happy we all live so close to each other though, with the exception of Alyssa but distance only makes the heart grow fonder. It makes life a lot easier. Thank you for always keeping in touch and making sure we never grow apart. It truly means a lot to me. Jimmy. You aren't one of my ladies of course but you were one of my first friends at Monmouth. Thank you for always making me laugh with our crazy talks. You are so brilliant, opened up to me. Even though I am I know the future holds amazing things for you. And please give your mother a hug for me, I miss her. Lisa. First off, sleeping without you next to me is going to be incredibly hard. I plan on sneaking in your room late at night over the summer so just don't be alarmed when I'm cuddled up next to you. Who else am I going to be really sarcastic with? No one gets my humor like you do. What I love about us though, is that we laugh together but we can be serious too. I am going to miss seeing you ev-

ery day. Always know that I am here crazy things the girls do and the crafor you and that you are absolutely incredible in every single way.

Alex. I never thought we would be as close as we are but look. I feel like I've known you all of my life. I love that you can be honest with me about absolutely anything. Everyone needs someone like you in their life. Someone to smack them when they need it and hug them a second later. Speaking of hugs, thank you for always hugging me even when you didn't want to. You are one of the strongest people I have ever met in my entire life. I admire you in so many ways. Remember, keep your head up because the jealous people around you would love to see you fall. And as long as I am around, that's not happening.

Elisabeth. I can't even write this without wanting to burst out into tears. I have never felt so confident in a friendship before. I know me and you will be friends for many, many years to come. I know me and you will be those two old ladies playing bingo together. There is no doubt in my mind. Sometimes I wonder how you put up with me for all of these years but I am so happy you did. You are not only my best friend but you are my sister. You are my better half. Thank you for always being the one person I can depend on. I love you.

Monmouth University has been good to me in a lot of ways. One big way is the faculty.

Professor Morano. Thank you for being an awesome advisor. The Outlook is lucky to have you lead it. Good luck next year.

Professor Payne, even though I only met you last semester, you have been a mentor to me. I look up to you in a lot of ways. Thank you so much for helping me as much as you have.

Sandy. Our office mom and to me an actual mom when I needed it. I am going to miss more than anything just sitting in your office with you and talking about absolutely anything. Thank you for being there for me these past four years and especially the most recent years. Don't get too sad though because I will be back. We just need to figure out who is go-

Evelyn. I do not have enough words to thank you for what you have done for me. You're always there when I need you and I truly cannot thank you enough for that. You'll be seeing me soon, I promise. I love you.

Past Outlook staffers. Thank you all for teaching me everything I know today. I can't believe it's been two years since the Seattle trip and since we were all in the office together. I miss you all terribly but wish you all the luck in the world in the future.

My current staff. Where do I begin?

and Mel. Living without the three one year together but I am happy we ment but I swear there is so much got to know each other Sandie. Whether you are teaching abroad or going to grad school next year, good luck. Please learn to take some time and relax because you do so much and it is so amazing but you really deserve a vacation.

zy things we talk about. Good luck to both of you next year.

Jess L. I have absolute faith that you will be great as the new advertising manager. There are big shoes to fill but you are already doing amazing. You are really talented. Thank you for becoming interested in us in the first place.

Victoria. I haven't gotten to know you all that well but I see that you really care about the newspaper which means a lot to me. Thank you for taking over politics because honestly I don't know who else would. In all seriousness, good luck next year. You will get the hang of it, trust me.

Bri. I have yet to open your letter because I am absolutely terrified. I know it is going to make me cry and I'm just not ready for that yet. I swear meeting you was like fate because you are such an incredible person. You make every single room you walk in light up with your smile and your laugh. Not being around you every Monday and Tuesday is honestly going to be terrible. I promise though that there will be many Chipotle and Izu dates in our future. You aren't getting rid of me yet.

My old-timers. How you've all taken me seriously this year I have no idea. Thank you though for looking at me as your leader and trusting me enough to lead you all.

Angela. I swear I don't know anyone in this world like you. So absolutely sweet but hardcore at the same time. You are going to get an amazing job and be on television and be so rich that you can buy all of the hummus in the world. I know it's easier said than done but stop worrying about life after graduation so much. You will be fine, I promise. But after I convince you you'll be fine, I need some help convincing myself too.

Nicole. Thank you for always helping me when I have the absolute most idiotic questions. You help me every time and never make me feel dumb for it. I love your passion for writing and hope that one day I can read even more of it.

Maggie. You are crazy but in such a beautifully innocent way. It's what makes you, you. I love how much you love everything. Never ever lose that. Your hard work will pay off one day and when it does please remember me and make me rich too. Good luck as the Co-President of PRSSA next year and being in charge of the sports section.

Jess R. Thank you for helping Chris whenever he needed it. You are a strong woman and I know you will be successful in life. You have a big heart and I admire that so much about you. Good luck next year in Washington DC. I plan to visit.

Paul. Thank you for always writ-My newbies. I am sad we only got ing. It sounds like such a silly statethankfulness behind that. You are s quick to help, whether it is reporting or copy editing. Congrats on graduating and I wish you and your wife all the happiness in the world. Netta, Netta, Netta. Thank you so much for all of your help over the years you've been a part of the newspaper. Without you, the back page would be a sad, blank space. I know I can say this along with all of the other seniors that we are happy to be walking with you at graduation. Congrats on yet another master's degree. Alyssa. You are as bouncy and vivacious as your curly locks. I see your growing determination and hope you keep it up. Even though you won't be with the newspaper for very long next year, please keep your heart in it. The Outlook needs you along with your comics and the phenomenal viewpoint. Soon enough we will be working at Cosmopolitan with our side by side glass offices. Casey. My replacement. I never thought I could say that with a smile on my face but I am. You are pre-



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Erin. Have an amazing time in London. You are going to enjoy every single minute of it. Don't forget to come back to Casey though, she needs you.

Taylor K. I am so happy you pretty sure you hated me in the beginning I am almost positive now you don't. Good luck next year and be prepared for my text messages crying about still being unemployed.

Fabiana. When I grow up, I want to be you. But really. You are one of the sweetest people I have ever met. Never, ever change. If you take news next year, I know you will make it something amazing.

Kyle and Taylor C. Two of the only guys we recruited this year. Thank you for always putting up with the

pared in every single way for this position and I have all the confidence in the world that you will be absolutely amazing at it. Good luck in your new job next year and being the EIC. I am always here if you ever need me. You won't but just in case you do.

Chris. Before this year started, I knew we were going to make an amazing team and I was proven just that. Thank you for always keeping me on track with the important stuff and making sure I never attacked anyone on Monday or Tuesday. You have been a great person to work alongside with. When you do run for President one day, you know you have my vote.

Kelly. I had to save you for last. I hate that we haven't been able to spend as much time together lately but I know it's because of life. If it was up to us, we would be with one another every second without ever getting sick of each other. I wish you could

see how incredible you are. When you don't though I am here to remind you. You are like Super Woman. You always have a million things on your plate but you deal with it all flawlessly. I do get jealous when you focus on more stuff than me but I understand of course. I am so happy you became one of my closest friends. Connecticut better be prepared for a Jersey girl to say hello. I love you.

The Outlook has been my home for the past four years. I am heartbroken to say goodbye, however, I know it's in good hands.

There are a lot of people I have in my life that I am grateful for. So even though my journey at Monmouth is coming to an end, that doesn't mean I am leaving the beautiful memories and the amazing friends I made behind.

I know it's cliché, but to all the underclassmen, enjoy it while you still have it. These four years fly by.

Four Athletes Transfer from University

RYAN GALLAGHER CONTRIBUTING WRITER

As another school year ends at Monmouth, students look on to the year to follow, however, sion. I feel like I have built very next year men's basketball team will look relatively different.

On April 3, the University announced that four studentathletes will transfer the college and thus, will not return for the 2014-2015 season. Among the four are sophomores forward Tyrone O'Garro, guard Christian White, guard Jalen Palm, and freshman center Marcelo Ruediger who will not return for the 2014-2015 men's basketball season.

"Any time you have kids leave your program, it hurts. They are a part of your family and you help them grow," head coach King Rice said. "Sometimes, people have to go different directions and we are prepared and excited about the group of young men that will feelings. take us into next season."

easy for the student-athletes, some felt it was necessary for their future success.

"It was a very tough decistrong and close relationships with my teammates and coaches," White said. "When I made the decision to transfer, I told my teammates that I would not be coming back next year and this is was an extremely tough decision but it was the best thing for me.'

During his time at the University, White played in 44 games, compiled a .391 percentage for field goals and .359 percentage in three-pointers. His sank 17 out of 28 free-throw opportunities and closes his Monmouth career at 112 points. White played 16 games this season.

Though White has not picked a final destination for junior year, he wishes the best to the Hawksand there are no bitter

team.

thought it would be. I think I'm ing percentage in field goals. doing what most people do in an

While the decision was not Asbury Park Press, O'Garro 2014 basketball season accu- Lee Academy in Maine by way said that his decision to trans- mulating a total of 127 points fer had nothing to do with the and 18 steals. He was one of six Hawks to appear in all 32 "I was unhappy and just felt games. O'Garro has ended his Monmouth wasn't the place for Monmouth career at 203 points me anymore or the place that I in 63 games with a .469 shoot-

Originally from Louisville, uncomfortable situation," Kentucky, Palm played in 17

"It was just better for me to go somewhere else and instead of becoming a cancer for the team, that's what I'm doing."

> TYRONE O'GARRO Sophomore Guard

O'Garro said. "It was just better for me to go somewhere else to 30 games during his freshand instead of becoming a cancer for the team, that's what I'm Hawk, Palm assembled 20 asdoing.'

O'Garro, who was a team out of 23 free throws. tri-captain, started in 20 out

games this season compared man year. During his time as a sists, 22 rebounds, and made 16

In an article published by the of 32 games during the 2013- was originally recruited from and Max DiLeo.

of Brazil. In one season as a Hawk, Ruediger saw 24 games, shot .313 from the floor, made 28 rebounds, and had 16 points.

The team is now faced with the complication of replacing those spots on the roster. "We always work hard to find the right kids and families to join our program here at Monmouth. We recruit winners who will represent us well on our campus and in the community," Rice said.

The Hawks have already received a commitment from 6'8" Serbian-born forward Nikola Vujovic. According to the Asbury Park Press, the program has also made a non-binding verbal agreement with 6'2' point guard Austin Tilghman last month from Archbishop Carroll (PA).

As the Hawks move on, they will have the support of persistent scorers junior Deon Jones, Standing at 6'10" Ruediger and seniors Andrew Nicholas

Men's LAX End Inaugural Season Winless

EDDIE ALLEGRETTO STAFF WRITER

men's lacrosse team fell to the Detroit Titans, 11-6, in their final game of 2014. With the loss, the blue and white end their with 5:21 left in the first quarter inaugural season at 0-13 (0-6 MAAC).

Leading the way for MU were Kevin Osback. freshmen Chris Daly and Eric Berger. Daly scored a teamgames.

Detroit opened up the scoring with a goal from Shayne Adams at the 11:49 mark in the On Saturday, April 26, the first. Two minutes later, the blue and white responded with a goal from Berger off a feed from Daly. MU took a 2-1 lead off of a rocket shot by Daly with the assist credited to freshman

The Titans, however, answered back with two consecuhigh three goals and added an tive goals in the final three minassist. Berger posted his third utes to jump back in front 3-2. two-goal game in the last four The second quarter was all Detroit as Adams scored four goals

to increase the Titans lead to 7-2 at the half.

The Hawks outscored the Titans 3-1 in the third quarter to cut the lead to 8-5. Berger started the rally scoring an unassisted goal. Daly notched his second goal of the contest off of an assist from freshman Colin Reilly, which was his first career point for MU. Daly then scored his third goal, which was unassisted, to end the quarter.

However, Detroit responded with three straight goals in the final frame to jump out to an

game. Freshman Dan Blood- end," head coach Brian Fisher good responded with his twelfth said. "We will continue to learn, goal of the season.

MU outshot Detroit 43-30 in the contest, which included a 28-13 edge in the first half. Freshman goalkeeper Nick Hreshko made a pair of saves in the first half for the Hawks, while junior goalie Garrett Conaway made six stops in the second half. Detroit goalkeeper Jason Weber made 18 saves for the Titans.

Today was another one of those games where I'm certainly proud of our effort and Bloodgood played and started 11-5 lead with 5:31 left in the we played really hard until the all 13 games.

improve and get better from this. The future will be very bright for us."

Daly was the team's top scorer with 17 in 13 games, 11 of which he started. He also lead the team in assists at nine and total points with 26.

Bloodgood scored 12 goals throughout the season earning him the spot of second top scorer. He also came in second with assits at seven and points at 19.

Women's LAX Finish 2014 Under .500

EDDIE ALLEGRETTO STAFF WRITER

In the 2014 regular season finale the blue and white (8-9; 5-3 MACC) stunned the Marist Red Foxes (13-3; 7-1 MAAC) as they handed them their first conference loss on Saturday by the final score of 12-11.

The Hawks never trailed in this contest and received goals from eight different players. Leading the way for MU was freshman midfielder Kendall Lutts who scored a career-high four goals including the game winner.

goals in the first three minutes. The splitting time throughout the con-Red Foxes answered back to cut the test. Hawks lead to one. Sophomore at-

left in regulation.

Marist would not quit as they scored two straight goals at the 11:05 and 7:36 mark to climb to within one. Lutts then scored her fourth goal of the game to give the Hawks a two goal lead with 2:34 remaining in the match.

Erin Schroeder cut the Hawks' lead to one with just under two minutes to play. A shot in the final seconds sailed wide of the cage putting an end to a comeback attempt by Marist as they fell to MU 12-11.

Blue and white goaltenders Caroline Huelster and Katie Donohoe Lutts began the game scoring two combined for seven saves while

Marist held a 25-17 advantage in



tacker Michelle Gonzales put the blue and white back up a pair.

With 10 minutes remaining in the first half, MU increased their lead to 6-2. During that stretch, Lutts netted her third goal and senior attacker Danielle Rakowitz added a pair of her own.

Marist responded quickly to cut the lead to 6-3. Shortly after that, junior midfielder Allison Stathius scored to put the Hawks up by four. The Red Foxed ended the half by scoring three straight goals to trail 7-6.

Senior midfielder Kaliegh Gibbons scored at the 22:31 mark to increase MU's lead to 8-6. However, Marist's Jamie Romano answered less than a minute later. The two teams traded goals over the next three minutes in this closely contested matchup.

and freshman midfielder Claudia LaMarca added back to back goals to give the Hawks an 11-8 lead 12:44

shots and dominated draw controls 19-6. The blue and white committed 14 turnovers while the Red Foxed had 17 on the afternoon.

"I'm very proud of the team," said MU Head Coach Denise Wescott. "We did a lot of things offensively when we needed to and towards the end of the game we slowed them down from scoring. It was a team effort, we needed to work very hard to win this game. We didn't back down and we kept fighting to get up by two, which we did. When we needed to make some saves and keep them away from the crease, we did that too. I'm pleased with the lack of turnovers we had today. I know that helped us. I'm just excited about being able to play next week."

The Hawks, who earned the four-seed in next week's MAAC Freshman attacker Olivia Higson Tournament, will face top seeded Marist at 5 pm at the Demske Sports Complex on the campus of Canisius College in NY.

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Football Finishes Year with Blue/White Game

ALFRED TLLERSON STAFF WRITER

The Hawks' football team wrapped up their spring practices with their annual Blue/White scrimmage on Sunday afternoon.

The star of the scrimmage was Lavon Chaney, a sophomore running back from Edgewater, Maryland. Chaney churned out 103-yards on 20-carries as the offense managed to accumulate 490-yards on the day. MU will need that sort of contribution from Chaney since last season's leading rusher, Julian Hayes, was dismissed from the team because of a violation of University and team rules. On the other hand, KB Asante, who rushed for 1,080-yards with eight scores, will return to the Hawks roster. Asante did not play in Sunday's scrimmage.

"He's a guy that we knew last fall that he was going to be a dynamic back for us," head coach Kevin Callahan said of Chaney. "Our objective today was to get him about 20-carries, and that's right where he was, just to see how far we could push him. I thought he handled it very well, he did a good job with it and he showed that he's somebody we can rely on in a game-situation.

Chaney, who played in 12 games during the 2013 season, felt his true potential was finally tapped on during the Sunday's game.

"I feel like I definitely made the most out of my opportunity,' Chaney said. "Transitioning from the winter, doing all these hard workouts and finally getting out here, I think I was able to really show the coaching staff what I've been working towards. Coming in here, even though Julian was gone, I still had to go out every day and earn my position as that second running back."

One of the main objectives this spring besides replacing Hayes's production of 1,111-yards and seven touchdowns, was installing a new offense and replacing three starters along the offensive line. The Hawks are faced with the task of finding alternatives for Mike Hunchak, Josh Patterson, and Brandon Maxwell; but do return Reece Johnston and Peter Ireland. While the offensive line is still a work in progress, there is a lot of optimism looking forward with the addition of guys such as Rotchill Medor, a 6'6"/325-pound behemoth from ASA College, a junior college in NY.



PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reme

Quarterback Greg DePugh threw two touchdowns in the game.

"We made steps in the right direction in each of the 15 practices this spring. They are a work in progress that continues to develop," Callahan said about the progress of the offensive line. "There are seven or eight guys we've played with in the first group and I don't know if there is a clear cut decision on which combination of those guys are the best five. That is something we are going to continue to look at and that question may not be answered until August."

Romeo Harris, a freshman receiver, led all receivers in the Blue/ White game with 96-yards while hauling in three passes. He also added a 70-yard touchdown grab, but a fellow freshman receiver added

Choi hauled in a 65-yard touchdown pass from Greg DePugh to get the scoring going for the scrimmage.

Neal Sterling, the team's leading receiver, also contributed with 88-yards on four grabs, including a 44-yarder from junior quarterback Brandon Hill. If there is any lag in learning the new terminology from new offensive coordinator Kevin Morris, it did not show.

"The spring practices have been trending upward from day one. We knew everything wasn't going to be in and all the terminology mastered at the first practice but the offensive players have done a nice job picking up on it and I like the direction we are heading there," Callahan said. With all of this talk about the of-

a long touchdown reception. Matt fense, let's not forget about the de-

fense. Eric Macik, a senior defensive lineman, had five tackles for the Hawks while also adding 2.5 would be sacks. Zak Irizarry, another senior defensive lineman, also added two sacks for the Hawks' daunting defense. Darnell Leslie, a standout defensive lineman, made a sensational play by blocking a field goal attempt, fielding it, and returning it 70-yards to pay dirt. The Hawks' special teams managed to block three field goal attempts.

"You saw Macik, Irizarry, Leslie and O'Hara all come up and make plays today. If you have that type of depth and you can rotate and keep fresh bodies on the field it is going to be a great asset for the defense,' Callahan said of the defensive line.

In the secondary, the Hawks have vacancies at the safety spots and will look to fill those spots when practices begin again in August. Joe Johnson, a sophomore cornerback who had two interceptions in the first intrasquad scrimmage, will be the lone returnee since Tevrin Brandon graduates this spring. Aside from Johnson's presence, the rest of the secondary is an open competition.

"The safety position is wide open; we are really pressed to see which two guys are going to be the starters this fall. The corner opposite of Joe Johnson is one that is very much up in the air," Callahan said.

"A lot of it was about competition," Johnson said to the Asbury Park Press two weeks ago. "We are both really naturally competitive people and at the same time we're really good friends. So whenever (Brandon) made a play it inspired me to make the same play. And even in the weight room or in extra workouts, him being there when I was struggling a little bit, he told me to just keep my head up and just keep working. And that's basically what it is, that hard-work ethic."

"One of the things that Tevrin instilled in all the defensive backs is what it takes to be successful," Callahan said. "Joe really picked up on that and he's doing a good job so far this spring.'

Training camp will open on Sunday, Aug. 3 as the Hawks look to prepare for their season opener against Delaware State on Saturday, Aug. 30 at Kessler Field.

The Hawks now look to improve over summer practices before they begin their first season as a full time member of the Big South conference.



The baseball team had a three game sweep over the Temple Owls this past weekend. Winning pitchers were sophomore Frank Trimarco, junior TJ Hunt, and junior Jeff Paglione.

Offense was led by junior center fielder Steve Qilgues who went 7-for-14, contributed four runs and had one RBI.

On Friday, April 25, senior second baseman Jake Gronsky became the 14th player in program history to reach 200 hits.



The women's golf team finished fourth while the men's golf team placed second

in the MAAC Championships. The women were led by senior Michelle Rosenhouse who had a career-best finish at a conference tournament with a second place title. The men were led by junior Brady Goodling who placed second overall in competition.



The men's soccer team has announced additional commitments for 2014. The

men who are coming off their first MAAC Regular Season Championship title will add eight new Hawks to their roster.

These include midfielder/forward from Newark, NJ Miguel Alves; midfielder from Cranford, NJ Andrew Gee; goalkeeper of Ocean Township Chris Seager; midfielder Chris Nash from Franklin Lakes; midfielder from Westfield, NJ Leo O'Haus; forward Daniel Reilly from Denver, CO; midfielder from East Bruinswick Joey Gudzak; and midfielder/forward from Toms River Lorenzo Scala.

UPCOMING GAMES

Wednesday, April 30 BSB vs. Rutgers W. Long Branch, NJ 3:00 pm

Thursday, May 1 SB at Temple Philadelphia, PA 4:00 pm

Friday, May 2 WLAX at Marist* Buffalo, NY 5:00 pm MAAC Tournament

Saturday, May 3 BSB vs. Rider*

W. Long Branch, NJ 12:00 pm Game 1

BSB vs. Rider* W. Long Branch, NJ 3:00 pm Game 2

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inning. Freshman Lauren Howard by the end of the inning. walked and stole second; an error The softball team traveled to NY during DeSanto's at bat allowed bases for an attempted comeback, last weekend to face off against her to score. Runners were on first but freshman pitcher Sydney Un-Niagara University and Canisius and second when freshman Justene Reyes doubled to score DeSanto. Niagara committed another error on an at-bat by freshman Rachel Shotzbarger, allowing junior Vanessa Cardoza to score. With two outs in the inning, sophomore Raelynn Galindo doubled to drive in

both Reyes and Shotzbarger.

Softball Improves to 18-18

MU scored five runs in the third home, and the Hawks soared to 11-3 and Flores singled to bring their

The Purple Eagles loaded the 2-0.

teammates home, putting MU up

The Golden Griffins retaliated in the fifth, scoring after a walk and

College. The Hawks recorded only one loss in the four games played on Saturday, April 26 and Sunday, April 27 improving their overall record to .500.

In the first game of a doubleheader against the Purple Eagles, the Hawks fell 2-1 and posted their only loss of the series. Niagara scored single runs in the third and fifth after Chanelle Ward hit a RBI double and Brittany Richberg stole home. MU countered in the sixth when senior Alicia DeSanto led off the inning with a home run to center.

The remainder of the game was scoreless, and the Hawks dropped to 15-18 while the Purple Eagles advanced to 14-27.

The second game in the series saw an explosion of offense by the Hawks, ending in an 11-3 win against Niagara. The Purple Eagles scored early in the bottom of the score Shotzbarger, and Galindo sinfirst, with RBI singles by Desarae gled to put runners on the corners. Maldonado and Amanda Werth.

Niagara retaliated in the bottom of the fourth with Richberg's RBI single, but MU dominated the offense again in the fifth. Shotzbarger hit a home run with one out in the inning, and Flores tripled to left center. Galindo, Meagan Newton-Pender, and Howard all contributed singles that advanced the Hawks to hill, who only allowed three hits an 8-3 lead.

MU posted three more runs in the sixth. Reves and Shotzbarger kicked off the inning with two doubles to give the Hawks a 9-3 lead. Junior Kayleena Flores singled to A single by Howard brought Flores

derhill shut down the offense. The Hawks recorded the win, advancing to 16-18, while the Purple Eagles dropped to 14-28.

The second doubleheader of the weekend provided MU with a twogame sweep over the Canisius' Golden Griffins. The first game was scoreless until the fifth, when Shotzbarger led off with a double and scored on sophomore Jill Freese's single to left. Galindo added an insurance run in the seventh when she led off with a double and scored on a hit by sophomore Nikki Sandelier.

Canisius was shutout by Undertotal. MU took the win at 2-0, advancing to 17-18 while Canisius dropped to 16-27.

Game two of the series progressed similarly, remaining scoreless until the fourth inning. Cardoza and Reves hit a single and double, respectively, to put runners on second and third. Shotzbarger

two singles to make the game 2-1. However, Underhill finished strong, keeping the Hawks in the lead and ultimately helping them advance to 18-18, while Canisius fell to 16-28. MU finished the weekend at 3-1 with a .500 record overall. For their weekend efforts, Underhill and Flores were honored with the Rookie of the Week and Player of the Week awards, respectively.

The team has five games left in the regular season before the MAAC Championships in Fairfield, CT.

"I expect us to finish the season strong. Our season has been cut short due to the weather and I don't think the team is ready for the season to be over," head coach Louie Berndt said. "We just need to take care of business and finish what we set out to do, which is to go to the MAAC Tournament."

The Hawks will play their final regular season game on Thursday, May 1 when they travel to Temple.

SB vs. Rider* W. Long Branch, NJ 1:00 pm Game 1

SB vs Rider* W. Long Branch, NJ 3:00 pm Game 2

TRCK MAAC Championships Lawrenceville, NJ 3:30 pm

Sunday, May 4 BSB vs. Rider* W. Long Branch, NJ 12:00 pm

SB vs. Manhattan* W. Long Branch, NJ 1:00 pm Doubleheader

WLAX MAAC Tournament Buffalo, NY TBA

TRCK MAAC Championships Lawrenceville, NJ 3:30 pm

Sunday, May 4 SB MAAC Championships Fairfield, CT TBA

*conference games



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(Counter-clockwise from top right) Sophomores Tyrone O'Garro, Christian White, Jalen Palm and freshman Marcelo Ruediger all will transfer from the University come the 2014-2015 academic year.

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