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## Easy Come, Easy Go...

### Edison Science Hall Renovations Almost Complete: While 800 Building Gets Demolished

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Nine months and \$3.5 million dollars later, the renovations of Edison Science Hall is almost complete.

The remodeled building is painted with a cream color base and pure white accents, with a new hardwood floor on the inside.

A new greeting area has been created for students to meet in the middle of the first-floor classrooms, which has four round tables and armchairs.

Amanda Kruzynski, sophomore, said that she enjoys the area and finds it to be a great space to catch up on work between classes.



RAY BOGAN  
STAFF WRITER

The former 800 building was torn down this past summer to make way for a new art building. This is in coordination with a continuing effort to improve the University's campus.

"It obviously could have used improvements, but it had character that other buildings didn't have," said Rebecca Lennon, a senior photography major. Lennon had motion graphics and art history classes in the 800 building last year.

Patti Swannack, Vice President for Administrative Services, said that

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Edison Science Hall has new features including a greeting area on the first floor, while the 800 Building was knocked down and is said to be finished with construction by fall 2012.

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## University Remembers, Comments on Sept. 11 10th Anniversary



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The Tribute in Light, the 9/11 memorial in New York City, was completed in time for the event's 10th anniversary.

RAY BOGAN  
STAFF WRITER

On Sunday, America paid homage to the tragic events that took place on September 11, 2001. Ten years later, thankful citizens are continuing to move forward, but can never forget.

For many, the day began like any other. "I was in a cab heading to work. I had just dropped my daughter off at her first day of kindergarten," recalled Charlie Johnston, a Manhattan resident. Johnston was headed to

his office at the World Financial Center, across the street from the World Trade Center. The first plane hit while he was waiting at a stop light on West Street. "The building was on fire but I never saw a plane so I wasn't sure what happened," he continued. "I was very scared and didn't realize we were under attack until the second plane hit."

"I was in a meeting in my office," remembered President Paul

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## Rain Floods Howard Hall, but Hurricane Irene Leaves Minimal Damage on Campus

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A week prior to Hurricane Irene, a heavy rainstorm flooded Howard Hall's first floor with at least 10 inches of water.

"There was no significant damage anywhere else on campus; there were a few minor leaks here and there but Howard Hall was the most serious problem,"

said Patti Swannack, Vice President of Administrative Services. "We had to remove all the carpet that was on the level, which was scheduled to be removed during the fall semester anyway, and computer equipment."

According to Edward Christensen, Vice President for Information Management, "Although some servers were shut down and the datacenter was placed on emer-

gency generator power all essential services remained in operation."

The 24 hour computer lab and Help Desk were briefly relocated, however all systems and services were back online for the start of business on Monday August 22.

"The hard work and cooperation of Information Management

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## Commuter Lot Gets Revamped

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The University completed the renovation of the commuter parking lot just in time for the fall semester classes.

This September, commuters were welcomed with a freshly paved and completely rebuilt parking lot. The main parking lot near the Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC) had undergone a complete makeover during the summer to better serve the University's commuters and guests.

By installing better lighting and adding more sidewalks, the

University's goal was to improve efficiency and safety for the students, according to Patti Swannack, Vice President of Administrative Services. The parking lot previously had fewer sidewalks and students were forced to walk in between cars rushing to find parking spots.

An immediately obvious change for students who used the parking lot last year is the direction of the parking spaces; they now face in the opposite direction.

"The previous parking lot did not allow for two way traffic in each lane," Swannack said. "The

new lot is more efficient in that students can turn down the lane where they want to park rather than have to circle the entire main lot."

The lot held approximately 1,000 vehicles and that number has not changed but the administration made an effort to give students more parking.

"We actually moved about 60 employees to other parking areas to make more room for students," Swannack said.

This effort seems to have

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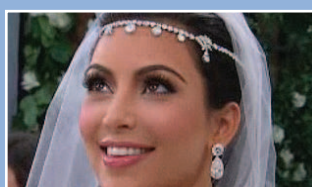
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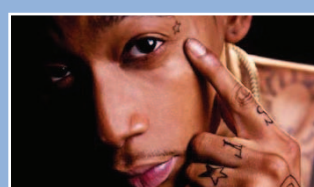
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# Welcome from the President

Dear Students and Monmouth Colleagues:

Again this year, we have had a busy summer. Yes, construction activity has been furious, but we also set a record in the number of hours students took in summer academic sessions; great decisions in time and workload management as you progress towards graduation.

We have refurbished classrooms on the ground floor at the north end of Edison Hall and are relocating our information technology infrastructure to the second floor of that new addition in the early fall. We have buried a number of power and information cables; looks better and provides for more reliability. Roads and walls damaged in snow removal have been redone. You will notice that the 800 Building is gone. A new, modern, but classic-looking, art gallery and instruction building will be erected in its place over the academic year. We are fortunate that exceptional friends have anonymously donated to enable this new art center. Lights for soccer are in — a gift from the generosity of Mr. Jules Plangere Jr. Laurel Hall has been refurbished. A better flowing, safer and more attractive main parking lot awaits you. We have discussed future plans including upgrading labs in Edison Hall, additional parking near the Library and one more residence hall.

You have shown your interest in environmental responsibility. To that end, we are more than doubling the size of our solar panel installation.

I hope you will all come out to support our fall sports teams. They inspire spirit and pride. You see some great games against top opponents on the Great Lawn and in the Kessler field areas. You will have a great time seeing your classmates win.

Finally, take care of yourselves, and take care of each other.

Welcome to the new Class of 2015 and to all, welcome back.

Paul G. Gaffney II  
President

## VP Student Services

Dear Students:

To the newest members of the Monmouth University community - the Class of 2015 - and to our new transfer students, a hearty welcome. To all our returning students, welcome back. It's great to have you with us again. I hope your summer was productive and fun and you are now ready for an outstanding year here at Monmouth.

As in the past, the University has undertaken a number of projects this summer to improve your experience as a student. Several enhancements and additions have been made to the campus. You will see we have renovated and redesigned the main parking lot. Not only will this beautify the campus, but it will also provide a better flow of parking. A renovation of Laurel Hall was completed. The 800 Building has been taken down and in its place will be built a new art building and gallery. Lighting has been added to our soccer fields which will allow Monmouth to host evening soccer games.

The University also has a number of exciting performances planned for the MAC this year. On November 5 the University will be hosting Joel McHale. Other recent performances at the MAC included a sold out show by Wiz Khalifa as well as a show by All Time Low.

You will also find a wealth of opportunities to get involved in the life of the campus. New clubs will welcome your participation and the Greek life system is always looking for strong students who want to form a common bond. Come out and cheer all the student-athletes who represent you and the University so well. Take advantage of the outstanding performing arts, theatre, and film schedules. All of this is here for you – but you must choose to take advantage of them.

I want you to be challenged by your experience here. I want you to take care of yourself and take care of others. Commit yourself to being the best student and member of this community that you can be. Challenge yourself to be open to new opportunities. Get to know new people and appreciate the unique experiences and talents that we all bring to this community. Most importantly, contribute in whatever way you can to make Monmouth the best campus it can be. Above all though, be safe.

We are all here to help you, to support you, to cheer you on, and to challenge you to be the best. Please do not hesitate to contact us at anytime. Again, welcome to campus!

Sincerely,

Mary Anne Nagy  
Vice President for Student and Community Services

## VP Administrative Services

To our new freshmen, “Welcome!” and to our upperclassmen, “Welcome Back!” We’re excited to have you bring your life and vitality to campus as you pursue your academic and research goals. Facilities Management is here to help. Our staff maintains and operates the physical, environmental and mechanical facilities of our campus so that you can focus on your studies.

Facilities Management is the department that operates the buildings and grounds of the University. If you need help with routine building maintenance or repair, you may request our services quickly and conveniently with our on-line service order. Our service order can be accessed at: <http://www.monmouth.edu/serviceorder>

To keep you informed about the status of your requested work, our service personnel will attempt to contact the person who requested service at the time that they perform the work. If they are unable to directly contact you, our service personnel will leave a door hanger on the entrance to the area for which work was requested, informing you of the status of the work.

Our regular office hours are 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. Emergency services (e.g. leaks) are the only services that should be requested over the telephone.

During regular business hours, call us at extension 3425.

For after-hours emergency help, call extension 3472.

We’re looking forward to helping make your studies at Monmouth safe, convenient and enjoyable!

Best Regards,  
Patricia Swannack  
Vice President for Administrative Services

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# First-Year Honors Student Mourned

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The University lost a rare, precious and irreplaceable gem during the summer. Rebecca Dermanjian, a first-year student in the Honors school, died in a car accident on June 16.

A resident in Beechwood Hall and a dedicated student, Dermanjian was excited to return to the University for her sophomore year.

English Professor Frank Fury was cousins with Dermanjian. He explained she was a girl who absolutely loved her family.

“It sounds like an overstatement, but she really cared about each and every person in her family,” Fury said. “She just adored her little cousins, and her parents and brother. She was so modest and unassuming, a great person. She either didn’t know it or didn’t acknowledge it.”

Fury said Dermanjian was very proud to be a student at the University.

“While she was trying to decide where to go to college, she visited Monmouth, loved it and set her sights on it,” he said. “She liked being able to live on her own, but was close enough to come home if she wanted to spend time with her family. She was also very proud to be in the Honors school.”

Dermanjian was a psychology major and was planning to specialize in child psychology.

“She had a strong love for children and connected really well with younger people,” Fury reminisced.

Dermanjian’s mother, Millie,

said her daughter chose to major in psychology for her ability to help others with their problems.

“She was always the one who her friends went to for advice and to just talk things over with,” Millie Dermanjian said. “She was also a very good listener and most times non-judgmental. She had an open mind and an open heart.”

While living in Beechwood’s J Suite, Dermanjian became close with roommates Olivia Greco and Alison Abate, both sophomores.

“Though I only had Beckey in my life for a few short months as my suitemate and friend, I will remember the time we spent together for the rest of my life,” Greco explained. “Within the first week of moving in to the suite last fall, we all knew that lasting friendships would result from the random room assignments we had been given for our freshmen year.”

Abate added to Greco’s thoughts.

“Beckey was one of the most amazing people I have ever met in my life,” she said. “It is so true when everyone says that her smile could light up a room. She was beautiful and smart, caring and understanding. She was the best person to talk to. She will forever be in our hearts, and I miss and love her very much.”

Fellow suitemate Rachel Kenny said Dermanjian was one of the sweetest people she knew.

“Coming to college, I never expected to form such tight bonds with people I had just met, but Beckey became one of my best friends almost immediately,”

Kenny said. “She had a passion for making other people happy and taught me to enjoy the little things in life. I’m going to miss every single thing about her, from her genuine smile to her music playing across the hallway at all times.”

According to Fury, Dermanjian took part in many Honors school and residence hall activities.

“She was very proactive with what Monmouth offered,” he added.

Family and friends remembered Dermanjian as a music fan.

“Beckey loved music,” Greco said. “She always ran into my room to tell me about a new band or to make me listen to a song she found. Some of the best memories I got to share with her were at the concerts we went to this past year.”

Dermanjian’s favorite artists ranged from Lady Gaga, A Day to Remember, Avenged Sevenfold, LMFAO, and All Time Low. She loved attending concerts, especially Bamboozle, which she went to every year.

“With her love of music came constant dancing, and I will definitely miss the study breaks I took with her to blast music and dance in our common room,” Greco added.

Dermanjian had a skill that many may have not known upon meeting her.

Fury explained she was an excellent and gifted writer.

“She wrote all throughout her life, you could say,” Fury said. “She wrote stories when she was just a young girl and, more recently, she had an aptitude for



PHOTO COURTESY of Frank Fury

First-year student Rebecca Dermanjian died following a car accident in June.

academic writing.”

An essay that Dermanjian had written on *A Tale of Two Cities* was nominated by English Professor Belinski for an Honors academic award.

Greco said that as a student, Dermanjian had an incredible work ethic and would have had a promising four years at the University.

“Her character sets the best example for the type of students we should want to be on this campus,” Greco said. “She will be missed by all that knew her, and is irreplaceable in our lives.

Beckey will always be in our hearts.”

Dermanjian resided in Budd Lake with her father Ken, mother Millie, and brother Shane.

The University has arranged for an annual scholarship in Dermanjian’s name to honor her memory.

“The criteria for it has yet to be set, though I know there have been numerous contributions to it already,” Fury said. “Students who learn about the scholarship may feel inclined to contribute or have their parents contribute.”

# Edison Science Hall Remodeled

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Larger windows also were installed in the building’s hallways, allowing for the intake of more sunlight.

Patricia Swannack, Vice President of Administrative Services at the University, was involved in creating the master and capital plans regarding renovations to the building.

This included updating the laboratories and classrooms in the building and planning exactly how they would do so.

“We needed to be able to accommodate some additional lab needs and update classrooms, things of that sort,” Swannack said. “In order to do that, we had to somehow come up with space.”

Rather than creating a larger

building that would take up more land, Swannack and personnel from the University’s Information Management group decided it was best to create an upstairs level to the former single-story building.

“One of our goals was to try to reserve as much green space on the campus as possible,” she said. “So we decided, ‘Let’s see if we can go up.’”

Prior to expanding the building’s above-ground levels, its foundations had to be transformed.

“We had to go up and outside of the footprint of the northern section of the building because the existing footprint wouldn’t support the addition,” Swannack said.

The second floor is still inaccessible to students, but is sched-

uled to be open in two to three weeks, Swannack said.

She described the upper level as open and lined with cubicles for students to work in.

“We were able to create some open space for students to study and meet with people to do homework,” she said.

Plans for an additional room on the other side of the elevator are also in the works, Swannack said.

“It will have some glass boards in there that students can write on, you know, if you had a class project or if you were trying to work out some mathematical equation,” she explained.

Mac computers for Graphic Design students temporarily fill the downstairs classrooms in the building while the new art building is being constructed.

# 800 Building Gets Torn Down in August

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the demolition took place a few weeks ago and was completed by a contractor engaged by the University.

The old 800 building was not in compliance with current building standards, such as the regulations set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

According to the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, “newly designed and constructed or altered state and local government facilities, public accommodations, and commercial facilities [need] to be readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities.”

There were too few bathrooms and they were not ADA accessible, Swannack said. Furthermore, many floors throughout the building made it more difficult for people with disabilities to navigate the building with no elevator to accommodate them.

“It was really upsetting that if you had a handicap you couldn’t get to the top floor of the building,” Lennon said. “I think it’s fantastic that it will be accessible to everyone with nothing holding anyone back.”

The old building did not have central cooling or humidity control, which is very important in taking care of artwork. Furthermore, the gallery was insufficient in size, Swannack said.

The presence of asbestos also was an issue in the old building. However, all of the asbestos was located in areas not accessible to users of the building and did not pose a health hazard to anyone, Swannack said.

The asbestos, Swannack added, was covered by many layers of

flooring and was used as insulation for pipes. Apparently none of it had become friable or airborne.

Despite its many problems, Swannack said that the building was never unsafe.

“It was just not very functional and did not meet the needs of the students and faculty,” Swannack said.

The price of construction for the new building is still unknown because the University is currently in the process of discussing bids. However the project will be completely paid for by an anonymous donor, Swannack said.

“We have a lot of talented kids and for us to have a new space for everyone to do their best in makes it a lot more comfortable to just be able to work because we put in a lot of time,” Lennon said. “A space that is very accessible and functional is very beneficial to all of us.”

The new building will look very similar to the old building, but extremely updated. Features in the new building will include a two-story art gallery, faculty offices, a reception area, numerous classrooms, a student lounge and a permanent art collection area.

“Right now we are really hard pressed for space for the student galleries and that’s hard because it’s the one time during the year we get to show off everything we’ve worked so hard on,” Lennon said.

The new building is expected to be completed by fall 2012. During that time, classes that would have normally taken place in the 800 building this year have been moved elsewhere. Mac labs have been moved to the lobby of the Edison science center and art classes will take place in the 600 building.



PHOTO COURTESY of Kelly Brockett

The new interior of Edison Science Hall features tables and armchairs seen above where students can meet and study. They are located just beyond the building’s main entrance.

# Graduating Seniors Get Launched into the Future

## Class of 2011 Celebrated with Former Astronaut as Commencement Speaker

LAUREN GARCIA  
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The University celebrated its 78th commencement this past spring on Wednesday, May 18 at 1:30pm at the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel, NJ. Despite poor weather, the ceremony was held with the Honorable Charles F. Bolden Jr. addressing the 2011 graduating class.

"I think that this year's May ceremony went extremely well considering that we had very bad weather that day," said Mary Anne Nagy, Vice President for Student and Community Services. "We made a decision early in the day to pre-seat students to protect them from heavy rain and thunderstorms instead of having them line up and stand in the rain for the procession. I think people appreciated being dry and that added to the experience."

The University's guest speaker, Charles F. Bolden Jr., is a retired U.S. Marine Corps major general and former astronaut. Bolden became the 12th administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on July 17, 2009, and became the first African-American to head the agency, after being nominated by President Barack Obama and later confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

"Boundaries today are largely political," said Bolden to the graduating class, "but even those, as witnessed by the recent

uprisings in the Middle East so much fueled by the social media, are at best constructs that are rapidly changing."

Bolden graduated in 1968 with a BS in electrical science from the United States Naval Acad-

emy, along with President Paul Gaffney II. Bolden was also the president of his class. He later earned an MS in systems management from the University of California in 1977.

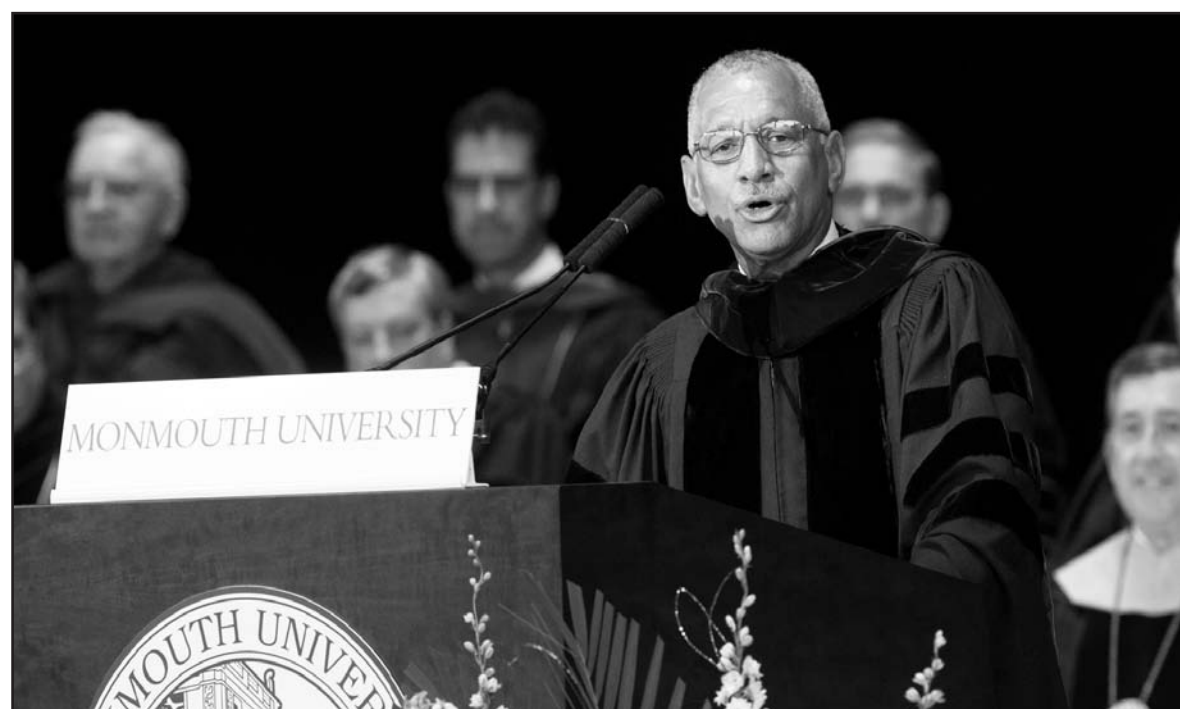


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Former NASA Administrator Charles Bolden shared his experiences and knowledge in the work world with the graduating seniors at the 2011 Commencement.

"I think I met Charlie within

the first week of Plebe Summer at the Naval Academy in June 1964," said Gaffney. "He was widely known and admired as a classmate and leader of our now quite famous class. It was no surprise that he became a

general and an astronaut. Now he runs America's most exciting agency. I am proud that my classmate gave the Commencement address; I am flattered that the Administrator of NASA would honor us with his presence.

Charlie Bolden has had the stars in [his] sights since he left high school."

Bolden served with the Marine Corps for 34 years including a 14-year service as a member of NASA's Astronaut Office, which

began in 1980. Between 1986 and 1994, he traveled to orbit four times and was able to command two of the missions: deployment of the Hubble Space telescope and the first joint U.S.-Russian shuttle mission. Bolden retired

from the Marine Corps in 2003, his military decorations including the Defense Superior Service Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He was later inducted into the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame in May of 2006.

"...Today you are in the business of the future," said Bolden to the quiet, attentive crowd. "And what an exciting future it is."

The future, Bolden explained, is in the palm of every generation's hand. The future is full of opportunities and possibilities; it is the moment where differences can be made and every individual sitting in that room can shape and mold their destinies with the assistance of the fulfilled dreams of past generations having paved the way for future changes and achievements.

"I think students, their parents, guests and the faculty were quite impressed not only with Mr. Bolden's speech content but they were impressed with the passion of his delivery," said Gaffney. "Hundreds of graduates told me after the ceremony how impressed they were."

An excerpt of Bolden's speech was printed in The New York Times; it was one of only 13 selected.

"I thought the speaker was wonderful, humble, accomplished and an inspiration to all," said Nagy. "All in all a great day for Monmouth University!"

# Flooding in Howard Hall and Hurricane Irene Arrives

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and cooperation of Information Management and Facilities Management ensured the crisis did not become an emergency, and that the recovery was expeditious," Christensen said.

However, damage from water to more than 100 computers and many more peripherals and supplies presented challenges to the start of the semester as many of these machines were destined for classroom and lab use. "At the same time, we have also doubled our efforts in preparing for our move in the Edison addition, a move expected to begin soon," Christensen said.

The following weekend, August

27-28, was the arrival of Hurricane Irene. Days before it hit New Jersey, rain and wind predictions, tips for keeping homes safe, and overall concern, filled the TV news stations.

The University experienced minimal damage during the hurricane with a fallen tree on each side of campus, and the debris was cleared.

New Jersey was declared to be in a State of Emergency and certain towns, especially those along the shoreline, were urged to evacuate. The category one hurricane brought floods, fallen trees and power lines, and damaged cars.

Sara Tomas, sophomore, was one of the many who experienced the ferocity of the storm.

"I didn't have to evacuate, but

they told me I was better off if I did. My friends however were evacuated from their homes because they lived in the middle of rivers and lakes and were a block or two away from the ocean. When they returned, their houses were completely flooded and outside it was waist high. One of their neighbors even kayaked into their house," Thomas said. Thomas had no power for two days and recognizes that others were without power for more than a week. The storm triggered nostalgia as the familiar landscape had changed rapidly.

"I've lived in Long Branch all my life and it is so weird to see the beach so flat and the tide like this. Don't get me wrong, it's gorgeous

at night but it doesn't feel like the beach I know when I was younger," Thomas said.

especially if the basement is flooded. During gas leaks it tends to be unsafe to use lit candles, as well.

**"Don't walk or drive through flooding water because although it may look shallow, there may be holes or debris underneath. Drowning is the number one cause of death during rain storms for this very reason."**

WILLIAM MCELRATH  
Chief of MUPD

In the aftermath of these storms people feel the need to prepare for this kind of situation should it occur again. Chief of MUPD, William McElrath, shed some light on the importance of safety in emergency situations.

"Don't walk or drive through flooding water because although it

Students living on campus however, will not have to worry because the University will take care of any gas leaks, and candles are not allowed in residence halls as is.

Students can call the University's emergency phone line at 732-263-5900 if necessary. Additionally, students can register to receive emer-

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may look shallow, there may be holes or debris underneath. Drowning is the number one cause of death during rain storms for this very reason," McElrath said.

Additionally, he advises to be cautious around down power lines.

Also, for students living at home, should there be a gas leak, it is suggested that one turns off the gas,

agency notifications on cellular and home phones.

During the last few weeks of summer, a time usually spent relaxing on the beach and preparing for the upcoming semester, the East coast was bombarded by rain storms while civilians prepared for the consequences associated with record-breaking weather.



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Marks of the water damage were seen at the entrance to Howard Hall next to the 24 hour computer lab.

# PRSSA Has a Home to Call Their Own

LAUREN GARCIA  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Public Relations Student Society of America has finally gotten their own office on the upper floor of the Plangere Center. The snug corner at the far end of the hall that once contained leather couches for the weary and computers for the busy, now houses a grand glass window with a view into the simple workspace of the University's student public relations charter.

"It is important to the entire Monmouth community that PRSSA earned an office in Plangere," said Melissa Roskowski, the former president of the PRSSA, who played a key role in the acquisition of the new office.

"The benefit to PRSSA members is clear—real life experience and a viable way to grow as an organization. However, with the addition of the office, PRSSA can take in more clients, both on and off campus, which allows Monmouth and its surrounding community to utilize all the skills PRSSA's members have to offer," Roskowski said.

The University's PRSSA chapter was established in 1997 with the intention of preparing students for success in the field of public relations. The PRSSA is a student run chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. According to Professor McAllister-Spooner, APR Director and Corporate and Public Communication Faculty Advisor, the PRSSA also creates internship and employment opportunities

for students all while giving them the proper training as well as networking opportunities.

"The PRSSA has become significantly more active for the PR students to create employment opportunities and to create practical experiences by working and being a member of the chapter," said McAllister-Spooner. "So they work on real projects, they have real clients, and it's something more to put on your resume and something to add to your portfolio."

The necessity for office space grew to be a problem as, over the years, the population of the organization increased.

"I think it was in fact due to the increasing number of students joining that Monmouth faculty gave us an office," said Robyn Flynn, the former Fundraising Director for the PRSSA.

"Our numbers grew larger and were comparable to other Communication groups such as WMCX, *The Hawk*, and *The Outlook*, therefore it seemed fitting that we have an office space to accommodate all the students. In addition to that, PRSSA took on more work, we were in the process of starting our own not for profit PR firm and that added to our need for our own space," said Flynn.

"Establishing our organization and increasing its visibility took hard work and dedication," said Roskowski, "but ultimately we succeeded and the office was needed and allotted to us due to the rise in our membership."

"The idea to build an office was the long term goal for the PRSSA from the start," said Sara Palughi, current Co-President of the PRSSA.

"Throughout the years, the club has grown and progressed; increasing not only our membership but our contributions to the University and the local community."

The new office is used as a workspace for the PRSSA members as well as a meeting place for members and clients. Executive Board member meetings are also being held there and computers were put in to help transform the newly constructed room into an efficient working center.

"Firm and executive board meetings will be held in the office," said Palughi. "The main function of the office will be to conduct client meetings, store and organize paperwork, and act as a work space where all members can meet and brainstorm together on various PRSSA projects."

Due to the size of the office, PRSSA general meetings will be held elsewhere, said Palughi.

The new office is considered a wonderful recognition by the University to the PRSSA. The public relations program was certified last year by the Public Relations Society of America: it is only one in 28 public relations programs in the world to be certified. The certification and recognition of the Public Relations program played a large part in the PRSSA's obtaining an office space in the Plangere center.

"This was a huge step for PRSSA and also the Monmouth community," said Flynn. "We finally gained the recognition that we have worked for and earned throughout the years, and it feels so good to finally be acknowledged for it."

"I was thrilled when the PRSSA office opened," said Roskowski. "We had all put so much time and effort into it, so we had a great sense of accomplishment. I absolutely think that this office will benefit PRSSA's current and future members. It gives students the opportunity to see what PR is all about outside the of a class-

allows members to collaborate on projects... this office and the firm have been the long term goal of PRSSA, so it is nice to see the clubs 'dreams' finally come true."

"It took a lot to get that space and it is a huge accomplishment that can be credited to not only members and e-board members, but also the faculty, they went



PHOTO COURTESY of Joanna Zietara

The new office is located on the second floor of Plangere right next to the Communication offices.

room setting. This means they will be more confident in their skills, better prepared for their internships and, ultimately, ready for their careers after graduation."

"It is very important that PRSSA now has an office in Plangere," said Palughi. "It gives PRSSA a presence in the building and

above and beyond to get us what we all knew we deserved. Members are excited to have a place to call their own this semester and to congregate to work on projects," Flynn said.

The PRSSA meets at 2:30pm every other Wednesday in Room 234 in the Plangere Center.

## Commuter Parking Lot Changes



PHOTO COURTESY of Michelle Callas

The new commuter parking lot provides students with more spots and a better traffic flow, according to Patti Swannack, Vice President for Administrative Services.

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made a positive impact. According to Nenil Mathurin, the valet parking manager, the number of cars valeted on the first day of school dropped from last year.

"This year it was less," Mathurin said. They valeted 25 cars on Wednesday, September 7 compared to 50 or 60 per day last year.

Mike McNamara, a first year student, said he had to valet on Wednesday. "They took my car and I picked the keys up at the booth," he said. McNamara described the lot as, "easy to get in but looks crowded a lot." He did manage to find a parking space

on Thursday.

Emily Fiore, a junior, returned this year thinking there would be more parking than before. "It's easier to get around but still just as full," she said. Fiore added that the parking lot was "better" and was glad they "took out the speed bumps which were annoying."

Cristina Marzilla, a senior and commuter, thinks although the lot looks nice, it does not accommodate commuters any better than before.

"Finding a spot still remains a problem, as it has been for the last three years," Marzilla said. "I don't understand why MU would redo the parking lot and not make an effort to create

more parking spaces when they know that commuters incur this difficulty on a daily basis."

Senior Ciara Bednarczyk who has been using the commuter parking lot for two years, is satisfied with the new parking lot. "I absolutely hated circling around the old parking lot because there was only one direction you can go in. It didn't make any sense. Now I can go left or right if I want to," Bednarczyk said.

The road connecting the large commuter parking lot next to the MAC and the parking lot behind Plangere Center has also been opened, making it easier for students to move from one parking lot to the other.

## Zipcar Provides More Options for Students

GREG GRDNER  
MCT CAMPUS

Ford will provide up to 1,000 cars to car-sharing network Zipcar at more than 250 colleges throughout the U.S. to reach younger consumers accustomed to driving Toyota Priuses, Nissan Versas and Mini Coopers when they use the rent-when-you-need service.

The partnership will last two years and gives Ford a marketing tool it has lacked as the car-sharing service has grown in college towns and larger cities, especially on the east and west coasts.

"Today's students are thinking differently about driving and transportation than they have in the past," said Bill Ford, the automaker's executive chairman. "This program enables today's new drivers to experience our latest fuel-efficient vehicles, while helping them reduce their cost of living and help relieve congestion on campus. We're looking forward to making Ford a staple of their college experience."

Ford and Zipcar will offer \$10 off the \$35 annual membership fee for the first 100,000 new university students members who sign up for Zipcar, plus \$1 off the hourly rate for the first 1 million hours of use on any of the new Ford vehicles at select colleges and universities.

New Ford vehicles start arriving on campuses this week. The new generation of Ford vehicles will include the 2012 Ford Focus.

Scott Griffith, chairman and CEO of Zipcar, says the alliance

will help Ford and Zipcar better understand the preferences of the college-age drivers.

"We've had Zipcars on campuses for more than eight years and as a result we've learned a lot from the next generation of drivers. We're targeting a generation that only knows how to buy music by the song, so paying for a car by the hour is a natural for them," said Griffith.

Zipcar has established partnerships with more than 250 universities throughout North America, including Harvard University, Yale University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Stanford University, the University of Southern California, the University of California-Berkeley, Loyola Marymount University, Florida State University and George Washington University.

Car-sharing programs such as Zipcar are increasingly becoming students' first experiences behind the wheel. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, the number of drivers between the ages of 16 and 19 declined by 19 percent from 1978 to 2008.

According to an independent study commissioned by Zipcar in 2010, almost half of all 18- to 34-year-old drivers are driving less, and nearly two-thirds would drive less if alternative transportation options were available.

"Millennials appear to have developed a very different view of the automobile. Access and convenience are their top priorities," said Griffith.

# Bursar Office

Welcome all new and returning Students!

The Bursar’s staff is available to assist you and your parents with your student account. If you have any questions, you may reach us at 732-571-3454 or email us at [Bursar@monmouth.edu](mailto:Bursar@monmouth.edu). We are located on the first floor of Wilson Hall, Room 110. Our hours of operation are Monday-Friday 8:45am - 5:00pm.

Please note that in order to speak about a Student’s account, with anyone other than the student, a FERPA release e-FORM must be completed on your WebAdvisor. FERPA is a federal law that protects the privacy of student’s financial/educational records.

Visit our web page for all Bursar information, including our frequently asked questions section. You may also want to familiarize yourself with our withdrawal refund policy.

Please note these additional services that you can access 24hours/7days a week from your own computer.

- You can view your account online as follows:
  - o [www.Monmouth.edu](http://www.Monmouth.edu)
  - o WebStudent
  - o Account Summary
- You can also pay your account online by electronic check, credit card or savings account by:
  - o Logging into your WebAdvisor account and selecting “Account Summary”. If you have a balance due, a button will appear at the bottom of the screen to allow you to make an online payment.

Please be advised that it may take up to one business day for a payment made over the web to be posted to your student account. Therefore, please allow 24 hours for your transaction to be posted.

Have a wonderful year!!!!!!

# Study Abroad

The Study Abroad Office congratulates all of the students who have the courage to STUDY ABROAD!

Welcome back:

Australia: Spring 2011

Samantha Attanasio, Michael Cannizzaro, Shawn DelVecchio, Christianne Faunce, Kyle Gavin, Alice Hartman, Michelle Meyers, Christina Schopf, Austin Siegel

England: Spring 2011

Mandy Anderson, Rebecca Baier, Caitlin Cullinan, Danielle Fokshner, Travis Graga, Aziz Mama, Meredith McCabe, Michael Scureman, Jenna Shotyk

Italy: Summer 2011

Jennifer Basedow, Chelsea Bower, Victoria Calarco, Andrea Dooley, Cassandra Dramis, Dana Ferrari, Danielle Ferris, Stefania Flecca, Jaclyn Franzi, Carissa Franzi, Kristin Gaul, Lacey Holovacko, Kara Hunt, Erika Kurdyla, Angelina Mannino, Alyssa Mauer, Sandra Meola, Ashley Mickiewicz, Kelly Moran, Elizabeth Nowak, Chelsea Otton, Sara Palughi, Amanda Pollifrone, Gabrielle Redgate, Mark Romeo, Melanie Rowbotham, Jaimee Saracen, Kristen Shedlock, Karly Sheeran, Jami Steinbeiser, Jillian Tavormina, Brielle Wilson, Esteem Winder, Rosa Zayas

Spain: Summer 2011

Analiese Arico, Michael Cardonick, Alexandra Casares, Angela Costa, Kristin Dowling, Ashleigh Hegedus, Alyssa Lucia, Leann Mazuca, Janice Melendez, Edda Pearman, Christina Steriti, Rachel Werner

Good luck:

Australia: Fall 2011

Alyse Desimone, Craig Dudek, Catrina Kostelas, Joshua Lewis, Christopher Libera, Katherine Lyons, Matthew Marini, Paige Rossnagel, Jason Wiemken

England: Fall 2011

Michael Acosta, Britney Acquaire, Kaitlyn Baklarz, Joseph Battaglia, Danielle Comeau, Kathryn Culhane, Holly Deptula, Kathleen Dorsey, Anthony Guarnieri, Sarah Kirk, Samantha Kofsky, William Low, Benjamin Lowy, Rebecca McCabe, Kimberly Pereira, Walter Ramos, Casey Reilly, Jamee Shea, Quinn Sims, Melanie Smith, Benjamin Sutton, Jonathan Warhol, Jaime Williamson

Italy: Fall 2011

Lianna Bass, Alexa Bolton, Amy Cancillieri, Lauren Cassel, Laura England, Alexandra Fitzgerald, Traci Luisi, Rachael Miseo, Christine Platania, Nicholas Salemme, Ekta Shah, Kaitlin Shea

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[http://www.monmouth.edu/study\\_abroad/default.asp](http://www.monmouth.edu/study_abroad/default.asp)

# Pep Band

The Monmouth Pep Band would like to welcome back all students and welcome for the first time, the Class of 2015! Come check us out at any home football or men’s or women’s basketball games this year. If interested in becoming a part of our award winning band, please contact Professor Jenner at [bjenner@monmouth.edu](mailto:bjenner@monmouth.edu). Have a great year!

# Women’s Basketball

Dear Hawk Nation,

As a new staff here, we’d like to welcome you back and welcome the freshmen to Monmouth University! We hope you had a great and relaxing summer filled with the beach, travel, good food, and great friends!

We’ve been working hard all summer to make sure we bring you a lot of excitement during the basketball season! We look forward to filling the MAC on game days & hearing your loud cheers as we work our way to victory!

If you see us on campus, don’t be a stranger, be sure to say hello! We love to meet our fans. Good luck this semester and see you in November! Let’s go Hawks!

From, the Women’s Basketball Staff

# University Help Desk

The Monmouth University Help Desk, part of Information Management, is dedicated to providing prompt, courteous, and effective service to the students, faculty, and staff of the Monmouth community.

We are located in Howard Hall room 107. You can contact the Help Desk at ext. 4357 or 732.923.HELP (4357) Monday through Friday - 8:15 am until 9:00 pm.

Should you need assistance outside of our normal business hours, leave a message on the Help Desk extension. From 9:00 pm until 11:00 pm M-F and weekends a technician will be paged and your call returned as quickly as possible. You can also e-mail: [helpdesk@monmouth.edu](mailto:helpdesk@monmouth.edu).

A few quick reminders:

You should NEVER respond to an email request to supply any personal information such as User ID, password, Social Security Number, account numbers, etc. Don’t reveal a password to ANYONE!

Back up your files. Your M drive is a good place to do so.

Check to make sure you take your flash drive, thumb drive, disc etc. with you after working in a lab or classroom.

Lastly, please remember that once you are no longer a REGISTERED STUDENT, your email and data will no longer be available to you from Monmouth University. Therefore, if you think you might need or want your email and/or data files, back them up to another media such as a flash drive.

Welcome back and good luck in the coming semester!

# Center for Community Health and Wellness

Welcome Back to Students and MU Community  
From the Center for Human and Community Wellness (CHCW)

The CHCW is a grassroots initiative that derives from the various Schools and Departments, student services and local community members. We invite you to participate in our initiatives and become members of the Center. The main activities are: Friends of Socrates philosophical discussion, Zumba Dance classes, and Monmouth University Community Garden (MUCG).

The Center’s website <http://www.monmouth.edu/wellness/default.asp> provides more information about the mission and goals, as well as membership and resources.

Sincerely,

Bojana Beric and Fran Trotman, Co-Directors of the Center

# International Reading Association

Dear Students,

The International Reading Association at Monmouth University provides all students with an opportunity to join its parent organization in promoting worldwide literacy. We work closely with the surrounding communities to help children with their literary development.

In the past, IRA has partnered with the Head Start program in Red Bank to bring each child a brand new book. IRA also participates in The Big Event here at Monmouth, and we have a booth at the Martin Luther King Day event on campus.

Being a part of IRA is a fun and rewarding experience, and new members are always welcome! Please feel free to stop by a meeting, check bulletin boards in McAllan Hall for dates and times!

# Colleges Against Cancer

On Behalf of Monmouth University’s Colleges Against Cancer and Relay for Life, I would like to welcome everyone back for the 2011-2012 school year. Colleges Against Cancer is an organization run under the American Cancer Society, which helps spread their mission on college campuses across the United States. Relay for Life has been at Monmouth for five years and has raised over \$150,000 for the fight against cancer.

Along with Relay for Life, we also host events throughout the year on cancer education, advocacy and spreading the mission of the American Cancer Society. Come to one of our many campus events to learn more about us or check us out at the involvement fair. We are always looking for new committee members to become part of our organization!

Have a Great Year,  
Alexa Passalacqua  
CAC President

# Off-Campus and Commuter Services

Dear Off-Campus and Commuter Students:

Welcome back to campus after what I hope was a productive, yet relaxing summer break. As you’ve probably seen by now, a great deal of work has taken place on-campus this summer. The main commuter parking lot has been totally renovated and the University has razed the 800 Building in preparation for its replacement. The addition to the Edison Hall is complete and ready for occupancy. We are also very excited to note that the lighting system for the men’s and women’s soccer field on the Great Lawn was installed earlier this summer and we hope you will find time to attend our first ever night games this fall.

If you are living off-campus this year, I hope you will take a few minutes to review the information listed below. It is part of the Welcome to the Neighborhood packet that is distributed to the off-campus students who live in Long Branch, the Township of Ocean, West Long Branch and Deal every September. If you follow the recommendations listed below, you should have a positive and problem free year off-campus.

- Ask for a copy of the certificate of occupancy (C of O) from your landlord or realtor
- Make sure to document the condition of your rental as soon as you move in.
- Introduce yourselves to your neighbors and give them a phone number(s) should they need to contact you.
- Please make sure that you aren’t making noise between the hours of 8:00 pm and 8:00 am.
- Don’t forget to dispose of your trash and recycling every week.
- Please remember that the local communities have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to enforcing the laws that regulate the use, possession and distribution of alcohol.
- If you plan to commute from a home or permanent address this year, I would encourage you to review the information listed below that will help you make the most of all that Monmouth University has to offer.
- Try to get to campus at least 15 minutes before the start of your first class of the day especially during the month of September.
- Find a way to take advantage of the many leadership/extra-curricular opportunities that are offered at Monmouth. Did you know there are over 90 clubs and organizations?
- Commuter students have four parking lots they can use: the main commuter lot, lot 25 (north of the MAC), lot 6 (by the Library) and lot 23 (next to Woods Theatre).
- Commuter students can and should access the Health Center when they feel ill. It’s located next to the Library.
- Take advantage of all of the different services offered by the Center for Student Success, located on the lower level of the Student Center.
- Think about getting a commuter meal plan. Go to [www.monmouth.campusdish.com](http://www.monmouth.campusdish.com) for more information

As the school year progresses, please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or need assistance with an off-campus or commuter related issue. I hope you have a great year and I look forward to hearing about the positive things you are doing at Monmouth University and within your community.

Sincerely,  
Vaughn Clay  
Director, Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services

# Department of Music and Theatre

Welcome to the Monmouth University Performing Arts productions!

As you plan your activities for the upcoming year, be sure to include the outstanding plays and music presentations from the Department of Music and Theatre. We are pleased to announce four performances you won’t want to miss:

The first production is the comedy-drama, “Crimes of the Heart”, for which Beth Henley won the Pulitzer Prize and the NY Drama Critics Circle Award for Best Play. A warm and irreverent comedy, “Crimes” tells the story of three Mississippi sisters dealing with a family crisis or two. The New York Post said it has “heart, wit, and surprisingly zany passion.... It would be a crime...not to see this play!” The play will run November 9 - 12 and 16 - 19 at 8:00 pm and November 13 at 3:00 pm at Woods Theatre.

The holiday season brings a return of the annual concert by the University’s choirs, bands, orchestra, and combined community choir and hand bell choir. It will be held in the main lobby of Wilson Hall, surrounded by lighted trees and holiday themed decorations, on December 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Spring will bring two musical attractions: the Broadway musical “Working” and the concert “Rule, Americana”. Working is a musical featuring the songs and stories of 26 workers, from a parking attendant and waitress to firefighter and schoolteacher. The music is by such diverse songwriters as Stephen Schwartz, who wrote last year’s presentation of “Godspell”, popular music star James Taylor, and a host of other Broadway composers. Working was nominated for five Tony Awards including Best Book and Best Score. It will be presented in Woods Theatre on March 28 - 31 and April 3-5 at 8 pm and April 1 at 3 pm.

“Rule, Americana” will once again exhibit the talent of Monmouth University’s orchestra and choirs, along with some outstanding local and professional artists, playing and singing the music of the USA. It will feature the music of Leonard Bernstein (“West Side Story”), George Gershwin (“Porgy and Bess”, “Rhapsody in Blue”), and Aaron Copland (“Grand Canyon Suite”. The concert will be presented in Pollak Theatre on April 20, 2012.

You can also get to see and hear our fabulous Chamber Choir and Pep Band at the Open House on October 9. Please come by Woods Theatre on that date. They will also be at the Founders’ Day celebration on October 12.

We hope to see you at these exciting arts events, to experience live performances, featuring your classmates and friends in the beautiful arts venues here at Monmouth University.

David Tripold, Ph.D. Department Chair  
John J. Burke, Ph.D. Director of Theatre Arts

# MUPD

Dear Members of the Monmouth University Community:

Please be advised that Monmouth University is excited to announce improvements in our main parking lots. These improvements include an enhanced traffic pattern and the ability to enter and exit the parking lots directly from every parking lane. Other improvements include new lighting and walkways.

These improvements will assist motorists in locating a parking space in a more efficient manner by having the ability to directly access every parking lane from the surrounding roadway. The parking lanes and spaces are now facing in the opposite direction from its previous design to accommodate these improvements.

To ensure vehicular and pedestrian safety, it is important that all vehicles park “head in” and stay within the white lanes as far in as possible. Also, please use the walkways and sidewalks.

In closing, I ask you to please drive safely and exercise caution especially as you familiarize yourself with the changes to the traffic pattern.

Thank you,  
Captain Dean Volpe

# Alpha Xi Delta

On behalf of Monmouth University’s Greek Community, the sisters of Alpha Xi Delta would like to welcome back our fellow classmates and extend a huge welcome to the incoming class of 2015!

College is the most crucial stepping stone in your social and academic growth as you start new classes, take on more responsibility and meet friends from all over. Monmouth has so much to offer its students besides just academics.

Therefore, as a freshman, don’t be afraid to try new things that you never have before with friends that will last you a life time.

Also if any students (including incoming freshmen) would like to go through recruitment for a fraternity or sorority September 23rd - 24th, you must currently have 12 college credits (minimum).

We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer and are ready to make this 2011/2012 school year the best yet!

Best wishes,  
  
Kaelyn Crede  
Vice President of Public Relations - Alpha Xi Delta

# First Year at Monmouth

Dear First-Year Students,

I wanted to take a moment and welcome you to Monmouth University and the First Year Seminars. As a returning PLA (Peer Leader Advisor) I would like to give you some advice. First Year Seminar is a very important class, so please take it as seriously as your other academic classes.

Remember this is a graduation requirement so you must pass this class during your first year at Monmouth. Last year I was a PLA for “Tea Appreciation” with Dr. Konopack, and “Global Aspects of Crime” with Dr. Sever and Professor Jamison. Both of the classes were great and I have learned a lot from them so I encourage you to take advantage of your learning experience. First Year Seminar teaches you about the class and also about the Monmouth community at the same time.

My role as a PLA is to help you adjust in the classroom and to campus life, help you become a leader and be recognized amongst your peers, and connect you to different resources.

Last but not least, I encourage you to ask questions so you can become familiar with Monmouth and its community. Monmouth has a lot to offer, such as study abroad to different countries, all kinds of events on campus for the students, clubs, sororities, and fraternities.

Remember college is not just about going to classes, it is about creating long-term friendships, getting involved, becoming part of the college you attend, and making connections for your future.

I encourage all of you to attend sporting events on campus, come and cheer for your own Hawk teams. So take my advice and find your place on this beautiful campus. I have been at Monmouth for the past four years, and I have loved every moment of it. Monmouth is the place where leaders look forward!

Sincerely,  
Balkees Parveen (PLA)  
MU Class of 2012

## On-Campus Employment / Federal Work Study

A reminder to all students and supervisors: no student can begin working without completing employment paperwork and filing a FAF-SA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for the new academic year!

The Student Employment Office has open hours for students to complete and update all paperwork. Open hours are: Monday 9:00 – 11:00, Tuesday 12:00 – 1:00, Wednesday 2:15 – 4:15 (except 9/14), Thursday 1:00 – 3:00 (except 9/8), and Fridays 11:00 – 1:00. Open hours will be held in the Student Employment Office, First Floor. For more information visit: [www.monmouth.edu/student\\_employment](http://www.monmouth.edu/student_employment)

As always, an alternate appointment can be made by calling 732-263-5706.

## Affirmative Action and Human Relations

Students:

The Office of Affirmative Action and Human Relations welcomes all new and returning students. Monmouth University provides equal opportunity to all students and employees.

Our office monitors the University’s compliance with laws and regulations regarding Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity, and Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972. Employees and students have a right not to be discriminated against because of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, gender, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, liability for service in the Armed Forces of the United States, disability, or status as a disabled veteran of the Vietnam era. Monmouth University has appointed Julian R. Williams, Esq., Director of Affirmative Action and Human Relations, as the ADA/504 and Title IX Coordinator.

Our web site can be found at <http://www.monmouth.edu/resources/HR/AAAction>. A copy of the procedure for filing complaints of discrimination/sexual harassment can be obtained at our office or <http://www.monmouth.edu/resources/HR/AAAction/harass.asp>. Any member of the Monmouth University community may report incidents of discrimination/sexual harassment to the offices listed below.

Julian R. Williams, Esq. Director of Affirmative Action and Human Relations	Wilson Hall Room 304 (732) 571-7577
Mrs. Patricia Swannack Vice President for Administrative Services	Facilities Management (732) 571-3546
Mrs. Mary Anne Nagy Vice President for Student Services	Student Center Room 207 (732) 571-3417
Dr. Thomas Pearson Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs	Wilson Hall Room 211 (732) 571-3405

## Enrollment Management

### GRADUATE SCHOOL INFORMATION SESSION

When:    Tuesday, September 20, 7:00 pm.

Where:    Wilson Hall Auditorium

To register call: 732-571-3452 or visit us at [www.monmouth.edu/GR\\_infosession](http://www.monmouth.edu/GR_infosession)

## School of Nursing and Health Studies

Welcome back!

We are proud of the more than 600 SONHS students who continue in pursuit of their degree in Health Studies, Health and Physical Education, Health/Physical Education with Endorsement in K-12 Education, and Nursing (Bachelor of Science, Master of Science, and Doctor of Nursing Practice) and those in our Interdisciplinary Gerontology Certificate program.

Best wishes for an enjoyable, successful, and healthy semester!

Dean Janet Mahoney, the faculty and staff of the SONHS

332 McAllan Hall

Phone: 732-571-3443

[www.monmouth.edu/academics/schools/nursing](http://www.monmouth.edu/academics/schools/nursing)

## Monmouth University Library

Dear Students:

Welcome Class of 2015 and welcome back to all returning students!

We invite you to come and visit the Library and get more out of your college experience. The library is located on the North side of campus next to the residential halls. Commuter and visitor parking are located in Lot 6 for your convenience. We continue to add to our collections and improve study areas and computer/laptop access. Our catalog and databases are now searchable via your mobile devices.

Our Research LibGuides provide you with a quick start on your research assignments. LibGuides for each academic department link you to the best resources for your discipline. A newly created Library Orientation guide introduces our library resources and services. <http://guides.monmouth.edu>

Library hours: Monday – Thursday 8:00 am – midnight, Friday 8:00 am – 6:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, and Sunday noon – midnight. Assistance with your research is just a call away to our reference librarians (732) 571-3438 or contact us by email [referenc@monmouth.edu](mailto:referenc@monmouth.edu).

We are all here to help you with your research assignments and offer you a comfortable place to study. Best wishes for a great academic year!

## Center for Student Success

Dear Students,

The Center for Student Success (CSS) is open to serve your needs. The CSS works with all campus departments and offices to assist students with academic, personal, and career matters. You will find us on the first floor and the lower level of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center (RSSC) and the 600 Building:

Office	Location	Telephone Number
First Year Advising	Lower Level	732-263-5868
Articulation, Transfer, and Undeclared Services	Lower Level	732-571-3588
Experiential Education	Lower Level	732-571-7522
Cooperative Education	Lower Level	732-571-3582
Service Learning and Community Programs	Lower Level	732-571-4411
Monmouth’s Early Warning System	Lower Level	732-571-7522
Career Services	Lower Level	732-571-3471
Department of Disability Services	First Floor	732-571-3460
Tutoring Center	Lower Level	732-263-5721
Writing Center	Lower Level	732-571-7542
EOF	600 Building	732-571-3462
Supplemental Instruction	Lower Level	732-263-5345

We hope you will visit the Center for Student Success (CSS).

Best wishes for a successful academic year.

Mercy O. Azeke, Ed.D.  
Dean  
Center for Student Success

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# Fire & Safety Day

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Honor, Remember and Carry On

STAFF OPINION

As we return to the Monmouth campus after a short and humid summer, there are other things on our minds besides setting up our dorm rooms and preparing for classes. This past Sunday, our country mourned the horrific tragedy, September 11, for the 10th time. It's hard to imagine that an entire decade has passed since many of us students watched the burning of the two towers on television during our junior high and elementary classes. September 11 is one of those days when, no matter how much time has passed, you know exactly where you were, what you were doing, and the first thoughts that popped into your head. If you read the front page news story discussing the national disaster, it's plain and simple: the thousands of lives that were lost are anything but forgotten. Faculty, staff and students commented on their whereabouts that fateful day, their opinions on how the country has changed since 9/11, and more. The footprints are still there from the treacherous state the attacks left America in. Our guards have gone up, and over the course of 10 years they have only gotten thicker instead of easing down. The University did a wise thing

by creating a 9/11 Remembrance Event, that was held this past Sunday on the Residential Quad. A candlelight ceremony, a moment of silence and a toast to a future of recovery and optimism is appropriate for paying our respects. In a University-wide e-mail sent on Thursday, President Paul G. Gaffney II wrote: "On Sundays we are typically a quiet campus. We will break that tranquility this Sunday as we toll bells to remember the thousands of Americans -

that are reprinted frequently, it's impossible to forget the loss we, as a nation, truly suffered. With other catastrophes this summer such as the debt ceiling crisis and the stock market crashes, it's hard to see which direction America is going in. Where is that light at the end of the tunnel? The important thing is to honor those who are no longer with us, but to also carry hope that our nation will stand taller than the Twin Towers did more than 10 years ago.

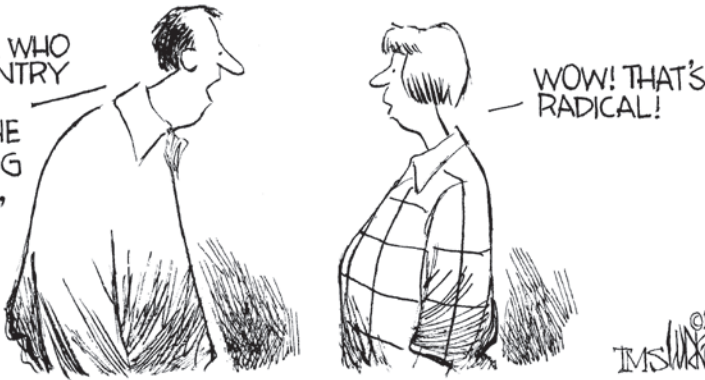
Nevertheless, take pride as new and returning Hawks this year. After an unexpected earthquake and hurricane that shook the state, and now remembering the devastating attacks of 9/11, we could use some brighter news as we shuffle across the Great Lawn.

some friends, some family - who were lost in the criminal attacks on September 11, a decade ago. We take that moment to reflect, pray, remember." You may have lost someone during these terrible terrorist attacks. You may not have known anyone. Either way, it doesn't matter; you were personally affected from the damage infringed on our country. Seeing the videos replay on television and online as well as photos

shuffle across the Great Lawn. There is a lot to be excited about: Edison Hall is finally finished, the commuter lot has been redesigned and students are awaiting the completion of the new 800 building, said to be completed next fall. As we know, the weeks fly by and the semesters end before we can blink an eye. Take in each day at Monmouth with a breath of fresh air, and make this year your most promising yet.



WE'RE HONORING THOSE WHO GAVE SO MUCH TO THIS COUNTRY BECAUSE THEY PUT IT FIRST. WHAT IF POLITICIANS DID THE SAME, INSTEAD OF ENGAGING IN IDEOLOGICAL EXPLOITATION, WORN-OUT CLICHES AND POLITICAL COWARDICE?



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# 9/11: Never Forget?

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It's ironic that the slogan of September 11 is "Never Forget," but the emergency workers who helped with the recovery on that disastrous day 10 years ago were denied entry to the 9/11 National Memorial on the tenth anniversary this year. Mayor Bloomberg of New York City released a statement that first responders are not invited to the opening ceremony. However, political figures like George W. Bush, and

events. They feel disrespected and betrayed. I believe that if the city wished to show their gratitude towards the first responders, they would have been at the top of the guest list for the memorial. Of course the families of victims should be a priority, but Bloomberg is not giving a good enough reason for first responders being denied an invitation. Other first responders feel if the city honors them, it will give an example to others. By thanking the people who help our country in their most dire hour of need, it will encourage others to

cussing ideas to dedicate another time and date for first responders only to attend the memorial, but first responders are still not happy. Some feel as if they were allowed to attend the opening of the memorial, they would be able to get closure from the disaster. Bruce Adler, a first responder who dispatched firefighters and NYPD to Ground Zero on the day of the attack wishes to attend the memorial so he may bond with others who experienced the tragedy firsthand like himself, according to Yahoo.com.

I believe that even though the first responders may not have had family members involved in September 11th, they still need closure. Some emergency workers have been affected more than people think. Bonnie Giebfried, an emergency technician at the time of the attack, is suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, a failing liver and kidneys, a crushed arm, elbow, and wrist, chronic fatigue, encroaching lupus, and other diseases, according to CNN.com She said that all of these medical problems were caused by the dust, debris, and other substances that she was exposed to on 9/11. Realistically, she knows that being invited to the memorial will not cure her of her illnesses, but it may show her that her heroic deeds are finally appreciated.

However, the lack of invitation to first responders is not a shock to the emergency workers. For the last nine years, first responders were not allowed into the memorial. I believe that is truly sickening. First responders are entitled to more respect and gratitude for what they have done. They risked their lives to rescue people who may have been mere strangers. Without first responders, most of the people who escaped would have been killed. They do not deserve to be placed on the back-burner. They deserve to be honored and thanked for their deeds.



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The 9/11 memorial features the largest man-made waterfalls in North America.

President Barack Obama are invited, along with thousands of family members of victims. First responders are more than welcome to stand outside of the memorial on September 11, 2011 but will not be allowed inside. The city has told the 90,000 first responders that there is no room for them at the ceremony. They are outraged to say the least and I am not surprised. Other first responders have admitted to never being invited by the city to any national

do the same in other crises. It will even give other countries the example that America can take care of itself when necessary. I believe that people need to see its country coming together. When they do, it helps open people's eyes to others less fortunate and brings the country closer together. Bloomberg is trying to find other ways to honor the emergency workers. After the opening of the memorial on September 11, 2011, it will be open to the public, but reservations are to be made in advance. Bloomberg is dis-

# Kim Kardashian: Kash Kow

BRITTANY HERRMANN  
STAFF WRITER

"I now pronounce you Rich and Richer. You may kiss the bride." Perhaps those were not the exact words spoken in Montecito, California during Mr. and Mrs. Humphries' wedding August 20, but considering the over-the-top, multi-million dollar ceremony the newlyweds put together the thought was not too far from anyone's mind. It seemed as if the world was patiently waiting to watch their favorite "it" girl strut her stuff down the aisle. Kim Kardashian found Kris Humphries, her real-life Prince Charming; everyone could sleep easier with that kind of peace of mind.

When the details broke of the wedding, it boggled minds across America. Though the reality starlet is known for her glamorous lifestyle, jaws dropped when dollar value was placed on almost everything involved in the wedding and reception.

From the reported 15 million dollars of borrowed Lorraine Schwartz diamonds worn by Kim throughout her day, three Vera Wang custom wedding gowns in addition to the Vera gowns for her bridal party and "momager" all at an undisclosed amount, custom fitted Ermenegildo Zegna tuxedos ranging anywhere from \$3,000-\$4,000 each, not to mention \$50,000 spent on flowers alone, this blushing bride was clearly only allowing the best of the best to surround her on her big day.

Not only did her five-star wedding welcome her into the newest chapter of her life, E!'s own cameras were rolling to catch every tear jerking, fairytale moment.

Which raises another dimension into this one of a kind wedding: were they getting paid for it?

Regardless of the millions spent out of the couple's pocket, millions were poured back in just for allowing access to the wedding. *People* magazine gave the couple a reported 1.5 million, just for exclusive rights to their wedding day photos. The buzz surrounding the wedding is diverse, however, there is one commonality within all the magazines, newspapers, talk shows, and people worldwide: they are all talking about it. Generally speaking, half of the public will argue it's their money, let them spend it how they choose to, while the other half will argue how despicable it is to see so much money being spent on a ceremony about love; which in reality is of course priceless.

Whatever your opinion may be, you are contributing to the Kardashian Klan brand. Word of mouth is still the strongest form of advertisement, and the Kardashians have capitalized on that. By always being so over the top, outrageous, and slightly unpredictable, everyone cannot get enough, and continues to watch their lives play out through numerous forms of media. Rightfully so, they are smart and have made millions in TV deals, appearances, endorsements and many more areas, just from being them. Kardashian-Humphries wedding received the outcome that was desired, attention.

"Kim's Fairytale Wedding: A Kardashian Event", will air as a two-part special, exclusively on E! October 9 and 10 assuming the delay is to let the hype of the wedding die down, just to let it explode once all eyes are accessible. Have an opinion? Tweet us your take on the elaborate wedding at @muoutlook #KimKashKow!

# The Boy Who Cried...Hurricane

GINA COLUMBUS  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

When a gander of us should have been enjoying what was left of our summer, something massive occurred towards the end of August. A hurricane was swarming near coastal waters and was expected to crash, not just silently slide, into the East coast. However, it was not exactly unexpected since it's (1) hurricane season and (2) natural disasters frequently brew near the southern tip of the nation in warmer waters. What did send chills up and down millions of spines was the prediction that Hurricane Irene would leave New Jersey disastrous, in an eerie resemblance to New Orleans from Hurricane Katrina.

The storm, which first was a category two and later declared a category one, had the entire East coast in a frenzy on Aug. 26. Now, a 'category two' is not something to mess with, so I'm told, and a category one is still a hurricane, but is supposed to be less damaging and not leave as serious effects.

As someone who works as a cashier during the summer, I saw this frenzy first-hand as customers poured -no, stampeded- into the department store from opening until closing for three days straight. It was like wild animals searching for their prey. For three

days, the prey included batteries, flashlights, and for some reason, a ton of frozen food, milk and eggs. If your power went out people, what in the world would you do with all of

The bad news is Irene did do a ton of damage, flooding, and left approximately three million homes without power along the East coast. The good news is it left a lot of people wondering

However, in Monmouth and Ocean County, winds reached at most 70 mph. Trees snapped and there was definitely major flooding in several areas. There were several reported deaths



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The aftermath flooding in some places was the worst ever seen, such as Pompton Lakes, NJ above.

this cold food? Oh well. Working in retail is always a crazy, baffling experience. I digress. For three days, I saw these people panic, cry and fear for their homes due to the overwhelming reporting on the hurricane. I became incredibly scared myself, and watching the news constantly wasn't doing anything but add to my fear.

'wait...is that it?' Once the storm left New Jersey the morning of Aug. 28 and reached Rhode Island, it became nothing more than a tropical storm, something we see often during this time of year. There was definitely more excessive damage in North Carolina and Virginia, where the waters are warmer and the hurricane was at its highest strength.

that should have never happened in the first place. Yes, the government did the right thing about taking precautions and evacuating people in close proximity to the water. What bothered me, and many others, was the EXTREME overhyping in the media. Only once did I see it reported that Hurricane Irene had 11 percent chance of being a hur-

ricane, and 89 percent chance of being a tropical storm. Why? This strong bias in the news during such a havoc ordeal frustrated me. While I was at work the next morning, co-workers were saying to me that the news is TRYING to find all this damage now that they've been predicting for days. Another had commented that because this hurricane wasn't as bad as we thought it was going to be, the next time somebody says hurricane in New Jersey, they're just going to shrug it off and "say no big deal." I don't know about that. As frightening as it was to watch Irene creep ever so slowly along the East coast, I'm grateful for the mass amount of time we were given to prepare ourselves, and our shelters. I'm even thankful for the media who reported on the storm 24/7, even if it was a little excessive at times. Honestly, I don't know how the people in the southern part of the States handle the constant hurricane watches. The Northeast gets one after a number of years, and we thought the world was coming to an end before our eyes. All in all, kudos to the people who made the preparations so far in advance, even if it did send millions into a chaotic state of mind. Here's to (hopefully) more relaxed weather as we move from a humid summer, into a blistery fall, into another snowy winter.

# What Students Should Expect This Semester from SGA

## Upcoming Elections, Events, and Programs This Fall

SANDRA MEOLA  
POLITICS EDITOR

The Student Government Association (SGA) has been anticipating the start of the semester so the Senate can jump right into planning campus wide events, solving student concerns, and meeting new people.

“I am so thankful that the student body elected me as President, and I do not want to let anyone down,” said Nicole Levy, President of the Student Body.

SGA has numerous events coming up quickly. The annual Big Event which is a campus wide volunteerism program will be hosted on Saturday, October 22. Chairperson Becca Baier has been responsible for gathering worksites, creating t-shirt designs, and recruiting volunteers.

Roughly 400 students volunteer each year to travel to local businesses, beaches, community centers, and personal homes to assist with any jobs available. “This event is something we are extremely proud of because it is a way to give back to the community and show that we are students who care about helping others,” Levy said.

Homecoming, SGA’s most popular event is approaching soon as well. This past spring, the student body voted on a pirate theme for this year’s Homecoming.

Spirit Week, starting Monday, October 24, will encourage students to get excited for the event. Chairperson, Samantha Schaffer is responsible for planning this year’s Homecoming.

“Expect lots of Monmouth attire, cheesy pirate slogans, fake gold, and great giveaways,” said Levy.

The President added that students can also expect more collaborations this year from SGA. The Senate hopes to enhance school spirit and passion from other organizations by doing so. Recently, SGA has paired up with the Student Activities Board (SAB) and Phi Kappa Psi for an on-campus carnival that

dents from the campus area. A piece of the World Trade Center site was revealed at the ceremony, that will soon be displayed as a memorial on campus.

SGA utilizes the privilege to be in constant communication with faculty, staff, and administration who allow the Senate to address matters immediately and head on.

“I mentioned this in my campaign last spring, but I person-

I really want people to come to us with more of their issues. I find that it’s easy to complain about something, but rarely does anyone want to try to fix the problems.

OSCAR SANCHEZ  
Vice President of SGA

ally can promise you that as long as I am President, I will make sure that there will be explanations and resolutions for all issues,” Levy said.

Senate members wish to be seen as approachable and would love to hear the opinion of any student.

Sanchez said, “I really want people to come to us with more of their issues. I find that it’s easy to complain about something, but rarely does anyone want to try to fix the problems. We have a great group of senators that know the pulse of the campus, but we can only think of so many things to try to improve. We are here for the students. Utilize us.”

There are 30 senators presently, but nine positions are vacant for students wishing to become members of the SGA Senate. Currently, there are elections running for freshmen as well as upperclassmen.

Also, there is always room for general members. Vaughn Clay, Director of the Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services and Advisor for SGA said, “Getting involved at Monmouth

throughout campus.

Groups that wish to receive funding for a special event or program are encouraged to apply for assistance from SGA.

SGA is also actively involved with the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in New Jersey (AICUNJ), the Monmouth University Community Relations Taskforce and regularly attends the Conference on Student Government Associations (COS-

GA) at Texas A&M University.

Twelve committees are within the Senate, including Academic Affairs, Campus and Safety, Finance, Residential Life and Health Services, Public Relations, Student Affairs, Big Event & SGA Auction, General Members, Human and Community Relations, Elections, Events Programming and Website.

SGA is vital to the growth of the University and its underlying mission is to promote the health and welfare of the student body.

### Who’s Who in SGA

#### Nicole Levy- President

Levy, a senior, is the newly elected President of the Student Government Association (SGA).

She is a Public Relations major and Business Marketing minor, from Long Island, New York.

Levy feels that Public Relations has so many components to it, from event planning to advertising to speech writing, which is why she is so passionate about the field.

Ultimately, Levy said she hopes to have a job that gives her a creative and expansive outlet that allows her to interact with all types of people involved in different fields and businesses.

Levy became involved with SGA immediately during her first semester of her first year at the University and according to her, it was the best decision she has made during her college years so far.

She was one of six first year student Senators chosen during her first month at the University, and immediately knew she wanted to be the Student Body President of SGA for her senior year to give back to the University community.

Her involvement allowed her to meet close friends she still



PHOTO COURTESY of Nicole Levy

Nicole Levy, a senior, is currently SGA's new student body President.

has today, expand her portfolio, and make her opinion count.

“SGA is my family and I love the organization and everyone involved. If you don’t think your voice was heard, or you don’t understand why something cannot be changed, talk to us. Our office door is always open, our e-mail is always checked, and our Facebook is always logged on,” Levy said.

“Getting involved with SGA especially helps students become more connected to what is happening on-campus.”

VAUGHN CLAY  
Advisor for SGA

will be held this Friday.

Vice President of SGA, Oscar Sanchez said, “My big hope is that people know more about the Senate and what we do. Whether it’s through our events, emails, or showing up to our meetings, I want students to get a sense of all the different sections of Senate. We’re not just a group that sits around delegating money, like some people might think. Each week we really try to tackle the issues that are affecting this campus, and try to figure out how to make the Monmouth community even better.”

This past Sunday, SGA hosted a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony on the Residential Quad, which included over 100 guests from the community attended, including University staff, administrators, students, as well as resi-

University in general is one of the best decisions a student can make. We of course want students to do their best in the classroom. However, we also want to see students develop leadership skills outside the classroom through the many extra-curricular opportunities that exist. Getting involved with SGA especially helps students become more connected to what is happening on-campus.”

SGA is the governing body of all the student clubs and organizations at the University. There are more than 75 recognized clubs and organizations, with more being recognized every year.

The Student Government Association’s main responsibility is to allocate and oversee the funding for organizations and clubs

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# University Remembers 9/11 10th Anniversary

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fice,” remembered President Paul Gaffney II, who was still on active military duty and serving as the President for the National Defense University. The University is located in Washington D.C. approximately one mile from the Pentagon. “I had big bay windows facing toward the Pentagon that began to vibrate from the explosion,” said Gaffney.

“We were about to start class when the principal pulled the teacher aside,” said Marc Yanneillo, a sophomore Communication and English major. In 2001, Yanniello was in the 4th grade. “

Another teacher ran in and turned on the TV,” he continued. The student body in Yanniello’s school was soon after given an explanation on the tragic events that would forever change the nation. “I remember thinking, what did our country do to make this happen,” he said.

“9/11 showed us that by using the technology of mass destruction, we are all vulnerable,” said Dr. Joseph Patten, Chair of the Department of Political Science and Sociology. “Our government was not doing a good job of sharing information and was not ready for an attack,” he added.

While the country faced such evil, the best of everyone came out to help in any way they could. President Gaffney recollected sending all medical personnel from National Defense University to the Pentagon by foot.

Many people who were young at the time of the attacks have a greatly affected world view. Although the country has continuously worked on recovering for the past ten years, many things will never be the same. For example, the New York skyline will always have a painful gap. Certain images however, will never leave the memories of witnesses.

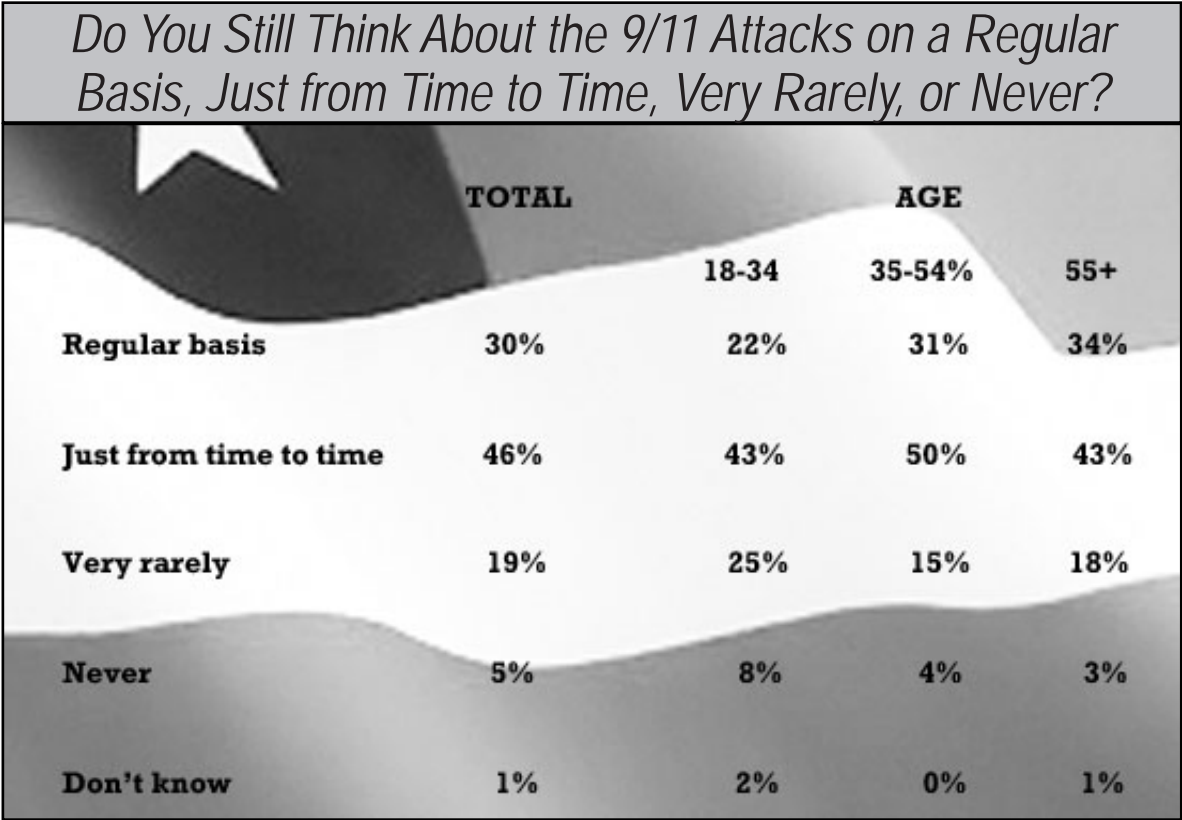
“It was never a big deal if something happened in a building, like a fire alarm going off,” said Johnston. “Now people become extremely anxious and you understand the reality of the world we live in,” he continued.

“Culture has changed in dramatic ways, Americans feel less secure and it impacts our day to day life,” said Patten. “9/11 showed us that individuals have the ability to kill more people than some states. Super powered people that can kill 10,000 is something the world has never had to confront before,” he continued.

Some things can never go back to the way they were before 9/11. Heavier security will certainly affect the most. “It opened up everyone’s eyes that were not as safe as we think we are,” said Helmstetter.

As we remember our first responders and victims of 9/11, we must also remember the soldiers overseas who have been sacrificing their lives since the beginning of Operation Enduring Freedom which began in 2001.

“Soldiers are all volunteers, they can be proud of the work they’ve done,” said President Gaffney.



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A survey conducted by the University Polling Institute revealed the answers of 802 individuals.

“America has to take care of them as they return to the U.S.,” he added.

American’s ability to unify as one in times of crisis have allowed us to endure such horrible tragedies. Continuing to support each other is a must.

“People do forget what happened to us,” said President Gaffney. “The further we get away from it the more abstract it becomes, remember all the time but keep moving forward,” he continued.

“The best way to remember is to say a prayer,” said Johnston.

On November 3, the University will have three keynote speakers to share their accounts of 9/11 and the global changes since that time ten short years ago. Speakers will include, Mr. Tom Kean, Chairman of the National 9/11 commission, Lew Eisenberg, Chairman of the Port Authority during 9/11, and Ms. Virginia S. Bauer, Board of Trustees member, a 9/11 widow. The event will be open to the public.

## Christie Takes Disaster Preparations to a New Level

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POLITICS EDITOR

Hurricane Irene moved past the Jersey Shore leaving a trail of destruction and causing major flooding throughout the state.

Thousands of customers in Monmouth and Ocean County were left without power, sometime for days due to the damaging winds and heavy rains associated with the storm.

Due to the preparedness of state officials and emergency preparedness organizations, residents went above and beyond, taking precautionary measures to stay safe before and during Irene, which was deemed a tropical storm by the time it reached New Jersey.

Governor Chris Christie gained praise for his involvement towards the preparedness for the Hurricane. As soon as Christie began warning New Jersey residents that Irene was headed our way, his public relations staff organized a line of press conferences as well as online presences on Twitter and YouTube.

Christie’s voice appeared to be heard everywhere talking about the storm. He was a guest on “Meet the Press” and toured the state before the storm. His involvement in relief efforts acquired praise, even from his critics. “Get the hell off the Beach in Asbury Park and get out. You’re done. It’s 4:30 PM. You’ve maximized your tan. Get off the beach. Get in you cars and get out of those areas,” Christie said addressing the coastline two days prior to the arrival of Irene.

“The storm was a political victory for the governor,” Julie Roginsky, a longtime Democratic strategist, said. “You got someone who looks like he was everywhere all at once and had his hand in everything.”

Christie also gained praise and backing for debating with Republican leaders in Washington who insisted that states must first figure out where to make spending cuts before they receive any aid from the



PHOTO COURTESY of www.dailyrecord.com  
President Barack Obama and Governor Chris Christie walked through Wayne to assess the damage a day after Hurricane Irene hit.

government. The Governor argued that help and support was needed to those who were suffering immediately, and budget cuts could be figured out afterwards.

After the storm, Christie didn’t disappear. He traveled throughout the state assessing the damage from Lincoln Park to Ewing and arrived in Paterson with President Obama.

Their words assured the public that help would be on its way to those who needed it and that they genuinely cared. The cleanup efforts, therefore, started immediately.

This isn’t the first time Christie led a large-scale announcement production. During his first year and a half in office, he showed up at over 40 town meetings. His dedication to the above and beyond preparedness of New Jersey residents will certainly be remembered if indeed he decides to run for Presidential office in 2012.

“Some stuff I saw and experienced was pretty incredible. In Wayne, in an area that has not flooded before, I saw just extraordinary despair...I’ve never seen flooding like that before,” Christie said. The governor was constantly giving updates on the estimated number of residents still without power.

He also pleaded for people without power to hang in there and stop complaining, while there are many residents who lost their homes to the storm’s damage.

Junior student, Emily Fiore, lost power for five days in Toms River. “I feel like the politicians and local emergency management services went above and beyond by preparing people and warned days in advance for residents to relocate,” Fiore said.

Christie commended the National Guard and the Salvation Army for their relief efforts, who delivered roughly 27,000 meals a day.

Congressman Frank Pallone, who represents District Six which comprises the majority of the Monmouth County coastline, also had an active role in making sure residents felt safe during and after the storm. Pallone asked President Obama to visit distressed areas in order to discuss disaster assistance.

“Since Hurricane Katrina, it is clear federal and state governments have made significant improvements in disaster preparedness. Coordination between federal and state officials was well-organized and I was struck by the number of New Jerseyans that heeded the calls to evacuate threatened areas,” Pallone wrote. “Despite our best planning, however, flooding has damaged homes, businesses and roads in my district and across the state.”

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) also had an active role in communicating ways New Jerseyans can safely prepare for disaster. FEMA’s mission is to prepare for natural disasters such as hurricanes, earthquakes, and nuclear power plant emergencies.

It is a subdivision of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Dr. Kathryn Kloby of the Political Science Department said, “My sense is that FEMA’s mission is an important one, yet it often gets lost in the bureaucratic shuffle since it is part of a federal agency as large as the Department of Homeland Security itself.”

While the Department of Homeland Security focuses on national outside threats, cyber security, and border patrol, FEMA supports state

and local governments, as well citizen groups. When Hurricane Irene loomed over New Jersey, FEMA took precautionary measures in an event that nuclear power plants in the state would malfunction. Therefore, some feel that the work of FEMA is necessary.

However, others feel that FEMA should be removed from the Department of Homeland Security and feel that it requires too much funding to meet its mission. “The aftermath of the debt ceiling debate and outcomes will determine this. We are in a political environment where both sides of the aisle are supportive of cutting government programs and services.

The amount of budgetary impact to be absorbed by FEMA will depend on how vital the public and elected officials think it is to contributing to homeland security,” said Kloby.

Representative of District 12 of New Jersey, Congressman Rush Holt sent out a message to the public soon after the storm. He informed the public that the country will stand by those who encountered the devastation of Irene.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has declared all 21 counties in New Jersey to be natural disaster areas, making homeowners eligible for financial assistance.

Congressman Holt encourages residents to apply and document losses and expenses if they incurred any uninsured costs because of Hurricane Irene, for example, costs to pump water out of basements, to replace a water heater, to stay in temporary housing, or even the cost of unemployment while an office was flooded.

Kloby said, “I gather that the value placed on the work of FEMA will depend on how responsive it has been in recent events such as Hurricane Irene and whether it was able to overcome the tarnished image left by its failures in handling a response to Hurricane Katrina.”

# Wiz Khalifa Raps Away the Summer Heat

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While this summer was hot, the MAC had its own heat wave as rappers Wiz Khalifa, Big Sean, and Chevy Woods generated some sizzling beats to a sold-out crowd.

According to Jon Vena, Marketing Director of AEG Live NJ, 4,000 plus people showed up to the event.

From what Vena saw, he said that the crowd's overall reaction was "very positive and fanatic. People loved the show."

One of those people was Alissa Catalano, an orientation leader at the University and a fan of Wiz, who was also seeing him perform live for the first time.

She said that the concert "was quite the experience, something I had never really experienced before." She also said that seeing the MAC packed with people was a site to see and made the

concert better.

Catalano described that the crowd was compiled of a variety of people, "from age 16 to college kids. Everyone was hyped and having a good time."

At the concert, Wiz sang a number of songs including "Taylor Gang," "Roll Up," and "Black and Yellow," one of his biggest hits. Catalano said, "I enjoyed these songs because those were the ones I was familiar with."

He appeared on stage in a fog of blue light where he walked up to a platform and keep the momentum of the show rolling further.

Being the headliner for this concert, Wiz controlled the stage either through slow walks or dancing to match his raps.

However, when Wiz was not rapping to the packed house, he enjoyed goofing around with the audience. "At one point, they were shooting water guns into the crowd. It was a lot of fun," Catalano said.

Beyond the headliner act, opening acts Big Sean and Chevy Woods were also cheered by the MAC audience. Big Sean sang songs such as "Too Fake" to the crowd as he stood on the stage, strongly reciting the lyrics as fans sang along. Standing in front of the crowd, he had a natural stage presence that came across when bellowing out his lyrics.

Meanwhile, Chevy Woods moved smoothly across the stage as he performed his set for the crowd. He allowed the rhythms to get his groove in motion and make his songs come alive.

However, in a live show, anything can happen including the appearance of a special guest. For that night's performance, the crowd was treated to the styling of Mac Miller.

Vena said that since Starland Ballroom sold out of tickets to Miller's October 1 concert, "it was a celebration of sorts for him."

Catalano said that she was also

familiar with a few of Miller's songs and added to her the show made the event better.

While performing, "Best Day Ever," Miller began quietly only to let the sound explode as he started jumping up and down, keeping one hand on the microphone and the other moving to the beat. Naturally, the crowd followed by moving their hands to the music as he started to get into gear.

Throughout each of the performances, a different DJ near the back of the stage played deep beats that would balance out with the rappers' songs. It was the musical equivalent of a pilot working with air traffic control.

Helping to describe why this event was such a hit, Vena said, "Wiz Khalifa and Big Sean are two of rap's biggest stars right now, so it was a case of catching them at the right opportunity."

He continued to say that other concerts on this tour have also been generated sold out shows.

While big crowds can sometimes cause incidents, Chief William McElrath of the University police, said there were no big issues such as arrests (and neither at the All Time Low concert the following evening).

However, he did say that for either concert, "any 'incidents' were medical issues ranging from excessive drinking to minor injuries related to crowd surfing."

When it comes to wondering if Wiz would return to the MAC, Vena said that it is not improbable as such performers can still generate excited and sell tickets. "Any artist is possible for the MAC," he said.

Whether or not everyone who attended this concert comes back, at least Catalano is ready to relive this excitement.

Having enjoyed this concert, she said she would return for another chance to hear Wiz and his fellow rappers perform again.

## All Time Low Hits High Note at MAC Concert

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The MAC became punk-rock central on July 30 as All Time Low's (ATL) Gimme Summe Ya Love tour came to the University.

Fans jumped and sang along to ATL as well as opening acts We Are The In Crowd, Mayday Parade, and Starting Line. Concertgoers also partied to the beats as a mosh pit grew near the stage while fans crowd-surfed to the stage only to be denied access by security.

Before the show, ticketholders and fans waited outside the MAC in a line that stretched to the baseball diamond. According to Jon Vena, Marketing Director of AEG Live NJ, about 3,400 people showed up for this.

Waiting for the show was Dominick Falco, a senior at Red Bank Catholic, who has followed ATL for the last five years. When asked about his hopes for the show, he said their "past music was good, so I hope it will be just the same."

A DJ on stage played a number of different chart hits to fill the air with music as the stage was getting prepared. The DJ continued playing current songs like Katy Perry's "Last Friday Night" and oldies like Bon Jovi's "Living on a Prayer" throughout the sets.

The crowd roared as We Are The In Crowd started the show. Despite no introduction, fans and music lovers got excited as vocalist Taylor Jardine, guitarist/vocalist Jordan Eckes, guitarist Cameron Hurley, bassist Mike Ferri, and drummer Rob Chianelli, brought forth their energy.

Jardine's strong voice matched with the band's punk attitude and generated a loud presence that rocked the house through numbers like "Calendar Babies."

The band also interacted with the crowd like when Jardine joked around by saying whoever could make it to the stage would get a kiss.

Mayday Parade presented a less punk but equally strong rock attitude. Under a blue spotlight, Bundrick tested out his drums, which sounded like a rallying cry for his band. Soon, vocalist Sander was bopping his head to the notes while standing out to the crowd like a musical preacher.

Besides Sander, the guitarists and bassist swung their instruments around their bodies and



PHOTO COURTESY OF Jim Reme

Fans screamed with joy as All Time Low rocked the MAC with their signature sound.

would catch them to return playing in "LOL."

Their playlist consisted of "Kids in Love," "Black Cat," "LOL," "Anywhere But Here," and "Jersey." Bundrick, during this performance, did well in keeping the beat to each number, making sure there was always a rocking backdrop to keep the songs moving.

The band used their instruments as an extension of themselves to generate the music that got the crowd raising their hands. As they concluded "Jersey," the band continued with all their energy and it showed as the bassist held onto his last note.

The Starting Line, whose members are Kenny Vasoli (vocals and bass), Matt Watts (guitar), Mike Golla (guitar and back-up vocals), Brian Schmutz (keyboardist and back-up vocals), and Tom Gryskiewicz (drums), started their show with intensity and used it to keep the MAC rocking.

Their punk mixed with rock to showcase their particular sound. They began lightly with their first song under a yellow spotlight but eventually the band was hopping up and down on stage.

While most of The Starting Line's songs were heavy rock numbers, they also made sure to include a heavy ballad to balance their playlist out. "Stay Where I Can See You" had a way of calming down the band without losing their edge to sound like a heavy anthem to punk-rock.

The Starting Line moved around less as Watts and Golla

stood aside Vasoli while Schmutz and Gryskiewicz were keeping their band leader in check.

Also during The Starting Line's set was the light show that added more to the show. This helped make the event less of a concert and more of a show.

For example, in their second song, a blue spotlight shined on the band, which also made the instruments look purplish, but changed as the song continued.

The Starting Line played more than the other bands, but did not take this opportunity lightly. By the end, the crowd was either standing up, singing along or a part of the mosh pit.

When ATL appeared on stage, screams showered over vocalist/rhythm guitarist Alexander Gaskarth, lead guitarist/back-up vocalist Jack Barakat, bassist a/back-up vocalist Zachary Merrick, and drummer Rian Dawson.

They began with "Do You Want Me Dead" where the band played together, but also acted out as if having a duel with their instruments. Their excitement was helped by a light show that was more sporadic and chaotic than the Starting Line as strobe lights and quick flashes matched their punk-rock tunes.

Their other songs

were "Don't Forget About It," "Remembering Sunday," "She's So Beautiful," and "Therapy" where fans belted out the lyrics. In fact, after "Therapy," Gaskarth said, "I think that might have been the biggest f---ing sing-along ever."

The showstopper was "I Feel like Dancin' Tonight," which had such a strong beat one could feel it in their chest. The song's smooth rock chorus worked well with the punk melody and increased during the music's running time.

While ATL rocked, they also displayed quieter numbers like "Remembering Sunday" with a gentle pace. On an acoustic guitar and under a light purple spotlight, Gaskarth added a feeling of soulfulness to the moment.

ATL also interacted with the crowd by mentioning a show they played at Starland Ballroom five months ago. They also took time to acknowledge their previous acts.

Yet, ATL did goof around using the square lights above the stage to spell out ATL, ASS, and SEX. Gaskarth even teased the crowd with a cover of Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'" before beginning "Guts."

They concluded with "Dear Marvin" as guitars ripped their chords for the final beats and

Dawson drummed until their music erupted.

After the concert was over, people waited in line to buy merchandise, waited outside and talked with each other or jumped in their car to head home.

All the bands realized this concert was for their fans or first-time listeners and did well thanking them.

When Frank Fucci, 18, of Barnegate, who was seeing ATL perform live for the first time, was asked why he liked them, he said, "Their music, it's not generic. It's its own genre" and found the concert to be "awesome."

He did say he would have liked to have heard different songs from other albums.

As for David Gall, 18, of Barnegate, he said, "How can I put it into words? I'm not a big All Time Low fan, not until today."

His favorite ATL song was "Remembering Sunday" because it was "nice," "smooth," and "relatable" yet also enjoyed hearing The Starting Line and We Are The In Crowd.

Renee Ruiz, 17, of Brick, marked this as her fourth or fifth concert. She said she liked the show overall and enjoyed hearing We Are The In Crowd, Mayday Parade, and The Starting Line live for the first time.

Ruiz said she enjoys ATL because their sound is like "all the genres are put together." Ruiz also said of ATL, "Every time, it's something new, energetic."



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All Time Low vocalist and rhythm guitarist, Alexander Gaskarth, led his band with energetic songs like "I Feel like Dancin' Tonight."

# THE LEGACY OF TWO MUSIC ICONS

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This year, the music world experienced the loss of two well accomplished musicians with the passing of Clarence Clemons and Amy Winehouse.

Clemons, also known as “The Big Man,” was best recognized as the tenor saxophonist in Bruce Springsteen’s E Street Band. Clemons suffered a stroke on June 12 and died from complications caused by the stroke on June 18.

Besides playing with Springsteen, Clemons also released multiple solo albums and played live in concerts with other bands such as The Grateful Dead and Ringo Starr & His All-Starr Band.

Outside of the music world, he even made a few cameos on TV shows like *My Wife and Kids* and films such as *New York, New York*.

When Chris Polhamus, a senior at the University and devoted fan of Bruce Springsteen heard about Clemons’ passing from his father, he actually was not surprised.

“Clemons’ death was saddening, even though I know he’s been ill for years. My dad and I are huge fans of Bruce and especially Clemons,” Polhamus said.

Before his death, Clemons was featured in Lady Gaga’s song “The Edge of Glory,” which was released digitally on May 9. The music video, which featured Clemons playing his saxophone, premiered two days before his death on June 16.



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Fans and musicians mourned E Street Band tenor sax, Clarence Clemons, and singer Amy Winehouse, who passed away this summer.

Jamee Shea, a senior at the University, heard of Clemons’ passing through Facebook where one of her friends posted Springsteen videos to respect the sax player. “I was shocked when I heard of his death. He was in Lady Gaga’s song and he looked perfectly fine!” Shea said.

To honor his memory, the Stone Pony in Asbury Park, a favored music venue for the E Street Band, honored Clemons with a memorial outside the bar.

Meanwhile, various bands such as Bon Jovi, The Gaslight Anthem, and Southside Johnny held concerts that were dedicated to

Clemons’ memory.

Amy Winehouse, an English singer/songwriter, was known for her deep vocal range and music that mixed musical genres in R&B, soul, and jazz. Winehouse was found dead at her London residence on July 23 at the age of 27.

Throughout her musical career, she had won more than 20 awards from over 60 nominations including 2008 Grammys for Song of the Year, “Rehab,” and Record of the Year, *Back to Black*.

Shea, who is currently studying abroad at London, has been a fan of Winehouse’s music ever since she was in high school.

“My best friend texted me about it and I was really shocked. Even though I knew the way she was treating herself (drugs and alcohol), it didn’t seem like much of a surprise. I thought she was going to overcome her addictions and make more music,” Shea said.

Aside from winning multiple music awards, the Official Charts Company reported that her last album, *Back to Black*, became the United Kingdom’s bestselling album of the 21st century.

Winehouse also received a 2009 Guinness World Record for “Most Grammy Awards Won By A British Female Act.”

Despite her sky-rocketing success from a young age, she fell under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

Her alcoholism peaked during a concert in Belgrade, Serbia on June 18, and within days the concert was posted all over YouTube. Winehouse was shown slurring the lyrics to her songs, stumbling on stage before being off stage. This ultimately resulted with her tour being cancelled.

Winehouse has now joined “The 27 Club,” a group made up of several other musicians who have died at 27. Musicians such as Kurt Cobain, Jimi Hendrix, and Jim Morrison are some examples included in this list.

Regarding Winehouse, Polhaus said, “Ever since I heard of her train wreck of a concert before she died, I knew that she had problems. When I saw the news of her death posted on Yahoo’s homepage, I wasn’t surprised at all.”

Although Brad Brown, a junior at the University, was not a fan of either artist’s music, he still appreciated their talent.

“I feel bad for both of them because I’m sure Amy had a lot of fans, and the huge fans of Springsteen easily knew Clarence. They were easily a big part of music and its sad to see good talent pass away like this,” Brown said.

Despite their deaths, Clemons and Winehouse will be remembered for their contribution to music and how their success inspired many the world over.

## Summer Concerts Left Fans Humming Tunes

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Summer is always a beautiful time of the year. The weather is warm, people go on vacations, and it is also the best time of the year for concerts. This summer, several great concert tours came to the tri-state area.

The concert season started May 21 when the PNC Bank Arts Center opened its doors to Sugarland. PNC is one of the few outdoor venues in New Jersey and every year when it opens, I consider it to be the official kickoff of the summer concert season.

June was probably the worst month for summer concerts as PNC featured several bands way their prime like Hall & Oates.

On the other hand, July featured several solid concerts as Kid Cudi came to the Stone Pony in Asbury Park on July 3, while O.A.R., Kid Rock, 311 with Sublime, Goo Goo Dolls, Weezer, and Motley Crue came to PNC.

On July 24, Warped Tour did its 17th annual roll into New Jersey at the Monmouth Park Racetrack all day. This year’s Warped Tour was much heavier than previous ones with hardcore/scream acts like August Burns Red, The Devil Wears Prada, Asking Alexandria, We Came As Romans, and more.

I was in attendance for Warped Tour and despite the long day in the sun it was still just as fun as it always is.

The bands I found the best were several of the pop-punk bands including A Day to Remember, Set Your Goals, and The Wonder Years. Warped Tour legends Less than Jake also put on a very strong, funny, and entertaining set which included an on stage haircut and a kiss between two random fans on stage.

Junior Samantha Palmucci was

also in attendance for Warped Tour 2011.

“Each year I think the dynamic for the warped concert changes. Some years there are tons of great bands and other years there are a few decent ones. This past concert was my fourth one that I’ve attended and although it wasn’t my favorite, it ended brilliantly with an amazing show put on by A Day to Remember. I’ve seen them in concert a lot and they never fail, it’s always a great time. But, all in all I love Warped and can’t wait for next year.”

Lil Wayne, arguably the most popular rapper now, came to PNC in Holmdel on July 26. His much anticipated album, *Tha Carter IV*, dropped on August 29.

Even the MAC hosted two great shows this summer which several students attended. Wiz Khalifa’s tour came to the MAC on Friday, July 29, which sold out.

Sophomore Gregg Cambareri was in attendance and said that he thoroughly enjoyed the show. “Wiz was quite the entertainer. He played all his popular songs and had the whole place jumping. Big Sean was also an excellent performer. He could freestyle or play anything from the album *Finally Famous*. Everyone was blown away,” Cambareri said.

The following night, pop-punk band All Time Low played at the MAC with special guests The Starting Line and Mayday Parade, and many current students and alumni attended this show.

Mat Massahos was one of the alumni in attendance, and he thought the show was good for the most part but there were some things he saw he did not really like.

“I was really impressed with The Starting Line. They have been one of my favorite bands for a very long time so it was cool to see them back

out there playing shows again. Although I’m not a huge All Time Low fan I thought they played really well despite their attempt to put on their best Blink-182 impersonation in between songs, which I found to be forced and annoying,” Massahos said.

Speaking of Blink-182, they hit the road this summer in support of their new album *Neighborhods*, which is going to be released on September 27. My Chemical Romance also joined them on the tour this summer. The opening night of the tour took place on August 5 at PNC.

As an attendee at this concert, I’ve got to say that they still got it. They put on an amazing show, which included their greatest hits

(“All the Small Things,” “What’s My Age Again?,” “Feeling This,” etc.), and some new songs like “Up All Night” and “After Midnight.”

One of the loudest summer concerts was the Identity Festival which featured several great acts in the dance/electronic world. Steve Aoki, Skrillex, Pretty Lights, Kasade, Rusko, and many more performed on August 14 at PNC.

August also featured performances by Reel Big Fish, and Alkaline Trio while many more also came through the tri-state area.

Now do not think that just because the summer is over and PNC closed its doors, there won’t be more great concert venues in the area.



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Blink-182 was one of many bands that toured during the summer for fans to enjoy at venues including PNC Arts Center.

# Fun Facts for Freshmen... What They Didn't Tell You at Orientation

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Greetings, freshmen. Welcome to college - the place where over the next four years you will grow intellectually, emotionally, and begin to discern the ambiguities that are your future. Sounds easy, right? Think again. Though college is arguably one of the most enriching and exciting chapters of life, it is not an easy adjustment.

However, the adjustment can be a fun challenge and certainly a learning experience. During this journey, it is important to take into consideration advice from your elders. Yes, the big scary seniors who have already endured three full years of this intimidating environment.

Remember just one year ago when the first day of school arrived and you woke up to the same alarm clock that has been waking you up at the same time for the past four years of high school? Only last time it was your senior year - the highly anticipated "top of the food chain" status you dreamt about since your freshman year.

This year is a different story. When you wake up on your first day of class, there is no bell to signal the beginning of first period, and you will not get a detention for being late. If you are late, too bad. Welcome back to the bottom of the food chain.

The University provides a great freshmen orientation in which students get to know each other, begin to get comfortable around campus, and meet upper classmen that offer some guidance and encouragement. It is very important to attend orientation mostly because you will be provided with vital academic and advising information that will help you throughout your years at Monmouth.

However, if orientation was run solely by students, freshmen would get a much rawer version of what you need to know as a freshman. This article is not an invitation to a student organized freshman orientation. However, it is an incitement to read into some "fun facts" for freshmen that may have been overlooked, or just vaguely touched upon at orientation.

1. Start with an intellectually open mind.

Everyone has a dream career they remember from childhood. It is wonderful to have these aspirations,

however, you will quickly realize that your dreams may change once you are exposed to a variety of academia in different mediums.

My advice is to begin freshman year undeclared, and conquer the general education requirements during your first two semesters. This way, you will have a well-rounded schedule that may spark some interests you never knew you had. Keep an open mind!

2. Prepare for more freedom.

You will have much more freedom - not only in the sense of being away from your parents, but the freedom of creating your schedule, having

sitting in front of you for one class assignment. However, professors often base their exams off of reading assignments. They will not go over these readings word for word. That is where you come in. Highlight what you find is important, and ask questions in class to show your interest and curiosity.

4. Go to class.

Sounds silly, right? I am sure you're thinking, "Of course I'll go to class, every day, and even be 15 minutes early!" Re-think that statement two weeks after classes begin and the beautiful September rays of sun are spilling through the windows

It is a perfect way to meet people and get a taste of living away from home with a roommate. There is always someone to talk to in the dorms, and almost always something going on for students to participate in. Best of all, you avoid the ravenous parking lot jungle, which accounts for a great deal of student's tardiness.

6. Do Something.

Recently there was a VH1 award show special called the "Do Something Awards". Young Americans from all over the country were honored for their philanthropic efforts. Candidates were as young as 18 years old, and made profound

semester away is by far one of the most valuable opportunities offered in college. You have the opportunity to travel the world, establish international relationships, and fully immerse yourself in culture, all while being a college student. To me, that is the ultimate combination. Though many might want to hold off on traveling until after graduation, I can tell you that this type of travel opportunity will never pose itself again. If you are the least bit curious, at least check out an information session. You will not be disappointed.

8. Expect a change in your relationships from high school.

This fact might hit home with a lot of freshmen who have close ties existing from high school. Whether it's your boyfriend, girlfriend, or best friend, it doesn't matter. What does matter is understanding that relationships will change now that you are out of high school. This is not to say that you will lose all contacts from the past, because that is certainly not true. Just be aware that everyone goes through a transition phase, and grows up a lot during the first year of school.

You will probably find yourself in a whole new place once the first semester is over. Embrace it. People change and it's just part of life. Not everything and everyone will be the same when you go home, and that's okay.

9. Establish relationships with your professors.

One of the many beauties of Monmouth is its small class size. Students truly get to know one another, especially once they have chosen a major. Professors are accessible, and more than willing to get to know their students to assist them with their studies, career goals, and overall experience.

The staff at Monmouth has invaluable contacts and real life experience that they are willing to share with students who put their best foot forward. Take advantage of this. You never know when your relationships can come in handy.

10. HAVE FUN!

Last, but certainly not least, enjoy your freshman year as much as possible. The time goes by in the blink of an eye. Just three years ago, I sat in my first college class, nervous and excited for my journey to begin. Now, I want nothing more but to go back to the beginning. Savor the moments that truly define what college is all about, as it only comes once.



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The lounge in Mullaney Hall (above) is one of the campus spots for first-year students to hang out.

multiple hours between classes, and maybe even a day off in between. It is easy to abuse the flexibility of our schedules and fall off track.

Use your time wisely, and expect to plan your days around your class times. Go to the library or student center when you have a break to make good use of your free time. This way, when the weekend comes, you won't have to worry about all the work you didn't do in between classes when you decided to go to the beach instead.

3. Expect to read, A LOT.

No matter what subject you study, the amount of reading you will have to do is dramatically higher than that of high school. My advice - do the reading! It is easy to give up when you have 70 pages of reading

during your three-hour class. Class doesn't sound so appealing anymore does it? Best of all, no one is going to call your parents to tell them you didn't go. Ah, temptation. This is where your will power must prevail.

Professors at Monmouth take attendance very seriously, as they should. You are paying for an education and expected to learn and participate. Missing too many classes can ruin your grade, even if you are an A+ student. There is a simple solution - just go to class.

5. Enjoy living in the dorms.

Commuting my first semester of college was one of my biggest regrets. Luckily, I made great friends who were happy to have me visit them in the dorms. Dorm life is an important part of adapting to college.

impacts on their communities by helping others. The show was very inspiring, and is beneficial for all college students to watch. With that said, get involved and do something.

Opportunities for volunteering and working with communities are at your fingertips. Whether it is through a fraternal organization or other club, it is not only a great way to spend your free time, but is a wonderful relationship and resume builder. I can almost guarantee you will have no regrets by helping others, and seeing what the local community at Monmouth has to offer.

7. Seriously consider studying abroad.

As a London alumni, I am admittedly biased to the study abroad program - for perfectly valid reasons. A

## Fast Cash for College Students

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Working one, two, maybe even three summer jobs really paid off, huh? To see all the money you saved up these past few months (hopefully, you did save) can give you a sense of relief, independence, and financial security.

Now that classes have started, you probably lack the time to work 40 hours a week, maybe even half of that. However, as college students, we often hate carrying that broke title on our shoulders.

Do you want some spending money this school year, so you're not tempted to dip into your savings? Or, if you did blow a hefty amount of cash during the summer, here are some options on how to build that bank account back up.

As our generation has grown up in the powerful stage of social media and the Internet, it's not surprising that many of these money-making ideas start with the web.

According to Beat-tuition.

com, there are numerous, yet simple, ways to snag some green. One that seems obvious, but often forgotten about, is selling your stuff online. Still have those textbooks from last semester that the bookstore didn't properly redeem you for? Try posting them on sites such as Half.com, Amazon and Ebay for better luck.

Nevertheless, it doesn't have to stop with books. If you have anything from home or your dorm that you don't have a use for (and that receipt is expired) put it up for sale.

If you're computer savvy, Beat-tuition.com suggests creating your own website for some dough. If you know how to build content with text, music and video (and generate enough of it with consistency) you can then get advertisers to pay to be on your site.

There's also something called earning sharing sites. Create your own work, whether it is text, video, music, photos and more and the more frequently people look at your work, the more green you'll see. Such sites include Lulu.tv, Squidoo.com,

and Hubpages.com.

Interested in tutoring? You can apply for a position with the University Tutoring Center, or you can also tutor out in cyberspace. Sites such as Studentfortune.com have students reaching out to the web to solve their homework problems or answer any tricky questions. Look for questions in your area of expertise, and the answer-seekers will put up a bounty of how much they will pay the tutor to come up with their solution. Visit the site for all rules and regulations.

If you feel like you already spend enough time with your eyes glued to the screen, Associate Professor of Economics Robert Scott insists students can make some cash with several skills they already have.

"In college I wrote research reports for a technology company two states away. I had complete flexibility. I know students adept with computer programming can find flexible jobs. Students need to look at their skills, whether it is computers, proofreading, mathematics, music etc., and then talk to people in that field

about flexible job options. That's what I did," Scott said.

Maybe you do want to pick up a job in your spare time on campus. Walk over to Student Employment, located on the first floor of the Student Center and see what opportunities await you. Some positions are offered first to work-study students. Departments and administrative offices, as well as off-campus businesses are looking for eager, hard-working students to assist them with a number of tasks.

The Long Branch/Eatontown area is home to various eateries, restaurants, and other businesses. Scott said the biggest problem he sees with students working is their schedules are not flexible. He explains it's easier to work more hours earlier in the semester, but as exams and papers need come up, things get more stressful and it's harder to keep an open availability.

"It's important that students who work during the school year find a job that is as flexible as possible, and if necessary, structure their work hours so they get less strenuous throughout

the semester," Scott said. "For example, you might be able to work 25 hours a week during the first six weeks of school, but then the next six weeks you can only work 15, and maybe the last three weeks you can only work five. Finding these jobs can sometimes be difficult, but most people will work with you if you explain your plans ahead of time," Scott advised.

Moreover, it can't hurt to peruse the job newsletters sent out by Career Services every few weeks, or even classifieds online or in a local newspaper. Even if you don't have time for a job, there are still other services you can provide to help others. There is often a lengthy list of people looking for babysitters, dog walkers, as well as tutors.

So don't start off your year feeling down and being, well, a broke college student. Know your options now, and know how easy they are. Money may not buy happiness, but it will make your college life a whole lot easier.

For more money-making ideas, visit beat-tuition.com.

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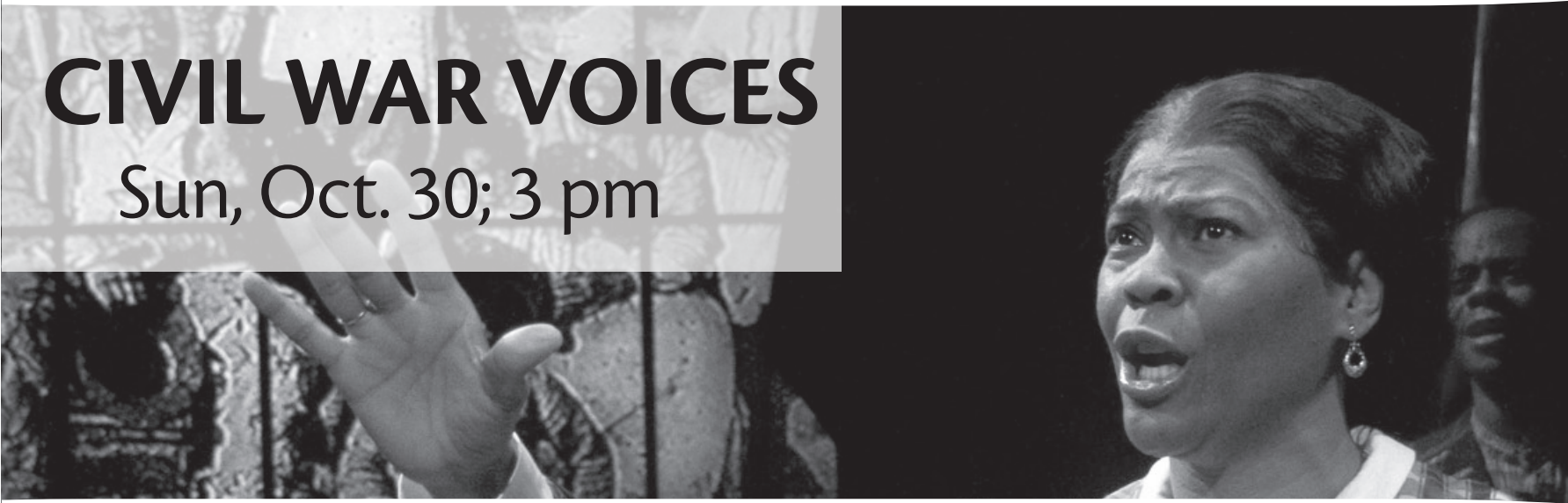
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# Dr. Kevin Dooley Takes the Honors School Under His Wing

## Alum and Current Professor Looks Forward to Expanding the Program

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When Dr. William Mitchell of the Anthropology department stepped down as Honors school Dean in the spring, Honors school staff and students alike were a little nervous about who would be able to step in and continue to change the program for the better.

After interviews with Honors students and faculty, Dr. Kevin Dooley of the Political Science department was selected to be Dean of the Honors school. However, Dooley had been a part of the University long before he started teaching in a University classroom 10 years ago.

Dooley attended Monmouth for his undergraduate degree after graduating from Manasquan High School in 1996. He grew up in Sea Girt, surrounded by political science since his father was a lawyer, and his dream was to follow in his footsteps.

But Professor Rekha Datta, his freshman advisor, opened up Dooley's mind to other possibilities in the realm of political science. After taking a few classes at the University, Dooley felt he found his niche within International Relations.

"I found a lot of enjoyment in writing rather than practicing the law. I think that I write in a certain style that is much more relatable and better suited for academics," said Dooley. "I try to strike a balance between analysis and theory. I can weave in between both worlds."

After graduating from Monmouth University in 1999 and then graduating Rutgers University with his Masters in Political Theory in 2001 and Ph.D in International Relations in 2004, Dooley followed through with his newly found passion and came back to the University to be an Associate Professor of Political Science.

Dooley said that he likes teaching because he "thinks college students are the funniest people in the world." He said, "These students say things in a way most people could not get away with, and it's refreshing. People say they're naïve, and that's the wrong word. They see things for what they are. I hope that some of that rubs off and that sense of wonder will stay with them for their whole lives."

He also said that if there was one thing he could think of that he did not enjoy about teaching, he would not be a professor.

One theme that Dooley is focused on throughout his teaching endeavors is that of learning communities.

He said that students are bombarded with impersonal technology, such as Facebook and other online social networking, but when students are seeing one another and discussing material it makes them better human beings.

He said, "The more we isolate ourselves, the less we learn about one another. If we can create real communities, we can create more opportunities."

It is this philosophy that inspired Dooley to want to be Dean

Proposal and Thesis process, and creating a Bachelor's degree in Honors, which would distinguish Honors school students from departmental honors.

Terence Bodak, a senior student majoring in Political Science and History, as well as an Honors student, said, "There is no doubt in my mind that Dr. Dooley will be able to accomplish the things that he wants for the Honors school. I think that Dr. Dooley received the position for many reasons, but first because he is passionate about his students and bringing them to the next level."

When Dooley was a student at the University, he was the President of the Political Science Club, Model United Nations, and Pi Sigma Alpha.

He stressed that he sees significant improvements in the Political Science department and the University as a whole throughout his years as a part of the University family. Dooley said, "I see more hands-on faculty willing to engage in student clubs. Also, standards have gone through the roof in terms of academic quality."

Currently, the Political Science department has an active debate team who won Northeast Debate Team of the Year in 2010. Also, their Model UN team partici-

pates in the National Convention each year in New York City. The department also takes students on a variety of service learning trips, such as those hosted by Dr. Rekha Datta to India and Dr. William Mitchell to Argentina.

Dooley said that he is attracted to Political Science because he "wants to figure out how the world works." He enjoys combating questions such as why do we keep having genocides? Why do certain countries keep going to war? How do different governments interact?

He said that the best lesson he learned at Monmouth was one from Dr. Saliba Sarsar's class as an undergraduate. "He told us his attendance policy was so severe because the only time he ever missed a class was because when he was growing up in Jerusalem and a bomb blew up during the Six-Day War. I realized that at the end of the day, people around the world have a much harder experience than we do. We have no room to complain."

Dooley describes himself as a happy, yet traditional person who maintains the idea that happiness comes from a life of continuously pursuing truth and knowledge.

Dr. Patten, who is currently working with Dooley on their book, "Why Politics Matters: An Introduction to Political Science," said, "He has a strong work ethic, a great sense of humor, and is committed to helping our students succeed. We are excited for both Dr. Dooley and the future of our Honors school."



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Dr. Kevin Dooley is also a professor of political science at the University.

of the Honors school. He wanted to be a part of a learning community and help to mold it. Some of his other plans for enriching the Honors program include creating more freestanding upper level credits, refining the Honors

## How to Keep Your Wallet Full at the Bookstore

### Affordabook.com Offers a Free Service of Price Comparisons

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When returning to the University, did you walk into the bookstore and all of a sudden you had a killer migraine caused by the high prices of textbooks? Yep, that's a pretty common phenomenon among college students.

According to the University bookstore Textbook Manager Megan McCluskey, textbook prices range from small paperbacks that are \$1.50 to hardcovers that cost \$260.

The cheapest paperback books are usually used in the literature and social science classes while the most expensive textbooks tend to be used for business and science classes.

The bookstore does offer a "used book" choice so you can shave off that price a little bit, but what if your bill still comes out to more than \$400?

That's also a very common problem at a university bookstore. Some textbooks, such as those for Information Technology, are only offered at our bookstore. However, you have other options to try and save some money.

Affordabook.com is a website that provides a free service to college students in finding the lowest prices for their textbooks. According to Affordabook founder and creator Vincent Thomas, the website gets around 500,000 visitors per year

searching for over 650,000 textbook titles.

The website searches over 20 partners to find the lowest prices on books, textbooks and novels. Students can search for the textbook by the International Standard Book Number (ISBN), the title, the author, or keywords. The partners include eBay, Amazon and Half.

Students can also win gift cards to Amazon by following Affordabook.com on Twitter, retweeting the giveaway, liking

could know what textbooks they needed before the start of the semester.

"It then branched out into offering a comparison service to help them save money on their books. Eventually it moved from a site catering to Virginia Tech students to a site catering to all students," Thomas said.

The website got its start in the fall of 2006. With the help of a programmer, Thomas launched a beta version by November. "The idea itself brewed in my mind for

several months. I knew I wanted to do something textbook related, but wasn't exactly sure what it would be. I had some money saved from a summer internship, and knew I wanted to make a website with the money," Thomas said.

Thomas is aware that the textbook industry is evolving. Students don't realize that the prices of textbooks are actually dropping and according to Thomas, this is partly because of websites like Chegg or Bookrenter that offer a book renting service for students.

Amazon also started offering digital textbook rentals for the Kindle which will lead to other companies offering similar services.

"Fortunately for us, our service is flexible enough to allow

for these new methods. When digital textbooks are in demand, we will add them. We also have a sister site, Rent-a-textbook, that specializes in textbook rentals. If you know you only want your textbook for a short amount of time, renting is a wonderful option," Thomas said.

"Through our website, students can save themselves a lot of time in comparing prices themselves and just let us do it for them," Miller said.

Michael Karatay, first-year student, plans to use the website next semester after finding out about it from Facebook. "I like that they list all the best prices on all of the textbook websites. It saves time on browsing different sites and having mixed results," Karatay said.

Samantha Palmucci, junior student, used the website last semester and plans to do so for this semester. "I love it, it saves me so much time and I really can't afford to get the books from the bookstore sometimes. Instead of going to 10 different sites, I visit one and get the same ending result," Palmucci said.

So next time you have to pop an Excedrin Migraine after a visit to the bookstore, get on your computer and check out the prices on 20 different websites for the same book in hopes of saving some money; money that you can spend getting your favorite bagel at Einstein's or those amazing quesadillas at the Student Center.

**"It's such a great resource. I wish I knew about the website when I was completing my undergraduate degree because I know I could have saved hundreds of dollars."**

MATT MILLER  
University Alum

their Facebook page, making it your homepage, or mentioning it on your blog or website.

It offers featured books, *New York Times* bestsellers, popular searches and Affordabook newsletters. The Affordabook free iPhone app was just launched so that students can have the service at their hands at all times.

Thomas came up with the concept of the website during his junior year at Virginia Tech. He wanted to publish a list of textbooks for all the courses at Virginia Tech so that students

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Matt Miller, a freelance public relations specialist for Affordabook.com and a recent Monmouth graduate, believes in the power of the website and the service it provides.

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# The Emergence of Gene Therapy

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At the start of 21st century, gene therapy was introduced as the new way to treat immune system deficiency. During this time, heads turned among the scientific population as gene therapy was marketed as a cure for hereditary diseases.

Genes are the units of heredity in living organisms. They are composed of stretches of DNA and RNA that code for other RNA chains and proteins, one of the chief building blocks of life. Gene therapy is the insertion, alteration, or removal of genes within the cells and biological tissues of a person to treat various forms of disease. Gene therapy can also be used to correct deficient genes that are responsible for the development of diseases.

Despite the field's speedy emergence, it was forced to come to grips with reality with the passing of 18-year-old Jesse Gelsinger on September 17, 1999. Gelsinger suffered from ornithine transcarbamylase deficiency, an X chromosome linked genetic disease of the liver. He died from having suffered massive immune response triggered by the use of an adenoviral vector (a modified virus) used to transplant the gene for treating his condition into his cells which ultimately led to organ failure.

Today, more than a decade later, researchers have been armed with new long-term data, providing hope that gene therapy may fulfill its long held potential. Two recent studies published on August 25, 2011 showed that "13 of 16 children treated with gene therapy for severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID) actually had their immune systems restored, and one is in re-

mission for leukemia that developed due to the gene therapy treatment."

Those that are born with SCID do not have a functioning immune system, making them extremely vulnerable to infections – causing even the most minute to be exceptionally threatening.

The best treatment for SCID today is a bone marrow transplant from an immunologically matched sibling. However, parents can be recruited instead as unmatched donors, leaving a success rate of about 70 percent. Gene therapy has reached success levels rivaling, and in some cases surpassing, those of the unmatched donor situations.

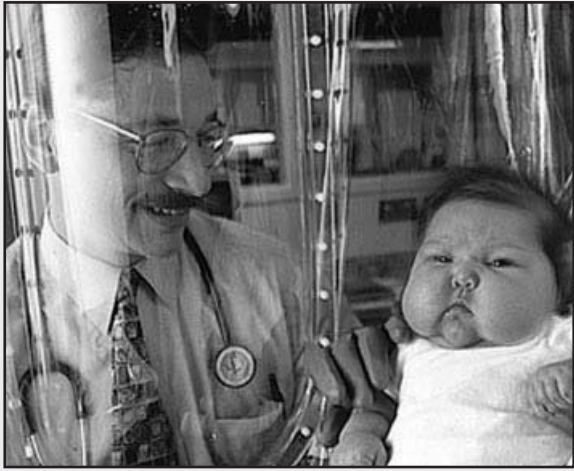


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Children with severe combined immunodeficiency are extremely vulnerable to infection.

"Our papers add to the evidence that gene therapy can be corrective of these conditions, and that it gives long-lasting, robust reconstitution of the immune system," says author Bobby Gaspar, a physician at the Institute of Child Health at University College London.

Now that researchers have begun establishing a foundation for gene therapy, they are expanding its course to target more immune disorders. It is being used to treat beta-thalassaemia and the X-linked adrenoleukodystrophy in addition to leukemia and a rare eye disorder.

In total, five of 20 children in Paris and London who have received gene therapy for a form of SCID that is linked to the X-chromosome have developed leukemia, and one has died. However, because 19 of the 20 children who received such gene therapy are still alive, Dr. Gaspar contends that gene therapy is the favorable treatment method over the traditional treatment for the X-chromosome linked SCID.

Dr. Gaspar's research group is now undergoing an international collaboration with research groups from all around the world to see which modified viruses do not possess the cancer-causing component in children with the X-chromosome linked SCID and Wiskott-Aldrich Syndrome, another immune deficiency.

Even though it is still in its infancy, gene therapy is a rising field that holds shadowy expectations for the biomedical advances of tomorrow. Genetics, the larger study of heredity, has helped us understand the encryption of the human genome and let us tie together the similarities between those of all organisms on our planet.

It has paved the way for entire new methodologies such as genetic counseling, the process by which patients at risk of an inherited disease can plan proper courses of action through extensive advising of the consequences and nature of the disorder at hand – holding both diagnostic and supportive aspects for the patient and his or her family.

These advances, however, are only a small aspect of the reasoning abilities we are capable of. As Dr. Gaspar promises, tomorrow brings with it fresh tides in the ocean of scientific sovereignty, provided we view the glass as half full.

# You Know it's Time for School When...

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STAFF WRITER

You know it's time to go back to school when your smart phone is ready to blow up with University emails regarding parking lot closures and weather alerts. Nothing like 15 school emails in a day to make you want to reactivate your old flip phone. But who doesn't love that email that comes straight to your Blackberry from the professor who cancelled your 8:30 am class? It's like waking up to a tree full of presents on Christmas morning.

Now we can't forget about parking. Remember how much fun that is, commuters? Get ready to fight to the death over a spot that is two miles from your class that starts in five minutes, thanks to Larchwood Avenue being under construction, yet again.

But that's not all- there is nothing more depressing than those Kmart back to school commercials that pop up every five seconds once July 15 hits. However, nothing could make back-to-school more exciting than Target advertising Solo cups and ping pong balls with their back to school sales. Until, that is, you realize you have to reconstruct your entire schedule because you missed a bad review on RateMyProfessor.com.

Now is when you start adding "library dates" to your calendar instead of planning beach trips on your days off from work. No more late nights at D'Jais or Bar-A until 4:00 am. Looks like the only all-nighters you'll be pulling will be taking place in the University Library. It turns out LMFAO's "Party Rock Anthem" isn't actually a good song unless you have consumed an entire bottle of Svedka.

The start of another semester means it's time to start shopping for random ugly furniture off of

shady Craigslist ads so that you can still afford tuition. Looks like that beer pong table will have to substitute for a dining room table this year. Hopefully the summer didn't waste away your flip cup skills while running around for 30 hours a week at that dreadful summer internship.

In addition to that wonderful summer internship, who doesn't love to slave away as a camp counselor for four months only to see every dime of that hard earned cash spent on books for one semester? But don't worry; you'll get to sell that \$400 Biology book back in four months in exchange for seven bucks and a pen that says "Go Hawks!"

But thank God the bookstore carries a wide variety of shot glasses to help us keep our "Hawk Pride" in mind even though drinking on campus is prohibited. Who knew that the printers in Plangere could actually become slower until you need to print that ten page paper for your Communication class starting in ten minutes? Instead of taking notes in your Critical Discourse class, you find yourself debating whether to be Casey Anthony or the girl from the Sun Drop commercial for Halloween.

Now that school is in session, enjoy waking up for that 8:30 am Calculus class instead of sleeping off your hangover until 2:00 am every day. As a result, caffeine is no longer the iced latte you pick up at the Dunkin Donuts on 16 Avenue in Belmar, it becomes your only means of survival. On the plus side, you no longer have to worry about midnight trips to the nearest Walgreens since Health Services provides us all with an unlimited amount of free condoms.

But you really know that it's back to school when you realize that November is around the corner and you know that means... those tacky Twilight trailers start popping up on every channel.

# A To-Do List for Your First Month Back at School

## A Guide to Avoiding Common Mishaps

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Returning to school, whether as a senior or freshman, can be intimidating. As an upper classman, classes can increase in difficulty with class workloads becoming more stressful.

At the same time, first-year students are trying to find their footing as college freshmen. The transition can be made easier for everyone by knowing the five things that are guaranteed to make the beginning of the school year run smoothly.

The first thing that students should do when returning from summer break is to get a feel for the campus and surrounding areas. Almost every incoming student has had a nightmare about being unable to find their classes on the first day of school. The obvious thing to do would be for students to take their schedules and find the buildings where their classes are located. This also goes for returning students. However, students often skip out on searching for classes.

Unfortunately, I failed to take my own advice at the start of my second semester. When I came back after winter break during my freshman year, I never thought to look for my classes

because I knew where all of the buildings were. But after about 15 minutes of roaming Howard Hall in search of my history class and finding four other lost classmates, I decided that this would not happen again.

And even though getting to know the campus is important, exploring the surrounding towns cannot be forgotten either. Knowing how to get around in West Long Branch and the surrounding areas is also beneficial on many occasions.

Obviously, students will forget dorm supplies or materials for class. It is nice to know that the nearest Target is in Ocean Township. It's the small things that will help in the long run.

The second thing to do when arriving at school is to organize. This includes everything from your schedule to your dorm room. Time can seem to disappear once classes begin, having a week to finish your paper turns into five hours in the blink of an eye. Keeping a calendar of when papers and outside readings are due keeps students on track to finish

their work on time. It also allows for better planned free time, so all activities are not squeezed into two hours of the day.

Organizing your dorm room can be as important as organizing your schedule. It is also best to keep it organized from the beginning of school. If a dorm room starts out organized, it is more likely that it will be kept that way for the rest of the year. The best part about a clean dorm room is that it creates a more relaxing at-

## Just saying 'Hi' to strangers is an easy way to start up conversations with classmates that you might not have met otherwise.

mosphere.

Getting involved on campus is important and very much stressed to freshmen entering college. The people around you are the people you will have classes with for at least four years so it is best to get to know each other. One great idea for meeting new people is to say "Hi" to the first 10 people that you pass, which was an idea my friend came up with. She and her roommate did this on the first day of school

and miraculously, she remains best friends with one of the 10 people she said "hi" to that day. Just saying "hi" to strangers is an easy way to start up conversations with peers that you might not have met otherwise.

But getting to know classmates is not the only way to get involved on campus. It needs not repeating that there are many clubs offered at the University, but it is important to get involved early on. The sooner you join clubs, the quicker you will meet people and become truly involved on campus.

Fourth on the list of things to do is to get on good terms with your new roommate. All students hope that they will become best friends or at least friends with their roommate, but that is not always the case. As long as roommates learn to live with and respect each other and their space, sharing a room can become a good experience, friends or not. The roommate agreement required by Residential Life is a good way to start, but it is also important that roommates talk more in depth about their expectations. Letting

an issue go that bothers you will lead to much bigger problems down the road. If roommates can get along and compromise with each other, it will make the college experience ten times better.

The fifth and final thing a returning college student should do is to get in the habit of a regular sleep schedule. As an extension of organizing day to day activities, there should be ample time for sleeping. It can be hard getting enough sleep with all of the work, but it should be at the top of every student's list. *USA Today* published a study written by Pamela Thacher where the research showed that the GPA of students who pull all-nighters is lower than average. No one needs to be told that getting enough sleep can make students more alert and help them retain more information. But no matter how many times it is repeated, there will be someone who gets little-to-no sleep every night. It might be put on the back burner for some students, but eventually it will catch up to them.

Everyone knows college can be a huge adjustment, but if students know their surroundings, stay organized, get involved, compromise with their roommates and get enough sleep, the transition can be much easier.

# Alpha Kappa Psi Works To Build University Chapter

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Alpha Kappa Psi is a professional and academic organization that was founded by a group of business students in March 2009. The founding fathers of Alpha Kappa Psi hope that their organization can become an official chapter by November of this year. The fraternity is established in over 300 campuses in the United States, as well as in Canada and in the United Kingdom. Alpha Kappa Psi was founded in 1904 at New York University and formed its chapter at the University on March 5, 2009.

Alpha Kappa Psi was unable to become an official chapter at the University because many of the participating members were graduating.

In the spring semester of 2011, the Alpha Kappa Psi nationals visited the University and reorganized the chapter.

Since Alpha Kappa Psi is a business fraternity, participating members will be allowed to enjoy the social aspect as well as benefit from the professional knowledge that it offers.

“This fraternity is different from other fraternities because it is both a business fraternity and it is coed,” said Ray Slamb, Alpha Kappa Psi President.

Although Alpha Kappa Psi is a business fraternity, students do not actually have to be business majors in order to join.

Slamb said, “...Students of all majors will be able to benefit by gaining experience in business which will be helpful later in life

It also allows the fraternity to benefit from the different views that come from different majors.”

Since Alpha Kappa Psi is a special interest fraternity, members of this organization can join



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Alpha Kappa Psi is established in over 300 campuses across the country, including Canada and the United Kingdom.

other inter-fraternity and Panhellenic council organizations.

“I picked this fraternity because I knew that it would help me with potential jobs in the future since it is the oldest and largest professional business fraternity,” said Andrea Gilroy, junior.

“I also liked the idea that it was co-ed.”

Alpha Kappa Psi is recognized as the top organization for prestigious business leaders.

Their mission is to “provide resources for enhancing the educational experience of future business leaders.”

There are five main core values that the members of Alpha Kappa Psi focus on: brotherhood, knowledge, integrity, service and unity.

Christian Klein, junior, said, “The purpose of the fraternity is to get involved with the student body and the outside community and to get a feel for working

with people to achieve a common goal.”

The members of Alpha Kappa Psi aim to build brotherhood, expand education, improve surrounding communities, heighten ethical standards, and enhance the fraternity for life.

Alpha Kappa Psi supports the Ronald McDonald house charity, which houses the families of ill children.

“This September, we will be having a bike-a-thon to raise money for them,” said Klein.

“This fall semester we will have our fair share of events as we look forward to gaining interest to future members and getting out charter.”

Since the University does not consider graduates to be active members of an undergraduate organization, Slamb will be considered an alumni and elections will be held the first week of school to appoint the new president of Alpha Kappa Psi.

## All Lifestyles Included

As we begin another fun-filled, productive year at Monmouth University, ALI would like to welcome back all new and returning students, faculty, and staff!

With the goals of both catering to the LGBT and supporting population on campus, as well as promoting awareness of LGBT issues, ALI hopes to foster a sense of community and understanding on campus, for both those facing issues associated with LGBT life and those who wish to better understand it.

With our successful events last year such as the Holiday Mixer and the Drag Ball, the possibilities for this coming school year are endless, and we hope to make this one of the most successful years yet!

Look out for our e-mail regarding club meeting times and location! All are welcome!

## Alpha Sigma Tau

The spring semester of 2011 was filled with excitement for the ladies of Alpha Sigma Tau. We initiated thirteen lovely ladies into our sisterhood including Staci Burt, Kristina Capriotti, Juliana DePazza, Nicolette DiMucci, Ayla Gudelsky, Susan Imperiale, Lauren Jackson, Amanda Kops, Angela Lucas, Jessica Mazza, Melissa Scharinger, Carly Smith, and Jessica Sponaule.

Along with the addition of our new sisters, we participated in many different events. In February, we held our annual Love Struck, during which we raised money towards our philanthropy.

In March, we held our annual Lady’s Day Luncheon which is a tribute to the special women in our lives. We participated in the Greek Week games held by the university in April as well as Relay for Life where we raised over \$3000. Finally, in May we attended the spring commencement ceremony to bid farewell to our graduating seniors.

Alpha Sigma Tau has some wonderful events planned for the upcoming fall semester including our annual Suicide Awareness Week in mid-September and other periodic fundraisers to raise money for our philanthropies. On October 1st, we will be participating in a walk for breast cancer hosted by Valley National Bank in Wayne, NJ.

We also have a Greek powder-puff football game in works that will take place in mid October. Actual dates and times for these events and more will be announced in later articles.

We anticipate an enjoyable semester and hope to see some friendly faces at some of the events on campus.

# The Rocky Road to Mt. Tremblant

## Snowriders Battle to Keep Costs of Trip Low

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CLUB AND GREEK EDITOR

The Snowriders have been working hard to keep costs down for the Mt. Tremblant trip this year so that it stays affordable for students.

Each winter break, the Snowriders host one of the biggest and most popular trips held at the University which is the Mt Tremblant, Canada trip.

Last year, the Snowriders took two buses up to the great white north with 102 people. This was the greatest number of people that has ever attended the trip. Thirty people actually had to be turned away.

The original cost per student was \$539. The club was able to cover \$140 per student, bringing the price down to \$399 per person. A week in Canada usually costs much more than that.

Angela Rosa, president of the Snowriders, said, “Unfortunately, the cost is going to be more this year. Because we gave such a big discount to students last year, we weren’t able to save as much for this year’s trip.”

Rosa was unable to give an exact price for this year’s trip. This year’s trip will be directly affected by how much money the Snowriders are able to raise.

The Snowriders will be showing a movie on campus to help

raise money for their trip on September 30.

The movie is called *The Art of Flight*, filmed by Redbull. This movie is one of the biggest movies Redbull has ever made, featuring snowboarding professionals such as Travis Rice, Nicolas Muller, Pat Moore and a few other big names. The Snowriders will be releasing more information on this soon. Tickets are going to be \$5.

The Snowriders plan to only take one bus up to Canada this year instead of the two buses from last year. One bus cost \$2,000 and two additional advisors would cost \$650. No matter what the final price per student ends up to be, a trip will definitely happen.

“One bus is better for the e-board and costs significantly less because we don’t have to pay for two more advisors as well as a second bus,” said Rosa.

She feels that with one bus, the students on the trip are more connected with one another and they are there primarily to board or ski, as well as have a good time.

“With two buses, students were coming on the trip just to party and that’s not what the Snowriders are about,” said Rosa. “We want students to come on the trip who are avid boarders and skiers.”



PHOTO COURTESY of Angela Rosa  
The Snowriders overlooking the city on their trip to Montreal while in Canada.

Kyle Durso, junior student, has gone on the Mt. Tremblant trip for the past two years with the Snowriders. Durso has been snowboarding for as long as he can remember and said that the Canada trips were some of his best boarding experiences.

“It’s completely different from East Coast snowboarding,” Durso recalled. “It’s not nearly as icy as it is at home.” Durso plans to go on the trip once again this year.

“The friendships formed on the trip, in addition to the ex-

periences, are some of the best parts about the trip,” Rosa said.

“Not to mention that the University lets you travel out of the country to Canada to experience an amazing mountain and city.”

The Snowriders usually designate one night where they take a bus and travel to Montreal.

Eric Kaighn, junior student, recalled, “The night I spent in Montreal was one of the best times I ever had. Experiencing a city so different yet similar from what I’ve ever seen at home was incredible.”

The Snowriders want to pair up with The Outdoors Club in the future so that they can organize day and weekend trips together. Rosa hopes to plan a spring trip somewhere warm, such as Key West, where members can branch out to try new sports such as water skiing or wakeboarding.

The snowriders will have a booth set up at the Involvement Fair on September 21 for anyone interested in learning more about the Mt. Tremblant trip and their organization.

# Club and Greek Announcements

## The International Reading Association

The International Reading Association will have meetings October 5 and November 2 at 7:30 pm in McAllan Hall room 120.

## Student Alumni Association

The Student Alumni Association will have their September meeting on Tuesday, 9/20 at 7:30 pm in the Alumni House (adjacent to Lot 25). All students are welcome. Food & refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by e-mailing [saa@monmouth.edu](mailto:saa@monmouth.edu).

## Lambda Theta Alpha

Lambda Theta Alpha is having a anti-hazing workshop with Monmouth University Police Department and Tyler Havens on September 21 called “Fighting Hazing with the Ladies of LTA.” It will start at 8:00 pm in Wilson Hall auditorium.

## Hawk TV

Hawk TV is Monmouth University’s student-run, 24-hour television station that airs original programming and movies on campus on channel 12.

Hawk TV is a great organization to join if you wish to expand your knowledge in the field of broadcast television.

From the beginning, everyone has the opportunity to get hands-on experience with the state-of-the-art facilities of the Jules L. Plangere Center.

Whether you enjoy being talent, on the crew, or a writer, Hawk TV will fit your needs! So, see what we’re all about and stop by the office located on the first floor of the Plangere Center near the television studio. Our first meeting for new members is September 21 at 3:30 pm in Plangere 138.

## Phi Kappa Psi

We are holding our first annual carnival this Friday from 4:00-9:00 pm in the parking lot near Cedar.

We are going to have rides, games and food for everyone. It is going to be an awesome day. We are going to be collecting donations for the Courtney Rose Foundation. Everyone come out and support!!!

## Environmental Club

The Environmental Club will be hosting their first meeting on Wednesday 9/14, located on the third floor of the Student Center at 3:30 pm.

The University’s Environmental Club goal is to promote the growth, understanding, awareness and appeal for environmental activism in the campus and local community.

## Economics and Finance Club

The Economics and Finance Club will be meeting every Wednesday at 2:30pm in Bey Hall Room 231.

Students can check the clubs website for further information and calendar of events at [muefc.wordpress.com](http://muefc.wordpress.com).

## Begin By Believing: NJCASA

NJCASA will be having a meeting this Wednesday the 14th at 2:30 pm in McAllan Hall 125. The meeting is also for the Social Work Society and is open to all MU students interested.

## Circle K

Want to have fun and make friends all while doing community service? If you said yes, then Monmouth University Circle K is the club for you.

Circle K is a community service organization affiliated with Circle K International.

We do service projects in the area as well as things on the state, country and international level with Circle K’s at other colleges.

Come check us out at the upcoming Involvement Fair on 9/21 from 2:30 to 4:00 pm. We have a fun-filled semester planned so you won’t be disappointed.

## The Outdoors Club

Outdoors Club is not only just about going on trips but also meeting new people. We do our fair share of adventures.

Last year we went whitewater rafting and kayaking in the Delaware River in the fall and in the spring we went ziplining.

Not just any zipline though, we went to Hunter Mountain, home to the biggest, longest highest zipline in North America.

This fall, we are going to go either kayaking, whitewater rafting, camping, paddle boarding, or hiking along a lake or river.

We recently absorbed the Surf Club so we welcome surfers now. We also go on frequent weekend and day trips throughout the year.

Come out and meet us at the Involvement Fair on Wednesday, 9/21 or stop in at one of our next meetings.

## Monmouth Review

The Monmouth Review will be hosting their first meeting on Wednesday, 9/14.

The meeting will be held at the Monmouth Review office on the third floor of the student center.

# “Pre-game” with Chocolates and Hawks to Benefit the Ronald McDonald House



### PRESS RELEASE

WEST LONG BRANCH, NJ--- Chocolate lollipops and paper “Hawks” will be sold outside of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center on select game days throughout the fall semester to support the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) of Long Branch.

Chocolate lollipops molded into footballs, soccer balls, and field hockey sticks will be sold for one dollar each to support our Hawks on competition days. The paper “Hawks” will be available to personalize and print your name on to be placed around campus during Homecoming and Alumni weekend (October 28-30) as well as Parents’ weekend (November 11-13). Each will be sold for one dollar.

The first fundraiser began on Friday, September 9th before the women’s field hockey game. The next fundraiser will take place on Friday, September 16th before the men’s soccer game at 7:00 p.m. outside of the student center.

RMH provides a true “home away from home” for families of seriously ill children who receive care at medical facilities near their locations in Long Branch and New Brunswick, NJ. RMH also offers Family Rooms and a Hospitality Suite in the pediatric units of three hospitals in Monmouth County and one in Middlesex County.

In this way, families can stay together in comfortable surroundings, helping them to remain strong throughout the course of their child’s treatment. RMH provides a welcoming, supportive environment for families during a time of uncertainty and stress. It is located at 131 Bath Avenue, a five minute drive from campus. Please visit [rmh-cnj.org](http://rmh-cnj.org) to learn how you can help.

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Welcome back for another successful year at Monmouth! This year is guaranteed to be an exciting year on campus. There are various events planned that will keep you wanting more. We look forward to meeting new faces around campus. Please look at your Activities Calendar for a full list of events planned for this semester and any updates in the weekly activities email !

## Upcoming September Events

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- 15<sup>TH</sup>- Visiting Writer- Shara McCallum  
4:30pm Wilson Auditorium  
Social Night 7pm Catholic Center
- 16<sup>TH</sup>- Dodgeball Tournament 6pm Boylan Gym
- 20<sup>TH</sup>- First Year Service Project Info Session  
5-6pm Afflitto Conference Room
- 21<sup>ST</sup>- Intramural Wiffleball Interest Meeting  
10pm MAC
- 22<sup>ND</sup>- Social Night 7pm Catholic Center
- 23<sup>RD</sup>- Volleyball in the Quad 3-7pm
- 24<sup>TH</sup>- Arm Wrestling Tournament 12pm Quad
- 27<sup>TH</sup>- Invisible Children  
7-9pm Wilson Auditorium

### OAKWOOD LOUNGE

7PM & 1PM Movies

- 16<sup>TH</sup>- Thor
- 17<sup>TH</sup>- Super 8
- 23<sup>RD</sup>- Pirates of the Caribbean 4: On Stranger Tides
- 24<sup>TH</sup>- Green Lantern

### MAJOR EVENTS

- 15<sup>TH</sup>- Lupe Flasco  
with Tinie Tempah 9pm MAC
- 16<sup>TH</sup>- Fall Carnival 4- 9pm
- 17<sup>TH</sup>- Battle of the Buildings
- 23<sup>RD</sup>- Back to the Books Dance  
9pm- 1am Anacon Hall
- 24<sup>TH</sup>- MU Country Rodeo  
6- 9pm Res. Quad

### BUS TRIPS

- 17<sup>TH</sup>- Dave & Busters Bus Trip  
Depart RSSC 11am
- 24<sup>TH</sup>- First Year Bus Trip to  
Six Flags Great Adventure  
Depart RSSC 10am
- 25<sup>TH</sup>- Ellis Island Bus Trip  
Depart RSSC 11am

### HAWK PRIDE

- 16<sup>TH</sup>- Mens Soccer vs Seton Hall  
7pm Soccer Field
- 17<sup>TH</sup>- Field Hockey vs U. of Vermont  
12pm So Sweet A Cat Field
- 18<sup>TH</sup>- Mens Soccer vs Princeton  
1pm Soccer Field

### FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE

- 17<sup>TH</sup>- Leadership Retreat
- 20<sup>TH</sup>- Meet the Greeks 10pm Anacon
- 21<sup>ST</sup>- IFC Round Robin 10:15pm Bey Hall  
IFC Recruitment Runs Through 9/27
- 23<sup>RD</sup>- PHC Recruitment Runs Through 9/28
- 26<sup>TH</sup> & 27<sup>TH</sup>- IFC Interviews by Appointment
- 28<sup>TH</sup>- IFC Bid Day



### FIVE STAR RECOGNITION

The Office of Student Activities and Student Center Operations would like to recognize the following fraternal organizations for achieving a Five Star Recognition for their 2010-2011 Greek Challenge Submission

**Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc. • Phi Kappa Psi • Phi Sigma Sigma • Zeta Tau Alpha**

The Greek Challenge Report is an assessment of fraternity and sorority commitment to the core values of fraternal life: Scholarship, Leadership, Service, And Brotherhood/Sisterhood. These chapters have achieved the highest scores and have demonstrated a high regard for these values.

### Counseling & Psychological Services

Fall 2011 PROGRAMS

#### October

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| Tuesday, 10/4    | <b>SCREAM THEATRE-1 :00pm-2:15pm or 2:30pm-3:45pm, Wilson Auditorium</b><br>Peer interactive theater on interpersonal violence presented by students and actors from Rutgers University.  |
|                  | <b>Am I Okay? Transitions to College Life-7:30pm-8:30pm, Mullaney Hall Lounge</b><br>Learn about factors that affect your health and how to manage them during college.   |
| Thursday, 10/20  | <b>Mental Health Screening-10am-4pm, Student Center, Room 301A</b><br>Come to the Counseling & Psychological Services office for a brief screening for depression and other mood disorders. Get immediate feedback from a counselor and pick up self-help literature. |
| Wednesday, 10/26 | <b>I'm So Over It: How to Talk To Your Roommate-7:30pm-8:30pm, Mullaney Hall Lounge</b><br>Something bothering you? Have you talked about it yet? Learn how tonight!  |

#### November

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| Thursday, 11/3  | <b>Break the Cycle, Be the Change-10:00am-11:15am or 2:30pm-3:45pm, Anacon B, RSSC</b><br>Interactive program with trainers from the American Conference on Diversity.  |
| Thursday, 11/17 | <b>SafeZone Training – 2pm-4pm, Afflitto Conference Room, RSSC</b><br>A program that creates allies, support, and resources for MU lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning students and employees. |
|                 | <b>Sandplay Therapy Introduction 6:30pm-8:30pm, Afflitto Conference Room</b><br>Define your personal journey through the sandplay technique, an alternative therapeutic approach.                               |

#### December

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| Wednesday, 12/7 | <b>Just Chill: Pre-Exam Stress Relief- 7:30pm-8:30pm, Elmwood Hall Basement Lounge</b><br>Just hang out and relax through deep breathing and other techniques. You'll feel great! |
| Thursday, 12/15 | <b>De-Stress Fest 1pm-4:30pm, Anacon Hall, RSSC</b><br>Food, Massage, Yoga, Zen Gardens, Puppies and Door Prizes before final exams.  |

#### Weekly Discussion Groups

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| Mondays    | <b>Managing Chronic Illness Group-11:30am-12:30pm, Afflitto Conference Room</b><br>Lynne Lehrkinder, Sept 26-Nov 14 |
| Tuesdays   | <b>Men's Discussion Group-11:30am -12:30pm , Afflitto Conference Room</b><br>Tom McCarthy, Sept 27-Nov 15           |
| Wednesdays | <b>LGBTQ Group-11:30am-12:30pm, Afflitto Conference Room</b><br>Kate Memoli, Sept 28-Nov 16                         |
| Thursdays  | <b>Women's Discussion Group-11:30am-12:30pm, Afflitto Conference Room</b><br>Franca Mancini, Sept 29-Nov 17         |

Make-up discussion groups will be in the Afflitto Conference Room from 11:30am-12:30pm during the week of 12/5.

Counseling and Psychological Services Email: [mu counseling@monmouth.edu](mailto:mu counseling@monmouth.edu) Tel: 732-571-7517.  
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# Are you BORED?!

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## Upcoming Events!

### Freshman!

Apply for our FreshStart program and become one of our newest senators! Join a committee and work as a group to plan your own event! Meet new people and get involved!

Applications are online!  
Due September 20th at 12pm  
Interviews September 21st at 2:30pm in the suite, 3rd floor RSSC!

### Upperclassmen!

Apply for our General Elections to grab a spot on senate! Plan events, join committees, and get your voice heard! Help improve the school you love and meet new people!

Applications are online!  
Due September 19th at 12pm  
Interviews September 20th at 7:30pm in the suite, 3rd floor RSSC!

### Contact us!

Search us on the Monmouth website for our page with applications!

Come to our meetings every Wednesday at 2:30pm in the SGA suite, 3rd floor RSSC!

E-mail: [sga@monmouth.edu](mailto:sga@monmouth.edu)  
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### The Big Event

A campus wide day of volunteering!  
Saturday, October 22nd

### Spirit Week

A week of Monmouth fun!  
October 24th-28th

### Homecoming

Pirate themed, show your Hawk pride!  
Saturday, October 29th

## Did you apply for graduation?

⚠️ **ATTENTION STUDENTS** ⚠️

The ORR would like to take the opportunity to welcome you back to campus. Welcome Back!! At this time, we also recommend that you begin to consider how your career at Monmouth University will end.

In order to be on target to complete your degree requirements and graduate, the ORR urges you to apply for graduation no later than 1 year prior to your anticipated graduation date. By applying early, this affords you the opportunity to receive an official degree audit from the Registrar's Office indicating if you are 'anticipated complete' with your registered courses. If you are not 'anticipated complete', having this additional time allows you the opportunity to register for any additional required courses or requirements.

Good luck with your coursework this semester!  
The ORR

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THESE IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE JANUARY 2012 GRADUATION:**

⚠️ **November 1, 2011:** Deadline to submit Graduation Applications through e-FORM's

**November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011:** Deadline to submit any additional e-FORM's requests (i.e. Substitutions, Waivers, Declare/Remove Minor, etc.)

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Free workshops are offered in a variety of study skills areas including textbook reading strategies, organization & time management, note taking/listening, test-taking strategies, stress management for academics, mid-term/finals prep.

#### Organization and Time Management: A New Semester!

9/21- 1:30-2:30 p.m. & 9/19, 9/26- 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

Location: TBD

#### Textbook Reading Strategies: Active vs. Passive Reading

9/20 & 9/27- 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

RSSC, Lower Level, FY3

#### Note Taking/Listening: The Do's and Don'ts

9/28- 1:00 p.m. -2:00 p.m.

RSSC, Lower Level, SS6

Register online at <https://tutortrac.monmouth.edu>  
or Contact the Tutoring Center @ 732-263-5721

#### Catholic Centre

**Sunday Mass**  
7 PM at the Catholic Centre

**Daily Mass**  
Mondays, Tuesdays,  
Thursdays at 12 PM in Wilson Hall  
Chapel  
(beginning 9/12)

**Social Night**  
Thursdays at 7:30 PM  
(beginning 9/8)

**Bereavement/Prayer Group**  
Sunday, Sept. 18 at 5:30 PM

**Pizza Party**  
Sunday, Sept. 29 at 7 PM

**Catholic Centre at M.U.**  
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## Office of Service Learning & Community Programs

### Monmouth University in the Community

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**Kuree Cain, Senior**



To volunteer, please contact Marilyn Ward at [mward@monmouth.edu](mailto:mward@monmouth.edu) or visit the Center for Student Success, Room SS2 (lower level of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center).

# How Comic Books Dealt With the Tragedy of 9/11

**MATTHEW FISHER**  
COMICS EDITOR

Following the events of September 11, there have been movies (*World Trade Center*) and TV specials discussing the tragedy of this day as well as the heroism of police, firefighters, and first responders who braved the danger to help anyone they could.

However, what people might not know is that the comic book community also developed graphic novels and comics in which writers and artists created stories centering around this day to honor those lost and reminding people to never forget.

Just like the noble intentions of its heroes, many of the proceeds from these books were donated to organizations such as the World Trade Center Relief Fund, Survivors Fund, Twin Tower Fund, and the American Red Cross.

One of the bigger collaborations resulted in a two volume graphic novel series known as “9-11: September 11.”

The first volume was called “9-11: September 11 (Artists Respond)” and published by independent publisher Chaos!, Dark Horse, and Image Comics.

According to the solicitation on Amazon.com, “Among Volume One’s contributors are writer/artist William Stout, who shares the true story of a Yugoslavian citizen’s love of Americans; Stan Sakai, vividly recalling his last visit to New York City; and Paul Chadwick, who offers his interpretation of the heroism of the passengers on Flight 93, whose sacrifice kept September 11 from being an even more tragic day...”

Some other writers and artists telling their stories were Will Eisner, Frank Miller, Dave Gibbons, Eric Powell, and Tony Millionaire.

The second volume, “9-11: September 11 (The World’s Finest Comic Book Writers & Artists

Tell Stories to Remember,” was published through DC Comics.

This volume is notable for an Alex Ross cover showing Superman and his pet, Krypto, looking in awe at a mural of police, firefighters, and paramedics. It continued the tone from the first one and included more stories from writers and artists such as Neil Gaiman, Stan Lee, Jim Lee, Neal Adams, and Ed Brubaker.

Over at Marvel, they also published their own line of benefit graphic novels such as “Heroes: The World’s Greatest Super Hero Creators Honor The World’s Greatest Heroes” and “A Moment of Silence.”

“Heroes” focused on those who risked their lives to save others on this day and included stories from a slew of writers and artists such as Kurt Busiek, Stan Lee, Sam Keith, and Tim Bradstreet, while Ross supplied a cover of a firefighter holding a lifeless body next to rubble.

“A Moment of Silence” involved writers like Brian Michael Bendis, Kevin Smith, and artists like Mark Bagely. It told four stories, all of which were devoid of dialogue.

According to *Time*, “Three of the four are true-life stories, like the one about Tony Savas, a building inspector stationed at the World Trade Center who receives a touching tribute as he marches, blueprints in hand, into the doomed building.”

However, among the 9/11 books from Marvel, one that stands out is “Amazing Spider-Man” Vol. Two #36 also referred to as “the Black Issue” for having a cover absent of anything but the title and credits.

Written by J. Michael Straczynski and drawn by John Romita, Jr., the issue dealt with Spider-Man’s reaction to the destruction of the World Trade Center and how he and other heroes (and villains) tried to help each other the best they could.

In a 2001 Comic Book Resources article, Romita discussed his feelings and the approach he took toward this emotional story in the life of Peter Parker/Spider-Man.

He said, “[This issue] caused me to lose a lot of sleep for the month that I drew it...It gave me a lot of nightmares. With the news and radio, you can just put it off or down. But with this work, I had reference material plastered all over my office. I had to be exact, down to the patterns of rubble. I wanted it to be perfect.”

Outside of the major publishers, Alternative Comics also produced its own collection of 9/11 stories drawn again by a large collection of writers and artists such as Michael Avon Oeming, Jeff Smith, Frank Cho, and Eisner.

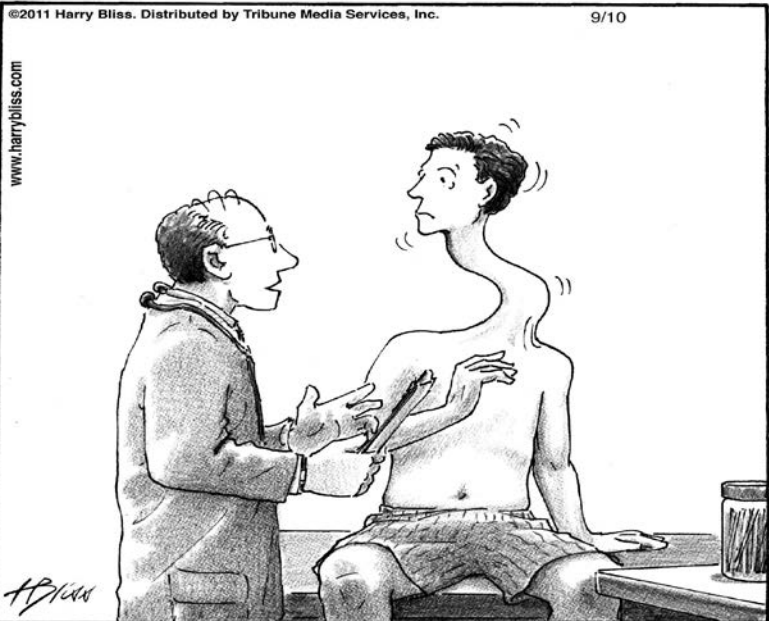
Meanwhile, Joseph Michael Linser created his own story in the benefit comic, “New York I Love You,” which featured a cover of his character Dawn looking away from the Twin Towers in tears.

However, one graphic novel stands out among the many for being a detailed, illustrated version of the 9/11 Commission Report. Writer Sid Jacobson and artist Ernie Colón presented this bold approach in “The 9/11 Report: A Graphic Adaptation.”

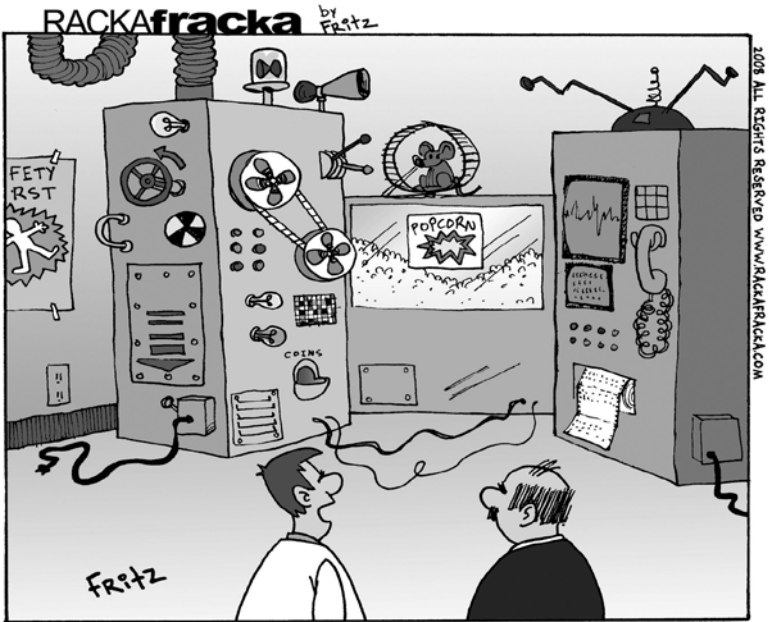
According to a review on Amazon.com, “Jacobson’s text frequently follows word for word the original report, faithfully captures its investigative thoroughness, and covers its entire scope, even including the Commission’s final report card. Colón’s stunning artwork powerfully conveys the facts, insights, and urgency of the original.”

September 11 left a hole in America’s spirit that has been slowly healing since that day.

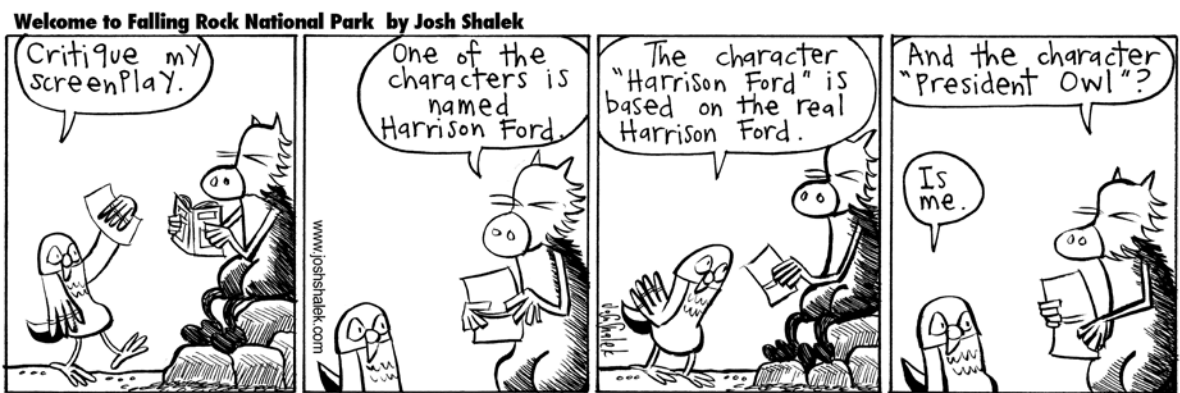
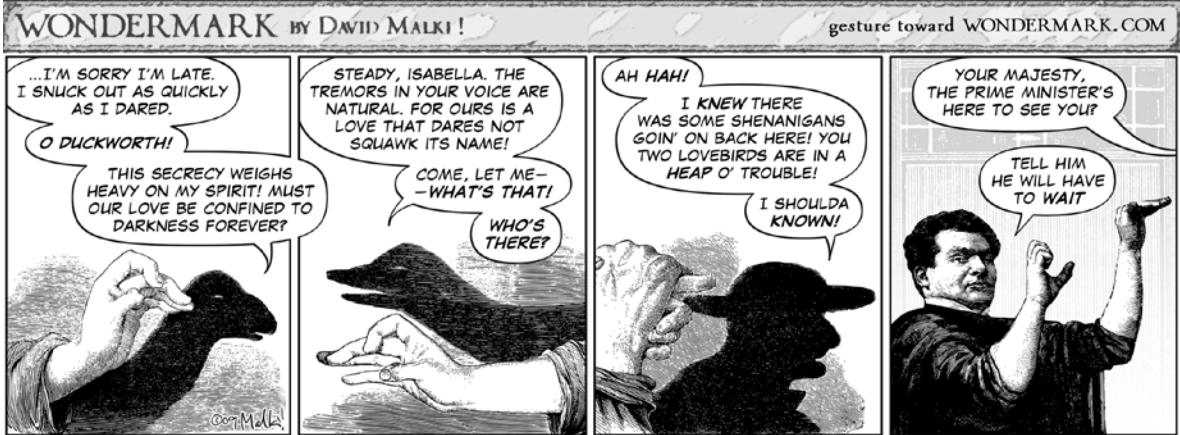
However, the ability to create art allows everyone to channel their emotions onto the page and express what they are thinking about and feeling on the inside.



“I wouldn’t worry – the cartoonist is just having a little fun.”



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# Let There Be Light

## Great Lawn Becomes First Lighted Athletic Field on Campus

BRETT BODNER  
MANAGING EDITOR

Genesis reads “And God said let there be light and there was light.”

Over the summer, a similar event happened to the Great Lawn that would leave an impact on the men’s and women’s soccer season.

Thanks to a generous donation from Jules Plangere Jr, four light poles were installed on the Great Lawn, giving both soccer teams the ability to play night games.

“It’s all about the lights right now,” said Athletic Director Marilyn McNeil. “We’ve always talked about lights in athletics. There’s such an aura about playing under the lights in any athletic endeavor and it opens up opportunities to use the field at other times other than sun hours,” said McNeil.

July 20 was the date when all four light poles were standing and once they were all up, many new opportunities became available to the soccer team. Opportunities that were not there before.

Not only can the team benefit from being able to play at night, but it will also be very beneficial to the fan base. “This will allow more fans to get to the game. If you play in the afternoon during the week, many students are in class and people in the surrounding community are at work. With night games, it will allow more people to attend the games and I do believe attendance will be higher,” said President Paul Gaffney II.

Instead of putting in the typical lights that can be found on soccer fields, the four lights were place in each end zone (one in each corner) and they stand 90 feet tall. They were built this way so it would not block the view of Wilson hall.

So far, there has been no objection from neighbors in the surrounding community. If you walk a few steps away from the field at night you find yourself in darkness. The lights were built in a way that they are solely focused on the field and do not go out into the academic buildings or the surrounding community.

Robert McCourt, head coach of the men’s soccer team, feels that the lights generate a lot of excitement for both the team and the fans. “The lights add a bit of electricity to the games. The team gets fired up more for night games and it gives more people the opportunity to come out and see our games,” said McCourt.

The men’s soccer team has played four games under the lights so far. They played two exhibition matches against Army and Delaware and they have played two regular season games as well, which were both 1-0 victories over Saint Peter’s and Boston University.

The women’s team has played one game under the lights so far and it was a 6-0 victory over NJIT on Labor Day this past Monday.

Senior defenseman/mid fielder and one of the team captains of the men’s team, RJ Allen feels it is a really good

experience to play under the lights. “The atmosphere vibe is a lot better at night and it’s a better experience than playing during the day, because more people can come out to night games,” said Allen.

Attendance appears to be up and the University has rented more seats than last year. The seats go from end zone to end zone, which is much larger than the bleachers from last year. According to Coach McCourt, the attendance was in the range of 1,100 to 1,200 for the night scrimmages.

The lights on the Great Lawn appear to be a success so far, so does this mean that maybe someday we will see lights on Kessler field or even the baseball field?

“Yes I would like to see lights put on Kessler next. What we have to do is demonstrate that we are responsible citizens and use the lights only when we need them, show there is no light pollution outside the field, and to find the support financially to do so,” Gaffney said.

Dr. McNeil added “I would love to see lights on every field if we could. It just the issue of finding a donor who is willing to put forth the money to have them built,” said McNeil.

Could we see possible Saturday night football games in the future? Only time will tell. For now, we as a University can go and watch our nationally ranked soccer team light it up on the Great Lawn at night. The next chance to see the Hawks under the lights will be this Friday at 7 pm.

THE OUTLOOK'S WEEKLY NFL PICKS

Week Two	Brett (0-0 Last Wk) (0-0 Overall)	Dan (0-0 Last Wk) (0-0 Overall)	Ed (0-0 Last Wk) (0-0 Overall)	Prof. Morano (0-0 Last Wk) (0-0 Overall)
Jets vs. Jaguars				
Giants vs. Rams				
Patriots vs. Chargers				
Saints vs. Bears				
Falcons vs. Eagles				
Steelers vs. Seahawks				
Texans vs. Dolphins				
Cowboys vs. 49ers				
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# Football Team Kicks-Off the Season With the Familiar Taste of a Loss

ED MORLOCK  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Hawk football is back after a disappointing 2010. The pre-season rankings predict the Hawks to finish sixth in the Northeast Conference.

The Hawks have a much different team in 2011 than they did last year. “This year we’re certainly not as old or as experienced as we were a year ago,” said Coach Callahan. The 2010 squad had 22 seniors who are no longer here.

With 22 players from last year gone, some new guys are going to have to step up. The offense lost some of their best playmakers.

“A lot of the younger guys stepped up, we had a veteran group last year, we only have two kids returning, Mitchell Polard and Darvin Henderson, but Lamar Davenport and Neil Sterling have definitely stepped up. We got a transfer in, Tristan Roberts, who stepped up, I think all of them can really help the team out,” said senior QB Kyle Frazier when asked about which receivers will help the team replace some graduates.

Elijah Phillips was hurt last season and is ready to get back on the field. He believes he is hungry after sitting a year and is mentally and physically stronger than ever. Coach Callahan expects him to play at a high level. With Phillips coming back and star safety Jose Gumbs in his senior year, the Hawks should have a secondary that will give teams problems.

The Hawks have some tough out-of-conference games this season. They face nationally ranked Lehigh and Villanova to start the year, then Colgate a

few weeks later. Coach Callahan points to a number of reasons as to why they play these teams.

First, it prepares the team for league play in the Northeast Conference. Secondly, they want to face post season-caliber competition before the playoffs so they are better prepared. Lastly, it helps the team recruit, because high school football players know they will be matched up against good competition if they come to play for the Blue and White.

With plenty of time to dwell on last season and the four losses that were decided in the final minutes of games, the team expects a much better year. Coach Callahan expects to win the NEC and represent the league in the playoffs.

The opening day crowd in West Long Branch saw Monmouth get dominated in their debut against Lehigh University. The Hawks were outscored 49-24 by the thirteenth ranked team in the nation.

Monmouth showed promise early in the game. On their opening drive, QB Kyle Frazier made great decisions and converted some key third downs to keep the chains moving. Running back Pete Nagy forced his way into the end zone for a two-yard touchdown.

From here on out it was all Lehigh. The Mountain Hawks’ QB Chris Lum had a great game. Lum threw for 346 yards and four touchdowns. He was active in and out of the pocket and kept Monmouth defenders chasing him all day long.

Monmouth had trouble stopping local product Ryan Spadola. From Howell, New Jersey, Spadola is a nationally recognized player to watch this season. He couldn’t have hoped for a better homecoming game. Spadola tal-



PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reme

Sophomore linebacker Dan Sullivan led the Hawk defense with seven tackles in their 49-24 loss to #13 Lehigh.

lied six receptions for 148 yards and two touchdowns, including a 73-yard score.

The 73-yard toss from Lum to Spadola gave the Mountain Hawks their first lead, and they never looked back.

“It started with some break-downs in the secondary that allowed some big pass plays, kind of got them out to a 21-7 lead and it was just an uphill battle from there,” said Callahan after the loss.

It was more than just break-downs in the secondary, however. At this point in the season, Monmouth just couldn’t contain a team like the one they faced. Lehigh is the thirteenth ranked team in the country and has very talented players, especially at the receiver position.

Aside from Spadola, Jake Drwal had a fantastic game. Drwal grabbed eight receptions for 117 yards and a fantastic touchdown grab that brought the Lehigh fans to their feet.

Monmouth scored a couple fourth quarter touchdowns, but it was too little too late to stage a comeback on opening day.

One bright spot for the Hawks in this one was the play of cornerback Elijah Phillips. Phillips showed a lot of heart fighting for yards and breaking a long punt return. He also grabbed an interception in the contest.

Coach Callahan and Kyle Frazier are both happy to have a bye week following this loss. An extra week to correct mistakes and prepare for another nationally recognized opponent will help the Hawks get this season back on track.

Monmouth travels to Villanova on September 17 to take on the Wildcats.

# Men’s Soccer Looks to Take Next Step in 2011

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Coming into the new soccer season, the men’s soccer program is expecting big things. As the two-time defending NEC champions, they were once again picked to take the division. Six seasons in a row they have taken the regular-season title and the 2011 season hopes to bring the seventh.

After a 2010 season where the Hawks remained in the national rankings and hosted a home NCAA tournament first round game, they are looking to continue their winning ways.

Going into the season in mid-August, they were chosen as the 27th best team in the nation according to College Soccer News. Coach Robert McCourt led the Hawks to 14 wins in 2010 and now he surely hopes to top that mark.

Led by Ryan Kinne, the Hawk offense will look to post its 1.80 goals per game mark. With big shoes to fill, they will be led by veteran players such as RJ Allen, Anthony Vazquez and Max Hamilton. This trio was quite a standout in NEC play last year and along with them, the Hawks can be led by first team all NEC midfielder Ryan Clark.

Hawk recognition has come from

other news sources besides the College News polls, such as the Soccer America’s Preseason polls and all-American nominations. Monmouth took the 21st ranking in this and RJ Allen was also named to its preseason All-American squad. Allen is a major weapon for the team this year and it sure seems like many NEC teams will feel his presence.

Ryan credits his teammates for all of the credit and attention he is getting. “Without my teammates I would not be getting all of the recognition, so it is all because of them that I am where I am,” Allen said.

As noted in the creation of this poll, the Hawks did lose two players to the MLS draft following last season, but with the return of such veteran talent such as Allen and the aforementioned Hamilton and Vazquez, the Hawks will undoubtedly press to compete for the top spot.

With all the hype it would be interesting to see if the Hawks would connect in their first few games to prove the polls right. But after a season

opening victory against Saint Peter’s, the Hawks were recognized as a consensus top 25 team, being acknowledged in three different national polls. Their rankings went everywhere from 25th to 17th in the nation. The high honors stemmed from the 1-0 victory over Saint Peter’s, which was the first game was ever played on the

season. Monmouth held a solid advantage in corner kicks on the afternoon and MU was impressively led by goalkeeper Alex Blackburn, who earned his third career shutout.

Anyone who held doubts early on whether the Hawks could maintain their dominance were surely proven wrong where after the Boston University game, the team rose in the national rankings again.

The NSCAA poll placed the Hawks at number 18 in the nation, an extremely respectable spot and a ranking that is going to earn them a considerable amount of national attention. In the Soccer America poll, the Hawks took 13th and with the play of their veteran leaders of late, that number could only increase.

In another early September matchup, the Hawks were to be tested by a nationally recognized William & Mary team, which came in with a #14 ranking.

The game, a part of the Stihl Soccer challenge first round, was changed by George Quintano, who scored in the 70th minute and won the game for Monmouth. Ending, 1-0, the matchup

put MU at an undefeated 3-0 record and William and Mary 2-2-0 record.

Coming off of the big William and Mary win, the Hawks continued the weekend with another matchup versus Old Dominion. After sealing the #18 ranking, the Hawks found their first step back, falling 3-1 to ODU.

Senior Matt Beverin managed to put one through for MU but it wasn’t enough as they suffered their first loss of the season. The loss put the Hawks at second for the Stihl Classic but their weekend was truly marked by their impressive victory over William and Mary. RJ Allen and Anthony Vazquez were named to the all-tournament team although the Hawks couldn’t come away with the top spot.

With considerable recognition and impressive victories to start off the season, the Monmouth men’s soccer team are in for what could be a historic season. With a 3-1-0 start and having an All-American, along with top notch NEC talent, the team is sure to see large success this year. Coach McCourt strongly believes this as well.

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Great Lawn at night. Two Monmouth standouts, Ryan Clark and RJ Allen were the ones involved in the scoring. Clark, who scored the goal was assisted by the All-American, Allen.

Still aboard the national polls, the Hawks faced Boston University on September 1st. RJ Allen was once again the difference maker, scoring the game winning goal and helping the team improve to 2-0 on the

## Spring Sports: What You Missed While You Were Gone

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As finals came to a close on May 11, many students packed their bags and headed home for the summer. However, students that participated in spring sports remained behind as each of their seasons rolled on.

The baseball team had an excellent bounce back year, after finishing under .500 last season with a record of 22-27. This following season the team posted a record of 36-19, including a record of 25-7 in the NEC. Possibly the most impressive statistic about their record was that the Hawks were near unbeatable at home, compiling a record of 19-3 on home turf.

The Hawks season came to an end on May 22, when they fell to Sacred Heart 9-2 in the NEC Championship game at Dodd Stadium in Norwich, Connecticut. The loss gave the Hawks a second place finish, which is a huge improvement on last season.

“It was a fun fulfilling year and we had a unique team which helped us make it as far as we did. They liked each other and each guy cared about the next and it helped us be a successful team,” said Head Coach Dean Ehehalt.

Leading the way offensively for the Hawks this past season was senior infielder Ryan Terry. Terry tore it up in his final season as a Hawk, leading the team in hits, RBIs, runs scored, doubles, and batting average. Terry’s talents did not go unnoticed by pro scouts, as Terry was selected in the 21st round (660th overall) by the Tampa Bay Rays in the 2011 Major League Baseball Draft.

“Ryan has been a great player for a long time for us. He was a catalyst for us and loves to do well and win. He was instrumental in our success last year on and off the field,” said Ehehalt.

Graduate student Nick Meyers had a stand out season pitching this past spring. Meyers went 9-1 with an ERA of 2.85 and 68 strikeouts.

The Hawks were happy with turning things around this season, but they were not satisfied. This upcoming spring they look to take the next step and win the NEC title.

“As long as we’re not decimated with injuries, I believe we will compete for the championship again in our conference. We’ve got some guys to replace, but once we figure out who is going to play where and how our line-up is going to settle in then I believe we’ll have a chance to be very good,” said Ehehalt.

The baseball team also received some great news in these last few weeks with the news that former pitcher Brad Brach, who was in the minor leagues for the San Diego Padres, got the call up to the majors. Brach became the first baseball player from Monmouth to ever make it to the majors.

“It’s a great accomplishment for our program and it is exciting to get your first guy. Brach is a guy who is a quality person and is still connected to the program so that made it that much more special,” said Ehehalt.

Brach debuted on August 31 in Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles. Brach went 1.1 innings with three strikeouts in his first ever major league game.

The men’s and women’s outdoor track team had yet another outstanding season this past spring. The Hawks took home the NEC crown once again, winning their third straight NEC championship right here on campus.

For the men it was their seventh title in the last eight years and for the women it was their fourth in the last five years.

The women dominated the meet and had six first place finishes in events. On the men’s side the 4x100 relay team finished in first and so did Tom Ciccoli in the shot put, and Vincent DuVernois in the javelin.

Head Coach Joe Compagni attributes the team’s success to both the drive of the team as well as the support of the school. “New folks come in and have some expectations about being a team that is going to compete for a championship. There are a lot of things that we do here that are unique that we can’t do unless we have the support of the whole school,” said Compagni.

The Hawks were back in action only a week later in the Eastern College Athletic Conference meet. It



PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Remo

The men’s and women’s outdoor track team won their third straight NEC Championship on Sunday May 8.

was a fast turnaround, but the team still had a strong showing and finished at 33 overall. Rachel Watkins, Jennifer Nelson, Mary Wilks and Lindsey Walsh won All-East honors at the event.

Three track athletes went on to compete in the NCAA Division 1 Championships. This was senior Mary Wilks’s last track event and in the event she broke the school record in the javelin with a throw of 149’5”. DuVernois advanced from the first round to the finals and earned All-American honors in the finals. Lindsey Walsh had a strong showing and it was her last meet of a very good year. All three earned Academic All-American honors as well.

The track team did an excellent job of getting the job done both on the field and in the classroom. “It’s important because they’re student athletes and the student comes first. The school side is the most important side as only a select few have gone on to make a living at the next

level,” said Compagni.

The Hawks will look to keep their NEC streak of dominance in tact next season and hope to remain atop the NEC.

The softball team had a much tougher season than the 2010 season, as they finished 21-21 overall. The team suffered many set-backs throughout the season.

They suffered from the injury bug, as the team struggled to stay healthy. It also did not help that the weather often did not cooperate and they did not play in one mid-week game until the last week of the season.

Head Coach Louie Berndt says a lack of numbers, injuries, and the fact that they only had one pitcher was what held the team back last season. “Basically we only had 12 able bodies to play in 10 spots. This meant the same people were playing every day through tiredness, soreness, and injuries,” said Coach Berndt.

Last season the Hawks were led by junior catcher Emily deLong and Christine Scherr. deLong led the team in batting average, home runs, and total bases. DeLong was even named to the First-Team All-NEC team.

Scherr started all 48 games as a freshman and earned NEC rookie of the week honors. Scherr was second on the team in runs scored and played solid defense at second base. Unfortunately she got injured towards the end of the season.

There are six new players this season and a new assistant coach, former University of Georgia star Megan McCallister, who should be able to help the team have success.

The Hawks will look to turn things around next season and hopefully experience much success. “We just have to stay healthy and have mother nature on our side. Other than that the talent is there we just need the weather to cooperate and let them play,” said Berndt.



# HAWKS READY TO LIGHT IT UP



After years of playing only day games, men's and women's soccer become the first teams to be able to play a home game at night.

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