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University Utilizing Social Media to



with Prospective and Current Students

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Social media has grown to directly affect the lives of hundreds of millions of people every day. For many, social media is a source of news about our loved ones and even strangers. Now, social media is used by the University as a catalyst for keeping students informed and involved.

The University's use of social media has grown over the years to keep up with students' use of social media. "I will ask students how they found out about meetings, and a lot of times they found out through Facebook," said Susan Dam-

aschke, Coordinator of First Year Retention.

"I think we're seeing more students get involved, yes. Whether or not it has anything to do with Facebook, I'm

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MEGAN MCGOWAN
Assistant Director of Student Activities

not really sure," Damaschke said. "I think they [students] are seeing more because they pay more attention to Facebook."

This year, Damaschke has reduced the amount of e-mails she sends and has found that

attendance to events has been the same as in the past.

"It's a great source to use other than email," said Megan McGowan, Assistant Director of Student Activities.

"It's a greener way to get information around."

In some cases, however, Facebook has undoubtedly had a direct effect on attendance at certain events.

"Our first Residence Hall Association (R.H.A.)

Late Night Lounge was a huge success because of Facebook," said Alissa Catalano, a junior marketing major. "We

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Students Become Certified Tutors with New Program

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Starting the week of September 26, Peer Tutor Coordinators will be available to tutor students in Mullaney Hall from 8 to 10pm and the Library from 7 to 9pm for one hour intervals.

Peer Tutor Coordinators are a part of a new program with the goal of assembling a small group of peer tutors who could commit to serving as an advisory and special projects committee as well as providing support for their fellow peer tutors, according to Dorothy Cleary, Director of the Tutoring Center and creator of this project.

"Peer tutor coordinators are undergraduate upperclass students who have a strong level of commitment to tutoring, are motivated to tutor their fellow students, but who also possess lead-

ership qualities and are looking to be highly qualified as a tutor," said Cleary.

Currently, according to Cleary, there are roughly 70-200 peer tutors and nine Peer Tutor Coordinators. All of the Peer Tutor Coordinators are subjected to 10 hours of mandatory training sessions, including online training and various workshops, resulting in becoming a College Reading and Learning Association Certified Level 1 tutor.

An example of a workshop they will attend is "Special Student Populations Workshop: Non-Traditional, Underprepared, Test Anxious, International Students/Language Minority," presented by the Department of Disabilities Services, giving them an overview of different types of learning disabilities, issues of

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First-year Hawks Flock to Annual Involvement Fair

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During every fall at the University, an Involvement Fair is held outside of the student center where clubs, governing bodies, Greek organizations and media outlets set up tables and invite students to break out of their shells and join something new.

However, it is not every year that 800 students show up and Student Activities actually runs out of tables because there are so many clubs that want to participate.

Although the actual amount of active clubs at the University varies week-to-week, said Megan McGowan, Assistant Director of Student Activities, 74 clubs out of the 80-or-so showed up with their flyers, homemade cookies, Frisbees and balloons to the annual Involvement Fair last Wednesday.



PHOTO COURTESY of Kim Grier

Students were able to learn about 74 different clubs and organizations at last week's Involvement Fair.

Some of the many clubs and organizations that were present at the Involvement Fair were the International Club, the Monmouth Review, the Community Service Club, the Ice Hawks, the Study Abroad Club and the National Council of Negro Women.

McGowan said that the number of students who show up for the fair grows every year, but this year she attributes some of the success to the fact that Hawk TV

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"The Soup's" Joel McHale to Bring Jokes to the MAC

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Joel McHale will be appearing at the MAC at the University on Saturday, November 5 for a night of comedy and lots of laughs. The event is produced by Concerts East and AEG Live. Ticket prices range from \$35 to \$55, depending on the seating section.

If you're unsure of whom McHale is, chances are you've seen him on hit TV shows *The Soup* and *Community*, or in some films such as *The Informant* and the latest *Spy Kids* installment. While his roles in movies are hardly comedic, McHale is best known for his deadpan, sarcastic sense of humor, and his chiseled smile.

McHale, actually born in Rome Italy, has been host, a writer, and producer of the weekly "E!" television show, "The Soup,"



PHOTO COURTESY of Jon Vena

McHale will do a stand-up performance at the MAC on November 5.

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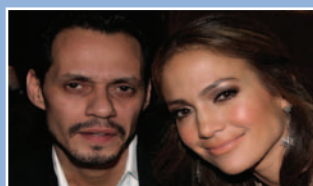
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Majors Fair and Ex Ed Expo Set for Early October

Scheduled Date May Change in Future Years

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Twenty-nine. That's the number of academic programs offered at the University. All of them will be represented at the Majors Fair and Ex Ed Expo next month, which is designed to help students find the right career path by choosing the right major and/or experiential education program. The fair will take place from 11 am to 2 pm on Wednesday, October 5, in Anacon Hall in the student center. Each academic program will have representatives at two tables; one will be staffed by faculty members who can provide overviews of their specific programs, while the other will be occupied by students who have already completed their experiential education requirement and can speak of their experiences in that particular field.

Jean Judge, Associate Dean for Support Services and Articulation in the Center for Student Success, coordinated the organization of this year's fair. She said that students should take advantage of this rare gathering of all academic departments in the same place. "It's not a time commitment that's a killer; just 10 or 15 minutes and you can hit most of the tables," she said. "They provide them not only written material, but also answer [students'] questions and they can talk about the various careers that would be within that specific major." The 22 academic programs are inclusive of concentrations within majors, as well as minors that are not offered as majors. Experiential education programs to be spoken of will include class projects, cooperative education, internships, service learning and study abroad. Lorna Schmidt, Director of Advising for the Communication Department, will represent the department at this year's fair for the ninth time. She said that changing the timing of the fair

could further benefit students. The fair could be more effective if held in the spring after students have taken introductory courses to several disciplines and found something that interests them, she said. After gathering further information at the fair, students could then declare their major by the end of the year and register for the necessary classes the following year. Judge said she wants to see the results of this year's fair before making a decision about its future timing. "We are open to suggestions for the timing and, after this fair, I'll talk with faculty in other departments to see if we should deliver the program in a different time or a different format," she said. Kae Crede, a junior majoring in communication with a concentration in public relations and a minor in information technology, said she has attended the fair in the past and still found it helpful regardless of its timing.

"They were very personable and loved to talk and answer questions in a way that made it easy for students to understand," she said. "It is very helpful for undeclared, or even declared, students because it gives them insight to real professionals in their field." The fair targets first-year students and students who have yet to complete their experiential education requirement, Judge said. Undeclared students should tell the academic representatives about their skills, abilities and interests. Then, they should ask if those characteristics fit with that particular major and why, Judge said. Even if a student does not necessarily belong in that specific major, he or she should ask about taking it as a minor and look for related fields. When it comes to first-year and sophomore students looking for the proper niche, Schmidt said she addresses their questions with an overview of her department's clusters and job

prospects. The fair also may pique the interest of already-declared students who are looking to double major or choose a minor, Schmidt said. "With the new health studies minor, people are coming in and asking us about learning those interpersonal communication skills and 'How do I deal with a patient?'" she said. "We do get the science folks coming in and asking 'Could I do a TV show dealing with this particular topic?'" Students interested in experiential education should ask their academic representatives about experiences that are required and what opportunities are available to them, such as studying abroad, Judge said. Should students have any lingering questions about majors or experiential education following the fair, Judge said that they can visit the Center for Student Success on the lower level of the student center.

Involvement Fair Attracts 800 Students

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brought DJ Chris Spirito to play some dance favorites for students as they curiously strolled about. Susan Damaschke, Coordinator of First-Year Student Retention, said, "I am overwhelmed. It's so incredibly impressive how many students and clubs came out today." She said that the high attendance rate could be due to clubs being more forward and assertive with interested students and are actually going up to them, instead of waiting for students to come up to their booths and grab some extra pens and cookies. Kyle Reinhardt, President of the Outdoors Club, said that he is very satisfied with the number of interested members that showed up to his club's table and he is happy that they actually had to keep students waiting because there were so many that wanted to talk to members and find out what their club is all about. "At the Involvement Fair, students get to meet the members of the Outdoors Club and they can see for themselves that it's a great time," Reinhardt said. "It's much more interesting than what you see on a piece of paper, and seeing all our members climbing the trees and playing the games gives them that extra push to want to join."

At the Outdoors Club table, members had a tightrope and corn hole, and they were giving out Frisbees made from recycled plastic. However, the Outdoors Club was not the only one that wanted to get their potential members involved with their activities right away. Geoff Hipschman, Yoga Club President, said, "We are incorporating all types of yoga out here on the grass by our table that students can do in their dorm rooms. We are also telling them some of the benefits of yoga, such as increased flexibility and the alleviation of stress." As Hipschman did yoga on the grass, Elenia Maltas, Yoga Club Secretary, was hula hooping alongside. Hipschman said that last year

the club got 75 signatures at the fair and 25 steady members as a result, so he is hoping that the 130 signatures this year lead to the same result. "We are both seniors, so we are hoping that freshmen will carry the club on after we have graduated," Maltas said. Rob Campbell, a sophomore, said that he attended the fair be-

cause he has lots of time to kill in between classes, which is one of the many reasons why students want to get more involved in campus activities. He said that he signed up for three clubs and plans to be an active member in all of them. Ashley Scheines, a junior, is a new student to the University who said she heard the music playing and wanted to see what was going on. "I'm glad I came to the Involvement Fair and I got to see what this University was all about," she said. She added that she signed up for one club and is excited to become an active member. Genevieve Fasano, Italian Club Co-President, said, "I like the Involvement Fair because it's a great way to get the word out about our club. Not too many people even

know about it, so we are giving out some homemade cookies and stickers and telling them about our upcoming events and meetings." Currently, the Italian Club has 120 members and got 25 signatures during the fair. Fasano said that she is excited to revamp the club this year and already the signatures are making it look very promising. McGowan said, "Students always have the intention of getting involved, but they don't always make the time to get out there and see the clubs. By having the fair, we are bringing the clubs to them and making it more accessible." Damaschke said that she sees the fair as a win-win for everyone. "By getting involved, students build connections to the University that continue on after they graduate, gain time management skills which helps make them more accountable, and improve their networking and leadership skills," she said. Damaschke also said that Student Activities is currently putting together a list of all the clubs, their meeting times and days to distribute so that commuter students can look at the list and go to club meetings that fit their schedules. McGowan also said that in the future they hope to have another fair in January to further students' participation in clubs.



PHOTO COURTESY OF Megan McGowan
A total of 74 clubs greeted the hundreds of students who attended the annual Involvement Fair in front of the Student Center last Wednesday.

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POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL BY PULA
9/22/11 - 11:02 AM
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CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL BY PULA
9/23/11 - 1:58 AM
UNIVERSITY/SHORE ROADS

STUDENT MISCONDUCT
9/23/11 - 9:45 AM
FITNESS CENTER

CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL BY PULA
9/23/11 - 2:24 AM
MULLANEY HALL

BURGLARY/THEFT TO/FROM MV/ ATTEMPTED BURGLARY/THEFT TO/ FROM MV
9/24/11 - 2:34 AM
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Students Create and Publish Social Media Textbook

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When you think of who can be an author, University students are probably not the first people that come to mind. However, last semester, a group of first-year students created a textbook titled "The TXT Book; Your Guide to Social Networking" in their freshman seminar class.

Under the guidance of Dr. Kelly Ward, the students of MU Socially Connected created an easy-to-read guide on the issues associated with social technology.

The 70-page textbook is a culmination of a semester-long course called Social Connectedness in the Age of Technology. The students worked together to create a book that would provide tips and advice on situations we encounter everyday with cell phones and social networks.

Alyssa Stevenson, who was one of the 25 first-year students that contributed to the book, claimed she enjoyed the process.

"We all picked which section of social technology interested us the most, and then split up topics to write about," she said. "It was really easy to write about because most of these aspects of technology are involved in our everyday lives. It was interesting because I felt so much more knowledgeable about things that are still confusing to older generations."

The book is divided into three chapters: "The Use of Cell Phones," "The Convenience of Texting" and "Facebook Etiquette." Each chapter addresses different issues, like using a cell phone while driving, conveying emotions through texts and Facebook privacy issues.

The textbook provides a lot of information that older generations may find helpful in understanding new social norms. To our generation, it provides information that we are very familiar with and can easily relate to. The book discusses what the appropriate response times with text messages should be and the different rules and be-

haviors of texting for guys and girls. They discuss topics that are spoken about frequently, but a set of rules and expectations regarding these areas did not seem to exist until now.

Using Facebook appropriately is an issue that will always be present. This book discusses the "do's and don'ts" of what should be shared on your Facebook. Status updates and relationship statuses on Facebook are two main things viewed on a Facebook page. The book discusses the issues these things may cause and the importance of them to Facebook users.

The helpful tips and pointers in this book were created solely by the students. They compared their own experiences among themselves to create a text that can help students in the future better understand the world of social networking.

The textbook can be purchased online at <http://bookstore.authorhouse.com/Products/SKU-000453101/The-TXT-Book.aspx>.

Leon Hess Business School Ranked in Nation's Top 50

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The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) accredited the University's Leon Hess Business School as one of the best business schools in the nation.

According to the AACSB, "the Accreditation Standards are used as the basis to evaluate a business school's mission, operations, faculty qualifications and contributions, programs, and other critical areas."

"Only 15 percent of the business schools are accredited by AACSB, about 300 schools, and we're one of those schools. And we're pleased and honored to have that mark of approval," said Dr. Donald Moliver, Dean of the school.

In order to get accredited, the school's deans and faculty were surveyed during spring 2011. The school had to be a member of AACSB International, offer business management and then be carefully reviewed by the AACSB.

The AACSB states, "Once it is determined that a school has the potential to be accredited, it works with mentors, committees, and AACSB staff to develop a Standards Alignment Plan. Once a school follows through with its alignment plan and meets the AACSB standards, review committees and the AACSB Board of Directors decide whether or not

a school should be accredited. In its entirety, the AACSB accreditation process is rigorous and requires a significant amount of work to achieve."

Students and faculty are excited about the achievement and provided positive feedback about the accreditation.

Raichel Kerr, a sophomore business major, said "Our degrees are worth more in the eyes of business people. I feel that this gives me the edge over someone else."

Faculty members in the school did not seem surprised by the recognition.

Professor Roy Nersesian has taught at the University for 25 years and noted that the quality of faculty has improved unbelievably.

"Now students want to come here, and now it's their first choice," he said.

Professor Paul Savoth, another senior faculty member said, "Having been a part of the school for many years, I've seen the curriculum improve to continue to address the changes in the world."

Savoth also commented on the accounting concentration for business majors improving to the point that graduates are now passing their CPA exams on the first try.

Assistant Dean Dr. Noah Hart expressed how the accreditation advertises the University to prospective students.

"When a student applies, the first thing they see is that we are accredited and the parents want to see it, and future employers want to see it," he said.

The school provides bachelor's degrees in business administration with concentrations in economics, finance, accounting, international business, marketing, management, and real estate.

Furthermore, U.S. News & World Report surveyed the school, naming it one of the best business schools in the country.

U.S. News & World Report ranked the University number 41 on the list of best regional universities in the North. The rankings include regional universities that include both master's programs, undergraduate programs and doctoral programs within the Northeast region of the United States.

Some of the key factors that U.S. News & World Report look at when ranking colleges are the average freshman retention, avoidance of large scale classes, student-faculty ratio and acceptance rate. All of these categories at the University scored medium to low in regards to being problematic.

The Leon Hess Business School was renamed in 2009. It has been around since the University became a four year college in 1956, when it began offering bachelor's degrees of business administration.

Social Media Offers Pros and Cons

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(R.H.A.) didn't put flyers out because of how close it was to the first day of school, so we just used Facebook. Over 70 people came."

While social media, especially Facebook, may not be the best way to reach all groups of people, it has proven to be extremely successful in reaching the college community.

"When you want to reach out to the entire campus social media is a great way to go," Catalano said. "People don't always look at all the event boards but everyone is looking at Facebook."

There are over 20 University-related pages on Facebook, each having to do with clubs, departments or teams. Each class has its own page as well. As of Sunday, the Monmouth University Class of 2015 page has 1,031 members. That number is well over the Class of 2012 group which has just 758 members.

There are many reasons for differences in the number of members. One of which is simply because students may choose not to join or are unaware of the group.

However, the group for the class of 2015 may have inflated numbers. Many upperclassmen join the group as a way to advertise for future events. Orientation leaders or residence assistants and administrators also joined as a way to answer questions posted by students.

"Students should be able to come out more and ask questions and not be afraid but it helps when your shy or don't know who to ask," Catalano said. "When you're on Facebook you can get 500 answers as opposed to one person's answer."

"I've seen a lot of students post questions and other students taking the time to post really specific and credible answers to those questions," Damaschke said.

Upperclassmen may not have a need to get information on Facebook pages, which is another reason why the Class of 2012 page has fewer members.

According to Damaschke, each class's Facebook page starts as an admission recruitment and information tool. Over the course of the summer, the page transitions into an information tool for orientation, helping students to find out what to bring and what to expect.

Students may use the page in the summer to meet with one another before the fall semester starts. There is always a surge of comments and people friend requesting one another after orientation, which she says is a good thing to see. This communication can create a comfort zone for students when they move in, Damaschke said.

Many students also use the group to get books they need for classes.

"I saw the Facebook page for the first time over the summer," said Brandon White, a sophomore psychology major. White was checking the page daily when students started posting about books they need or have to give away.

"I was able to get my English book," White said. "A lot of people were using it to get books."

Damaschke also noted that many students posted about damages in the wake of Hurri-

cane Irene and wanted to know about the damages on campus.

"I think it adds to the sense of community before they get here," Damaschke said. "I don't think it necessarily launches lifelong friendships between those students, but it definitely adds to the sense that we're a community where people look out for each other."

Use of certain pages increases drastically when school begins. According to McGowan, the week before the beginning of the fall semester there was only 176 monthly active users and 20 visits to the Student Activities Board page. During the first week of the semester, there were 557 monthly active users and 832 visits to the page.

The use of social media does present challenges.

Using different social media forms like Twitter or Foursquare requires more work than just signing up and posting. Damaschke says that in order to make a new page useful, especially Twitter, you have to post frequent updates. It is important to make it effective and launch it in a way that makes sense, she added.

"A lot of students aren't on twitter," said Catalano. "You can't make an event and send it to everyone. If you're trying to reach a large audience it's not as effective as when you use Facebook."

Another challenge presented is that no matter how much it is set up for school, people can use it however they want. Students also use it so much that they get nervous asking questions to people in person. Many students have become used to socializing on Facebook.

"It's a balance of how we use Facebook in a way that makes sense because it can be so useful without relying on it too heavily that we lose the face-to-face person-to-person method of answering questions, advertising events or connecting students with resources," Damaschke said. "All of us in the back of our minds have to consider the downside which is some students relying on it so heavily they lose the ability to talk."

Damaschke said that roommates who have had conflicts that have acted out on Facebook are an example of this overreliance.

Students also can post things that they do not really mean but do it on Facebook because they don't have to see anyone face to face.

"Nervous people can put up a tough persona on the Facebook page when in reality they are just as nervous as anyone else," Catalano said. "It definitely helps if you're afraid to ask or really shy but it's also counteractive to growing up."

Despite the ease it can bring or the challenges it presents, social media is just beginning to take effect. The school is constantly working to expand its use.

According to Tyler Havens, Assistant Director of Student Activities for Fraternity and Sorority Life, Greek life will begin to integrate social media in the near future.

There is also discussion of placing barcodes on flyers so students can scan them and be directed to the student activities web page.

Catalano said she would like to see the school use it more because it's what the generation depends on.

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Hawks Help Poverty Stricken Guatemalans

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An Alternative Spring Break had its pilot run last semester which allowed 12 students from different academic backgrounds to travel to Guatemala and volunteer at a local clinic.

The trip was a joint effort between Corey Inzana, Area Coordinator for Residential Life, and Salud Y Paz. According to the organization's website, Salud Y Paz is a project by International Hands in Service, the Iglesia Metodista Nacional Primitiva de Guatemala and the United Methodist Church in the United States. It was created in early 2001 and currently operates two health and dental clinics that primarily serve the Mayan population in Guatemala. According to their mission statement, Salud Y Paz "provides a ministry of health services, health promotion and education to the people of Guatemala leading into a self-sustaining partnership." Seventy-one percent of the Mayan population lives in extreme

planning the hotel accommodations and plane trip, the vaccinations that each student had to take before going on the trip and a pre-trip orientation. "Service is something that is instilled in each class starting with the First Year Service Project, and this trip is one of many service opportunities provided to students," Inzana said.

Last semester's group stayed in Guatemala from March 5 till March 13 in three hotels in Chichicastenago, Panajachel and Antigua. The group stayed mostly in Panajachel, and worked at a clinic in Camanchaj.

The students worked at a clinic which had a preschool attached to it; their main focus was to build an enclosure to provide shelter for patients who travel for days at a time in order to receive free healthcare at the clinic. The group also painted murals to help educate the young Guatemalans.

On free days during the weekends, students had a chance to visit the largest open market in Central America located in Chichicastenago, and visited Anti-



PHOTO COURTESY of Corey Inzana

Students from various academic backgrounds were joined together to help the communities in small cities in Guatemala.

"This trip is unique. We live in a global society and students have the opportunity to see exactly how their actions affect the world and someone else's life."

COREY INZANA
Residential Life Area Coordinator

poverty with an income of less than one dollar a day.

Inzana was in charge of putting the student group together,

gua, an old colonial capital. They also ziplined, climbed a volcano, and shopped around.

The value of the trip included

the hotels, the plane tickets and food which was a flat price offered by Salud Y Paz. Through two fundraising events ran by Inzana and the students and a donation from SGA's special event funding, students spent approximately \$700 for the eight day trip. This year, Inzana plans to start fundraising earlier in order to raise more money.

"Here at Monmouth University, service is a part of the University's mission and we try to make service a tradition that students continue with long after their college experience," Inzana said. "This trip is unique. We live in a global society and

students have the opportunity to see exactly how their actions affect the world and someone else's life."

Erika Ortiz, senior, was a part of the experience last semester. "The trip was absolutely amazing. It made me see the world in a different light and I saw how big of a difference one group of students from Monmouth can make," Ortiz said.

Tyler Bischoff, senior, also traveled with the group.

"The Guatemala trip was definitely an eye opening experience for most of us on the trip. We had an opportunity to immerse ourselves in a culture so unfamiliar

to us and had the opportunity to help serve the impoverished natives of the country of Guatemala," Bischoff said.

"It brought things to perspective for us and really showed us how adverse life can be in communities around the world," he added.

This year's group will travel to Guatemala on March 10 until March 18. It's open to all students from every major and class standing. The group will stay in Antigua and serve at a clinic in San Antonio.

"My hope is that this trip inspires these students to find more ways to make a difference in their world," Inzana said.

Peer Tutors Take Learning to the Next Level

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confidentiality, and teaching strategies to enable tutors to be more effective when working with their peers, according to the Peer Tutor Coordinator Handbook.

Peer Tutor Coordinators range in discipline to accommodate students' needs and have at least one previous semester of tutoring under their belt. Additionally, they are familiar with how to properly diagnose and utilize learning styles according to the VARK (Visual, Aural, Read/Write, and Kinesthetic) system. Peer Tutor Coordinators are the definition of professionalism, as they are observed during some of the tutoring session and participate in a self-evaluation project.

Staff and students alike are optimistic about the potential of this program.

Kimberly Rosenberg, a Peer Tu-

tor Coordinator, is looking forward to participating in this program. "I want to be a teacher, so I feel like I'm getting closer to that role. The extensive training helps to prepare for future careers, as well," she said.

Ravi Shah, junior, another Peer Tutor Coordinator, shared his thoughts on the upcoming experience. "I expect to have a certain string of students coming in because it's at a convenient time and in a convenient place," he said.

Kody Castor, junior, fellow Peer Tutor Coordinator, recognizes the importance of a leadership role such as this. "It's valuable to know how to help people," she said.

Dorothy Cleary added, "Thus far, the response to the formation of this group has been very positive. The feedback I get is that it is a great idea to have tutoring available in convenient locations such as Mullaney Hall and the Library." Cleary advises that students take

full advantage of the opportunity.

In order to meet with one of the Peer Tutor Coordinators, students are encouraged to make an appointment through TutorTrac. For anyone interested in becoming a Peer Tutor Coordinator, one must first be an active peer tutor for one semester, with the qualifications of a GPA of 3.0 or better, a tutor interest form must be completed, and having received a B or higher in the course they tutor.

The Tutoring Center, certified as of April 1, continues to offer workshops throughout the semester concerning study habits, active reading, time management and midterm preparation, among others. Also, Master Tutors Professor Elizabeth Brooks and Professor William Gorman are available for assistance with humanities, natural sciences and social sciences, according to the Tutoring Center page on the University's website.

Dean Mama to be Honored by Long Branch Concordance

PRESS RELEASE

West Long Branch, NJ (September 12, 2011) The Long Branch Concordance (LBC) and its Family Success Center will honor Dr. Robin Mama, Dean of the Monmouth University School of Social Work and Dr. Frank Vozos, Executive Director of the Monmouth Medical Center on October 5, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Monmouth University's Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC).

LBC Board President Jack Kearns said "The event allows LBC to recognize two extraordinary individuals while at the same time celebrating the long-time relationship between LBC and Monmouth University and the Monmouth Medical Center."

He explained, "Since its inception, LBC has enjoyed strong relationships with Monmouth Medical Center, to which LBC refers many of its clients, and with Monmouth University, which provides us interns every semester. Our current and former executive directors are graduates of Monmouth's renowned School of Social Work. We invite everyone to share in honoring these individuals who have given so much of themselves to the community, and to enjoy an evening filled with friends, live music, wine tasting, and hors d'oeuvres."

Dr. Mama's career has been dedicated to raising awareness to human rights and social justice, covering a broad spectrum of policy issues. She is a professor at Monmouth University, where she teaches in the International and Community Development concentration of the MSW program. Dr. Mama serves as the representative of the International Federation of Social Workers at the United Nations and is on the board of the National Association of Social Workers.

Dr. Vozos has been a committed member of the Long Branch community since 1975 back when he began his five-year residency at Monmouth Medical Center. His distinguished career includes oversight of Monmouth Medical Center, one of the state's largest community teaching hospitals.

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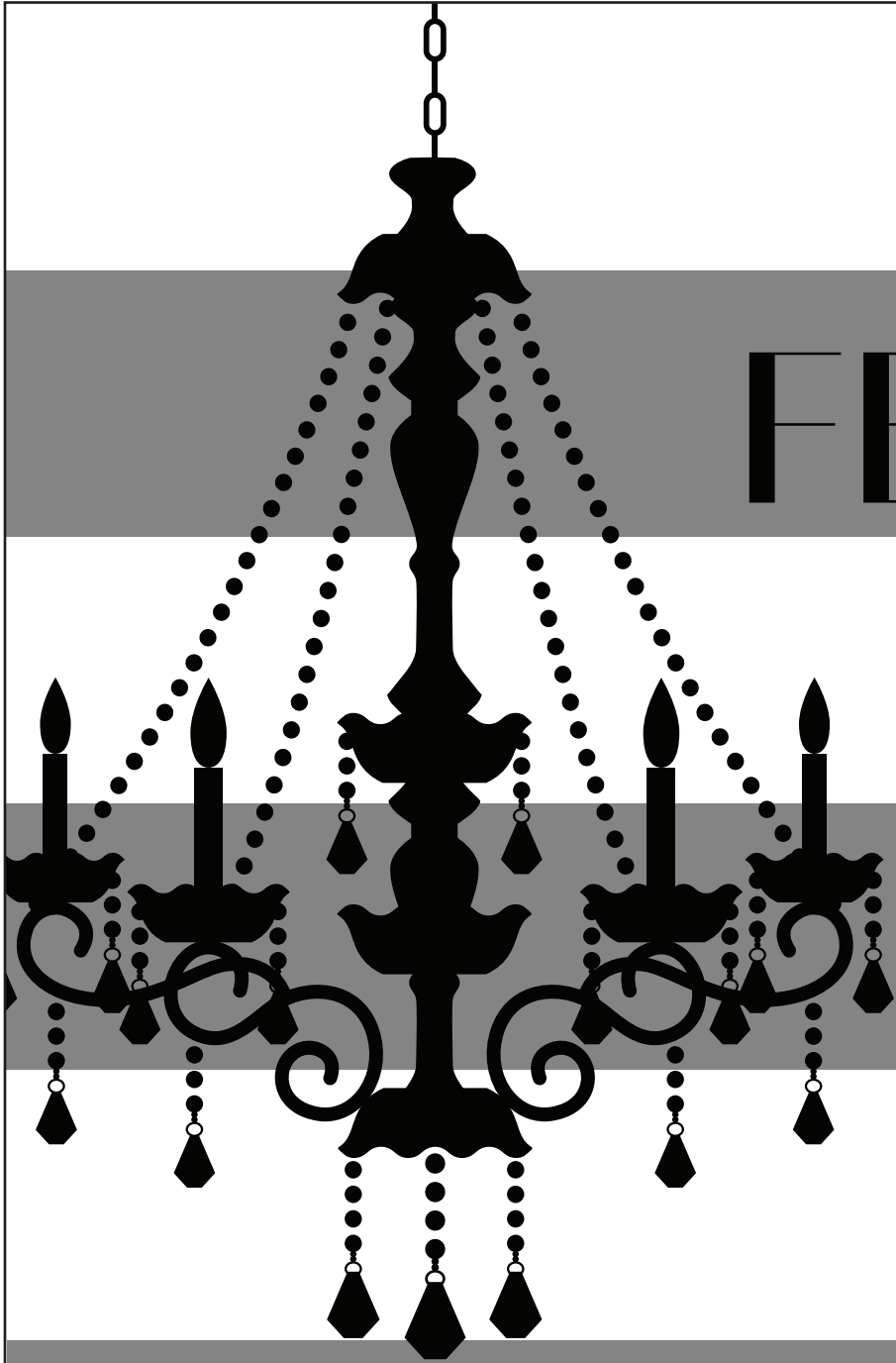




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A Life Lost: RIP Troy Davis

CAROLINE BABULA
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

There are two sides to every story. Two sides to everything someone could have seen. Two sides that determine what is true or false, who is innocent or guilty. Two sides to determine what is right and what is wrong.

Last Wednesday, September 21, Troy Anthony Davis, 42, was executed in the state of Georgia. He had been on death row for over two decades. His execution was sentenced four times before that, but on Wednesday, it was carried out.

Davis was convicted of murdering an off-duty police officer in 1989, according to amnesty-USA.org. The officer's family waited for relief from the execution.

This seems like a natural course of events. A man killed another man, was found guilty of this crime, sentenced to life on death row, and was finally executed 20 years later. Justice has been served; life can carry on as if nothing ever happened in the first place.

But here's the thing- Troy Davis, although convicted, had substantial evidence proving his innocence.

According to the Innocence Project, a non-profit organization that uses DNA to prove wrongfully convicted prisoners innocent, seven of nine key eyewitnesses recanted their testimonies in recent years. DNA evidence from the scene of the crime did not match Davis'. Another man, whose DNA actually does match the crime scene, confessed to killing the cop.

Because of all of these factors, the Supreme Court reviewed the case in a four hour postponement of the execution Wednesday night, according to ABC News. Still, Troy Davis lost his life by lethal injection at 11:08 pm that night. Why?

Why did a potentially innocent man have to lose his life in order for a family to get a sense of justice served? Why, despite serious evidence exonerating him, did the United States Supreme Court decide that Davis was still guilty?

Why did legal matters not protect Troy Davis? Why did it take the possibility of a man losing his life to draw together our country, to call for a reform in the court

had been convicted nonetheless.

I thought that because someone was convicted, they had to be guilty. I was thinking about reasonable doubt. Highly publicized cases told me all about reasonable doubt. Because of this, people like O.J. Simpson and Casey Anthony walked free. Surely, knowing this, all cases worked similarly. Right? Wrong.

Those highly publicized cases had phenomenal defense attorneys. Troy Davis had appeals, urged by powerful global officials and evidence. Despite support from the Pope, former President Jimmy Carter, and numerous human rights groups, the Supreme Court still decided against him in a five to four vote.

The Supreme Court did not give an explanation of its decision. For four hours, they deliberated. They gave Davis, his family, and

thousands around the world hope that Davis would not be losing his life that night.

The Supreme Court not only took away our hope, but also our trust. How can we, as Americans, trust in a judicial system that cannot explain a decision like this, a decision where substantial evidence proves innocence? Was the evidence pointing against Davis not enough for reasonable doubt?

Davis had a plethora of public support. He was a trending topic on Twitter and had the backing of many politicians and celebrities. Protesters held a vigil for him; those who could stand together did, displaying messages like "Not in my name" and "I am Troy Davis."

Reasonable doubt grouped these individuals together, and held them together to support Davis' life. But reasonable doubt turned on everyone; it rejected them. Reasonable doubt became nonexistent.

Now is the time for us to act to change laws that do not make sense. Now is the time for us to reform the court systems to accept evidence like the kinds Davis had supporting him. If we do nothing, nothing changes.

After all, I am Troy Davis, and so are you.



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Davis' execution was protested by outraged citizens.

system?

Before Elizabeth Webster, the publications manager for the Innocence Project, came to the University to speak about the organization two weeks ago, I had never heard of Troy Davis. I had never heard of the Innocence Project. I was unaware that there was any type of organization that looked at DNA to help exonerate potentially innocent individuals who

They All Lived Happily Never After

JACKLYN KOUFATI
OPINION EDITOR

"Till death do us part." Or until the ink is dry on the divorce papers. Divorce is never an easy topic to touch upon, but the media lives for juicy topics like that.

Last month, the media was buzzing with the talk of newlywed couple Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries. Love was in the air and gossipers couldn't help but look at the world through rose colored glasses until the media found a way to blow up divorce scandals, breaking hearts everywhere.

After seven years of marriage, Marc Anthony and Jennifer Lopez were getting a divorce. Shortly after this announcement, rumors were spread of Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith separating. But before those rumors were proved to be false, people were saying that Anthony did not only cheat on Lopez, but he cheated on her with Jada Pinkett Smith. To think of this crazy love triangle could give anyone a headache.

Why do people care which stars are getting divorced? Face it, we love it. We love every minute of celebrity gossip because it is an escape from our own boring lives for those 20 exhilarating minutes it takes you to read a magazine. However, this is not the point. The point is, celebrities are people too; normal people who get married and normal people who get divorced. I know divorce to not be such a glamorous thing, but then why in the media is it portrayed this way?

When any couple is going through a divorce, their privacy

should be respected. Whether you are a celebrity or not, you are entitled to this. Their business should not be publicized for the whole world to see, especially something so life changing and heart wrenching. But these stars have to walk around with a stone face for photographers because hiding their faces is never successful.

I am not saying I feel bad for celebrities. They signed up for this

ture of the accused partner cheating with some sexy nobody. This scene can be found on many gossip magazines, and the worst part about it is that it sells. It sells like hotcakes.

People cannot get enough of celebrity anything, and even though the average person would never want their own divorce public, they love reading about the heart-break of stars and people who are not themselves. It's a harsh reality to accept, but the quicker you accept it, the better because it's not changing anytime soon.

The divorce rate in America is about 50% according to divorce-guide.com. It is a lot more common today than it was years ago. This makes divorce more socially acceptable giving the media the green light to talk about it. Years ago, people would have been outraged to see this on the cover of a magazine, but today it is incredibly common.

Privacy is something celebrities give up when they sign up for the job. Some starlets don't even have enough privacy to go to the bathroom. Reality stars get paid to have cameras follow them around living their everyday lives. I feel that just because they sign a contract doesn't mean they are signing their soul to the devil. They should be able to cope with personal issues and family matters in peace.

Divorce is something that is no one else's business but the separating couple's. However, the media will make it their business and the whole entire world's. I am sure that the media could even make getting a divorce look like the new fashionable trend. It is truly scary what a magazine, a television set, a computer, or a radio station can make 'today's breaking news.'



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The divorce of Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston still makes headlines in gossip magazines and tabloids.

when they decided to get famous, I get it. However, I feel like when going through hard times like this, certain boundaries should not be crossed. Paparazzi should not be stalking them outside of their houses trying to get a picture of them crying.

Making up lies and adding raunchy pictures to magazine articles is just nauseating. *Star* magazine and others like it are infamous for this. They put the word 'DIVORCE' in huge bold fluorescent font on top of a scandalous pic-

"Going Green" Movement a Hoax?

NANA BONSU
STAFF WRITER

The term "Going Green" sparked a revolution among advertising companies the moment the movement was seen as a money making concept. Environmentalists and those in support of monitoring the welfare of the planet became an advertiser's dream come true.

As soon as a product that is allegedly made from recycled and eco-friendly materials hits the market, it flies off of the shelves. Even products that aren't advertised as being eco-friendly can become trends with the right "saving the planet" logo.

Companies are charging high prices for average items that they claim are made from organic materials. An average t-shirt sold by hippychixshop.com costs \$26, simply because it is made from organic cotton. It is "super soft, naturally clay dyed", and also features the words "Go Green" across the front of the shirt. Last time I checked, the average person didn't need to spend more than \$5 on a basic, everyday t-shirt he or she may only end up wearing to the gym or to run errands, simply because it was made from special materials and advertised his or her love for the planet. Whether it is made from polyester or organic cotton, at the end of the day, a t-shirt is still only a t-shirt.

People have worn clothing made from regular cotton for as long as anyone can remember, but all of sudden, we are being told that organic cotton is the way to go. We all need to go out spend an extra \$20 per clothing item because it's a great way to live sustainably, not to mention that our "old fashioned" cotton is suddenly made using harmful chemicals.

Shoppers can walk into any Walmart or Bed, Bath, & Beyond and buy an effective, hand-held flashlight for \$7.99, but a "solar hybrid" flashlight sold by go-greenitems.com sells for \$19.99.

Not only are people being duped into buying products that they do

not need, but they are also being cheated on a much larger scale. Contractors across the country promised homeowners that they would be saving money by going green, but in actuality, these homeowners have lost money and aren't getting anything in return.

According to the Consumer Advocate Legal Update website, some homeowners cite spending more than \$7,000 to have solar panels installed on their roofs, after being promised that they would be saving \$1,000 per year on their electric bills, but they haven't saved anything. In 2010, the Better Business Bureau received complaints from several hundred people who were taken advantage of by contractors who guaranteed that they would see the benefits of going green.

Don't get me wrong. I am a firm believer in the concept that people should do more to better sustain the planet, but this idea isn't what advertisers have in mind. Buying organic t-shirts, special computer paper, and coffee mugs that say "Hello, I'm Going Green" isn't going to help with pollution and global warming. Advertisers and the companies that are producing and selling these products are only in the business to do just that: produce, market and sell their products.

In his article titled "Business begins to see profit in going green," Brad Knickerbocker, a writer for csmonitor.com, says, "It's not just environmental do-gooderism in a power tie. Increasingly, businesses are finding that going green can be profitable."

The bottom line is that manufacturers and advertisers are only in business to profit, and the "Going Green" movement has had these companies seeing green: green dollar signs. Today's business world isn't supporting the eco-friendly lifestyle because it wants to offer people a better way to help the environment. The industry is only promoting this movement so long as it keeps the cash rolling in, and it is about time consumers realize that they are being deceived.

Sent to Jail: The Innocence Project

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Picture yourself in a small prison cell. The long years have been passing. Thinking back on it, you can hardly remember when exactly it was you were put there, but you know one thing; you were innocent and you have been serving time in place of the

on using DNA evidence to prove the innocence of wrongfully convicted felons, hopefully leading to their exoneration. The organization was founded at Yeshiva University in 1992 by two lawyers, Barry C. Scheck and Peter J. Neufeld. It began as a small legal clinic that used DNA evidence to prove innocence, but due to the growing number of service

going to jail?

The answer to this question is divided into three main categories: eyewitness misidentification, improper or invalidated forensics, and false confessions.

The current way in which investigations are conducted is highly flawed.

Witness misidentification happens because of the human tendency to place the blame.

It has been shown that if witnesses are not informed that the perpetrator may not be among potentials shown in a line-up, that nearly 100% of the time the witness will still pick someone and claim that person to be the assailant.

One of Webster's most interesting points was that forensic techniques glorified by shows like Law and Order or CSI are not validated sciences.

In some cases, it has even been reported that scientists will take the stand, under oath, and claim that there is blood or hair evidence linking a defendant to the crime when no test was ever conducted.

The prevalence of false confessions is also a serious problem in the judicial system.

Police forces are legally allowed to lie about evidence in an interrogation to the end of gaining a confession?

Now this may not seem like a big deal to a lucid person who could identify these types of falsifications.

But take for instance, the cases of individuals with mental disabilities who may very well be convinced, after 72 hours of lies and aggression that perhaps they were responsible for the crime the police are insisting that they committed.

After all, aren't the police



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The Innocence Project was successful in 2006 when a convicted murderer, Darrell Edwards, was released from Essex County Courthouse after new DNA evidence was unveiled.

true criminal.

There is hardly any hope and freedom may never come. It is in this type of desperate situation that organizations such as the Innocence Project step in.

Elizabeth Webster, the publications manager for the Innocence Project, was a guest speaker at the University last Thursday during Professor Susan Douglas' class in the History Department.

Webster spoke about the mission of the Innocence Project, the type of work the organization does, and the inherent flaws in the current U.S. legal system.

The Innocence Project works

requests, it eventually grew to become the national non-profit organization it is today.

While the exact number is not known, the current percentage of wrongfully convicted criminals in the U.S. judicial system is high.

Webster said, "The figure is somewhere in the hundreds or thousands, suspected to be between three and seven percent of the prison population."

In a system based on the philosophy that guilty verdicts should not be delivered under any amount of reasonable doubt, why are so many innocent people

Elizabeth Webster (left), is the Publications Manager of the Innocence Project. She was a guest speaker for Professor Susan Douglas' (right) class. The organization works to release wrongfully accused inmates from prison.

working for the public? Should it not then be assumed their work is based on the truth?

It is issues like these that the Innocence Project seeks to tackle.

Apart from fighting for the exoneration of the wrongfully convicted, the organization assists the exonerated after their release from prison and advocates extensive policy reform.

Some examples include lobbying for the requirement that states record 100% of interrogations, making sure forensics labs are accredited and the scientific methods used are peer reviewed,

and the organization also advocates a moratorium to not execute until the major legal problems are solved.

As Ms. Webster stated, there is a triple tragedy to wrongful conviction: an innocent person is imprisoned, the victim goes without justice, and the true perpetrator goes free.

Organizations like the Innocence Project are the first and only line of defense against these injustices.

If you would like to help remember, get connected, stay informed, and reach out, go to www.innocenceproject.org.

Roll Call: Words from the SGA Senate

COMPOSED BY SANDRA MEOLA
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The officers of the Student Government Association traveled to Trail's End Camp in Pennsylvania for their annual overnight retreat this past weekend. A community building retreat is scheduled each fall after the freshmen elections are conducted.

Members of the Senate are brought together to bond, practice leadership skills, enhance communication, and plan for the year ahead.

"The success of the retreat really sets the mood for the entire year, and I am extremely happy with our experience this year," said Nicole Levy, President of SGA.

Activities at the retreat included zip lining and high rope courses as well as roughly six hours of team-building activities with the camp counselors.

According to camp counselors, Senate members broke records for solving puzzles and were impressed with their communication skills, and new and unique strategies. The retreat was a way for SGA members



Members of the Student Government Association took part in a community building retreat this past weekend.



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NICOLE LEVY

President of the Student Government Association

to become more comfortable and friendly with each other.

The Senate worked on assigning committees, reviewing meeting etiquette, and creating expectations for the various roles of Senate. All members are excited for what this year awaits. New freshmen Senators were elected last week. SGA would like to extend congratulations to Erin Ally, Jacqueline DiPasquale, Maria Grace Iantosca, Kristin Waring, Brandon

Tuyahov.

SGA is currently working on planning Homecoming, and the Big Event, an annual campus-wide community service event.

"The great thing about SGA is they are always trying to find new and better ways to represent the student body," said Vaughn Clay, Director of Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services and advisor for SGA.

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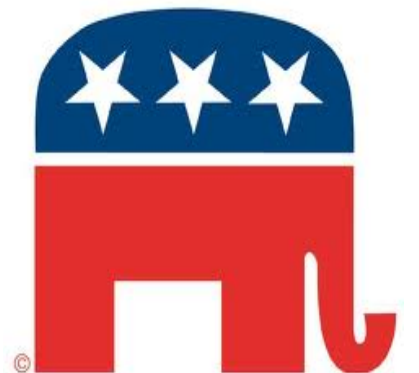
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Why Politics Are Important Now More Than Ever



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Rock the Vote is a non-profit organization that works with college campuses to increase voter turnout and engage political awareness.

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STAFF WRITER

Many of today's youth choose not to follow the world of politics, thinking that the decisions made by politicians have no effect on them. What college students and young adults sometimes fail to recognize is that all decisions made by the politicians in office either directly or indirectly affect them now or will affect them in the near future.

The most recent prominent issues to politicians are job creation, healthcare, and overall government spending and interference.

At first glance, these issues may not seem like concerns that the average 18-24 year old should worry themselves about, but these issues do affect this age group. The job market has been a very tough place for Americans over the past few years. Teenagers who had a hard time finding a summer job, or are currently encountering difficulties in find-

ing a job, know what the market has been like, however small the scale.

By having exposure to the tough job market, most would expect these young adults to show some interest in the policies politicians try to set forth in regards to job creation because today's youth will soon feel the brunt of the uncertainty surrounding job security. However, not only do young adults not show interest in the policies enacted to create jobs, but many aren't aware of the consistently increasing unemployment rate.

Decisions made by today's political leaders about job creation have a direct impact on the youth.

The ability to secure internships, and most importantly, a job after graduation, is affected by the approach politicians take to create jobs now.

Healthcare reform is a phrase many young adults became familiar with at the beginning of Barack Obama's presidency,

but to this day too many young adults still don't understand the concepts behind the reform and how it affects them. Healthcare is a major issue in the United States because too many people are living without it, but young adults have yet to realize how this is a major issue. College students will be searching for jobs with great health benefits after graduating.

The healthcare issue is dire to their future careers. Because most young adults have not yet realized how the different aspects of the political world are related, they have yet to discover that if the jobs aren't there because of current ineffective policies, there won't be quality benefits packages offered by the jobs of tomorrow.

Some of the popular topics of discussion have also been taxes, government spending, and the appropriate amount of government interference. It is understandable that an 18-year-old would hear about these topics

and deem it pointless to stop and listen to what politicians are saying, but it is important for everyone to stay informed about the financial aspects of politics. Students with jobs know what it feels like to have taxes taken out of their paychecks, but do they know where the money goes? They are directly affected by politicians' decisions, so why are they still choosing to not step up and take the initiative to get involved in politics?

"Not enough [students] care about politics," said Kimberly Price, freshman. "Most are just starting to [form] their views and grow as people."

The ignorance on the part of the average young adult isn't due to a lack of exposure to knowledge, but it is caused by a lack of interest. Something as simple as putting down the video games and putting Facebook aside to listen to 30 minutes per day of networks such as CNN, FOX, or C-SPAN. These networks can provide young adults with some

of the information they need to become more educated about what is going on outside of their dorms, as well as the decisions that are being made that impact their futures.

Rock the Vote is an organization that increases student awareness on our campus each year and works to encourage students to register to vote and become interested in issues that will directly affect their lives.

"I only follow topics that interest me," Price said. "[But] I wouldn't go and research [issues] on my own."

Only following topics that they either feel affect them or that they find interesting isn't enough.

College is a time for growth and maturity, beginning with broadening views and the way students interpret the world.

Students need to become aware of the importance of staying informed on the different issues at the forefront of the political world.

Who's Who in SGA Jackie Reed President Pro-Tempore

Jackie Reed is a senior, holding the position of President Pro-Tempore on the Student Government Association's Senate. She is a communication major focusing on the public relations and journalism cluster. Her position involves filling in for the Vice President of SGA if he or she is not present, and delegates tasks.

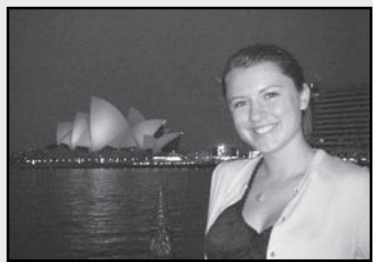


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Reed joined the Senate as part of the fresh start program her freshman year. Originally, she saw the perspective of joining SGA as a good way to get involved and meet new people.

"I had no idea how passionate I would become about the organization or how far it would take me in my college career," Reed said.

She described how she feels very fortunate to be able to work with a variety of student leaders, advisors, and faculty at the University.

"Senate has provided me with opportunities I never thought I would have." Reed served as Finance Chair last year where she met with the leaders and advisors from many clubs and organizations on campus to allocate over half a million dollars for their programming. She also had the opportunity to work with fellow Senators and advisors to increase funding for club sports.

Reed, SGA's President Pro-Tempore studied abroad in Sydney last year.

"SGA has allowed me to truly make a difference on this campus and be a voice for my peers. It is safe to say that joining SGA has been the best decision of my life. I've been involved, made a difference, and made friendships that will last beyond these four years," Reed said.




She said that if she could give any advice to freshmen, it would be to get involved and find something they're passionate about. For those thinking about joining Senate, Reed strongly encourages them to do so.

Meetings are every Wednesday at 2:30 on the third floor of the Student Center, and are open to everyone.

New faces and fresh ideas are always welcome. Students who have any questions can also email SGA at SGA@monmouth.edu.

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Local Night Life Specials for College Students

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Fall is here and pumpkin spiced lattes are back. This summer we survived an earthquake and a hurricane, and fall could not have come sooner. The weather is perfect. Not too hot, not too cold, no need for air conditioning or heat that could sky rocket your utility bills for the month. Take that money saved and enjoy yourself this fall. Times are tough, and money may be tight, but a fun night out with your friends doesn't have to be expensive. Many surrounding bars have adopted their own college night during the week, and offer drink specials for their close-to-broke college customers.

If you need a little pick me up on Monday to start your week off right, Mix Lounge on Brighton Avenue in Long Branch has got your fix. Their signature "Mix Monday's" features a full menu of martinis for half the price. On any other day their wide assortment of delicious flavored martinis will cost you \$12 each, but on Mondays, get two for the price of one. The staff is very accommodating and personable, and is always ready to take your next order and give you suggestions when you can't make up your mind. "We love 'Mix Mondays,'" said Kim Rookwood, a Monmouth senior. "It's our Monday night girls spot. It's small for a bar, but the atmosphere is cozy and comfortable."

Tuesday...an awkward day of the week. You'll almost never hear someone say, "Thank God it's Tuesday," unless of course, you go to Monmouth. For the 21 and over crowd, you have some options.

It's a big night for Brighton Avenue.

You have the ability to bounce back and forth between the ever-popular Jack's, and the newer, yet equally appealing Draft House—neither, of which have a cover. Catrina Kostelas, a Monmouth senior, raves that Jack's offers \$2 Bud Lights, a great atmosphere, and even ski ball.

Tuesdays at the Draft House may be a Monmouth favorite due to their "BYOM" policy, "Bring Your Own Mug." Each person has the option to bring any cup of any size (most go for the 7-11 "Big Gulp," and the bartender will fill it with Miller Lite draft for only \$2. According to the Draft House's Facebook page, Thursdays also feature Jersey Shore's resident DJ, John Faruggio. "Faruggio was great all summer at D'Jais in Belmar, it's awesome to have him at Monmouth now too," said 21-year-old Billy Soletti, a Monmouth senior.

The weekend's almost here, but not quite. Enjoy "Wild Wednesday's" at The Fixx in Red Bank. The bar's Facebook page boasts the great specials offered, including open bar all night -\$15 for ladies, and \$30 for guys. Don't want to drive all the way to Red Bank? No problem. Big Moe Taxi Service offers a free shuttle from the University to The Fixx, as well as pick-ups along the way. "It's about a twenty minute drive, but with a free cab it's completely worth it," said Alex Plenzo, a Monmouth senior. "The money you would spend on a few drinks anywhere else, you're spending on an open bar all night long, and a free ride there and back."

Thursday, one of the most popular nights of the week for college students, is also known as "thirsty Thursday."

College Thursdays at Avenue in Pier

Village are back. Kara Hunt, hostess at Avenue and senior at Monmouth, says that the Thursday night specials include \$2 Bud Lights, \$5 mixed drinks, and \$125 Stolli bottles for table service.

Last Thursday, Monmouth senior Sean Johnstone, "Sean John" was the DJ. "He was great," said Patrick Bennett, Sommelier and Manager of Avenue. "The crowd was good and everyone seemed to be having a really good time."

Avenue is a unique atmosphere with a gorgeous outdoor deck that overlooks the ocean in Pier Village. "It's more of a New York City/Hoboken scene, rather than the rest of the bars around Monmouth. Everyone always gets dressed up. It's a good place to go to start the weekend," said Jaimee Saracen, a senior at Monmouth.

For girls who are not quite at the legal age to be at the bar, Thursday

is also the night for you. Check out Bogart's Bar Bistro in Eatontown.

a few drinks with friends, make the right decision when it comes to get-



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Avenue in Pier Village offers beach front drink specials on Thursday nights.

According to Keith McPherson, one of Bogart's promoters, "Thursday nights are 18 to get in for girls and 21 to get in for guys starting September 29."

Many students have enjoyed Bogart's already. "It's usually packed. They stop letting people in before 11," said Jenna Badulato, a Monmouth junior.

If you're looking to go out any night of the week, and intend on enjoying

ting home safe. Big Moe's Taxi Service will run on Tuesdays at Draft House, Wednesdays at The Fixx in Red Bank, and Thursdays at Draft House and The Avenue. Moe has his own Facebook page, and can be spotted driving a big white van with his name on the side.

Enjoy yourself this fall. Enjoy the weather, the pumpkin spiced lattes, the leaves changing colors, and all the nightlife the local area has to offer.

Falling into Autumn Fun

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As of September 23, fall is officially here. Now is the perfect opportunity to get together with

hayrides, haunted houses, and Six Flags Great Adventure's Fright Fest are just a preview of the many local activities to participate in. Who says you have to be a little kid to still have

ing venues in the area. The top three visitors picks are the Field of Terror in East Windsor, NJ, C. Casola Farms Haunted Hayride of Terror in Camden, NJ, and the Pennhurst Asylum located in

field, it has received a 10 out of 10 scare factor according to hauntworld.com. "This is definitely not made for children," said Edith Altomare, a senior at Georgian Court University. "The field gave me nightmares, and I'm 21 years old. It's a fun activity to do on the weekend with friends, no matter how old you are."

C. Casola Farms Haunted Hayride of Terror offers three haunted attractions including a hayride, barn, and trail—each of which are considered to be some of the scariest in New Jersey, according to hauntworld.com. The Pennhurst Asylum is a "haunted" asylum and museum, featuring a ghost hunt and spooky tunnel of terror.

Don't forget about Six Flags Great Adventure's annual Fright Fest, located in Jackson, NJ. Here, an entire amusement park of haunted theme fun comes to light. According to the Six Flags website, there are a number of hayrides, shows, and haunted houses taking place in October throughout the park.

People in terrifying costumes roaming throughout the grounds really set the mood for Halloween. This is a great night out with friends, relatively affordable, and located not too far from the University.

If you are not in the mood to be scared senseless, fear not. There are plenty of other fall activities within the Garden State that are far less terrifying. New Jersey boasts some beautiful fall foliage of its own that can be seen in and around the University's campus. Walking and seeing the colors change is one of the best parts of fall.

There are also many nearby orchards full of fresh pumpkins and apples ripe for picking. According to pickyourown.

org, some of the best local ones include, Battleview Orchard in Freehold, Eastmont Orchards in Colts Neck, and Menzel Brothers Farm in Holmdel.

After spending the day picking out your personal pumpkins and apples, there are a variety of meals and desserts that can be made from scratch. Some seasonal traditions are apple and pumpkin pie, as well as apple cider and roasted pumpkin seeds. The possibilities are endless. For some appetizing fall recipes visit <http://familyfun.go.com/autumn/fall-recipes/>.

For the 21 and older crowd, Maloney's Pub and Grill located in Matawan will be hosting a two-week event from September 30 through October 9 called the "Oktoberfest Celebration." During this event, the pub will offer many seasonal craft ales, authentic German dishes, and desserts, as well as many drink and food specials.

Asbury Park is also hosting their first ever beer festival at the Asbury Park Convention Hall on October 8. During the festival, the Asbury Park boardwalk will serve craft beers from all over the world, well-known specialty beers, cider, and more.

Apboradwalk.com provides detailed information on all of the events taking place. "Asbury is one of my favorite places to hang out, and I'm looking forward to all of the seasonal events that will be offered there in the fall," said Long Branch local, Nicole Zambrano.

From September through November, reconnect with your inner child and take advantage of what fall activities New Jersey has to offer. Whether you want to be scared on a hayride, or fill your belly up with delicious food, fall is the perfect time of year to do it all.



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Pick your own apples to make a variety of delicious treats this fall.

your family and friends to enjoy the season at its finest. Even with the fading of the summer sun, there are many outdoor activities bursting with excitement. Apple and pumpkin picking, haunted

fun during the season of trick or treating and pumpkin picking?

If you are looking for some fearful fun, www.hauntworld.com provides great suggestions for some of the more terrify-

Spring City, PA.

Field of Terror is a six-acre haunted cornfield with scary surprises lurking in every twist and turn. Visitors have been so scared upon visiting the corn-

PUZZLE PROJECT



Turn your own universal puzzle piece into a unique work of art and insert it into the Monmouth University Puzzle Project, which will continue to grow over time on the walls of the Pollak Gallery. The University's puzzle will eventually be added to over 5,000 other pieces for an exhibition in New York City.

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The Rebirth of the American Spirit

University Honors Constitution Day with 9/11 Documentary

JOHN HAREN
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The critically acclaimed documentary, *Rebirth*, was shown in the Wilson Hall Auditorium last Wednesday, September 22.

The documentary chronicles five lives that were directly affected by the September 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. The viewing coincided with Constitution Day, a day which is intended for Americans to honor their freedom and celebrate the signing of the Constitution.

Rebirth forces its viewers to reflect back to those dark days in 2001, and remember the source of strength that pushed our country forward throughout those trying times – each other.

Dr. Thomas Pearson, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, said that the documentary summed up the spirit of the country post 9/11. “[*Rebirth*] shows the entire American experience during this time. The link between Constitution Day and the film is that they both illuminate we are the people and we are Americans.”

The documentary lapses from 2002-2009. The five lives that are chronicled in those years give a glimpse to how suddenly life changed on that horrible day, and how challenging it was to persevere.

Rebirth was directed by filmmaker Jim Whitaker, who also acted as a producer.

“The documentary was very emotional. It shows the human journey and discovery process of these individuals who represent the American people,

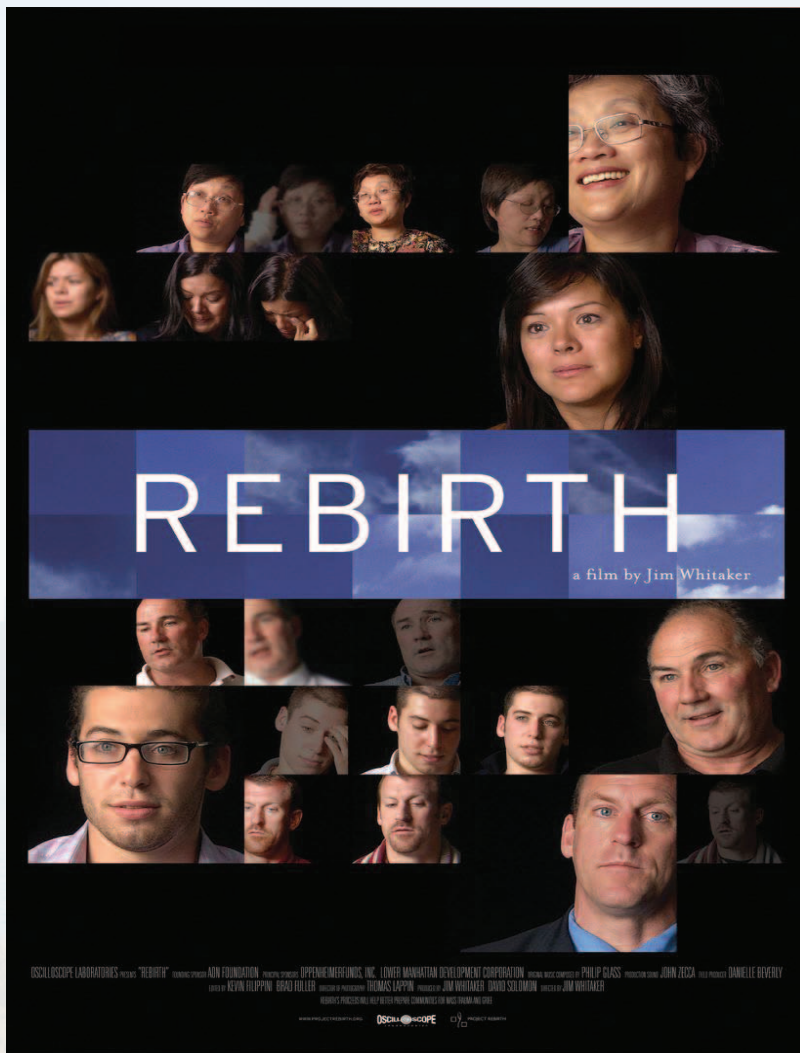


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“*Rebirth*” is a documentary that follows the lives of five people affected by 9/11 and how they found the strength to move forward. The film was shown in Wilson Hall Auditorium last week as part of Constitution Day.

which makes it an extraordinary film,” Pearson said. On 9/11, Pearson watched the media coverage in the auditorium.

Rebirth was first shown at the Sundance Film Festival in February 2011. (The film was also shown on Showtime for the first time on September 11.) During the production of the film, a non-

profit organization started up, rightfully named Project Rebirth. Its goal is to help promote and recognize the necessary job function of first-responders at disaster sites.

In time, with the proceeds from the documentary and donations to Project Rebirth, a new center will be built to help first-responders

and victims of disasters deal with grief issues after a traumatic experience.

Only a few months after 9/11, the filmmakers of *Rebirth* set up 13 time-lapsed cameras to monitor the site 24/7. This, according to Project Rebirth’s website, is the most extensive and creative use of time-lapse in history.

“The way the cameras catch the process of rebuilding the WTC site is incredible,” Dr. Joseph Patten, Chair of the De-

partment of Political Science and Sociology at the University said.

“I really felt the pain of the people, not only by hearing their story, but also by seeing their anguish,” he said. One particular scene that impacted him was when a sparrow landed on the head of a grieving son who was giving his mother’s eulogy. “To see that bird and think of what it symbolized really brought it home for me,” Neal said.

Neal, who attended the view-

ing with his classmates, said that he was not sure what to expect out of the documentary, but went into it with curiosity. Within minutes, he was drawn in. “The coverage was so in-depth and personal. I learned how deeply this tragedy affected its victims.”

DR. THOMAS PEARSON
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

“This is such a powerful film,” Patten said after the viewing. “Its story shows the resiliency of the American people, and that we, as a country, are stronger than we think.”

Corey Neal, a sophomore, was impressed by how intense the emotion resonated out of the

ing with his classmates, said that he was not sure what to expect out of the documentary, but went into it with curiosity. Within minutes, he was drawn in. “The coverage was so in-depth and personal. I learned how deeply this tragedy affected its victims.”

Dr. Pearson said that in previous years, the University celebrated Constitution Day in several ways, such as students enacting past presidents, but this year’s viewing of *Rebirth* was especially meaningful. “It is important to show the resiliency of Americans on this 10-year anniversary and to appreciate the institutions we have in this country on Constitution Day.”

Art Exhibit Teaches Languor / Temperance | Repose

MARISSA WEBER
ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTER

“In every photograph, there is something for the viewer to get lost in, to reflect on, or to translate,” University Specialist Professor Anne Leighton Massoni said about the gallery exhibition, LANGUOR / TEMPERANCE | REPOSE.

The gallery, which is curated by Massoni, features 11 artists of various mediums, and is on display in the Ice House Gallery until October 14.

The exhibition displays unique pieces of work that contain elements of each of the words in the title.

At first, art that encompasses connotations of listlessness, inertia, and rest may seem simple and unexciting to the audience, but as Massoni suggests, the art is much deeper than that.

The gallery offers a feeling of calmness and relaxation, one of Massoni’s goals. She feels that “cultural noise” limits time for quietude.

Displayed art includes still life, landscape, abstraction, and constructed images.

“For me, it’s like having a conversation with that space,” participating artist Tomiko Jones said during a lecture on Thursday, September 22 in the Wilson Hall Auditorium, discussing her fervor

“Her work is exquisite and beautiful. I loved what she said about working on projects not just to meet a deadline, but to revisit them. I was so inspired and I think lots of students can take from that.”

CANDACE JAHN
Art/Photography Student

of photography. “It gives me many different ways to discover an idea.”

Jones received her MFA in Photography from the University of Arizona and is currently an assistant professor at the Metropolitan State College of Denver.

She has had solo galleries in Mexico City and Tokyo, had residency in France, and is the recipient of various grants and awards.

During her lecture, Jones discussed a motif in her creative process—interior exploration. When venturing on a new photographic

undertaking, Jones takes the time to really get to know her surroundings, and the history.

“I really look into the interior of the space, the environment, to find a way to translate this experience of moving through the landscape that is new to me,” she explained.

Jones encouraged students to take their projects “beyond the deadline,” because there are so many ways to explore a single thought or idea. “One of the most fun things about being a visual artist is that we can allow ourselves to create fictional narratives.”

Last semester art/photography student Candace Jahn really connected with what Jones said. “Tomiko is phenomenal. I was engulfed and enthralled by everything that she was saying,” Jahn said in the gallery, after attending the lecture.

“Her work is exquisite and beautiful. I loved what she said about working on projects not just to meet a deadline, but to revisit them. I was so inspired and I think lots of students can take from that.”

Although Jones has worked and traveled

around the globe, she reminds students that as photographers, they can work anywhere.

During the lecture, she showed photographs that she took in her hotel room, with her 63 developing supplies in view.

“Look at the really small things that change in your personal environment and allow yourself to create a fictional narrative,” Jones said.

The invitational photogra-

phy exhibit tells a story through the artwork, though not always a calming one. According to the gallery’s release, the viewer may be moved “in startling and unexpected directions.”

The Ice House Gallery is open Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm.

For more information, contact Scott Knauer, Director of Galleries and Collections, at 732-923-4786.



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Artist Tomiko Jones appeared next to displays of her artwork and offered listeners artistic advice during a lecture last Thursday.

"All My Children" Says Farewell to Daytime Television

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Susan Lucci played Erica Kane for 921 episodes on "All My Children" until its broadcast finale.

The soap opera "All My Children" premiered on ABC over 40 years ago and its star, Susan Lucci, has played the venerable Erica Kane for nearly just as long.

However, on April 14 the network announced the show would be cancelled and last Friday the final episode was broadcasted, a day that will live on in daytime TV history.

Created by Agnes Nixon, "All My Children" followed the residents of Pine Valley, a fictional Pennsylvania town. Erica was the local bad girl you loved to hate then came to love.

She was the heart of the show, and over the years audiences saw her go through several careers, 11 marriages, raise her children, grandchildren, overcome drug addiction, disfigurement, prison terms, and heartbreak.

In Pine Valley's last moments, Erica had just been dumped by occasional lover/ex-husband Jackson Montgomery after she put her career ahead of their relationship again. This took place at a party full of their friends, neighbors, and children. Just as Erica squared her shoulders with determination to get her man back, a gunshot rang out, and the screen went black.

Audience members will have to wait and see whether their favorite character(s) will return... if their show actually survives. In true soap fashion, both these cliffhangers left viewers anxious to know what comes next.

"All My Children" was not just about family and friends; it became like one's family and friend. It was something that was always there for audiences and expected to never leave.

"It'll be weird not having it on when you're home from school," John Dorsi of Keyport said. "I used to watch it when I was little."

The show's careless cancellation caused many to grieve. In turn, fan outcry led to production company Prospect Park licensing the show and announcing it

would continue the soap online.

Nevertheless, few details have been released about what this exactly means for the iconic soap. This has prompted speculation among viewers that they might lose their show all over again.

The finale's cliffhanger ending was decided for the series after Prospect Park entered the picture. It appears Prospect Park has the best intentions of converting the prestigious daily drama to the web.

However, as nothing like this has ever been done before, it remains to be seen if they can pull it off.

Last July, Jamey Giddens, editorial director of website Daytime Confidential, reported Prospect Park had originally wanted to begin airing "All My Children" in its new, online format just three days after its broadcast run ended.

However, the production company could not sort out all the details, leading Giddens to speculate that "All My Children" might not hit the web until January 2012.

Prospect Park has said that

"All My Children" will "continue to be delivered with the same quality and in the same format and length." This promise to produce five episodes a week, equal to broadcast standards, has likely been factored.

Another question surrounding this transition is how many viewers would actually switch to watching their stories online. Recent graduate Elena Cirillo theorizes that the show's older demographics would not. "I feel like a lot of the people that watched it are older, like my [grandmother], and I don't think she will want to use a computer."

This looks like a concern Prospect Park is also having. In August, deadline.com exclusively reported that the production company was trying to find cable networks that might also air the soap opera. Female-friendly and general entertainment channels were targeted, but no partnerships were ever announced.

Although it has been reported that Lucci turned down an offer to appear in the online version of "All My Children," September 19 saw the announcement that actors Cameron Mathison (who played Ryan Lavery), and Lindsay Hartley (who starred as Cara Castillo) have signed on.

At the time of this printing, these are the only two cast members moving forward, even though Prospect Park is promising actors who have gotten roles on other productions as well, according to Giddens. These would include programs like USA Network's "Royal Pains" and FX's "Wilfred."

While this might reassure some fans of Prospect Park's commitment to "All My Children," can the show survive without its matriarch Erica Kane?

ALEX FILLIMON
STAFF WRITER

Something I loved about the Red Hot Chili Peppers is how they introduced the alternative/funk music genre during the 1990s. That genre was something that stood out.

When they released their fifth studio album, *Blood, Sugar, Sex, Magik*, songs like "Give it Away" and "Suck My Kiss" had a funk and jam groove element that were unique to them.

Following *Stadium Arcadium* in 2006, the band went into a five year hiatus where guitarist John Frusciante announced his permanent departure from the band in December 2009.

I became nervous once Anthony Kiedis announced the new guitarist was Josh Klinghoffer since Klinghoffer had big shoes to fill.

Regardless, once I heard the Chili Peppers were releasing their new album, *I'm With You*, in August, I was ecstatic.

However, the album was not what I expected when I first heard the songs. To me, every song in the album was not what the Chili Peppers were like earlier in their career. There are elements of funk in their songs, but there is an overabundance of experimental rock.

Now I'm not a hater for the experimental genre, however, I think the Chili Peppers aren't the right band for that specific type of music.

For individual musicianship, I was not disappointed at all. Kiedis' voice still sounds as pure and clear as in his earlier albums. As a bassist, Flea is still one of the most notable musicians ever to live.

Meanwhile, drummer Chad Smith never missed a beat throughout the album. Smith and Flea still have that lock-in groove they have always presented.

The album included 14 songs such as the album's first single, "The Adventures of Rain Dance Maggie," which was released to radio mid-July, three days ear-

lier than its actual release due to a leak. Of course, the first thing that I did was order it on iTunes.

"The Adventures of Rain Dance Maggie" is one of my favorite songs in the album for a few reasons.

The introduction with Flea and Smith offered a nice beat, and I was also pleased with Klinghoffer's guitar riffs in the chorus plus his short solo during the bridge. While Klinghoffer is no Frusciante, he is a solid guitar player.

One song that gave me good vibes was "Look Around." It kicks off with a nice jam/pop feel that I really enjoyed listening to.

The chorus brings the song around and it is really easy to sing along to yet my favorite part was during the breakdown of the song.

It was during this number that I heard some parts of the band's earlier song, "By The Way." This brought back some nostalgia for me, which made me love this song even more.

"Police Station" was another single from *I'm With You* I really liked. While it was one of the mellower songs, "Police Station" helped me completely zone out and really listen to the meaning of Kiedis' lyrics. A piano part was composed by Flea, which was a nice touch to the song. Simply, these four musicians really managed to make this song into something that I can cherish forever.

I'm With You is an album that clearly shows the Red Hot Chili Peppers are starting to drift away from their usual funk/jam music.

Now, even though I am not used to this, I do appreciate the hard work the band has put in creating the album.

Regarding Klinghoffer, he definitely has talent and I do not think that he will hinder the band at all. Change can either be a good thing or a complete failure for bands.

My gut feeling tells me that this change will continue to prosper for the band.

Joel McHale to Bring 'Soup'er Humor to the MAC

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which is a revamped version of "Talk Soup," since 2004. McHale has crafted his skill of wit and comedic timing.

His commentary on reality television stars and other celebrities has made him hugely popular with TV audiences.

Furthermore, his style has paved the way for similar shows like "Tosh.O" and TruTV's "World's Dumbest" series.

Only McHale can describe a celebrity without holding back and get away with it, such as him saying "...a woman returned a \$22,000 Rolex watch that Chris Brown lost during his performance at the 2011 MTV Video Music Awards. Wouldn't you?"

A lot more of his comedy is raunchy or can be seen as too explicit for this publication, so feel free to watch his clips online.

"It's awesome that Joel will be at Monmouth," Jeff Zegas of Red Bank, a University alumni, said. "He is hilarious on 'The Soup.' It's the only show on E! I'll watch."



PHOTO COURTESY of poptower.com
Joel McHale (left) also works with fellow comic actors like Chevy Chase (right) on "Community."

McHale has starred on the hit comedy show "Community" on NBC, along with comedy greats Chevy Chase and Ken Jeong (Mr. Chow from *The Hangover*). McHale plays Jeff Winger, a lawyer who was disbarred and forced to attend community

school to earn it back.

McHale takes on a leadership role for a variety of characters. The cocky Jeff describes himself as "...not the worker-bee type. I'm more of a silver back gorilla with the claws of a lion, the teeth of a shark and the quiet dignity

of a tortoise."

Mike Corsey, a senior at the University and promotions officer for CommWorks, loves "Community" for "the bravery of the writing."

Aaron Furgason, communication professor, is also a loyal fan of the show. "You have to pay attention to dialogue...the body language. It's like 'Arrested Development,'" Furgason said. "[McHale's] the engine that drives the comedy."

"Community" has acted as the start for NBC's Thursday night comedy lineup going on three years. Now in its junior year, the comedy has created a role for star John Goodman, a great addition to a mix of veteran comedians and up and comers Danny Pudi and Donald Glover.

With the success of both "The Soup" and "Community," McHale has gained a loyal following through his twitter account, with over two million followers.

While promoting both his shows, McHale posts various pictures from behind the scenes and on his comedy tours.

Recently, McHale has been selling out in cities like Chicago and venues such as Carnegie Hall.

Joel McHale has no plans of slowing down or walking away from any of his achievements.

He will be appearing in future movies *The Big Year* starring Owen Wilson and Jack Black, and in *Family Guy* creator Seth MacFarlane's first directorial debut, *Ted*.

At the age of 39, McHale is at the top of his game with plenty of room to gain more opportunities for exposure.

Get your tickets soon before the event sells out. Jennifer Dwiggin, a University sophomore and employee at the MAC box office, said around three-fourths of the tickets have been sold, including one for herself.

On the night of McHale's stand up performance, the MAC will open their doors at 7:30 pm and the show will begin at 8:30 pm. The parking lot will open at 6:30 pm.

For more information, contact the MAC box office at 732-263-6889.

For the Love of Pets!

What Happens When Your Pets Take Over Your Life

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Anthony Salvatore, six-foot-tall and 250 pounds, is crouching on the ground holding a loaf of stale bread in his hand with a smile plastered across his face. "Here ducks! Here ducky ducky!" he calls, as nine brown ducks come hopping up to him from Indian Lake, to eat out of his hand. No, this is not Tony Soprano, this is a 47-year-old plumber from Denville, New Jersey.

Anthony has only had his ducks for three years, but said that he considers them as his children. Ironically enough, he has two daughters, 20 and 17, whom he bought the ducks for in the first place. Anthony has a cat as well, and has had numerous dogs and other animals as pets before, but he said that nothing has ever compared to his ducks, although he cannot explain why.

"My kids argue with me and don't believe anything that I tell them," he said. "But my ducks see me as their protector. They look at me with love in their eyes. Plus, I don't have to give them money for the movies on Saturday night."

Every day, Anthony drives the five miles to the lake to feed his ducks, whom he has never named, and then watches them eat because it calms him down. He said that he likes to know where they are at all times so

he does not have to worry about their safety.

His 17-year-old daughter, Deanna, said that her dad is always either sleeping, working, or playing with his ducks. "He compares me to the ducks," she said. "He will say, 'Oh, the ducks wouldn't be complaining.' He doesn't have time to do things for me because he is too busy being with them."

Deanna still finds it endearing because liking animals is a good quality for a person to have, and "he doesn't have a lot of them,

Anthony said, "Animals like me. My ducks believe everything that I tell them. My ducks think I'm cool and they like to hang out with me. I don't really like people anyway." He also said that although he is a very happy person, he does have high levels of anxiety due to his 60-hour work week.

McCarthy said that the line of obsession is tough to define, but he thinks that this occurs when a pet consumes a person's life. Sometimes, this can occur as a result of "empty nest syndrome," since pets help fill a void for

Donna Roth, 43, is a Technology teacher at Great Meadows Middle School in New Jersey. She has had a dog, Buster, for four years and a cat, Tristan, for two years, whom she also said she loves as much as her children.

"I became more maternal once I had kids. I count on my animals now for love and affection, just like I would my kids. I love them just as much because they have personalities just like people, and they love me back."

Donna's two children, 19 and

for them about once every two weeks.

But, Donna said that she would not feel the same way about just any pet. "Other people's pets are smelly, and I just think 'Ew, gross.' But I connect with my own. My love has grown for them, just like a person."

McCarthy said that in some cases, being obsessed with pets is a symptom of a more pressing psychological issue, such as agoraphobia, which is the fear of leaving one's home. "To work with these people, I would first want to determine the purpose of their behavior. Are they staying in the house rather than going out prior to having the pet or because of it?"

However, he also said that he would never recommend for someone who is obsessed with their pet to get rid of it right away.

If having the pet is their only coping method for an underlying psychological issue, then removing the pet right away could be detrimental to their emotional health. So, to work with them, McCarthy recommends psychological counseling one-on-one with a therapist and antidepressants.

Both Donna and Anthony said that they do not feel like their obsessions with their pets are unhealthy. Anthony said that he is happy, so he does not see the problem. Donna said, "They need me just as much as I need them."

"Animals like me. My ducks believe everything that I tell them. My ducks think I'm cool and they like to hang out with me. I don't really like people anyway."

ANTHONY SALVATORE
Parent

so it's good to have at least one." Plus, as she said, the less that he is concerned about her then the more she can get away with, like not doing her homework and going out with her friends.

However, Tom McCarthy, University psychologist, said that obsession with animals could be a sign of depression or anxiety. "If people are lacking social skills and they are struggling to be accepted, pets can give them that and offer them a lot emotionally. But, people can get obsessed and cross a certain line."

people. Anthony's older daughter, who is 20, left home to go to college one hour away two years ago. She now sees her father once every two months because she has lived with her mother for the past ten years, a half an hour away, and does not make much free time for her father.

It is not common for people to be obsessed with their pets, said McCarthy, but it is common for people to feel a special connection with their animals because they enjoy the unconditional love they are provided.

21, are both away at college, so she spends most of her time with her animals. She said that she feels bad if she goes out too much on the weekends, which she considers as anything more than six hours in a 48-hour weekend, so she prefers to stay home with them when she is not at work.

Donna said that her boyfriend, Gerry, finds her love of animals endearing, and he helps her take care of the animals, going as far as to stop in to check on them during a weekday while she is at work. She also buys a new toy

The Secret Value of Networking

MICHELLE GILMAN
STAFF WRITER

Networking is by far one of the most crucial tools that students need in order to succeed in the business world. The ability to quickly establish relationships with professionals is a skill that must be acquired before graduation.

"I am very shy when I go into a room with a bunch of professionals. I don't know how to start up a conversation and get their business card. My hands get sweaty and I always tense up," said Brooke Lupo, 20, junior at Rutgers University.

Robert Scott, a specialist professor in Communication at the University, believes that effective networking skills are vital for current students and recent graduates. Strong networking abilities can help open doors for possible internships and future employment.

"The majority of success stories I hear from recent Monmouth graduates often involve relationships established during their internships. Maintaining relationships with professors, alumni, professionals, and classmates will help keep an individual informed and may lead to possible employment," said Scott.

Students who reach out to potential clients and colleagues over email should always make sure they are using proper grammar. Students who don't double check their punctuation, capital letters, and rules of grammar might not be taken seriously, he said.

Networking is one of the most essential tools students must master before graduating. Most students are used to doing everything on the computer and forget that they need to communicate in the job world. It is so easy to email and text that striking up a conversation with a stranger seems almost unnatural, said Lupo.

Robin Farber, a social worker in

Westfield, NJ, said that networking opportunities will help you practice the skills needed to overcome shyness and sell yourself to these potential employers. Eventually, you will see that practicing networking opportunities in small incremental steps will help build your confidence until it be-

yourself and greeting the professor on an ongoing basis will help them to be more familiar to you as well," said Farber.

Kristine Simoes, Director of the Public Relations and Journalism program at the University, said that when students are networking, they should

"Students should want to be remembered. Personality and strength doesn't come across in emails. Show initiative and ask questions when talking to a professional," said Simoes.

Scott said that students might be reluctant to interview in-person because they lack confidence and experience,

students will need to effectively market themselves both ways.

"Students need to care about networking if they have any desire to be successful. Most fields require some degree of networking in order for individuals to stay informed, become aware of new opportunities, and grow in their positions," said Scott, the media professor.

Kayla Nennecke, a 21-year-old intern at Fox News in New York, said that in order to get an internship one must get over the fear of communicating with a professional in person. Students come in constantly, looking for an internship when they don't have the ability to make eye contact or leave with a firm handshake.

"Networking skills are fundamental in getting a job. Show that you are determined and ask a lot of questions. I've seen people get hired on the spot for asking informative questions that show they have a strong interest in the field," said Nennecke.

According to Simoes, every student should have an elevator speech prepared at all times. An elevator speech introduces yourself and touches upon your skills and qualifications in 30 seconds or less.

"Always make sure to have great eye contact and be able to throw your hand out for a nice firm handshake. Put your cell phone away before presenting yourself," said Simoes.

Stacy Jaffee, Health Studies major, said that while students are on-campus they are somewhat forced to socialize, which can enhance networking skills. However, there is more to networking than just knowing how to mingle.

"Monmouth University requires students to take public speaking as well as critical discourse which allow students to develop strong speaking and conversational skills. Without these courses a student might feel useless when it comes to networking," said Jaffee.



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College students need to take advantage of networking, as it can help secure careers for the future.

comes more natural.

"Instead of resorting to an email communication, drop by the professor's office during his or her hours with a benign question or a comment about the lecture. Sitting in the front of the classroom and introducing

always show that they know something about the company the professional is coming from. Let them know that you took the time to research them. Strike up an intelligent conversation that shows your ability to think on your feet.

teamed with a fear of the unknown. Phone interviews are becoming a popular tool for weeding out a large number of applicants prior to coordinating a more manageable number for face-to-face interviews. Regardless of evolving trends in the hiring process,

I Swear Officer, I Didn't Do It!

How to Get Out of a Traffic Ticket

JENNIFER DWIGGINS
STAFF WRITER

Every driver dreads seeing those red and blue lights flashing in their rearview mirror. When a police officer pulls you over, it can ruin your day and possibly make you even later than you already were.

But the inconvenience and embarrassment of being pulled over is usually not the worst part. It's the ticket that follows. No one wants to pay for or explain why they got a ticket. Obviously the best way out of the situation is to try and get the officer to let you go with a warning.

There is no 100 percent, effective way to accomplish this, but there are tricks and tips to increase your chances of getting out of a ticket.

Being rude is at the top of the "easiest ways to get a ticket" list. No officer wants to be harassed or berated for doing their job. According to an article entitled "The Top 7 Ways to Get Out of a Ticket," on spike.com, when you are pulled over, you should be respectful to the cop.

"When the cop is asking you questions, look him in the eye and answer the question without fear, but also without arrogance - like you're talking to anyone else. Use the term "officer" when you answer him, without a tone of contempt."

Turning off the car engine and placing your hands where the officer can see them also takes the tension out of the situation for the cop and shows him respect.

The next thing you should do is admit that you did something wrong and apologize for the action. When the officer says "Do you know why I pulled you over?" you should fess up to your actions and follow it with

a sincere apology.

In a study conducted by Martin Day and Michael Ross, surveying 500 people who had been pulled over, they found that people who apologized to the police officer received, on average, a \$33 reduction to their fine."

Honesty and remorse show the officer that you are willing to take responsibility for your actions and that you feel bad for what you did (even if you do not). If there is opening for it, you should even try to make conversation.

According to an article by Stewart Rutledge entitled "How to Beat a Speeding Ticket," you should "appeal" to the "human being" in them. Maybe the officer was pulled over as a teenager when they were running late to work.

Talking to the officer can make them connect with you and lighten the mood. If he has had the same experience or likes talking to you, he might let you go with a warning.

These are the easiest things to do when you are pulled over, but there are also a few more unconventional ways to get out of a ticket.

Aside from being respectful, they also recommend crying. If you are a person that can cry on command, that is a huge advantage, boy or girl. How could an officer not feel sympathy for someone who is crying over something as simple as a ticket?

"The first time I got pulled over I was so overwhelmed that I just started crying," said Erica Truhn, sophomore. "Thankfully, the officer let me off with a warning."

Another suggestion from "The Top 7 Ways to Get Out of a Ticket," is to lie. Obviously not the best choice or the most responsible, but it could save you from a ticket.

If you do choose to take this route, you have to be willing to accept the consequences if the officer sees through your lie. The lie must also be hard to prove false.

one of these by knowing a police officer.

Showing this card to an officer usually means that you personally know another officer. By using this

from me would be to make me laugh and be nice when I come up to your window," said Bandurski. "The other way would be to offer me a pink frosted doughnut from



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Police officers can possibly be swayed by methods such as politeness, PBA cards, and crying.

For example: Do not say it is your birthday, the cop can easily tell if you are lying by looking at your driver's license.

A PBA card is another method used to get out of a speeding ticket. NYPost.com says that PBA cards are "real-life 'get out of jail free' cards. Unfortunately, you can only obtain

card you can usually get out of a speeding ticket.

Andrew Bandurski, criminal justice major, says that when he becomes a cop, there are a couple simple things an offender could do to persuade him against writing a ticket.

"One way to get out of a ticket

Dunkin Donuts."

Obviously there are no sure ways to escape a ticket besides prevention, but by being polite and friendly, your chances of getting out of a ticket are greatly increased. Being nice to an officer for five minutes is much easier than being charged and going through the ticket process.

Managing Your Many Interests

How to Avoid Overexerting Yourself in School Activities

NANA BONSU
STAFF WRITER

Campus involvement is a huge aspect of college life, but it is important for students to keep in mind the downsides of over-involvement. Stretching oneself too thin can even-

tually take a toll on academics and a social life. Trying to be at every class, every meeting, and every on-campus activity can be a difficult balance.

"Scope out your interests," said Brian Morelli, senior student. "This limits you to one area of campus so you are not running from place to

place."

The Student Handbook has a list of all of the clubs and groups available on campus, as well as the names of the people to contact for more information. Read the description, make a list, and attend a few meetings, but don't make any commitments right

away.

"Students should only join clubs that are related to what they are interested in or like to do," said Kristin Kleinberg, first-year student. "However, students should also have their classes in mind, and make sure that they will have time to study and at-

The Involvement Fair, which was held on September 21, gave students a chance to explore the different clubs the University has to offer, as well as to ask questions to the different club representatives in order to decide whether or not those clubs are worth joining.

"Scope out your interests. This limits you to one area of campus so you are not running from place to place."

BRIAN MORELLI
Senior



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The Involvement Fair was one way for students to see the organizations that the University has to offer.

tend classes before joining a bunch of clubs."

Because so many club meetings take place on Wednesdays, students will be compelled to pick and choose which meetings they want to attend, forcing them to forgo others.

"One to two activities is a comfortable amount," said Morelli.

Britney Dupuis, Sales Director of WMCX, said that you should never spread yourself too thin.

For those who choose to join every club that interests them, the best way to stay on top of meetings and club activities is to keep an organized schedule and manage time wisely. According to EffectiveTimeManagementStrategies.com, time management is the key.

Charts and outlined weekly schedules can help those who find themselves struggling to find the time for everything.

With so many tables to visit, many of which offered freebies, students were bombarded with too many options, causing them to sign up with almost every club.

"I looked at all of the clubs that I was interested in before going to the involvement fair," Kleinberg said. "I made sure to visit all of those tables and talk to the representatives to find out more."

The benefits of joining many clubs outweigh the negative aspects, but it is important to be able to stay on top of everything going on with the various clubs.

Time management is vital to a successful college career, said EffectiveTimeManagementStrategies.com. If a student chooses to become very involved, organization is the key.

Morelli said, "Have fun and know when to stop. When it becomes too burdensome, it's too much."

“I Ain’t Afraid of No Ghost”

Paranormalist Lorraine Edwards is Coming to Campus to Speak this Saturday

NICK HODGINS
CLUB AND GREEK EDITOR

Lorraine Warren, paranormalist and trance-medium, is coming to the University October 1 at 8:00 pm in Wilson Hall to talk about her life and paranormal experiences she has had. The event is free and a ticket is not required.

Lorraine Warren and her late husband Ed Warren, demonologist, have dedicated their lives to investigating paranormal activity throughout the country. The Warrens have been called upon for famous cases such as the Haunting in Connecticut and the Amityville Horror.

Lorraine said, on an interview with CUTV Newscenter, “I was nine years old and I was in a private catholic girl’s school and I began to see lights around the nuns. I looked around and realized I could see lights around some of the girls as well.”

Lorraine went on to explain how she didn’t know what the lights meant and as far as she knew everyone could see what she saw. She suppressed it until she eventually met her husband.

Lorraine is known as a trance-medium. A trance-medium is someone who can communicate with spirits.

Ed Warren said on their website, www.warren.net, “Many times we use three or four mediums in one place. We take them into a house one at a time. They don’t know where they’re going, what the case is about, etc. And if they all tell me the same thing; that they see a woman spirit in a certain room or a man or a child, then I know that we’re on the right track.”

In 1989 the Warrens proved in a court of law, with photograph and recorded evidence, that a family

was driven out of their home by ghosts.

“We won the case,” said Ed, “We set a precedent here in the United States.”

Megan McGowan, Assistant Director of the Student Activities Board, organized the event to have Lorraine come to the University and talk. According to McGowan, student activities surveyed that the number one type of lecture for students was on the paranormal.

McGowan said, “The Warrens, and later Lorraine came to my college every year and would fill every seat and all standing room.”

Lorraine will tell stories of her experiences with the supernatural, show pictures of supernatural presences caught on film and play audio of a famous exorcism. In addition, she will answer questions.

“If you are skeptical about ghosts, after seeing Lorraine, you will believe,” said McGowan, who is excited to see Lorraine speak once again.

The New England Society for Psychic Research was founded in 1952 by the Warrens. The goal at first was to simply investigate hauntings Ed had said on their website.

Having claimed to have grown up in a haunted house, Ed was always looking to learn more about others and their experiences.

Around 1965, the Warrens went into a home where they encountered the spirit of a little girl named Cynthia. They listened to the little child coming through a deep-trance medium; she was looking for her mother.

Ed thought to himself, “This is horrible, this little child is earth-bound. She’s looking for her mother constantly day in and day out. How do I help this child?”

Since then the NESPR has been dedicated to helping people in

we talk and straighten the whole thing out. Nobody can bring us into a house and fool us. You couldn’t tell us that your house is haunted and get away with it because I’m the biggest skeptic going. I have to see it, I have to

Time, and Good Morning America.

Lorraine Warren is 84 years old, her husband Edward passed away in 2006 at the age of 79.

Taken directly from the Warrens website, “The Diabolical



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For over 45 years, Lorraine Warren and her late husband, Ed, have painstakingly investigated the realm of the supernatural throughout North America, Brazil, Japan, United Kingdom, Europe and Australia.

need when dealing with strange phenomena in addition to simply investigating it.

NESPR’s work is based in religion but also uses science, the website read.

Ed was quoted on the site saying, “...I have the scientists with me and they’re looking for something else and we get together and

hear it and I have to feel it with the physical sense.”

Lorraine and Ed have appeared in numerous newspaper and magazine articles, as well as on radio and television.

Their national television credits include *20/20*, *Phil Donahue*, *Entertainment Tonight*, *The Joan Rivers Show*, *Today Show*, *Prime*

forces are formidable. These forces are eternal and they exist today. In a world that scoffs at ghosts and laughs at the unusual, the Warrens deliver a contrary message. That message is this: The fairy tale is true. The devil exists. God exists. And for us, as people, our very destiny hinges upon which one we elect to follow.”

Grab the Bull by the Horns

RHA, SGA and SAB Came Together to Host on Campus Rodeo

NICK HODGINS
CLUB AND GREEK EDITOR

An on-campus rodeo was held this past weekend in the Quad, sponsored by The Student Activities Board, Residence Hall Association and Student Government Association.

The event was moved from the Quad, to Anacon and later back to the Quad once it was clear the rain was going to hold out.

Megan McGowan, Assistant Director of SAB, had this event planned since summer. As assistant director of SAB, McGowan is in charge of organizing numer-

ous events around campus.

“We wanted to give students a chance to take advantage of the weather while it was still nice out,” said McGowan.

The main attraction of the event was the large mechanical bull from Seashore Entertainment sitting in the center of the

Quad.

The bull was surrounded by an inflatable ring in order to cushion the fall after a student could no longer hold on.

Sporting five different speeds the bull proved to be a challenge to many students.

Greg Cenicola, junior, said, “I rode the bull four times, but I just couldn’t seem to hold on longer than 15 seconds.”

Country music filled the Quad as students came to check out the event.

In addition to bull riding, students were able to hang out with friends while tossing around horse shoes or playing cornhole.

Cowboy hats and bandanas were free to take and added to the country-like atmosphere.

Across from the mechanical bull students had the opportunity to have their picture taken while wearing old fashioned western style clothing.

The pictures were free of charge and were a nice piece of memorabilia to take away from the event.

Regardless of all the hard work put into the event, it seemed to have gone unnoticed by many students.

One sophomore girl at the event commented on the fact that a large portion of students seem to leave campus and go

home on the weekends.

Two students playing horse shoes, Zak Jaworski and Ed Hunt, sophomores, also commented on ways to get students to attend.

“Maybe they could’ve made the bull riding into a competition,” said Jaworski, “Whichever student holds the longest time at the end of the day wins a prize.”

Despite the e-mails, flyers around campus and advertisement on school event calendars, many students said they would have had no idea of the event had they not walked past the Quad and saw the event.

Kevin Mulligan, sophomore and track runner for the University, said he was also unaware of the event until he spotted it while walking out of his dorm.

“If I knew about stuff like this I would definitely attend more events,” said Mulligan.

In an attempt to keep students involved and on campus SAB is running a promotion by handing out a small blue card to students that attend events.

Each event you attend SAB will hole-punch your card.

If all 15 holes are punched on your card by the end of the semester, the student will be put in the running to win a prize. The prize has not yet been determined. All that is required is attendance at 15 SAB weekend events.



PHOTO COURTESY of Lauren Buonpane

Kevin Mulligan, sophomore and track runner, riding the mechanical bull in the Quad. The record of the day was 47 seconds on the bull.

Alpha Xi Raises Money and Awareness for Leukemia Research

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The sisters of Alpha Xi Delta, Iota Nu Chapter sold Rita's Italian ice to raise money for leukemia awareness month during the student Involvement Fair outside The Student Center on September 22.

Last semester, one of the sisters of Alpha Xi Delta, Rachel Gerstein, was diagnosed with leukemia.

Alpha Xi Delta sold orange wristbands for three dollars and Rita's Italian ice for two dollars for leukemia awareness in support of her.

First, Alpha Xi Delta needed approval from ARAMARK to set up their table. Then, they had to talk to Tyler Havens, head of the Greek Senate. After going through the chain of command, the sisters got permission for the cause and their table for the fair.

"We came up with the idea when we were at a summer event and saw how everyone loved Rita's and thought everyone at Monmouth would as well," said Lynsey Vivian, Alpha Xi Delta sister and event coordinator. Rita's gave a discount on the ices they sold to Alpha Xi Delta for the fundraiser.

"No one has picked Rita's for a fundraiser before, according to the Student Activities Board," said Alpha Xi Delta Philanthropic Chair and recording secretary Brittney Penson, junior.

The sisters sold lemon, mango, and Swedish fish flavored Italian ice. One of the flavors of ice is orange, which is also the color for leukemia.

University students responded with positive feedback and were touched by the fundraiser. Some students donated money to the cause without buying an Italian ice or a bracelet.

"I think selling Rita's ice was a great idea, they got a really nice day, and a great location at the Involvement Fair," said Andrew Eldeman, junior. "I think it's really great that they used a local store for their fundraiser."

The sisters of Alpha Xi Delta raised more money than they expected with a total of four hundred and forty-six dollars. Gerstein decided that the money raised is going to go to the Embrace Kids Foundation.

This is an independent organization that fulfills the non-medical needs of kids with blood disorders or cancer and their families. The Embrace Kids foundation funds counselors, child-life specialists, language interpreters, teachers and family service liaisons that can help both the patient and the family deal with the terrible news and hardship.

"I cannot thank my sisters of Alpha Xi Delta enough for the Rita's Italian Ice sale for a cause so close to me," said Gerstein.

The philanthropy of Alpha Xi Delta is Autism awareness, but they do fundraise for other causes as well. The sisters agreed that while leukemia is a good cause to support anyway, this fundraiser was special to them because they were able to experience it on a more personal level.

People from different clubs and organizations gave to the fundraiser and the sisters are very thankful to all that donated.

"We are a sisterhood, and sisters stick together," said Stephanie Garcia, sophomore, "We support each other, and since our sister is battling leukemia, we will be fighting right beside her."



PHOTO COURTESY of Sandra Meola

The sisters of Alpha Xi Delta work together to sell Rita's Ice for Leukemia Awareness Month.

"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 9 before the women's field hockey game. The next fundraiser will take place on Friday, September 16 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 to learn how you can help.

Club and Greek Announcements

Italian Club

The Italian Club is hosting their first meeting of the year on Tuesday October 4 at 11:30 am on the second floor of the student center room 202C.

You do not need to be Italian or take Italian to join! We want as many people there representing the Italian heritage on campus!

We will be discussing upcoming events and bake sales we have planned.

Lambda Theta Alpha

Lambda Theta Alpha will be having an Information Social on September 27 at 8:30 pm in the student center.

Also, on October 3, we will be having a very special academic workshop revolving around women in history that have participated in the military.

We are honoring a female Monmouth University student who is currently in the army.

On October 5, in McGill Commons room 107, we are having a beauty workshop where a professional makeup artist will be showing us a few ways of applying makeup. She will also be raffling off free makeup.

Art Club

Do you like to draw? Paint? Take photos? Design graphics? Or do you want to learn how?

Then join Artists 4 Change! We're a growing community of students who advocate for social change through the use of art, promote the involvement of artists in the community, and bring the visual artists of Monmouth together to create, display, and discuss art.

Meetings are Mondays 7:30 pm in the RSSC Room 202C. Email Jen at s0772262@monmouth.edu for more info!

The Outdoors Club

There will be a meeting this Wednesday at 3:15 pm in Bey Hall room 132.

This meeting will discuss the white water and kayaking trip to the Lehigh River for Oct 14 and 15 over fall break.

If you are interested please feel free to stop by.

Circle K

Come out to Surf Taco Long Branch on October 6 to help support Monmouth University Circle K.

Keep an eye on Facebook and your email for the details and the flier to bring with you to the restaurant. Present the flier and 20 percent of the purchase goes to our club to help us fund our service projects.

On October 22, we are hosting our second Annual Halloween Extravaganza for Children in the student center. We are looking to have clubs and organizations on campus to participate in it.

If you are interested, please email us at monmouthcirclek@gmail.com. Be on the lookout for event details.

All Lifestyles Included

If you want to be involved in a club that is extremely rewarding and tons of fun, come to All Lifestyles Included, the local LGBT on campus.

We have many events to come. A possible stunt show, our all famous drag show and so much more!

ALI meets every Wednesday at 3:30 pm in the Affilito Conference Room located on the top floor of the student center.

Come check us out! If you have any questions please contact the ALI club president, Jessica Beetsch, at s0750919@monmouth.edu or send an email to ALI@monmouth.edu. Thank you!

Catholic Centre

Sunday Mass

7 PM in Withey Chapel
(downstairs in Wilson Hall)

Daily Mass

Mondays and Tuesdays at 12 PM
in Withey Chapel

Adoration

Thursdays at 12 PM in Withey Chapel

Social Night

Thursdays at 7 PM

Ask the Priest Night

Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 7:30 PM
in Java City Cafe (coffee is on us!)

Pumpkin Carving

Thursday, Oct. 20 at 7 PM
(sign up by emailing us or signing up at the CC)

16 Beechwood Avenue
(Gate to our house is located in the rear corner of Lot 4- next to the Health Ctr.)

732-229-9300

www.mucatholic.org

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If you could change one thing about Monmouth, what would it be?

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*Elisabeth
sophomore*

"Have a better variety in the dining hall."



*Karissa
junior*

"Organize the parking lot better."



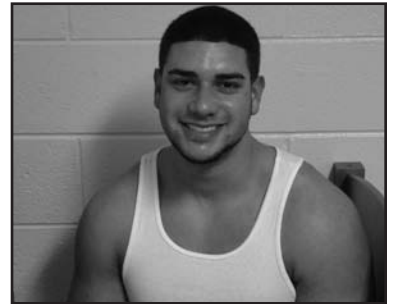
*Kerry
junior*

"Have more parking spots."



*Alfred
sophomore*

"There should be night football games."



*Brandon
sophomore*

"Have higher quality and healthier food."



*Joe
sophomore*

"Get more people involved in clubs and activities."



*Alyssa
sophomore*

"Have more job opportunities."



*Jaclyn
sophomore*

"Better food in the Dining Hall."



*Marcus
junior*

"Have more fans at sporting events and more school pride."



*Gary
junior*

"Better food."

Majors Fair and Ex Ed Expo

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Sunday, October 9, 2011
 9am - 4pm



**Student
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Please remember to attend one of the following mandatory Information Sessions to be eligible to work Open House:

- Wednesday September 28 @ 3:30 p.m. Student Center 202 B
- Friday September 30 @ 12 p.m. Student Center 202 B
- Wednesday October 5 @ 3:30 p.m. Student Center 202 B

We look forward to seeing you there!

Questions: Brittany Barton, 732-263-5878 or bbarton@monmouth.edu

Did you apply for graduation?



⚠ ATTENTION STUDENTS ⚠

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.

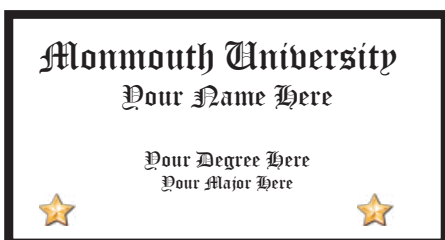
Good luck with your coursework this semester!
 The ORR

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

Please note: e-FORM requests received after the deadline dates will not be processed



Confessions of a Woman.

This week's topic: **BODY IMAGE**

Wednesday
October 5th, 8pm
Catholic Center

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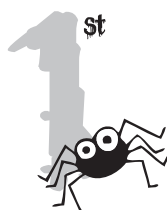
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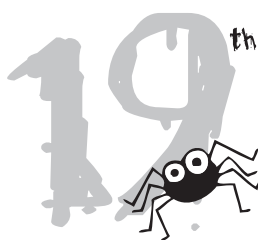


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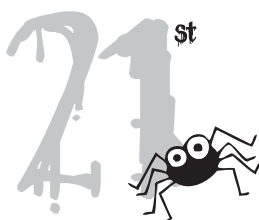
"Original Ghost Hunter"
Lorraine Warren
8pm Wilson Auditorium



Coffee House Preview
Scott Celani
7pm Java City, RSSC



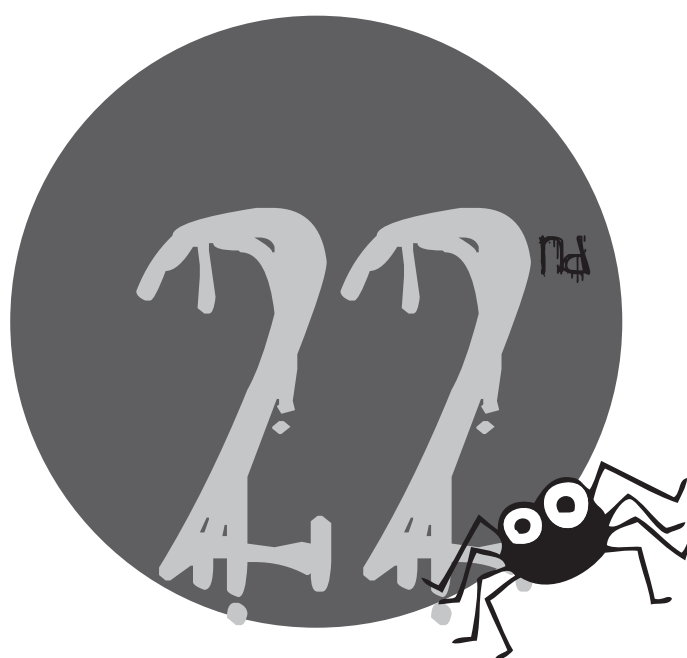
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Mullaney Lounge



Dorney Park:
Halloween Haunt
Departing 4:40pm RSSC



Trick or Treat Bingo
8pm RSSC Cafe



Candle Light
Haunted Tour of Wilson
8pm Versaille Room



Pumpkin Picking
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MATTHEW FISHER
COMICS EDITOR

Superheroes come and go, but their legacies can live on. The latest example of this is the death of Ultimate Peter Parker/Spider-Man and the rise of a new friendly neighborhood Spider-Man. However, this isn't the traditional Spider-Man but the version from the Ultimate Universe and outside of the main universe and continuity. Starting in 2000, the Ultimate Universe helps to tell stories of Marvel heroes from a modern day perspective and defer from having to deal with much continuity. For example, instead of the Avengers, Captain America, Thor, and Iron Man are part of the S.H.I.E.L.D. sanctioned team known as the Ultimates.

Toward the end of the summer, Peter Parker met his fate in "Ultimate Comics Spider-Man" #160 at the hands of his arch nemesis, Norman Osborn/Green Goblin. The Ultimate Universe explored the aftermath of this death in the limited series, "Ultimate Comics Fallout," but soon a mysterious individual was seen wearing Spidey's red and blue costume in issue #4. This character was later identified as Miles Morales, a half-Hispanic and half-African American youth.

On USA Today.com, "Ultimate Spider-Man" writer Brian Michael Bendis discussed how Miles as the new Spider-Man won't change the ideals Peter held. "The theme is the same: With great power comes great responsibility... He's going to learn that. Then he has to figure out what that means."

Oddly enough, *Community* star Donald Glover was campaigning to be Peter Parker/Spidey in the reboot. According to popwatch.ew.com, Bendis looked at Glover's campaign as "a classic case of what-might-have-been." In fact, Glover even wore a Spider-Man t-

shirt in the opening scene of *Community*'s second season.

Since Miles' first appearance in August, the character had room to grow and finally appeared in his solo series the new "Ultimate Comics Spider-Man."

In addition to this new title, Miles will also be donning a new costume to uphold this new character. Instead of the traditional red and blue Spider-Man outfit, Miles' wardrobe is black with red covering the torso and mask.

Now, while Bendis has the task of developing and writing dialogue for Miles and company, artist Sara Pichelli has the task of designing this new hero and his costume. However, with the costume design, Pichelli worked to show this is Spider-Man for a new decade.

In an interview with ifanboy.com, Pichelli discussed what it is like creating characters for this new series. "I worked as a character designer for animation and I'm accustomed to creating new characters. It's an amazing job, so when I can apply it to my comic book career, it's the perfect mix! Giving the first impression to characters who will be protagonists of an important book like Ultimate Spider-Man is exciting!" she said.

Although, the Spider-Man costume design will be similar to the old-fashioned version and Miles will follow the timeless credo of responsibility from Ben Parker, one side note is how Miles will be much younger than Peter was in this heroic role.

Instead of being 16 like Peter was, Miles will be 13-years-old. Bendis, in a comicbookresources.com article, explained what this age gap will be mean. "When you're that young, your eyes are wide open. It's a perspective we haven't really seen before in superhero comics."

Now, although Miles was in-

troduced to readers in "Ultimate Fallout," "Ultimate Comics Spider-Man" Volume Two #1, currently on stands, will take time to explore who Miles and how he came to have the same arachnid powers shared by Peter.

While reviewing the first issue, David Brother at ComicsAlliance.com wrote, "Despite my qualms about the length and price point, this first issue hooked me. Miles Morales isn't Peter Parker, his status quo isn't Peter Parker's, and his powers have just enough of a twist (hinted at early in the story) that they aren't exactly Peter's either. I wanted Bendis to impress me with this issue, and he did. This is good comics, and the start of something cool."

Although Miles has gotten a large amount of attention for becoming the new Ultimate Spider-Man, other heroes have been in similar situations.

After Superman died at the hands of Doomsday, Superboy, Steel, Cyborg Superman, and the Eradicator took part in replacing Kal-El. When Batman was sent back in time by Darkseid at the end of "Final Crisis," former Robin, Dick Grayson, fought to be Batman in the miniseries, "Battle For the Cow!" (Following DC's comic relaunch, Dick has returned to being Nightwing.)

As for Marvel heroes, James Rhodes/War Machine took over as Iron Man from Tony Stark for some time while T'Challa has been protecting Daredevil's old turf, Hell's Kitchen, in "Black Panther: Man Without Fear."

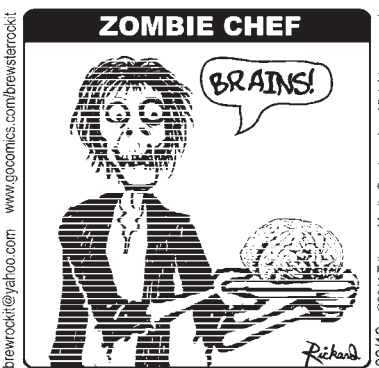
While heroes may come and go, their names will live on forever. It's hard to imagine a world where there is no Spider-Man, Superman, Batman, or Iron Man. The function these heroes have in society (at least in the comic book worlds) is that there will always be a way for what these characters stood for to live on and be honored one way or another.



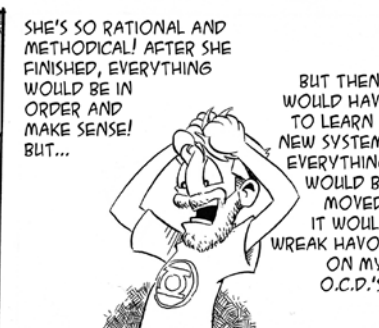
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"Architectural Digest calls it 'Twilight chic.'"



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Men's Soccer Defeats Columbia and Princeton, and Prepares for NEC Match-Ups

BRETT BODNER
MANAGING EDITOR

The Hawks took on two teams in the Ivy League this week when they faced off against Columbia and Princeton.

When they face Ivy League teams, the Hawks tend to have great success against them in the regular season, but in the past two years of the NCAA tournament they've been knocked out by Ivy League schools. Dartmouth eliminated them last year, while Harvard knocked them off the year before.

Their regular season dominance would continue as they were able to come out with two huge wins last Thursday and Sunday.

Thursday night the Hawks traveled to New York to take on Columbia. The Hawks battled and were able to come out with a 1-0 victory. Freshman Derek Luke scored his first goal of the year in the 18th minute and it would be all the Hawks needed to win the game.

Columbia had a few opportunities to score goals, but they were denied by Junior goalkeeper Alex Blackburn.

has not gone unnoticed. "Alex has stepped up and is taking care of what he needs to take care of. He's been solid for us and I think each game that goes by his confidence grows, which is important for him," said Head Coach Robert McCourt.

Going into Sunday's game the Hawks had eight goals from eight different scorers. In other words, there was an eight-way tie for the team's leading scorer. However, that would change following Sunday afternoon's game.

The Hawks were able to overcome a 1-0 deficit late in second half, thanks to two Ryan Clark goals, and they went on to win their second straight game 2-1 on the Great Lawn on Sunday afternoon.

The first half was quiet for the most part as neither team was able to score, even though the Hawks were able to get five shots on net and they held Princeton to two.

Action picked up in the second half as senior Anthony Vazquez was sent out of the game when he was issued a red card for a foul in the 18 yard box. Princeton's Antoine Hoppenot was given a penalty kick and he took advan-



PHOTO COURTESY of Monmouth University Athletics

Junior Alex Blackburn has six wins on the season and has been a consistent force in goal for the Hawks.

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ROBERT MCCOURT
Head Coach

Blackburn picked up his fifth win and fifth shut-out with the victory. Blackburn has been very strong in net this season and it

tage of it and put the Tigers up 1-0 in the 65th minute.

The Hawks responded immediately, when Clark fired a low

shot on goal from 30 yards out that went into the net, tying the game at one just three minutes later. In the 81st minute Clark struck again on a free kick to put the Hawks up 2-1 and that's the way the score would remain.

Princeton nearly tied the game late when a shot almost went in the net, but luckily for the Hawks the shot bounced off the cross bar and the Hawks were able to win their second consecutive game.

Clark now leads the Hawks with three goals and is tied for the team lead in points with sev-

en overall.

Clark's outstanding play did not go unnoticed, as he was honored nationally and locally. He was nationally recognized by being named to TopDrawerSoccer.com's National Team of the Week. He was also recognized locally by SoccerSavings.com/Big Apple Soccer for being the men's college soccer player of the week.

Following two huge wins over Ivy League opponents, NEC play will kick-off this week when they face Long Island

University on the Great Lawn at 3:00 pm. Following Friday's game they will head up to Rhode Island to take on Bryant University.

The Hawks will look to keep their streak of NEC titles alive, and they are the team to beat in the NEC.

"We can't let our guard down for a second being the team everyone is going for and it's just a matter of having the right mindset because over the past few years our guys have responded to the challenge," McCourt said.

Football Team Kicks off NEC Play with a Win Over CCSU

ED MORLOCK
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Monmouth University football team opened their Northeast Conference season with a road win against Central Connecticut State. The Hawks offense and defense both performed well, doubling up the Blue Devils 24-12.

The Hawks improved to 2-1 on the season and 1-0 in the NEC.

Central Connecticut State, the NEC preseason favorite, has a great home-field advantage. Coming into this contest, the Blue Devils sported a 15-game home win streak. They haven't lost a game on their home field since November 2007.

These divisional foes played a memorable game last year. West Long Branch was home to a shootout when the Blue Devils came to town. Scoring was plentiful and defense seemed to be non-existent. CCSU edged out the Hawks in double overtime. Central went for a two-point conversion and was successful, winning the game 49-48.

This year, however, had a completely different feel.

The Blue and White jumped out to a 17-0 lead. Monmouth was on the board two and a half minutes into the game. Kyle Frazier found Neal Sterling for a 32-yard touchdown to get the scoring started.

Later in the first quarter, Eric Spillane connected on a 41-yard field goal to cap a 13-play 57-yard drive that lasted over six minutes.

Running back Julian Hayes made it 17-0 with a six-yard touchdown run early in the second quarter. The offense didn't score again until the fourth quarter, when Frazier ran it in himself from eight yards out to make it a 24-10 game.

Frazier was the leading passer on the day, completing 21 of 27 passes for 195 yards and a touchdown. Hayes led the game rushing, averaging over four yards a carry and accounted for 80 yards and a touchdown. Sterling and Mitchell Pollard were MU's two biggest receiving threats. The two combined for 11 receptions, 112 yards and a touchdown.

"I think it was a great win for us," said Head Coach Kevin Calahan.

"It certainly was a first step for us, getting our initial win in NEC play. This conference always comes down to the wire because there is so much parity. To get a win in our first league game will give us confidence going forward. CCSU is an excellent team they played hard right until the very end. I was very happy with the way our guys stayed after it and kept playing to put the game away in the fourth quarter."

Monmouth's defensive im-

provement cannot be overlooked. Lehigh came to West Long Branch to open the season and completely dominated the MU defense. The early bye week appears to have been perfect for the Hawks and allowed them to solve their defensive problems. Last week, Villanova was only able to score nine points (two of which came on an intentional safety). Central was held to 12 points this week (another intentional safety accounted for two points).

MU's defense forced some turnovers and got after the opposing quarterback against CCSU. Steve Barroso and Patrick O'Hara combined for a sack. Dan Sullivan and Jose Gumbs each forced a fumble, Gumbs' second key forced fumble in the last two games. Patrick Gray also pulled in an interception.

Monmouth held their opponent to under 300 total yards in the game. The Blue Devils were only able to pickup 148 yards through the air. Gunnar Jespersen only completed 15 of his 32 pass attempts.

If the Blue and White defense can stay on a roll, they can make a lot of noise in the NEC this year.

The Hawks return home Saturday to host Robert Morris. Kickoff against the Colonials is set for 12:00pm. This game will be broadcasted on television on MSG-Plus.

THE OUTLOOK'S WEEKLY NFL PICKS

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Field Hockey Loses Win Streak, but Bounces Back Against Temple

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The field hockey team impressed everyone this past week as they stretched their win streak to five games. Unfortunately, the streak came to an end this past Saturday as the Hawks fell to the University of Albany 2-1. Albany is ranked 16th in the nation.

The Hawks traveled to Newark, Delaware on Wednesday September 21 for their next matchup against the University of Delaware.

The Hawks struck first in the first half as Michelle Pieczynski scored on a backhand shot. There was no other scoring from either team for the rest of the half. As the second half played on, Delaware tied the game 11 minutes into the half. Not long after that, Pieczynski scored again, exemplifying how dominant she can be, and most importantly taking the lead by a score of 2-1.

A few minutes later, Delaware responded with another goal to tie the game. Neither the Hawks nor Delaware were able to break the tie in regulation, so overtime was the only solution. About nine minutes into overtime, Pieczynski struck again, this time to win the game. The goal marked her second hat trick of the season.

“Our strategic plan has stayed the same. We’ve focused on inten-

sity, holding ourselves accountable for position, and our communication,” discussed Coach Figlio. When asked about what aspects of the game that the team has to work on the most, she specifically talked about possession, including the small things and making crisp plays.

Now on a five game win streak, the Hawks were determined that they had the sure talent and ability that they could upset the 16th

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CARLI FIGLIO
Head Coach

ranked Albany Great Danes on Saturday. The game was played at a neutral site, in Easton, Pennsylvania.

The Hawks struck first, only 33 seconds into the game. Senior Kayleigh Kalamar delivered a crisp pass to Michelle Pieczynski, which she then fired for the first goal of the game, and her ninth of the season. Albany eventually tied it up, and it stayed that way going into halftime. About six minutes into the second half, Albany scored past Teresa Mathews to take the lead. That goal would go on to be the game winner.

Unfortunately for the Hawks, the winning streak came to a halt, but the girls had plenty of reasons

to be proud of themselves, as they competed closely with the #16 ranked team in the country. As a matter of fact, the one goal difference was the lowest scoring margin for Monmouth against a nationally ranked opponent in the field hockey team’s 15 year history.

Hawk’s goalie Teresa Mathews has been particularly impressive this season, allowing just over two goals allowed per game. During the Hawk’s five game win streak, she allowed just over one goal per game.

“My footwork, and moving towards the ball has been paying off. Carli [Coach Figlio] is very good at working on that in practice. Also, Tim, my conditioning coach has been helping me a lot,” Mathews explained.

Standing at 6-4, the Hawks faced off against non-conference foe Temple in Philadelphia.

Thanks to a late goal from sophomore Patricia O’Dwyer, the Hawks were able to start a new win streak by defeating Temple 2-1. The goal came with only 10 seconds left in the game, when sophomore Alex Carroll took Kalamar’s penalty corner and set up O’Dwyer for the goal.

This week the Hawks will be looking to build off their win against Temple, when the face-off against Georgetown on Sunday at 12:00 pm on So Sweet a Cat Field.



BRETT BODNER
MANAGING EDITOR

Managing Editor Brett Bodner, sits down with All-American defender/mid-fielder and one of the captains on the men’s soccer team, RJ Allen.

Outlook: What’s your greatest memory so far, while playing soccer here at Monmouth?

RJA: I’d have to say either beating UConn in the NCAA tournament or winning the NEC in both the regular season and conference tournament the past two years.

Outlook: What are some things that you’ve done, which have allowed you to encounter the success you have had here?

RJA: I just continue to work hard and I put in a lot of work in practice with my teammates and that’s really it.

Outlook: What are your thoughts on the upcoming NEC games?

RJA: The NEC is a tough conference to play in. You just have to have the right mentality and get through every game.

Outlook: What’s your favorite movie?

RJA: I’d have to go with Taken or 8 Mile.

Outlook: What is your favorite pre-game meal?

RJA: Chicken Parm.

Outlook: How would a guy like me do in the teams conditioning program?

RJA: Every year we have to run two miles under twelve minutes and besides that we have to take part in other fitness tests. We also start and end every practice with sprints. (Basically, the conditioning is not easy.)

Outlook: What do you look to do after school?

RJA: My first goal is to play professional soccer and if that doesn’t work out I’ll go to graduate school to get my Masters to

become a chiropractor or a physical therapist. I’ll also be graduating a semester earlier this year in order to achieve my goal in becoming a professional soccer player.

Outlook: Do you or anyone else on the team read The Outlook?

RJA: I believe so. A lot of my teammates look into it, but our coach tells us not to look too much into the papers because it is all about the team.

Outlook: If you had one message to get across to the new guys on the team before you left what would it be?

RJA: Continue to work hard and win the conference. I’d like to see them carry on the tradition that has been in place since my freshman year, and that’s winning the conference every year in both the regular season and NEC Tournament. I’d also like to see them have a good a run in the NCAA Tournament. That’s pretty much what I’d say.



A University Call to Arms: Attendance at Sporting Events

DAN GUNDERMAN
STAFF WRITER

it’s not, the root of our problem is discovered.

Why, in a world full of social networking and a population full of people who need information “now,” can’t we fill the stands at a Hawk home game? With Facebook group joining becoming the norm, and Tweets flying 24/7, shouldn’t it be our first objective to do whatever we can do to get fans to come out and enjoy a sporting event?

Well as hard as it may be in any sense, multiple obstacles get in the way from achieving this goal. Monmouth Athletics has done a nice job in inspiring school spirit and promoting all the athletic events, but all work cast aside, attendance remains low.

Over the course of the year, the University undertakes a countless amount of promotional events for its sporting events, including free fan buses, certain give-away nights, fundraising events, “Monmouth Mob” events and others. The main objective of the staff seems to be to promote a greater sense of “Hawk Pride” so that a day at Kessler Field could ultimately feel like a trip to the Horseshoe at Ohio State, or the Nittany Lion white-out at Penn State. This goes for all sports, which have their share of promotions underway. Bottom line is, they’ve done their job, now we must do ours. As fans, we should wake up before we fall too far behind making the sports outing seem like just an event to attend out of boredom.

First year events and other promotional outings draw crowds for our football games, along with our drive to see a winning season, and the soccer program’s prestige intrigues the sports fan as well. A new men’s basketball program fronted by a NCAA Division I big name, along with a clearly-qualified women’s basketball coach should also fill the seats. These are extremely attainable goals and would pinpoint Monmouth on the map as an institution to fear as a visiting athlete. The Hawk fan base can potentially inspire the football team to play at a whole other level, fan mobs at the MAC could alter a game, and attendance on the Great Lawn could have attendees on hand witness history. Intriguing anyone yet? Well if

So with all the excitement swirling around this season’s sports teams, do you think we will be able to walk the walk instead of talk the talk? That is something, although my opinion can change, I remain very skeptical about. We can add “Free Prizes” or “Big Time matchup” to any game flyer, but when game time calls, I fear our seats will remain empty. Deciphering the problem as if it were some sort of scientific issue, would a viable claim be that our fans are too lazy? One could guess that as many most likely stay in and ponder what to do rather than make the great trek that is about a five minute walk. To all readers, get up, get active, go out and watch!

All things considering, opinion and claims can only go so far. Demographically, this is a much smaller school, with a different atmosphere and different fan base from other big name colleges. We don’t have the population of the ones we see on TV whose fans are decked out in body paint. But when it all boils down, as a member of NCAA Division I athletics, we need to support our teams and make a school with a population of way under 10,000 students feel like a school whose athletic outings could support 80,000 fans.

The next time you get that email about a free fan bus, or an exciting tail gate barbeque or big time matchup at the MAC, don’t just immediately hit delete. Give that smartphone the chance to let you actually read the email, where you will find out that this event is actually worth going to.

You just might witness the turnaround season that the football program has been searching for, or the play of an All-American on the soccer field, or the play of top notch NEC competition in the women’s soccer program. You could even witness a potentially historic turnaround season in the MAC this year for the men’s basketball team, whose coach promised a championship banner hanging from the rafters in no time. See, doesn’t this notice the sports fan of any level? If not, chances are you’re reading the wrong section of newspaper.



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Lack of school spirit is evident with low attendance at many school sporting events.



Kicking the Ivy League



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It's Not About What You Know, It's Who You Know

THE OUTLOOK STAFF OPINION

It's an all-too-common story: student works hard and earns A's throughout their four years of college, takes on an internship, takes part in activities that will be an asset to their resume, graduates... and then cannot find a job.

According to a recent study by the U.S. Department of Labor, networking accounts for at least 69 percent of all annual hires. This is not surprising when we stop and think about all of the times we have seen someone who is less qualified than us get that coveted summer job. The saying "It's not what you know, but who you know" seems to ring true in times like these.

This means that besides working to earn top grades, students also need to put their best face forward and get to know their professors, alumni, bosses, and even friends on a more personal level so when the time comes, they could be the ones to put in the word that will land them a career.

Unfortunately, there are many students that take the benefits of networking for granted. Some students wait until their senior year to start developing relationships with their peers, coworkers, professors, and alumni. They always seem to think that the best time to start networking is tomorrow, when really it is today.

One thing that students can do

to take a step closer to their alumni is to join our very own Student Alumni Association, which is a service organization encouraged by the Office of Alumni Affairs to provide a link between students and alumni. They sponsor a variety of activities for current and past students to get to know one another. However, since the benefit for students is so great, students must apply and interview to be a part of the Student Alumni Association.

Another easy thing for students to do is take advantage of social networking sites on a more professional level by creating a LinkedIn account. According to a study by Performics, almost 60 percent of active social networkers said that it is important to have a LinkedIn account.

Of the 3,000 respondents with active LinkedIn accounts, 50 percent visit the site weekly and 20 percent visit it daily. Students should make a LinkedIn account even if they think it may be a little early to have one and search for their professors, bosses and alumni.

However, not all networking should be through a computer screen. It's extremely important to have good people and communication skills: no one wants to work with the graduate who can't hold a decent conversation.

Internships are also an easy and effective way to network. Sometimes, it gets a little hard to stay

on task when you know you're not getting paid (as several internships are) and you're doing work that you didn't see in your internship fantasy, like getting coffee and making photocopies. However, it's important to keep your chin up and make the best coffee your employer ever drank, because that could be your ticket into the office once you graduate.

The University also should hold more specialized career fairs for each department rather than one big, unorganized job fair. Last year, the Communication department held its first annual Communication Career Event where students could attend discussions with alumni who now work in the job field they want to someday be a part of and speak with the alumni afterwards.

There was also an Internship Fair following where students could meet potential bosses and apply for internships. There needs to be more fairs and events like this, and more students need to take advantage of them.

The path to finding a career in this less-than-ideal job market can be helped with the efforts of students and the University alike. Students need to take advantage of the career fairs that the University does offer, as well as getting on their feet and start talking to their alumni and professors and put themselves out there. Being shy or lazy is no longer an option.



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