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# **GRAMMY MUSEUM ANNOUNCES AFFILIATED** PARTNERSHIP WITH MU

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Monmouth University is now one of four schools in the nation to become affiliated with the Los Angeles-based GRAMMY Museum, which will now allow students and faculty access to GRAMMY Museum content for educational purposes, curriculum purposes, research programs, professional development seminars, collaborative marketing, and student internship opportunities.

Brown said, "What a fantastic opportunity for our students to access the [GRAMMY] Museum's impressive resources, programs and internships. Thank you to Bob Santelli (Director of the GRAMMY Museum and University alumnus) for facilitating this exciting partnership, for his continued support, and for sharing his passion for music and education with the Monmouth University community."

Monmouth University joins the University of Southern California, Oregon State University, and Delta State University in this partnership.

the University's new affiliation with the GRAMMY Museum in Woods Theatre on Friday, Oct. 10 at 2:30 pm.

The affiliation ceremony held speeches by: Dr. Paul Brown, University President; Joe Rapolla, Chair of the University's Music and Theatre Arts De-

Rapolla said, "This affiliation is so aligned with our vision of growth for the music department."

The ceremony also included performances by Natalie Zeller, a junior music industry student, Kellan Brennan, a sophomore communication student, and studentband, "Flammable Animals." All performers are part of the University's student-run record label, Blue Hawk Records.

Guy Battaglia, a junior music industry major and singer in "Flammable Animals," said, "This program is great because of how passionate we are about music. We look forward to what we do each and every day. [The GRAMMY affiliation] gives us an outlet to experience what we hope to do in the future. We are most excited about creating new, awesome music and sharing it around the world.'

According to GrammyMuseum. org, "The GRAMMY Museum explores and celebrates the enduring legacies of all forms of music, the creative process, the art and technology of the recording process, and the history of the GRAMMY Awards, the premier recognition of recorded music accomplishment."

"The students killed it. They Over 100 guests celebrated knocked it out of the park. Everybody was just so impressed with the level of talent that we have here at Monmouth," said Rapolla.

In-between performances, Santelli presented Brown with a plaque signifying the University's part in the new-found affiliation. Santelli

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President Paul Brown (left) and Bob Santelli (right), Director of the GRAMMY Museum, celebrated the new affiliation

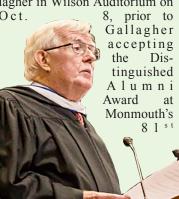
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> DR. PAUL BROWN **University President**

### **Thomas Gallagher Speaks at University**

**BRANDON JOHNSON** POLITICS EDITOR

Students and faculty welcomed alumnus Thomas P. Gallagher in Wilson Auditorium on Oct.



Founderss Day celebration. Gallagher, a graduate from the Class of 1962, held a presentation in which he discussed his experiences after leaving Monmouth, specifically those involving his civil service.

A former political science ma-Gallagher jor, Gallagher made an early comaccepting mitment to civil service, join-Dis- ing the inaugural group of Peace tinguished Corps volunteers. He recalled, "Five days after I graduated from at Monmouth, I hopped in a plane in Monmouth's Newark to Georgetown University 8 1 s t to start my Peace Corps training.

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# **MU Celebrates 81st Founders' Day**

BRANDON JOHNSON POLITICS EDITOR

The University's 81st Anniversary Founders' Day was celebrated on Wednesday, Oct. 8 in the Multi-Purpose Athletic Center (MAC). This occasion also marked the 20th anniversary of Monmouth's status as a Univer-

The ceremony began at 2:15 pm with a processional led by the University Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Specialist Professor Michael Gillette, followed by "America the Beautiful," performed by Monmouth's Chamber and Concert Choruses.

Following the entrance of numerous alumni and other distinguished members of the Monmouth community, President Paul Brown began with some opening remarks and welcomed the first of a variety of

ber of the Class of 1987 and Chair and honor school scholars. Noof the Board of Trustees, took the podium. "This is a special day," Mercer said. "It is the first time I have the privilege of welcoming you as the Board Chair. [Day's like Founders' Day] gave me appreciation and respect for the value of education.'

While furthering education was certainly a prevalent theme throughout the convocation, the entire celebration focused heavily on time: past, present and future. As noted by Ali Tuyahov, President of the Student Government Association (SGA), Founders' Day is a great opportunity to revel in the University's successes, but it is also the time to prepare for the future. She said, "Today, we look back at 81 years of success, and look forward to many more.'

Lauren D. Moriarty, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, followed Tuyahov Henry D. Mercer III, a mem- by recognizing student leaders

tably, among the University's many accolades, she noted that Monmouth's honor students are among the top ten percent of honor students nationwide.

The highlight of the afternoon was the presentation of the distinguished Alumni Award to Thomas Gallagher. Earlier in the day, Gallagher held a short presentation for students and

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# Partnership

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said, "With GRAMMY Museum's new educational affiliate program, we're inviting educational institutions to engage in a unique resource-sharing opportunity."

After presenting Brown with the plaque, Santelli announced a new educational program both the University and the GRAMMY Museum will be a part of. Because 2015 is the centennial of Frank Sinatra's birth, the GRAMMY Museum will be providing a new series of educational conferences about the singer. Monmouth University will be the first venue for these conferences, beginning approximately in April of 2015.

Brennan said, "The event went very well and had a bigger turnout than I thought it would."

Theatre department student Zoe Bullit commented, "I am so happy that students got to perform, especially this event where music is such an important part of the whole message."

Both Brennan and Bullit are in agreement that the affiliation can provide a broader spectrum of available internship opportunities in both the fields of music and communication.

"The GRAMMY enables students to have opportunities to work in the industry, as well as provide internships at the GRAMMY museum and with affiliates," said Rapolla.

Kait Steubner, Director of Education at the GRAMMY Museum, said, "The affilia-tion will allow the GRAM-MY Museum to expand our national reach while offering Monmouth students exciting opportunities, such as internships, within our organization."

Stuebner said, "Monmouth University was a natural choice to become a GRAMMY Museum affiliate based on the institution's long history in college radio as well as the wonderful, career-building opportunities it offers its students through Blue Hawk Records.'

On the affiliation as a whole: "I think the affiliation really demonstrates the University's commitments to performing arts and its commitment to create a holistic university experience for all students here," said



IMAGE TAKEN from elev8.com The collaboration with the GRAMMY affiliation will allow students the opportunity to network and gain access to internships, according to President Paul Brown.

# GRAMMY | Art Department Welcomes New Technology

JAMILAH MCMILLAN CONTRIBUTING WRITER

**ALYSSA GRAY** 

Over the past year, the University's Art and Design Department has evolved with the opening of Rechnitz Hall, and its recently purchased cutting edge technology such as a 3D printer, a laser cutter, and a 3D

During the summer, the art department obtained four new pieces of equipment along with a recent update in the department's sculpture room.

Of the machines added, one was the Makerbot 3D printer, a machine that melts plastic materials and creates 3D objects from a digital file, and is the first machine of its caliber to be used at the University.

Other machines include a laser cutter, which uses lasers to cut through different mediums such as wood, metal and plastic, and a Makerbot 3D scanner, which uses lasers to scan objects and convert them into digital files.

"This digital file can then be used to make a replica of the object with the 3D printer," said Mike Richison, a specialist professor in the Art and Design Department.

Richison, also has the newly renovated sculpture area, located in the 600 building workshops, for 3D class use.

The area has undergone repainting, wall and flooring repairs, and has received new metal holding racks and work tables for student works and projects.

According to Akil Billy, a senior art education major and study monitor for the art de-

area were much needed, especially in such a hands-on atmosphere. "I like the space that the new set up has," he said.

'Getting rid of the older cabinets and replacing them with the new shelves was a good idea, [since] it helps open up the room giving the feeling of more space as well as creating more usable areas since they are built up and not out," continued Billy.

But while the new spaces and technologies might look nice, Talia Carney, a junior fine arts major, said that these improvements are crucial for students to be able to learn the skills needed for their respective fields.

"The sculpture rooms are very old and have a comfortable feel. However rooms like that are fragile and sometimes it is difficult to open drawers and cabinets. Learning and using all older techniques is nice however students need to know what the current techniques and how to master them are," said Carney.

The art department as of late

restoration efforts to the department. Andrew Cohen, Chair of the Art and Design Department, said, "The facilities are excellent. We have Mac labs designated for the use of graphic design, animation, and photography students. These labs have the most updated software, such as Adobe Creative Cloud. Additionally we have renovated studios for ceramics, and sculpture, and we maintain both digital and analogue studios for photography.'

And while the technologies are being used to teach students they are also allowing students to create finer art pieces for their portfolios. "I have used the laser cutter in my printing class. The laser cutter is very exciting because it stops students from feeling limited with their designs because the laser is very helpful with the finer details. It is much easier to achieve the smaller designs and fine line," said Carney.

Vincent DiMattio, a profes- will keep them here."

partment, the renovations to the isn't any stranger to updates and sor in the art and design department, has been able to see the expansion of the University and the art department in his 47 years teaching at Monmouth. "I've not only seen tremendous growth in what was back then simply called the art department, but tremendous growth campus wide. I was here when the school was still Monmouth College, [and] I've seen pretty much all of the major changes since 1968," he said.

According to Billy, despite the changes that the art department undergoes he believes the content of what is being taught in the end is more important than the fancy changes.

"Yes, work environment plays a major part in learning but most times simple accommodations usually work fine, [and] when the means come to improve the studios, they should take it," Billy said. "Improving the studios will go a long way in attracting future students, but the technology' and content, I feel,



Rechnitz Hall is modernized with new additions of high-tech 3D technology available for student

# **XAE** Honors Society Induction

#### **WEST LONG BRANCH, NJ**

Every year the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Department, a division of the Center for Student Success (CSS), inducts members into its honors society.

This year, there were 25 students who were inducted into the Chi Alpha Epsilon honor society. Of the 25 new inductees, 22 are sophomore students, two are juniors, and one is a senior.

The criterion for admission is achieving a cumulative grade point average of a 3.0 or higher for two consecutive semesters.

We would like to congratulate all of the newly inducted students and wish them well with the rest of their academic endeavors here at Monmouth University.



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# Pep Rally Amps Students for Homecoming Game

**DANIELLE SCHIPANI** 

A crowd of about 600 university student and faculty gathered to support the university's football team junior, Michael Qualiano and seand to show their school spirit at nior, Kristin Waring, welcoming the annual pep rally in the Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC) on Friday Oct. 10.

'The main goal of any pep rally is to visibly increase school spirit," said Eddy Occhipinti, Assistant Athletics Director for Marketing at the University.

'Not just to increase it for the athletics teams, but for the whole school," Occhipinti continued.

The entire football team attended to thank the student body for their support as they took on Columbia that Saturday.

"We're excited to see you tonight, showing your support for the football team," said head coach Kevin Callahan. "We want to say thank you for your support and hope you all to have a great time at the game, we will do our part on the field."

Ashley Suppa explained how the football team is positively affected by the pep rally. "It definitely pumps them up and really gets them excited for the game," Suppa said.

The football team captains had a chance to thank the students for showing their support and encouraged students to come to the Homecoming football game. "Thank you for coming out today, make sure vou are loud for us at the game tomorrow," said Patrick O'Hara, a senior captain of the football team.

with all of our athletics teams, most that have fought for our coundefinitely benefits from an increase try," said Meaghan Wheeler, 2014

in spirit and moral," said Occhipint.
"Our players feed off the energy of the crowd, especially when its from their fellow students.'

The event began with the hosts, students. Qualiano jokingly dressed as former professional wrestler Hulk Hogan at the start of the event.

There was an appearance made by the University mascot, Shadow, who chose the winning names for

The cheerleaders and dance team performed together. Suppa expressed how the pep rally enhances school spirit. "It is really good to see everyone performing. The pep rally always brings everyone together and is an overall good time," said

All senior cheerleaders and band members were also recognized. They had an opportunity to say a few words of gratitude as they celebrated their Homecoming one last time as Monmouth students.

The Student Government Asso-Senior captain of the cheer team ciation (SGA) was involved in much of the planning for the pep rally. 'SGA sets up the MAC, hands out t-shirts, and gets people excited," said Tara Egenton, Alumni Chair

> SGA members and additional event staff gave out free sunglasses and necklaces at the beginning of the event. Free Homecoming t-shirts were distributed at the conclusion, expressing the "Red, White, MU" theme for this year.

"I really wanted to work with veteran services this year to raise The football team, as is the case money for all the amazing soldiers



Maria Grace lantosca and Brandon Wasylyk were crowned Homecoming Queen and Homecoming King as determined by the votes of the student body.

Homecoming Chair, on the theme all really come together as a univerfor this year.

Audience members were given the opportunity to get involved on multiple occasions. There was a dance off where audience members were able to volunteer and display their dancing abilities with the hope of winning the competition. Winners were awarded gift cards to local businesses.

Members of Monmouth, both student and faculty believe the pep ray brings together the campus community. "I think it brings a sort of community throughout the week and weekend," said Wheeler. "We

Egenton explained that the main goal of the pep rally was, "To get everyone excited and reveal our nominations for Homecoming court.'

Towards the conclusion of the event the winners of the Homecoming court were announced. The freshman class was represented with the Lord Tyler Hiznay and Lady Jessica Waring. The Duke was Matt Sheehan and the award for Duchess was a tie between Charlie Hess and Lexi Swatt. The Prince was awarded to Dylan Vargas while the Princess was Ashley McMahon.

The top three candidates for Homecoming king were Brandon Wasylyk , Larry Ratajczak, and Matt Buccino. The top three candidates for Homecoming queen were Maria Grace Iantosca, Colette Mitola, and Courtney Carr.

Winners, announced at the Homecoming game on Saturday, Oct. 11 were Wasylyk and Iantosca.

"Everyone benefits from the pep rally, spectators, the cheer team, the football team, the alumni. Everyone gets involved and it is pretty great," Suppa said.

# University Community Gathers for Founders' Day

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faculty in Wilson Auditorium during which he spoke about his professional experiences.

A Monmouth graduate from the class of 1962, Gallagher immersed himself in international and humanitarian work, joining the John F. Kennedy's Peace Corps during its inaugural year.

He continued his foreign service in numerous positions, notably being the US Consul General in Ecuador, at which point he was the youngest chief of a major diplomatic mission in US history at 34 years of age.

Beyond his service to others, Gallagher also impacted lives when in 1973 he became the first civil servant to openly come out as a gay person.

Despite peppering his speech with some genuine humor, Gallagher recalled that announcing his sexuality could have ended his career very abruptly.

After being accepted into the Peace Corps by John F. Kennedy, Gallagher said, "Had he known of my sexual orientation, President Kennedy would have been forced to fire me, as I was a criminal under American jurisprudence. The only crimes more serious than homosexuality were murder, rape and treason.'

Gallagher continued to speak about what could be considered a humanitarian world tour, which saw him serve in Ethiopia, Nigeria, Ecuador, Saudi Arabia, and 17 other countries.

Founders' Day.

The major takeaway from Gallagher's speech, however, was his perseverance through his work despite the odds against him. Gallagher recounted that

when Bill Clinton ended the from which he had resigned ever you do, please don't ever policy of firing gay people he re-turned to the State Department, sexuality. He concluded, "What-lous." to a close President Brown gave his Founders' Day address.

He described Monmouth as being at a crossroads. He said "We stand at the crossroads of our rich past, our vibrant present, and a future we will shape together."

Just before the ceremony came

The President also emphasized the continual efforts of the Monmouth community to grow and prosper.

He said, "Planning new undergraduate programs, expanding graduate programs at Monmouth Park Corporate Center, building new academic and athletic facilities, all while providing a personalized education to our students."

Ultimately, the 81st Founders Day concluded without a hitch, and the Monmouth community looks forward to celebrating the University's 82nd year in 2015.

Dr. Saliba Sarsar, Associate Vice President for Global Initiatives and member of the Founders' Day committee, said, "It takes several months of collaborative work on the part of the committee to prepare for Founders' Day.'

Sarsar added, "Much goes into producing a high quality work, including deciding on and inviting honorees, writing biographies, printing and sending out invitations, ensuring the proper venue for the several events, selecting the music to be played at the ceremony, contacting the media, and so forth."

As stated by President Brown, "We must document and monitor our own progress as we implement our vision for the future of Monmouth University."



President Paul Brown (left), Judy Cerciello, and Thomas Gallagher pose together at

"We stand at the crossroads of our rich past, our vibrant present, and a future we will shape together."

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### The Perks of Getting Involved

#### THE OUTLOOK STAFF

"Make sure to get involved!" Any student who has attended college for even a minimal amount of time has certainly heard this phrase or similar variations of it.

Whether it's parents, faculty, or peers, from the moment they commit to a school, college students are encouraged to get involved on campus by joining clubs and organizations. Enriching the college experience, meeting new people, and gaining skills or knowledge are the typical reasons to get involved. However, does this advice hold true, and are the benefits of getting involved all they're cracked up to be?

The Outlook staff overwhelmingly agrees with the importance of getting involved in extra-curricular activities, and believes the typical benefits are unquestionable.

The staff unanimously noted that they've developed life-long friendships and relationships through the clubs and organizations they're apart of on campus. One editor said, "I've made some awesome friends that I probably wouldn't have met otherwise. It allowed me to branch out and truly make relationships with people.

Gaining real life experience and skill building are also benefits mentioned by the majority of The Outlook staff. Several of out that they've gained invaluable experience in areas such as leadership and teamwork by getting involved with different groups on campus, and that this experience will help them after graduation. One editor referred to her involvement in her sorority as an example. "I've gained leadership experience from being on my sorority's executive board, and have also acquired important professional skills for my future.

The Outlook is aware that much of this is not new information. Developing relationships, enhancing skills, and gaining experience are expected parts of joining organizations on cam-

What The Outlook staff believes, however, is that the unexpected perks and benefits are truly what make being involved on campus worth it.

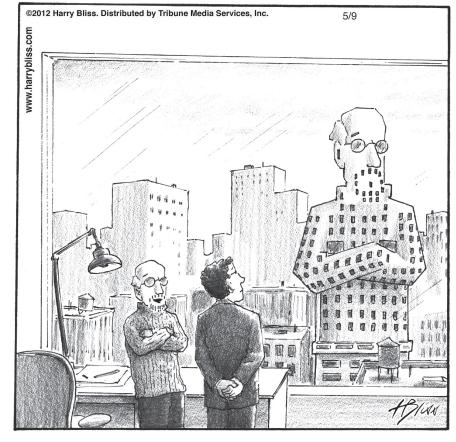
One editor said, "When I became engaged with clubs on campus, I naturally was looking to meet some new friends. But I found the most beneficial aspect of being in these groups was that they helped me learn more about myself. I now know what environments I work best in, what people I interact best with, what type of a workload I can handle, and what actions I personally dislike and will avoid.' This sentiment neatly sums up The Outlook's belief that getting involved on campus helps individuals grow as people, and gain the editors were quick to point a better understanding of them-

The Outlook also acknowledges some of the material advantages gained by being part of an organization. Numerous staff members mentioned that many clubs routinely offer their members food, t-shirts, or other goods that serve as a form of compensation for all of their work. One editor mentioned a trip she took with her group to California. "It was an awesome experience. I learned a lot, and it was fun just being able to travel across the country.

Several members of the staff also noted that being involved in different clubs allows them access to private computer labs and study rooms where it is easier to get work done.

Whatever the club or organization, whether it has a scholarly focus or is strictly for enjoyment, The Outlook staff wholeheartedly agrees that getting involved on campus is one of the most important aspects of having a great college experience. In fact, the majority of The Outlook staff admitted that they wish they had gotten involved earlier in their college careers. One editor said, "I don't regret much in life, but if there is one thing it would be not getting involved in things sooner.'

As one editor put it, "College isn't just about academics, it's about learning who you are, gaining real life experience, and having fun. Not all of that can be learned in a classroom."



"Of all the buildings I've designed, it's probably the most handsome."

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# loween Costumes: Lots of Money, Barely Any Material

NATALI GRECO STAFF WRITER

As a favorite holiday of both children and adults approaches, it is only right to speak about the wellknown facts: Halloween is your chance to be anyone you have ever wanted to be with a judgment-free card as your encouragement.

It is not only about the opportunity to be someone fictional and unreal, to pretend for a night to have powers or be the "baddest" superhero around, it is about the confidence boost a piece of polyester gives each and every one of us.

The minute we put a costume on, we are no longer the nerd that sits in the front row of science class, or classes. We are not the weird hipster who is always on his guitar, or the pothead who's secretly a genius. On Halloween, we become our alter egos. In most cases, that alter ego is confident, cool, and untouchableable to do anything and everything his/her heart desires.

Women for instance, have the being called pretty and cute, and

than up and be the inner goddesses they have always dreamt of. For females. Halloween is about showing the most skin possible and party stores know that. Hence, ironically, the less material a costume has, the more money it will cost. Take Party City for instance, a nicely made, fashionable pirate costume whose skirt reaches past the knees is selling for \$24.99. Meanwhile, a Cowboys Cheerleader costume with spandex white shorts and a bandeau blue top, is \$49.99. That is exactly double the price.

Why is it, exactly, that we girls prefer to spend so much more money to look like what society would consider "promiscuous," instead of paythe jock that is barely passing his ing less for a more acceptable costume? Why is it that, even though Halloween is about scary characters and mischief, females lean towards the shortest, tightest, dresses and highest heels instead? In all honesty, once again, it all goes back to the whole "inner goddess" concept.

Females like to feel "sexy." Yes,

opportunity to dress down rather even beautiful is all very charm- costume. What does not make so ing and appreciated. Although not many will admit it, nonetheless, once in a while the compliment of being called "hot" and "attractive" is much more preferred.

A goddess is the ideal female figure: she has both the sensual appeal as well as the innocent beauty that takes a man's breath away. That is what ladies are striving for, that feeling of taking breaths away, of being wanted- even if it is behind a mask.

While doing some Halloween costume skimming, it became evident that the "sexier" the outfit was, the more money it cost. Regardless of the stores I visited, the price range did not significantly change. If I want to stand out (or more like fit in) on Halloween, I will have to be sacrificing some good fifty dollars from my budget. Is it worth it, though? That, I have not decided yet.

Halloween is mostly a great time. Creating the persona we wish to take on for a night, being a character that we admire, and looking like we belong in a fantasy are all reasons that motivate us to find the perfect

much sense though is why we are willing to pay so much for a one night outfit. Do we even spend as much on a dress we know will only be useful for one night of clubbing? Yet, why should a tutu and corset be worth it?

I'm not in denial, I know that regardless of how expensive the piece of clothing is, females, including myself, will go out and purchase them. What bewilders my mind, however, is how far back society has gone. We have built a culture in which wearing the shortest skirts and tightest blouses makes ladies feel attractive and accepted. I dare you to put this theory to a test: go out on Halloween, whether you celebrate it or not, and look around.

Count how many females are actually covered past their knees. I can bet you one hand will be enough to count your total. I know so because as mentioned before, Halloween is the perfect opportunity to bring out each of our inner goddesses.



IMAGE TAKEN from halloweencostumes4u.com Costumes for women like the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader option often sell for inflated prices.

### Now is the Time More Than Ever That You Should be Doing AC

KAYLA HORVATH

"America's favorite playground," "Monopoly City," or the gleaming "city-by-the-sea." as many others, have fallen in AC. love with Atlantic City and made South Jersey treasure.

who are fond of AC, the city has almost always thrived. From being a famously rebellious place where all bets were off and all alcohol was available during the prohibition, to the wild success of the real estate along the coast boardwalk in recent times, we knew our little playground was safe and sound.

tunately, in the past couple of years the economy and success in Atlantic City has been steadily declining and plummeting to dangerous new lows.

ous the city could be in trouble.

The main reason for this and legalizing online gambling, vals like Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun; it has heart.

AC carries with its many nicknames so much rich history, personality, some glitz and maybe just a bit of magic. That's why Call it what you like, I as well I believe that we should all DO

I don't think there is anywhere many fond memories in our little in the world quite like it. Sure, Las Vegas is well, Las Vegas ... Fortunately, for those of us but it is located in the middle of a dessert, in the middle of the country. Other casinos may be popping up in single locations in other states but in AC you get it ALL in one little place. There is the beach, the boardwalk, shopping and restaurants, your choice with large casinos, clubs and the of dozens of resort casinos, night clubs, bars, and the always fun events occurring.

I do believe that sometimes But on the other hand, unfor- living in NJ and so close to AC makes it easy to take it for granted. But think about it: one day, America's gleaming, wild, and pulsing playground with it's bright lights, long beaches and With big name casinos such loud music could be nothing as Showboat, Trump Plaza and more than an abandoned city ... Revel closing its doors, it is obviag host town filled with beloved memories.

I have so many great memoslump is likely that other states ries of AC. From sunny days on are opening smaller solo casinos the beach and boardwalk and yummy dinners in the rainforest eliminating the need to make the cafe when I was a young girl with trip to AC entirely. To me, Atlan- my family to crazy nights in the

So next time you are planning a little weekend getaway, a fun night out, or a short day trip, why not Do AC? Even if you are

adult. I couldn't imagine all of not the wild child, party animal, that being gone one day. drinker or gambler there is still plenty of allure.

> In other words, Atlantic City does not just have to be for wild young adults in their twenties

who will sit at a table all night emptying their wallets and pounding drinks.

The city also boasts many state-of-the-art restaurants, SE-RIOUS shopping, both in the casinos and the great outlets nearby, all kinds of entertainment (including comedy shows and concerts) a lighthouse just a town away and many events (from food and wine festivals to boat and air shows).

An added perk, every Tuesday this month, Atlantic City Expressway Eastbound is completely toll free from noon till midnight.

In light of the recent financial scares, the city is also doing its part to draw more visitors and make a trip more affordable. There are great deals and discounts available if you just look (even for a broke college student like me) because hey, we deserve a fun night out for all of our hard work, right?

How sad it would be for our shining and fun city-by-the-sea to transform in to a run-down ghost town with empty memories right before our eyes, hundreds of years of history lost.

If that thought makes you sad, then next time you and your family are planning a little trip, or you and your friends are searching for a night of fun, head south to AC and start DOING everything it has to offer!

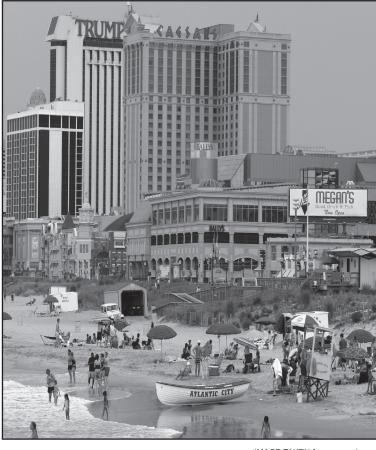


IMAGE TAKEN from www.ni.com-

tic City just has something more casinos dancing and laughing the Atlantic City has faced tough times but opportunities like dining going for it than other casino ri- time away with my friends as an out, gambling, shopping, and clubbing are still prevalent.

## Rule Out Location When Rooting for Out-of-State Sports Teams

**BILL ROMBA** STAFF WRITER

sports team to pull for, most people tend to make their decision based on the area they live in. In this part of Jersey, that tends to mean seeing a lot of "Big Blue" decals on cars or fans decked out in green pulling for the "J-E-T-S! JETS! JETS! JETS!"

Yes, many people root for teams that play in or around the and blue. state they are from. But there are quite a few fans, myself included, who believe "location, location, location" is best served for real estate investors. We rely on other factors when choosing what team to pull for.

When it comes to baseball, embarrassing as it might be, I'm a Mets fan. Yes the "Amazin' Mets" have not lived up to that

you have to stand by your team. While it may seem like I made this decision based on the fact that When it comes to deciding on a the Mets are a local team, that's not the case. My grandmother was a die-hard fan of the New York Metropolitans. Because of that my dad and the rest of his family are Mets fans and because of that, my brother and I have been fans of the team since we were kids. Whether they're "amazin" or not, win or lose, we both bleed orange

That's how it is with the NHL too. My dad has always been a New York Islanders fans because when he was following hockey, there was no New Jersey Devils franchise. Back then, when you hated the Rangers, the Flyers and the Penguins, the only logical choice was to pull for the Isles. While I don't really mind the Devils, when it comes to teams nickname in quite some time, but like the Mets and the Islanders, I

feel almost like it's a family tradi- he put it, "I hate the Cowboys, I tion to take up a rooting interest in these local underdogs.

But when it comes to football, I've noticed this is where people's loyalties tend to transcend state lines. I'm a Kansas City Chiefs fan because just like my baseball and hockey selections, my father is a fan. Plus, the team is among the biggest underdogs in the league. Seeing them go to the playoffs last year after winning just two games the previous season was beyond exciting. You don't get that kind of thrill from the Patriots or the Broncos; teams that seemingly always make the playoffs as of late. I know this seems like a strange argument but when your team hasn't made it to the playoffs in a while, it makes it much more special when they do make it back.

My brother Matt is a fan of the Washington Redskins because, as hate the Giants and I hate Philly." Rather blunt, but when you hate three of the four teams in the NFC East, why not pull for the fourth one? Also, the team has become a lightning rod for controversy, but he doesn't mind being politically incorrect and wears his burgundy jacket, emblazoned with "Red-skins" in big gold letters, with

At the Burger King where I work, I became friends with a coworker who's an Oakland Raiders fan. A senior at Freehold Boro High School, he's been a fan of the team since he was young. He's aware Oakland is currently 0-5 and it's been some time since his team has been close to relevant, but he still follows the Raiders on NFL Mobile at work when we aren't busy.

My girlfriend is a Giants fan because her mother was one, but her shopping for a favorite team.

dad has been a Dallas Cowboys fan since childhood. Growing up in a house full of Giants and Jets fans, his brother's love for "America's Team" rubbed off. It's hard to argue with five Lombardi Trophies and 30 playoff appearances since 1966. Conversely, her sister is a Dolphins fan simply because their logo is a giant dolphin. She wouldn't know Dan Marino if she fell over him.

So when it comes to sports, people might choose local teams simply because they are local. Meanwhile, other people factor in other elements like what team their family and friends root for, who the biggest underdog is, who the most dominant team is, or who has the prettiest logo.

"Location, location, location" might work great when shopping for a house, but it doesn't necessarily work for everybody when

# Be Inspired: A Foreign Service Odyssey

Alumnus Thomas Gallagher Speaks to Students

Gallagher continued from p. 1

Eventually, his volunteer work working in the U.S. State Department. At this point in his career, Gallagher became well saw every US embassy attacked, except for his.

After his Saudi assignment, Gallagher was stationed in Nigeria, tasked with assisting Kaduna during the Biafran War. Gallagher said, "It was an amazing experience of a world gone bad."

beyond advisory roles, as Gallagher also made efforts to work with students from where he Carolina, where he helped establish the one of the largest track events of the time, the Pan African USA National Track Meet. This gathering saw 42,000 people cheer on the US and African teams, composed of nationals from a variety of countries.

Of his many accomplishments, one of Gallagher's most defining moments was his coming out as the first openly gay civil servant. Gallagher said, "Certainly it was the gay liberation movement which got me out of the closet." This was an experience that heavily influenced his career

He continued, "[The movement] totally changed my life and ended my career at the same time." Gallagher said that 20 years later, he would be able to return to the State Department, sexuals were no longer a barrier. ing environment."

He added, "Thomas Gallagher's presentation was fascinating. In some 40 minutes, he took the audience on a journey that spanned continents and time,

and that has interwoven his life as a U.S. Foreign Service officer with world affairs. His comtransitioned into a full time mitment to public service and position, and Gallagher began to socioeconomic justice speaks volumes and is inspiring.

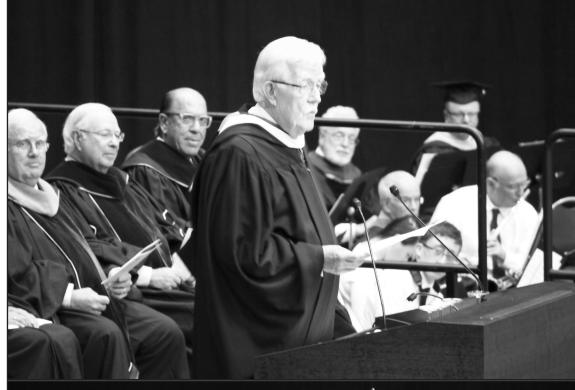
After his presentation, Gallagher offered some advice to stuaware of the risk involved in humanitarian work. In 1967, he was stationed in Saudi Arabia wonderful training ground for during the Six-Day war, which those who want to work overseas." By gaining experience in international work through the Peace Corps, Gallagher suggested that students are given the opportunities to improve a variety

"Volunteers who have completed a tour can demonstrate His service in Africa extended to potential employers that they have the ability to live abroad successfully. They also get a cross-cultural experience that served. Upon returning to the will expand their view of life US after his stint in Nigeria, tremendously," said Gallagher. Gallagher ventured to North He also noted that international service offers participants the opportunity to learn another language, which becomes increasingly more difficult with age.

Gallagher added, "for those who want to pass the Foreign Service test and learn a lot about the world beyond New Jersey, I recommend a subscription to the Economist, an excellent weekly news magazine that also offers background articles that go deeper than the current headlines.'

In attendance at Gallagher's presentation was Dr. Saliba Sarsar, Associate Vice President for Global Initiatives. Sarsar, who is also part of the Founder's Day Committee responsible for organizing Gallagher's presentation, said that an emphasis is placed on creating an environment that is both enjoyable and conducive once the policies against homo- in making a "meaningful learn-

> Sarsar continued, "[Gallagher's] commitment to public service and to socioeconomic justice speaks volume and is in-





(Top) Distinguished Alumni Thomas P. Gallagher addresses members of the Monmouth Community during the 81st Founder's Day Convocation on Oct. 8. (Bottom) President Brown gives his speech to attendees.

# University's Debate Team Makes it to Playoff Round at West Point Military Academy



PHOTO COURTESY of Joseph Patter The Debate Hawks pose with some members of the West Point Military Academy. Sana Rashid (front, 3rd from right) and Francesca Vacarro (back, 3rd from right) reached the playoff round.

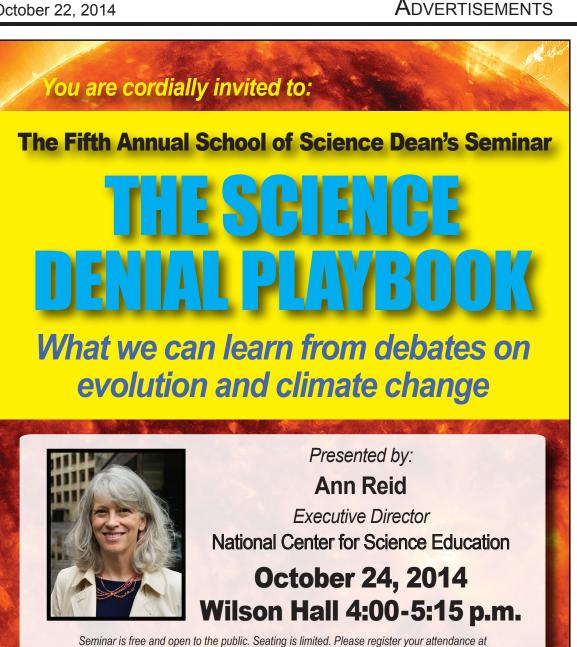
WEST LONG BRANCH, NJ - sales and another case focusing The Monmouth University Debate on prostitution. Team reached the playoff round at the West Point Military Academy tournament this weekend (Octo- including team captain Dan Rober 17-19, 2014). Sana Rashid and man and Michelle Grushko, Francesca Vaccaro made it into the playoff round before losing to a team from Cornell University. Team Captains Dan Roman and Michelle Grushko also went 3-3 while debating in the experienced division that includes scholarship

The tournament included approximately 100 teams of two debaters from 20 universities including Cornell University, University of Washington, James Madison University, New York University, Boston College and NYU to name a few. Each year, a topic is picked to be debated throughout the year. The topic for this year is "Resolved: The United States should legalize all or nearly all of one or more of the following in the United States: marihuana, online gambling, physician-assisted suicide, prostitution, the sale of human organs." The Monmouth team created one an important skill while making

case centering around human organ

Monmouth entered seven two person teams in the tournament, and Sana Rashid and Francesca Vaccaro, Payal Patel and Samah Khalifa, Danielle Doud and Monica Santos, Sarah Mustafa and Kallok, Janaya Lewinski and Matt Toto, and Mike Butkocy and Nicole Benis. Eight Monmouth debaters made their debating debut at this tournament. Monmouth alum and former debaters Kelly Craig and Lianne Kulik helped coach the teams and served as Monmouth judges at the tournament.

The Monmouth Debate Hawks will next compete on November 14-16 at West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia. Please contact Prof. Joe Patten at jpatten@monmouth.edu if you are interested in learning more about the debate team. No debate experience is needed! Join the debate team and learn lifelong friendships.



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# EXPLORING THE EVIL WITH

KEVIN HOLTON STAFF WRITER

The video game community has been clamoring for a return to good old-fashioned survival horror, and they were promised just that when "Resident Evil" creator Shinji Mikami was announced as the game director for "The Evil Within," developed by Tango Gameworks and published by Bethesda Softworks. promoted with phrases like "ammo" and scuttles that left me swiveling scarcity" and "nightmare inducing," with the trailers showing the protagonist, Sebastian Castellanos, sneaking through dark, trap-laden corridors stalked by hulking monstrosities. Above all, the world was ammo. promised that this would not be a Resident Evil" game.

However, Mikami seems to have spent a little too much time on that franchise, because "The Evil Within" is chock-full of the same old badness that "Resident Evil" fans are used to. In fact, if you played "Resident Evil 4," you came pretty close to playing this game. The player must dodge trip wires and bear traps while avoiding human beings that have been mutated by some powerful, previously untapped source that only the antagonist—in this case, a scientist named Ruvik-can control. Some similar enemies make emies. While the Haunted are no a comeback too, including a giant chainsaw-wielding monster that decapitates Castellanos exactly like the Ganado did in "RE4."

Some of these moments are obvious nods to the aforementioned franchise. For instance, the first enemy you come across is hunkered down from earlier, Laura has an interesting over a corpse, eating some random organs, and looks back at the player many corpses that lie around on the while lightning flashes. This little Easter Egg will be familiar to those her four arms to speed her attack. If who played the original "Resident she sprints toward him and you don't

homage ends and replication begins, but there are many similarities, only a few of which I'll go into.

Overall, this was a well-done game. The graphics are fairly nice, offering an impressive range of detailing, but this is limited to the characters. While the player can count the hairs of Castellanos's five o'clock shadow, flowers and shadows appear bulky, even pixilated, at times. The sound effects are more effective, of-This highly anticipated title was fering an array of clangs, groans, the camera around, desperately trying to figure out if what I was hearing was a broken pipe or the hiss of something that might force me to empty my already low amount of

> This can be a problem, because the camera hovers so close to the character that he takes up nearly half the screen, resulting in a lot of confusion, spinning, and sometimes, eye strain, motion sensitivity, and

> The other interesting part was the difficulty. This game will kill you in dozens of ways, ranging from the mundane, such as a mutant stabbing you to death, to the occasionally hysterical, like if a bomb you're trying to disarm detonates and sends your arms to the other end of the level.

Along with this are the fun endifferent from "Resident Evil's" Ganado, "The Evil Within" boasts a few unique creatures: The Sadist, The Keeper, and Laura, aka ReBone Laura, each with their own ways of killing Castellanos. While the Sadist is just the chainsaw wielding jerk tendency to tear her way out of the ground and chase Castellanos, using Evil." It can be difficult to tell where get him out of the way, she'll pin him

down and make a blood pancake out she wears tight jeans and high heels of your head.

I should mention that this is a very bloody, graphically violent game. The aforementioned death isn't even close to the worst you might see.

Along with the high death count is the high loading screen time. At an average of twenty seconds per loading screen, and considering the thirty deaths in my play through (the game is kind enough to tell you how many times you died), I spent ten full minutes staring at loading screens. As a rule of thumb, games that kill you a lot shouldn't take so long to load.

The biggest fault of this game is the poor character construction and cheap dialogue. Castellanos is a walking embodiment of every rugged cop cliché, as he's an alcoholic whose daughter was killed because of his job and his wife disappeared because she got too close to "the truth." Later, he nearly shoots the only character who could possibly help him and gets in the way when that same character almost stops the main villain. In fact, the entire last level takes place because he's too stubborn to admit he doesn't know what's going on, resulting in Ruvik obtaining insane amounts of power.

In addition to this aggravation, he has a tendency to say "What's going on?" "Where is this place?" and "Am I losing my mind?" every time anything happens. While this would make sense at the beginning, by the end of the game (at a roughly twelve hour play-through), I got seriously

tired of hearing him repeat himself. His supporting cast is pretty much limited to Detective Joseph Oda, who likes to whine and has terrible aim, and Julie Kidman, who is "Resident Evil's" stereotypical mysterious hot female that is secretly a double agent, a la Ada Wong. There is no explanation as to why

while the men wear suits, or why she is constantly used as bait, but she is redeemed a bit by having Jennifer Carpenter, of "Dexter" fame, as her voice actress.

Kidman will be a playable character in the DLC, which has yet to be released, but I look forward to learning a little more about the only interesting character in the game. Even Ruvik, the antagonist, is an utterly two-dimensional figure: a spoiled rich boy who was burned in a fire as a child and is angry at the world because his sister perished in that same fire. He decides to take out his grief by slaughtering dozens, if not hundreds, of strangers.

I won't spoil the ending, but I will say that it mirrors every final "Resident Evil" battle by having you fight some giant, impossible monster through a series of quick time events and a rail shooter sequence. After a cut scene, you're given a rocket launcher and you blow it up, which is how almost every "RE" game ends.

After you beat it (on casual mode), you're given a rocket launcher and machine gun for your next play through, but you can't change the difficulty for new game plus mode. This means that all you gamers who like to play the easy mode and take your upgrades to harder difficulties (like I do) will be in for a rough time.

All in all, "The Evil Within" was a fun game, but I don't think it's an accident that 'Evil' wound up in the name. There are many "Resident Evil" moments in this game that had me questioning whether playing this was worth sixty dollars, but the graphics, enemies, and level design all kept me on my toes. My advice: wait until the price breaks and the DLC comes out. If the extra content gets good reviews, take a look and see if you might want to get your head smashed in one to two hundred times (on 'normal' difficulty). I may sound harsh, but this was a good game. If it had cost less money or been more original, it would've been great



IMAGE TAKEN from flickeringmyth.com

"The Evil Within" is a survival horror video game available for play on Platforms like PlayStation, Xbox, and Microsoft Windows.

# "GONE GIRL" ISN'T GOING ANYWE

**EMILY SHAPIRO** 

It is so typical to see Hollywood create movies where romances have happy endings, but what happens when a love story is nowhere near predictable? In the newest craze "Gone Girl," Nick (Ben Affleck) and Amy Dunne (Rosamund Pike) shows audiences what the real meaning of "on the edge of your seat" feels like.

you think you know the story. Even and a half hours long. with no knowledge of the book, you get a sense that this is just the usual husband kills wife plot—or at least that's what I thought.

The movie opens up with Nick going to a bar to meet his sister (Carrie he must have a drinking problem because the scene is set early in the morning. After getting a call at the bar from a neighbor about the cat being let out, Nick rushes home. While entering his kitchen, he notices that a table has been flipped upside down ry play Tanner Bolt, a lawyer who and smashed. He calls for his wife, but there is no answer.

The rest of the movie is twist after twist after twist, and there is no telling what will happen next (unless you read the book!). As the investigation progresses, "Gone Girl" gives a completely new meaning to the word 'gone.'

The way Nick tries to convince the crowd he had nothing to do with the disappearance of his wife is chilling. On one hand, you want to

at the same time, all signs point to him. As Nick's character develops throughout the movie, you can tell that the harsh words of the media take a beating on him, as if he knows he did not kill his wife but the media's interrogation makes him question himself.

One of the biggest plot twists comes as soon as the audience thinks they have it all figured out. Without giving anything away, let's just say Before even entering the theatre, this movie does not feel as if it is two

Even though Affleck, Pike, and Coon are the main focus in the mystery-thriller-love story that "Gone Girl" is, there are a few familiar faces you can expect to see on the screen. Neil Patrick Harris plays Coon). Immediately, you think that Desi Collings, a past love interest of Amy. This is unlike any other character Harris has played. He is creepy, overbearing, and controlling, which are opposites of his usually funny roles.

Audiences will also see Tyler Perdecides he wants to defend Nick in court. Known best for his series of "Tyler Perry's Madea" movies, it was refreshing to see Perry in something new. One other face audiences might recognize is Emily Ratajkowski, whose character Andie Hardy gets caught up in Nick and Amy's drama. Ratajkowski is a wellknown model, and can be seen in the music video for the song "Blurred Lines" by Robin Thicke.

It is safe to say that director David

believe everything he is saying. But Fincher is no stranger to being part Objects," "Dark Places," and "Gone movie made it to the final cut. of amazing films. With movies like "The Social Network," "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," and "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" under his belt, Fincher seems to have been the best choice for this outstanding film.

Before "Gone Girl" was a movie, it was a book. Author Gillian Flynn has published three novels: "Sharp Girl." While she might have not been thinking about making her books into movies when writing them, she had her fair share of involvement when it came to putting "Gone Girl" on the big screen. She wrote the screenplay for the movie, and even got to be on set for production. Everything from the book that Flynn believed belonged in the them, this is a must see!

According to Box Office Mojo, the film has made \$161.5 million so far. The budget for the film was \$61 million, and was expected to make north of \$30 million.

This movie definitely makes you go through a range of emotions. From hating a character, to loving them, and then feeling sorry for



IMAGE TAKEN from independent.co.uk

Ben Affleck (right) and Rosamund Pike (on poster, left) star as Nick and Amy Dunne in the adaptation of Gillian Flynn's breakout novel, "Gone Girl."

# Lena Dunham is "Not That Kind of Girl"

### VICTORIA NELLI CONTRIBUTING WRITER

the tough transition from actress to writer. Lucky for Lena Dunham, her fantastic writing skills ensured that debut book "Not That Kind of Girl" didn't turn out just okay—it was incredible

Dunham's adolescence and selfdiscovery phases growing up. She

mentions a lot of her firsts: first relationship, first sort of online boyfriend, and first therapist. It is a deli-Not many TV stars can make cious read in the sense that her words are so powerful and enchanting that you can't put the book down. A lot of people criticize Dunham for how she got her start in the business and how her family connections helped her get to where she is. I feel that her The book focuses largely on connections might have helped her get her foot in the door, but her talent is what has secured her spot not

only as an actress, writer, producer, him. When she finds out through a director, but also as one of the most creative people of our time and the voice of a generation.

In "Igor: Or, My Internet Boyfriend Died and So Can Yours," she talks about her 'internet boyfriend' whom she never me and later finds out has died. Dunham finds herself becoming infatuated with her new online suitor (like she does with most things throughout the book) and wants to learn everything about

mutual friend that has physically met Igor that he has passed, she feels somewhat heartbroken. Out of all of the chapters in this book, I really, really enjoyed this one. The premise that she found herself caring for this boy that she had never met only to lose him was just so tragic—almost like an episode of "Catfish" with no

In another chapter of her glorious book, Dunham discusses therapy. Therapy isn't for everyone, but in her case it wasn't so much about deciding whether or not to go to therapy, but rather who would be her therapist. She talks about forming a special bond with her therapist and later having that bond become overwhelming to the point where she had to get a new therapist. Eventually, she found out that her therapist had a daughter her age, and they would later meet at college and become friends—a happy coincidence for Dunham.

In "Platonic Bed Sharing: A Great Idea (For People Who Hate Themselves)," she talks about her bed sharing phase all throughout college. Dunham would invite new and interesting people (sometimes even possible love interests) to spend the night in a totally platonic way. She expressed her deep love brings. She also mentions her di-

sasters that came with platonic bed sharing, and how at times it lost its romantic and picturesque appeal that it once had (especially when bad body odor and breath were thrown into the mix).

She speaks of friendships a lot throughout the book, especially her relationships with her closest girlfriends. My personal favorite chapter from this section is "13 Things I've Learned Are Not Okay to Say to Friends," some of the best ones being, "There's a chapter about you in my book," "There's nothing about you in my book," and "Have a nice life, bitch." She goes on to thank many of her friends (including fellow celebrities Taylor Swift and Jack Antonoff) at the end of her book.

Dunham is an extraordinary writer. I feel like anyone would enjoy "Not That Kind of Girl," especially someone who is going through their adolescent years. She serves as a guide to help you avoid the mistakes she made, and offers some advice on topics she is still learning about. "Girls" is just one project of Dunham's that is impeccable; "Tiny Furniture" is brilliant in a quirky way, but "Not That Kind of Girl" is inspiring, beautiful, and addictive—definitely Dunham's best work to date. One can only of bed sharing and the intimacy it hope that she will write another book in the near future.



Lena Dunham is best-known for the breakout TV show "Girls," a comedy about a group of female friends that airs on HBO.

**JOHN MORANO** CONTRIBUTING WRITER

If you are a fan of arcade fighting games for their mechanics and design, then you don't even have to read any further—this game is perfect. If, on the other hand, you there are several factors which may detract from your experience.

"Persona 4 Arena Ultimax" is an arcade-style fighting game, developed mainly by Arc System Works in the style of Atlus's hit series "Shin Megami Tensei: Persona." The game itself is considered to be a spinoff within "Persona" because while it is not a core title of the series (like "Persona 3" or "Persona 4"), its events are considered canon to the "Persona" series plotline.

I recall are "Smash Bros." "Dissidia Final Fantasy," and "Injustice: Gods Among Us"). However, with that said, the mechanics, look, and sound of "Ultimax" all appeared to be flawless, and they have been received as such by critics. The difficulty when playing against computer opponents can be easily adjusted (in the context of Story Mode, it can even be automated) so no one should be prevented from enjoying this story by a single tough opponent or difficulty grasping the con-

However, while I thoroughly enjoyed the gameplay itself, depending on the mode that one plays there is either too much or too little. In Story Mode, expect at most two percent of your time to be devoted to gameplay (it is essentially a visual novel broken up by the occasional short lived brawl). In other story was told. There are two differmodes, such as Arcade Mode, you will find a skeletal story. One of my personal favorites, GoldenArena Mode, removes story entirely, but

adds in character progression (you level up, increasing stats and learning or finding abilities). There's definitely room for improvement, but it's refreshing to see that sort of mode in an arcade-style fighting

The music and cut scenes of "Ulcare more about its narrative, then timax" deserve special mention. Although the music probably isn't everyone's taste, it is the epitome of its genre (mostly j-pop and j-rock). The same can be said for the animestyle cut scenes. A good measure of whether you like this or not is if you watch and enjoy anime; if you do you probably will like "Ultimax." If you dislike anime and aren't an arcade style fighting game enthusiast, you'll probably want to steer clear of this game. My only criticism is that I personally feel that there As a disclaimer, I haven't played should have been more cut scenes prior "Persona 4 Arena" title; its a lot of fighting games (three that (it felt like, and I'm being generous, 15 minutes of them, counting all of the story episodes and the opening).

In regards to the Story Mode, things are a little more complicated. For the most part, "Ultimax's" story is a passable narrative created to make the cast of "Persona" fight each other (the story is definitely built around gameplay). Although some character development does occur, it's nothing major (often with the "Persona 3" cast it feels forced). This is an over-the-top anime game, much more so than the "Persona" series it takes place within. The characters include a Power Ranger, a boxer, a dog, a baseball coach, a wealthy company heiress, a high school detective, a teen idol, two robots, a teddy bear, and several "normal high school students" (a cliché within JRPG's).

I also had a problem with how the ent story modes that come with the game, one from the perspective of the "Persona 3" cast, the other from "Persona 4." As a whole, although

there were some clichés (optimistic tone, friendship conquers all, some stereotypical villains...) I liked the "Persona 4" mode. However, the "Persona 3" mode felt out of place. Both story modes contradict each other at various parts (though this is done purposely). It makes the story as a whole much harder to grasp. How can one tell what actually happened when there are two separate accounts from equally credible sources? Going off of the "True Ending," I personally feel that the "Persona 4" story makes more sense, so the "Persona 3" story feels unnecessary (also, a bit of a slap in the face to "Persona 3" fans, as the protagonist of Ultimax's "Persona 3" story wasn't even in "Persona 3").

Just as an advisory, there was a plot is necessary in order to understand this one, and I personally thought that it was superior in terms of story. Thankfully, it can be purchased as DLC for \$10 (in my opinion a very fair price). Also, if one purchases the "Adachi" DLC for \$5, it will unlock a new fighter along with an extra story mode (it's shorter than the other two, but the plot is, in my opinion, much better). There are two other DLC characters (Marie and Margaret) for \$5 each, but unfortunately they only add fighters into the game and not narrative.

As a whole, I found "Persona 4 Arena Ultimax" to be very enjoyable. As far as the arcade-style fighting game genre goes, there is nothing that I would recommend over it. As a general score within its genre, I'd give this game a 9/10. If you're a "Shin Megami Tenshi: Persona" fan, however, and are here for the story, I would label this a good fan service, but nothing exceptional (and as such would score it at 8/10).

### "PERSONA" SERIES



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"Persona 4 Arena Ultimax" is an arcade-style fighting game that is part of the "Persona" video game series. The game was released in the U.S. on Sept. 30.

As a "Persona 3" fan, I felt let importance of them. The theme down by the plot of "Ultimax" (although the "Persona 4" fan in me was satisfied). Within the "Persona" series, "Persona 3 and 4" are night and day. "Persona cards. In "Ultimax," these two 3" is about gaining strength by facing one's own death. The Latin phrase "Memento Mori" is displayed during the opening sequence; it is then translated as "remember that you will die" (and a lot of people die in this game). Every time there is a fight in "Persona 3," the main characters raise a gun-like object (called an evoker) to their head and pull the trigger.

"Persona 4," on the other hand, is much more feel-good (and funny). In stark contrast to the "Persona 3" color pallet of dark blue and dark green (meant to symbolize rot and decay), "Persona 4" has vibrant pink and gold. Though it has several deaths, they are nothing close to what "Persona 3" does, neither in the number of deaths nor the feel less like a "Persona" game.

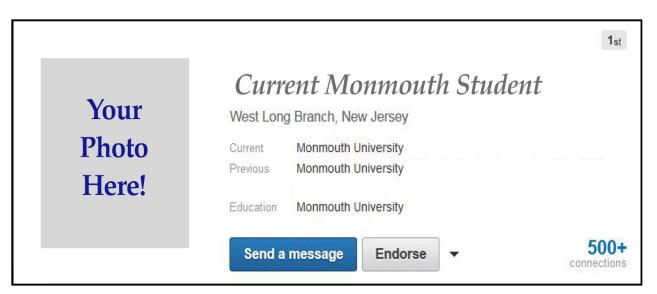
of "Persona 4" is enjoying one's youth and finding inner strength by accepting oneself. Also, the evokers are replaced with tarot games are fused together—this may not bother newcomers or "Persona 4" fans so much, but "Persona 3" fans will likely be disappointed.

Finally, the "Persona" series as a whole is heavily influenced by psychology (Jungian Psychology in particular). In core titles, the player will actually sit through lectures on the subject. The word 'persona' is Latin for mask, used by the famous psychologist Carl Jung to describe the different faces people wear at different times. Other concepts like chaos theory, projection, and the collective unconscious are explored in depth. However, the amount of psychology in "Ultimax" is negligible. I personally found this to make it

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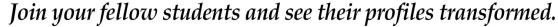






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### Embark on Both Real and Make-Believe Haunts Before Halloween

So it is that time of year again, witches and ghouls and goblins oh my! It is the one time a year when people want a scare in their life. Of course there is always the scary movie section on Netflix but if you are looking for more thrill, New Jersey is the perfect spot to be. Not only is it home to hundreds of acres of farmland and cornfields, but it's close to haunted attractions in both New York and Pennsylvania.

First looking close to home, there is Casola Farms in Holmdel, located only 30 minutes away from campus. This small farm offers three attractions, a small haunted house, a pitch-black cornfield, and a startling hayride. Recently Monmouth University's Outdoors Club attended the event. The club advisor and an adjunct professor of the computer science and software engineering department, William Reynolds, said, "We had a group of 34 students and it was so much fun squeezing into a wagon designed for 30. My favor- another relatively close haunt that ite part was the bogus cop car that makes for a chilling night. Offering chased us down."

Brittany Hintze, a freshman photography major, works at Casola Farms. You may find her chasing you through the cornfield and popping out at every hidden corner.

"The best part about working at Casola's haunted corn maze is seeing how every person reacts to being the pathways.

so scared!" Hintze said.

Going out of Monmouth County there is A Haunting at Cream Ridge in Cream Ridge. This 25 minute long hayride is conducted on grounds that used to be home to witches coven in the 1800's.

Located in Wall in an old abandoned army base, Camp Evans Base of Terror is a short ride from Campus and guaranteed to scare you; whether its from an actor impersonating a ghoul or from actual ghosts themselves. It is a half-mile long journey through the old campgrounds that were used for top secret and experimental army research.

Vanessa Tobia, a senior psychology major, was in one of the basements of the bomb shelter when she swears no one was around her and she felt a hand run up her back.

"I didn't feel threatened or like there was an evil presence, just shocked that a spirit can be that strong and come through and physically touch you," she said. Beware if you decide to embark on this haunt.

Scary Rotten Farms in Brick is two creepy haunts, it may seem like more of a nightmare to some.

Steering away from the farms of New Jersey, Six Flags in Jackson is an option too. There are mazes, scare zones, terror trails, themed shows on top of the roller coasters. Two hundred zombies walk around

for a scare then grab the car and a friends and head down to the Terror Behind the Walls at the Eastern State Penitentiary in Philadelphia. Believed to be one of the most haunted places in America with numerous ghost buster shows having found evidence of paranormal activity, this is not a haunt for the faint of heart.

Terror Behind the Walls is also named by Forbes.com one the scariest haunts in America. Being so close to one of the most historically haunted places in America gives you no excuse to miss out, unless you want to sleep again.

In New York City, there is Blood Manor, in the heart of the Hudson Square district. It offers six walk throughs with zombies: The Crypt, Thunderdome, The Wake, Mayhem, Maggot Invasion, and Hannibal's

On Thursdays, this particular location also offers you the option to increase the scare factor of your visit and allows you to be touched below the knees and above your shoulders by the zombies and ghouls that walk the place. Blood Manor could be an interesting and unique experience but not for the faint of heart.

With so many options you may not be able to be able to fit them all into one month, luckily there is Brighton Asylum in Passiac, New Jersey that is opened all year round. With 13,000 square feet of indoor

If you're willing to travel farther any time of the year. Brighton is the road, you will hear a baby crying different from other haunted attractions because it offers activities like zombie paintball, horror movies, stilt walkers and so much more.

If you are looking to be thrifty but still want a spook, Cry Baby Bridge is a Weird NJ attraction close to the University. Found in Middletown, legend has it that if you drive across the bridge and stop in the middle of

and supposively, your car will not start. Venture here for a free scare.

Turn off the scary movie and see real terror in action this fall. Nothing says getting in the spirit of Halloween like being chased by a chain saw or getting spooked by an actual ghost. With so many awesome haunts so close by, there's no reason not to get spooked this October.



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will also alert you if a food item con-

In addition, many young people

are concerned with their physique,

too. Apps like My Fitness Pal, Map

My Run, and My Net Diary log

calorie intake or exercise so you can

reach health goals.

tains any of those items," she said.

Members of Monmouth's Outdoors Club (from left to right) Krystal Wilson, Rachel Fox, and Mariola Cieloch recently haunted house you can catch a fright went to a haunted hayride 30 minutes away from campus.

# Apps to Help Avoid Procrastination and Increase Productivity

**KELLY HUGHES** OPINION/ LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Apps, apps, apps. We are constantly using the ones we like best and perhaps a little more often than necessary. Even the ones that sit for some reason. For college students, apps usually serve as a means to procrastinate academic responsibilities. Twitter, Instagram and Facebook are common culprits.

Sitting at your desk trying to start a paper that is due tomorrow? Scrolling on Instagram before you start seems like a harmless idea. Then, you realize it's a half hour later and you've managed to creep on ten different accounts, meanwhile, your Microsoft word template is blanker than your bank account.

features of these mobile apps can vices, making it easy to open in wifi. definitely get in the way of our progress. There are a number of apps, however, that can be especially useof college students.

is to be organized. Any.do is an app

for this: it lays out a to-do list which you can create daily or weekly. It prioritizes your tasks in the order that vou need them done. You can type to add new items to the list or use your voice to include them.

According to the app's website, on our home screen lifeless, not so it is used by millions and won app much, but we still keep them around awards in 2012 by both Apple and Android. Similarly, Clear is another organizational app, but this synchronizes various to-do lists such as: ing with paperwork for financial aid uct comes up.

get correct to ensure you study extra that. Mint.com guides your budget health. If you have any allergies, for the material you do not know.

Apps like CamScanner and Snap-2PDF allows you to take a photo of a document of textbook and converts it into a PDF. This makes it so you can easily scan these papers and upload them to your phone. Allie Phillips is a senior communication major who uses CamScanner.

"This app was helpful when deal-

and allows you to see the percentage of what types of goods your money is most and least spent on. Some features include tracking spending and receiving bill pay reminders.

For off-campus students, grocery shopping is another rite of passage that can be a hassle. ShopWell is an app that allows the barcode to be scanned and an analysis of the prod-

"I like that when you are establishing your daily calorie goals, My Fitness Pal alerts you if your desired weight loss is not realistic or safe in the desired timeframe," Enright said. If you are in the mood to treat

yourself to good eats but not sure where to look, the app, Yood, is a food category app that finds restaurants by location. Just search a type of food and it will match you. Taylor Vullo, a senior communication major, uses the app.

"Yood is perfect for when my roommates and I want to try new places in the area when we're in the mood for something specific but not sure where to go," Vullo said.

normal go-to apps, check out some of these. Many apps out there can pleting all your assignments on time puter or your phone. It has a unique shared by students everywhere: also help people looking to control be useless, but these ones can make

### There is no argument that certain features of these mobile apps can definitely get in the way of our progress. There are a number of apps, however, that can be especially useful to improving the every day lives of college students.

There is no argument that certain It syncs your task lits with other de-

Besides the use of organization, apps can assist with classwork. StudyBlue is designed to help study ful to improving the every day lives for tests. It does this by creating digital flashcards and it can even upload One of the key aspects to com- review guides to study on your comability to filter out the notecards you

grocery list, homework to do, etc. that had to be signed by myself and my parents," Phillips said.

> Of course, having these catered to be in sync with school necessities is beneficial. However, other social college rites of passage are included in these apps too and are just as im-

A universal complaint that is they're broke. Well, there's an app for

Staying healthy in college is a challenge faced by many, but this app helps decide if a food is the best option and may even offer alternatives. Amanda Unanski Enright, an adjunct nutrition professor, uses ShopWell.

The app (ShopWell) is not only focused on weight loss, but it can their diabetes, cholesterol, and heart your life a whole lot easier.

Instead of wasting time on your

## Balancing College Fashion of How to Remain Cute While Cozy

KRISTEN HARGER

In a professional setting such as a summer business job, we dress to impress, but the fashion stereotype for college students tends to be lazy-wear. This, on the other hand, tends not to impress. Walking around campus you see many students wearing sweat pants and sweatshirts and while this is a completely acceptable style for college students, it is also admirable to dress fashionably.

Transitioning from that summer business job to college can be difficult because you were so accustomed to waking up every day and putting together a sophisticated outfit. Now, you are back in the college groove where the majority of students are dressed in extremely casual attire. So, you struggle be-

tween looking sophisticated and fitting in with the majority of college students.

Especially for girls, there seems to be a constant battle between throwing on a pair of your favorite sweats or dressing up for class. Yes, the first option might be easy, but it is not much harder to put together a neat outfit for the day.

Hailey Omiunu, a sophomore biology major, knows how this feels. 'Some people love to put effort into how they look everyday and some people don't, everyone is different," said Omiunu.

"Personally I have days where sweatpants and a t-shirt are my best friend, and I feel great. But I tend to have more days where I really want to look nice, so I dress up and I feel even better. Everyone has their own style and should embrace it," continued Omiunu.

When searching for comfy, yet chic clothes it can be hard to find clothing that fits both those criteria. There are many outfits that can be trendy and comfy, you just have to look for them. Jenn Urmston, a biology MEBP major, offers some insight, "The biggest secret for girls is either leggings or sundresses. With leggings, you can throw on a cute top, be comfy, and look welldressed all at the same time. The same goes for dresses; it really looks like you tried, but in reality it's just us girls being lazy."

Like Urmston said, a pair of leggings could be paired with a long, flowy top or cozy cardigan with a camisole underneath to create a chic look while being comfortable at the same time. Jeans can also have a relaxed feel when paired with a simple t-shirt, quarter zip fleece, and a pair of stylish flats. It is best to stick to ment you can turn your daily outfits

one color palette and simple textures, so that choosing your outfit becomes much easier, especially if you are in that lazy mood. It allows you to add fun accessories, such as a scarf with a pop of color or sparkle to turn your look from drab to fab.

Besides clothing, jewelry can also be used to spruce up your outfit, if desired. Bangles, especially Alex and Ani bracelets are trending right now, so a few of those paired with bold dangly earrings can really spice up your outfit.

Charming Charlie is a popular accessory store, with reasonable prices, where you can find almost any color or style jewelry, handbags, scarves, and even shoes! This store can really put some life into your everyday wardrobe.

All of this might seem like a lot of work, but once you have the equip-

from cozy to cute with little effort. According to Stephanie Lynch, a specialist physician assistant professor, "On days when I have to put more effort into my appearance, I feel more confident about myself and more prepared for the day. Getting up, showering, and getting ready for the day makes me have a positive and confident outlook on education and my career."

Interestingly enough, dressing presentable for class can make an impact on your performance. According to Stacia Pierce, a life coach and Huffington Post blogger, dressing for success is important for business because a put-together appearance is associated with hard work.

So next time you are picking out what to wear for the day, think of this: when you look good, you feel good and when you feel good, you

### Professors Profess Their Pre-Professor Professions

ROBERT ZADOTTI CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Here at Monmouth, it's important to develop a working relationship with your professor in order to stay on top of assignments and make the semester in their class a pleasant one. Monmouth is full of knowledgeable people who are experts on the topics they teach, but one cannot escape the curiosity of how they came to such an academically prestigious profession.

'Most professors never left academia," said Kevin Rooney, an adjunct professor of history. What he says is true: many professors have spent their lives studying to become teachers, and as such have never left a school environment. Receiving a PhD is no easy feat, and requires years of work to achieve.

"I'm a bit of an anomaly," said Rooney, "I always had an interest in history, but at a critical stage, I chose to go to law school for financial reasons." Rather than go through years of schooling to get his doctorate, Rooney chose to pursue a career as a lawyer and start a family. He was a lawyer for 25 years, but then retired in 2007, and decided to pursue his passion.

'I just didn't feel like being a lawyer any more, and once I had reached a financially secure level. and all my kids were off to college, I decided to become a professor," continues Rooney.

The desire to pursue one's pas-

sions, especially if revisiting them after many years, can be an important resource on the long road to become a professor. Like anything, becoming a professor takes time and is easier when you're passionate about it. Some professors decide to simply pursue education from the very start.

All educators, regardless of position, need a love of teaching to succeed at the career. Besides tenured professors, there are adjunct professors, which are hired supplementary to the main staff. So if a professor is adjunct, how do they spend the rest of their time?

"In addition to teaching here at Monmouth, I also teach sixth grade language arts," says Danielle Sansevere, an adjunct professor of English. "I just love teaching English. I enjoy the split between little kids who can fall in love with reading, and having interesting discussion with college students."

Sansevere has been teaching for 13 years, and managed to find her way to Monmouth five years ago. Despite the apparent dichotomy between learning at the middle school level and the college level, Sansevere manages to bridge the two together with her love of teaching.

Now, many professors either choose careers or just study to become teachers from the start, and figure out their personal lives in between. Not many find their way back to school after they leave it, but for Professor David Tietge, an college environment, and I knew I

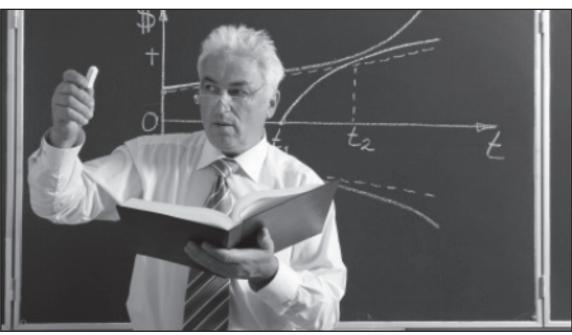


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College professors may not always start out in the academic field, but their love of the subject drives them to teach.

associate professor of English, taking a year off of school was the beginning of his road to becoming a professor.

"I was a real mediocre student in high school," said Tietge. "I took a year off after senior year, and found some work in a warehouse." Dirt poor and not going anywhere, Tietge eventually realized what he wanted to go to college for. "After a lot of soul-searching, I decided to go back to school. I really loved the wanted to be a professor." English new levels of intelligence. was a natural direction for him to take, as "Reading and writing seemed empowering to me."

As the highest form of educators, being a professor is a big responsibility that takes a lot of time to achieve. Commitment to teaching is a necessity, for the professor will be directly influencing the student's life with each course they teach. At the college level, students are learning for their careers, so professors are relied on to help guide them to

Not everyone begins their college experience knowing what they'll end up as, just like not all of the professors here knew they would end up teaching at Monmouth University. But through the decisions we make and the paths we choose, we end up in the place we are meant to be. And for all we know, there could be a fair amount of future professors here at Monmouth, waiting to discover the universal love of teach-

### What Would You Do... If You Could Fix the World in Five Minutes?

NICOLETTE ACCARDI CONTRIBUTING WRITER

If only every problem in the world could be fixed with the snap of a finger. It would be wonderful if issues could be resolved by a simple conversation, but that is sadly not a strategy for everything. Most problems in the world cannot be fixed at all, due to conflicting opinions and scenarios that are out of people's control. But what if it was possible to have our wildest dreams come true?

This world has been tragically dominated by disease. Everywhere you go you meet someone who has or had dealt with terrible diseases like cancer, or you see news on Ebola flashing on your television screen every hour. If I could fix the world in five minutes, I would rid the world of all disease. Illness has tragically

taken the lives of too many people around the globe and the statistics keep continuing to grow.

While growing up, I have lost two grandparents due to cancer; one I did not even get to meet. Thousands of people alike have experienced the loss of a family member, friend or acquaintance resulting from cancer. Not to be a bummer, but I'm sure everyone has been affected in one way or another. It is such a common disease nowadays that it is almost impossible to escape. I am positive there are other people who feel the

whether they are witnesses, victims or survivors. After all, cancer

There are countless issues that are happening globally that need to be resolved. If individual people had the power to fix the world in five minutes, can you just imagine how amazing the world would be?

"I would overthrow President Barack Obama so the people could have the power to rule. We could fix society and no longer use the monetary system, cut the military budget, and send relief to third world countries. If we no longer use the monetary system, everyone would have free access

> would make the world a better place," said Alli Ganim, a freshman who is currently with undecided her major.

to resources. Therefore, this

social work major, has desires that reflect her intended career path.

"I would have the desire to solve world hunger, poverty, equality, and war. If we accomplish these tasks it will help with advancement of society," said Vela.

Kaitlyn Robertson, a freshman special education major, focuses on the state of the environment. "If we all reduced, reused and recycled, the planet would be a better place. The air quality, environment and pollution would be improved as a whole. For the future, the world is looking pretty bad. Everyone needs to make an effort to achieve some kind of improvement in this world. No one seems to be caring enough for there to be actual noticeable changes in the environment. "

"The Robertson continues, emission of fossil fuels is basically

would be in the air. Doing this would also decrease obesity in America due to constant walking and physical activity."

Ping Zhang, a Chinese professor, explained how technology has taken over communication in the world. She would take a stand to ditch technology for more in person social interaction.

"When I lived in China everything from work meetings to just casual conversations was all done face-to-face. Here in communication America all is done by email and behind a computer screen. You do not really feel the closeness," said Zhang.

"People always seem to want to hide behind a phone call; I feel like not many people like to talk in person anymore," Zhang continues.

Having the ability to fix the what is killing our environment. world in five minutes would be Stephanie Fossil fuels are responsible for pretty amazing right? If only we a global warming and pollution. For all had the magical powers to have freshman instance, if people walked more such abilities. Hey, maybe if you and drove less, toxins believe hard enough it will happen.

# The Art of Letting Go of Life's Troubles

**OLIVIA CARUSO** 

Let's stop hanging up our problems. They are not pictures adorning the wall. They are not coats on a rack. It seems pretty common for people to suffer from dilemmas or 'hang ups." Such troubles might include unpreparedness for a test, a bad grade, a bridge burned, a failed relationship, an opportunity lost, or any personal mistake made.

I hear constant complaining and worry over these matters. The incessant lamenting reminds me of a televised news program: a lot of bad news. And news flash, nobody likes a "Debbie Downer." But it's time to stand up and stop the ongoing negativity. People must learn to break down the worry wall and

As college students, there are many little stresses that burden us. It's now over two months into the semester and professors are dropping assignments left and right. Students stress about those hectic nights when they're troubled with homework, a test, and a paper to write for the following day and they wonder how they're even going to complete just one.

But let's take a moment and ask ourselves why we're so hung up on this. The reason we're getting anxiety from a pile of paper, is because we care about our grades. We care about our success. We care about our future. If this sounds like you, then it's inevitable that you will eventually meet your goals.

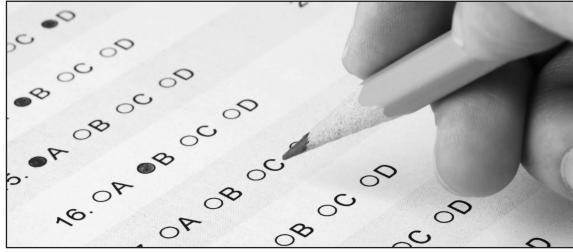
"If you fail a test, in retrospect, is it really going to matter? Work as hard as you can, and give the rest up to God. As long as you're a the world is over. good person and do your best, you will be perfectly fine," Amy Maginnis, a senior radio and TV major years you have to live in the future. failed relationships don't have to

If you hand in a paper that doesn't live up to your personal academic standards, try harder next time. One poorly written paper is not going to determine your future, so don't let that heavy feeling of a potential bad grade weigh down the rest of your week. You'll feel sad, stressed, and anxious which will affect other things you are trying to accomplish.

"These kinds of thoughts can be upsetting, and ruminating about them will yield nothing useful," Lorraine Chiavetta, a University psychological counselor said. When a person has these kind of hang ups, he/she might try labeling the thought as a 'worry' and consciously letting go of the worry, taking a deep breath and focusing on other more productive activities." So let that feeling go and believe that the next paper you write will be amazing.

Another stress for college students is managing friendships. There are people out there who have friends from every organization on campus in addition to friends from home, work, other places. Just like homework, dealing with a number of friends can catch up to us and leave us feeling upset. As we go through different college experiences, we begin to learn who our real friends are. Unfortunately, this could mean losing someone who has been by your side for years. And yes, it is tough. Losing a friend most often will involve disagreements, hurt feelings, deception, phoniness, or all of the above. But just because you've lost a friend doesn't necessarily mean

Think about how many years you've lived and how many more



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Tests, personal relationships and other life stresses can have negative impacts on students' lives but being able to let go of these stresses can help.

And think about how many people exist that you haven't even met yet. There are plenty of chances to make more friends (and maybe even better ones) in your future endeavors. It might hurt to think that a part of you is lost, but if you rid yourself of the negative feelings, you will eventually feel happier. So don't think of it as a burned bridge. Maybe a new bridge was actually built just in a different direction.

The same thing holds true for romantic interests. People cause themselves a lot of pain dwelling on the fact that they no longer have a significant other. Let that feeling go and open yourself back up to the world of other singles. Maybe you're not meant to be in a relationship at this particular moment. If you have been on a few dates and he or she decides to stop calling, date someone else. Embrace the fact that a change has occurred and just enjoy it. Break ups or be a bad thing.

Kyle Perry, a senior business marketing major said, "I feel as if hang ups happen to everyone. There is no escaping them. Emotion is such a powerful thing, no matter how hard you try to brush something off it will still bother you internally whether it's a bad grade, argument with a friend,

"These situations can be dealt with though. For me I just put things into perspective, I always try to take the positives out of the negatives. Even if I'm having a rough day I can shake the effect of a hang up. I always tell myself how lucky I am to be on this earth, have a family, and have great friends. Life is short and no one should get caught up in an unfortunate situation," Perry continues.

On many occasions it's easy to blame yourself for an unhappy situation. Maybe you overslept and flies by so theres no need to wormissed an important interview for ry about the little things," Perry your dream job. It's an opportunity states.

you most likely won't get back. When you were asked to make copies in the office at your internship, you broke the copy machine. You messed with the workflow of the entire office. Or maybe you mistakenly placed the wrong order for your table at the restaurant you work at. There goes your tip. But what we don't realize is that millions of other people are making some of the same mistakes as you are right now.

"Sometimes life gets stressful and you get kicked down over and over again. Keep getting up. Because I guarantee whatever is stressing you out now, won't matter a few days from now," Maginnis continues

In the midst of a moment, you may feel all sorts of undesirable emotions. But moments will come and go so try your best to make room for the happy ones. "Life

# Weather Woes Leave Apple And Pumpkin Pickers Empty Handed

**CLARE MAURER** 

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

October is a month beloved for its fall activities, especially pumpkin and apple picking. But what if there were not enough pumpkins for the taking? Due to the polar vortex that occurred last year, many farmers are worried about the amount of crops that will be produced this year.

With the weather changing so drastically, the fields can go from dry to damp within a day. fall, a reminder of the awful festivities. winter we had last year. So what does all this mean for our favorite fall festivities?

While many farmers are biting their nails to see what the rest of fall brings, the community gardens here at Monmouth are flourishing. Dean of the School of Social Work, Robin Mama, is also the advisor for the gardens, and gives us the inside look at the new community garden program on campus.

Through the combined efforts of the Center for Human and Community Wellness and the School of Social Work, the community gardens were started as a way for students to reach out to many different community agencies and food pantries around West Long Branch, including the Long Branch Senior Center and the Soup D'Shore with my friends and family," Soup Kitchen. Mama said that stated Natorye Miller, a sopho-

best year so far.

Mama explains that "the garden has both looked its best and produced its best this year. As of last week, our harvest totals were 3,265 pounds of produce donated! Once we add in October we will probably get close to 3,500 pounds.'

Monmouth's gardens may be flourishing, but what about the students? As the weather flicks from sweltering to freezing, students are left clueless as to what activities they should be partak-Many areas have been declared ing in, beach days or pumpkin "Primary Natural Disaster" ar- carving? Samantha Marella, a eas by the Department of Agri- sophomore business marketing culture. We're expected to have major, feels this fall has been blasts of freezing air early this too warm for her favorite fall

> "It's a little hotter than usual so my pumpkin picking spirit isn't really all there," Marella admits. "It's not cold like fall usually is".

During these 70 degree October days, students like Marella could just as easily stroll down to the beach or shop around Pier Village. With all the warm weather, some pumpkin patches reported producing only half the usual amount of crops.

One farmer, Dustin Ballinger, explained to 6 ABC that: "One [pumpkin] plant didn't produce as many as it should have. Instead of producing 10 or 12, it just produced five or six.'

Other students refuse to let ever-changing weather bring down their autumn plans. "I plan on going apple picking



IMAGE TAKEN from http://thisisitjersey.com

Different weather changes, including the polar vortex of last year and the recent fall heat, have left apple and pumpkin farms with less fruits which is causing less people to participate in fall season activities.

Even though October is coming ing, project preparing, and cofto a close, she hasn't actually proceeded with her plans yet. Miller confesses that she hasn't gone yet because of the weather and her school schedule.

Miller's statement leads to another prime reason why some students haven't made it to the pumpkin patch yet. October is a month full of many spooky things: fright fests, horror movies, and the most terrifying of all, midterm grades. Students that this has been the garden's more political science major. are swamped with exam study-

fee drinking.

For some of our peers, the closest they will get to a pumpkin is one of the decoration miniatures in the dining hall. Luckily for these unfortunate students, Fall Fest, an RHA sponsored event on the library lawn on October 30th, is just around the corner. Monmouth students won't have to leave campus to get their hands on a pumpkin.

With warm days and midterms behind us, students are looking

forward to a cool end to fall. Weather reports are predicting a chilly cold front to wreak its freezing havoc over the country, naming conditions such as heavy showers and brisk winds. As the cold weather encroaches, let's hope that students get their pumpkins and apples quickly. Before we know it, students will grow tired of the cold weather and be counting down the days until summer vacation. Don't worry everyone, just 122 days

# Greek Life Gathers Together at Homecoming 2014

ALYSSA TRITSCHLER CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A little rain couldn't stop University students and alumni from gathering together on Saturday, Oct. 11, to celebrate Homecoming. Sports teams, Greek organizations, and campus clubs welcomed home their alumni with a tailgate before the football game vs. Columbia University.

The University took Homecoming to the next level this year. The school launched a Spirit Week on social media, allowing students, alumni, and parents to participate in the #MMovement. The goal of the campaign was to show off your "Monmouth pride" by "painting social media blue," between Oct. 6 - 12. Members of the university's community were encouraged to post a picture on their social media accounts with the university logo, which had options for alumni, pride, student, parent, family, and fan. Those who used the #MMovement were entered for a chance to win a prize pack.

'We had a great response! The campaign caught the attention of more than 650 people during the course of the week and 65 entered to win a Monmouth prize pack,"

said Lauren Vento, Associate Vice President of Undergraduate and Graduate Admission, and creator of #MMovement. Vento also plans on extending #MMovement to Family Weekend and other events.

Student Government Association (SGA) kicked off the tailgate with the pep rally, on Friday, Oct. 11. Students and faculty packed pick up a "Red, White, and MU" homecoming t-shirt to show their school spirit at the football game. SGA also announced the winners of this year's homecoming Court. Taking home the crowns were Brandon Wasylyk (King), Maria Grace Iantosca (Queen), Dylan Vargas (Prince), Ashley McMahon (Princess), Matt Shehann (Duke), Charlie Hesse (Duchess),

organizations for the day.

'It felt amazing to see my sisters, both alumna and undergraduates, my former classmates, and former colleagues," said Kellie Hughes, Monmouth alumna and former President of Alpha Sigma Tau (AST). "Catching up with them made me miss Monmouth and all it has to offer.'

Despite the downpour of rain,



PHOTO TAKEN by Alyssa Tritschler

University students and Greek life members celebrated a rainy Homecoming under tents with alumni at the annual tailgate before the Homecoming football game against Columbia Unviersity.

the Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC) to cheer on the football team before the big game. Seniors of the football, cheerleading, and dance teams, as well as the pep band, were recognized after their

The pep rally gave students the

Tyler Hiznay (Lord), and Jess organizations combined their Waring (Lady).

For most alumni, Homecoming is one of the few days out of the year they have the chance to return to their former stomping grounds. It also gives alumni the chance to catch up with old tailgate. He thought the students chance to win door prizes and friends, as well as return to their and alumni would enjoy the day

tents and huddled together to celebrate. Jeff Singh, a junior psychology major and member of Phi Kappa Psi (PhiPsi), started the effort to pull all the organizations together to make a giant

more if they all came together, and starting the combined tailgate was the best way to show a sense of community.

"Homecoming is a day where we all get to be together and show pride in our community, whether it is for the Greek community or school community," Singh said.

This year was Delta Tau Delta (DTD) and Tau Delta Phi's (TDP) first homecoming on campus. Delta Tau Delta joined with Alpha Xi Delta (AXiD) to celebrate, and Tau Delta Phi paired up with AST.

"The guys [brothers of TDP] had an awesome time meeting all of the sisters of AST and were welcomed by the rest of the Greek community, when we built our 'tent city' at the tailgate," said Wasylyk, a senior international business major, and TDP's Home-coming chair. "It was a great ex-perience and the guys are looking forward to the years to come.'

The football team kept the school spirit high throughout the day. Students and alumni left the tailgate to watch their team dominate the game, beating Columbia 61-28. This is the fifth win for the Hawks since the season opener on Aug. 29. The team has five games left this season, two of which are scheduled as home games.

# Zeta Tau Alpha Thinks Pink for Breast Cancer

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The campus was painted pink the week of Oct. 6 as Zeta Tau Alpha (ZTA) hosted "Think Pink Week" to raise money for their national philanthropy, Breast Cancer Awareness and Education.

The women kicked off the week with a pink lemonade and bake sale on the Student Center patio complete with pumpkin and half benefitted PRSSA and muffins, cupcakes and cookies on Monday, followed by a Pink Out men's soccer game Tuesday night, according to the chapter's Director of Philanthropy Alexis Manzo., a senior Spanish major.

The second annual "Fall Into Pink" event was co-sponsored with the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) and was held Wednesday on the Student Center patio. "Fall Into Pink" included a silent auction, bake sale, chocolate fondue station, pumpkin painting, Pie-a-Zeta, music and other games.

'The 'Fall Into Pink' event was very successful," said Mary Harris, a specialist professor of pub-

for PRSSA. "Not only did students from ZTA and PRSSA raise awareness for two important philanthropies, they worked together to great a community-centered event that had something fun for everyone to enjoy.'

"Fall Into Pink" raised \$900. Half of the proceeds benefitted ZTA's philanthropy, Breast Cancer Awareness and Education, the Shadow PR Firm's client, The People's Pantry. The People's Pantry is a hunger relief organization based out of Tom's River that works to provide food and aid for the hungry, according to the organization's Facebook page.

'We're happy to keep Fall Into Pink an annual event and thrilled that we were able to make it bigger and better than the year before," said PRSSA co-president Casey Allocco, a senior public relations major. "Teaming up with ZTA is always a fun choice for us and we couldn't ask for a better team to work with.'

The beginning of the week was big for the chapter as well, said

lic relations and faculty advisor Ayla Yildiz, senior Vice President of ZTA. Half of the organization attended Susan G. Komen's Race for the Cure at Six Flags Great Adventure on Sunday.

"Walking around and talking to people who have been affected by Breast Cancer at these events solidifies the amazing cause Zeta Tau Alpha supports," said Manzo.

At Susan G. Komen's Race for the Cure, the sisters volunteered in the art tent, helping decorate beads to create a giant necklace of hope, explained Colleen Walsh, a junior health and physical education major. They also passed out runners bibs that participants filled out "In memory of" or "In celebration of" to pin to their shirts before the race.

While some of the sisters attended the race, the other half attended ZTA sponsored "A Crucial Catch" with the NFL Giants

"The NFL is one of ZTA's sponsors," said Manzo, "so ZTA chapters around the nation are invited to certain professional games to handout ribbons and sell other Pinked Out NFL gear at the



PHOTO TAKEN by Erin Ally

Zeta Tau Alpha sisters at their "Fall into Pink" event on the Student Center patio to benefit their philanthropy, Breast Cancer Awarness and Education.

tailgates to raise money for the would be donated to the chapter's philanthropy."

The week concluded with a Dine-to-Donate fundraiser with Bagel Guys Deli. Bagel Guys teamed up with the sisters for a fundraiser. When a flyer was brought into the deli, 10 percent of the proceeds from the meal

philanthropy.

The exact amount of proceeds from the fundraiser with Bagel Guys is still to be determined, but even without that number we were still able to raise over \$750 through our campus 'Think Pink Week," said Manzo.

# CLUB AND GREEK ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **PHI SIGMA SIGMA'S** MONMOUTH IDOL

Phi Sigma Sigma's "Monmouth Idol" event will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 22. This great event is where people can volunteer to sing a song of their choice on stage and to just have fun! Proceeds from the event go towards Phi Sig and their philantrhopy. If you are interested in signing up to participate in the competition contact Nicole DeSarno at s0940407@ monmouth.edu.

### **RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION** (RHA)

All residents are invited to attend our weekly meetings at 8 p.m. in Mullaney Hall First Floor Lounge. Don't forget to save the date for RHA's annual FALL FEST on Thursday, October 30th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the library lawn. There will be activities such as pumpkin decorating, a bounce house, caricatures, food, and a live broadcast of WMCX!

### **SOCIAL WORK SOCIETY/** SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Want to learn about how boundaries are crossed and what to do about it? Come to the Social Work Society and School of Social Work's 10th Annual Teach-In on Nov. 4 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Anacon.

### THE VERGE

Do you love to write? Contact Caitlyn Bahrenburg at s0904759@ monmouth.edu.

### TRACK& FIELD/CROSS **COUNTRY CLUB**

The Running Club is now meeting several times a week, both for recreational runners and for those interested in competing in cross country, road races or track & field. Practices for sprinters are Mon., Wed., & Fri. at 4:30. Practices for distance runners are Mon. at 2:30, Tues. Thurs, and Fri. at 4, and Wed. at 4:30. Join us to cheer on the MU Cross Country team at the MAAC Championships at Holmdel Park on Friday Oct. 31, at 11 am.

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES CLUB**

Would you like to learn more about Human Resources and the growing career opportunities within the field? Join the Student Chapter Human Resources Club and learn about an exciting profession that employs individuals from all majors. Our club is active and exposes its members to industry professionals through a variety of events. If you would like to know more about the club, please contact Ellen C. Reilly at ereilly@monmouth.edu.

# **MOMENTS AT** MONMOUTH





PATRICK "PATSY" CINIELLO (CENTER), THE DONOR OF THE BOWLING LANES IN BOYLAN GYM, CELEBRATED THE OPENING OF THE NEW BOWLING LANES THIS HOME-COMING WITH HIS TKE FRATERNITY MEM-

(PHOTO COURTESY OF IAN HUGHES)

A PRSSA MEMBER COLLECTED CANNED FOOD AND OTHER GOODS FOR THE PEO-PLE'S PANTRY, A LOCAL NONPROFIT CHAR-ITY, AT THE PRSSA "FALL INTO PINK" EVENT. (PHOTO COURTESY OF MOMNA AWAN)

#### **BOTTOM RIGHT:**

A STUDENT PARTICIPATED IN THE "PIE A ZETA" ACTIVITY THAT TOOK PLACE AT THE PRSSA "FALL INTO PINK" EVENT. (PHOTO COURTESY OF MOMNA AWAN)

# COMICS

#### "MISGUIDED UNDERSTANDINGS" BY ALYSSA GRAY



A SO-YOU-SAY COMIX #52

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If you could get free concert tickets to see anybody you'd like, dead or alive, who would you see? COMPILED BY: KIERA LANNI



Connor Senior "Beethoven definitely. That would be awesome."



Vincent Junior "B.B. King. I love his music."



**Patrick** Junior

"Probably Queen. The show that they put on is just phenomenal. Freddie Mercury was the ultimate show man."



Joe Rapolla Chair- Department of Music and Theatre Arts.

"The Beatles."

# Men's Soccer Ties Defending Champion Quinnipiac

**KYLE WALTER**ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The men's soccer team earned one point this past Saturday, Oct. 18, when they came away with a scoreless tie on the road against the Quinnipiac University Bobcats. The contest was a rematch of last year's MAAC Championship game, which the shootout.

With the tie, the blue and the MAAC, while the Bobcats are now 6-4-3 overall and 3-0-2 in conference play. QU currently sits at third place in the MAAC, blue and white.

Behind sophomore goalie, able to record their fifth straight shutout, and eighth clean sheet game of the year; MU holds a 1-0-4 record in these matches.

"Today was a great game," Court. "Both teams created good chances, and it was two attractive soccer, which is great keep the game tied at zero. for a league.'

sive after the opening kick, and trolled the ball for the next ten generated two scoring chances minutes in perhaps their best in the first ten minutes of the offensive sequence of the game. game. However, QU's Ashton Pett's shot in the fourth minute in just over two minutes of play,

chel Baker's attempt in the ninth minute was blocked by an MU defender.

Things quickly changed after the early scare as the Hawks gained some momentum that resulted in two opportunities of their own. Unfortunately for MU, nothing came of the opportunities as senior forward, Dom Sarle, had his 11th minute at-Bobcats took in a penalty kick tempt saved by QU goalie, Borja Angoita. Junior midfielder, Dan Pizzimenti also came close to white moved to 6-2-4 for the scoring, however, he saw his year, including a 2-0-3 record in shot go wide in the 12th minute of play.

QU was able to gain a bit of an upper hand the rest of the half. as they outshot the Hawks 3-1 two spots ahead of the fifth place over the next 30 plus minutes of play. Despite this shot differential, MU stayed tough and kept Eric Klenofsky, the Hawks were the game scoreless heading into the half time.

Klenofsky was key for the on the season. The game marked Hawks during the stretch, as he MU's fifth double overtime made saves on two of the three Bobcat attempts, one of which came in the final seconds of play.

Pizzimenti saw the first scorsaid head coach Robert Mc- ing opportunity for either team seven minutes into the second half. Angoita was up to the task, teams playing a good brand of however, and made the save to

The Bobcats responded to The Bobcats came out aggres- their keeper's effort and con-QU's attack included three shots



PHOTO COURTESTY of Greg Ott

**Senior forward Dom Sarle** had two of the Hawks' three shots on goal in the team's double-overtime tie at Quinnipiac.

net. It appeared that QU's James utes of play came to a close. Greco had broken the tie in the 57th minute when he got the ball by Klenofsky, but his shot rung off the post, and the contest remained scoreless.

MU settled down after the attack, and was able to even out

In the 65th minute, Sarle again created a genuine scoring chance for the Hawks, but Angoita made his third save of the night to end the threat

The final 25 minutes of regulation didn't feature much acwent wide of the net, and Ma- but none found the back of the possession as the first 60 min- tion, as neither team saw another for 3 pm.

quality scoring chance. QU was able to get off three shots during the stretch, but none came close to posing a threat. Two of the attempts were blocked by MU defenders in the 79th and 86th minutes respectively, and the third sailed high over the net off the foot of John Diaz in the 69th minute.

Junior midfielder, David Acuna Camacho, gave one last ditch effort to end the game in regulation when he took a corner kick for the Hawks in the 89th minute. Nothing came of the opportunity, however, and the two teams headed into overtime.

Things didn't change much during the two overtime periods. The Bobcats got off three shot attempts while the Hawks only managed one, but none were on goal, and time would eventually run out with the scored still locked at zero.

Although QU held a 14-6 advantage on total shots for the contest, MU was able to get more on net with a 3-2 advantage in shots on goal. Klenofsky had two saves on the night for the Hawks and MU's defense also played strong with five blocked shots. Angoita made three saves for the Bobcats.

After two consecutive scoreless ties, the Hawks will look to earn a victory Wednesday, Oct. 22, when they travel to New Rochelle, NY to take on Iona who is currently second in the MAAC with a 4-2 record. Kickoff is set

# Surfers: You are Among Friends at Monmouth

RYAN GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Fall break allowed students across campus to take a breather from schoolwork and return home for a long weekend. Monmouth mothers rejoiced to see their loved ones at home under their wing once more, eating home-cooked meals and partaking in family bonding activities. Mothers of student surfers were distraught however, as their children paddled into heaping, over-head waves this past weekend. Although it was not ideal that students had to leave MU right before a big swell, it did not stop surfers from attaining a few highly sought after hurricane barrels.

Over the weekend, Hurricane Gonzalo distributed waves all along the east coast. Friday and

Saturday were two days that surfers would be bummed to miss. Freshman Paul Kelly had some fun over the weekend, and the consensus was that Saturday was the day.

"I saw the swell was coming from the beginning of the week and knew I had fall break. I was excited and a bit skeptical about being home for a groundswell because my home break does not usually hold them well," Kelly said. "I woke up Friday morning and knew it was going to be a great weekend of waves when I paddled out into chest to head high clean conditions, and the swell hadn't even kicked in yet. I woke up early Saturday morning and checked. It was 2-3 feet over head, I sprinted back to my house, got my suit and board, paddled out and shared crazy barrels with some of my best friends from home."

San Diego

Buffalo

To see more than what you were expecting is truly an amazing site as a surfer. Nothing is better than the moment you realize you might have one of the best sessions of your life. That combination of fear and excitement is one that cannot be replicated by any drug or drink

The amount of people who seek that adrenaline rush, and those that share the love of surfing enough to achieve that rush are two different groups of individuals. Anyone can talk about wanting to surf and scoring perfect waves, yet none other than that individual can know whether or not they emulate that determination.

In our area, and across the Jersev shore lies a rich surf culture: full of cold-water enthusiasts and trained minds that handle brain freeze like no other. If it is at all

Baltimore

Chicago

There is nothing better than having best friends in the water with you. To push you, to train you, and in some cases, to watch over you. Our school is no exception. Many students come to this University because they are people of the water who thoroughly enjoy the surrounding area of Long Branch. With so many people like this at MU, sophomore Tyler Sankey has begun the process of starting a Surf Club on campus.

"The surf club is almost complete. We will start out as an interest group until we get a bunch of people who wanna join, and then we will turn into a club. Hopefully, within the next few years this will turn into a team that competes against schools up and down the coast," said Sankey. "It is open to anyone who is interest-

Philadelphia

possible, surfers will connect. ed in the sport and has their own equipment. Photographers are also welcome. Basically anyone with an interest in surfing can join. We will hold meetings, surf sessions, and beach clean ups."

As interest is growing and the surf club is starting out, it is imperative that students interested approach Tyler Sankey. This club could be an amazing opportunity to continue doing what you love to do, while also finding people who share your interests.

Formal or not, there will always be a bond between surfers in a given community. Do not doubt the fact that there is someone out there right now waiting for an invitation to go to the beach. Whether you are checking new spots, going down to hangout or paddling out there, remember, you are among friends at Monmouth University.

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# Field Hockey Begins Conference Play

MAGGIE ZELINKA SPORTS EDITOR

The University's field hockey team moved into their conference play this past weekend as they faced the Rider University Broncs and Sacred Heart University.

What we want to take away every year from our non-conference er's Melyssa Alonso received the schedule is to play some really big teams which I think we did that this the cage. year," head coach Carli Figlio said. coming really close to winning.'

During the season's non-conference play, the Hawks faced two big opponents: Michigan State and Rutgers University. Against Michigan State, a nationally ranked opponent, MU played a tough game but lost at the last second, 4-3, in overtime. In their final non-conference game, the Hawks were able to defeat Rutgers, 3-2, at So Sweet A Cat Field on Sunday, Oct. 12.

momentum to their first Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference game of the season as the team fell 1-0 to Rider on Friday, Oct. 17. With the the Hawks travelled to Lawrencevloss, the Hawks hit the .500 mark at 7-7 (0-1 MAAC) for the year.

"This year more than any other year, our conference is very strong. It's any team's game at any point," Figlio said before the game. "Heading into Rider and Sacred Heart, being not on our field, its a disadvantage to us but I think the girls are really focused in on how we want game, the first of which was made to play and just focusing on us as two minutes before half. O'Dwyer

opposed to what are they doing and enticed SHU's goalie of the cage, multi-goal game. how can we stop it."

The Broncs gained the lead in the ninth minute of play as they earned a penalty corner which resulted in the only goal of the game. Rider placed a shot on net which sophomore defender Casey Hanna was able to clear, however, Ridcleared ball and put it in the back of

Sophomore Alyssa Ercolino had "I think the difference this year is a team-high three shots on net. that if we're not winning, we are Senior Amanda Schoenfeld and graduate student Trish O'Dwyer both registered two shots each. This was the first time in seven games in which O'Dwyer did not score.

"Having the fire power on the forward line I think is obviously going to help us in the MAAC but also with Amanda and Trish, it is just that leadership. They really stepped up big time and been huge for us this year," Figlio said.

Although MU lost the contest, The Hawks could not carry this they outshot the Broncs 11-8 while also holding a 7-4 advantage in penalty corners.

> With this game in their rear view, ille, CT to face Sacred Heart University on Sunday, Oct. 19.

> Led by freshman Meg Donahue, MU edged the Pioneers 2-0 to record their second shutout of the season. The Hawks improved their record to 8-7 (1-1 MAAC) while Sacred Heart falls to 7-7 (1-1 MAAC).

Donahue scored both goals of the

then gave a backwards pass to Donahue who found the net for her seventh goal of the season.

The Hawks scored their second goal of the game nine minutes into the second half. O'Dwyer chipped a ball passed the SHU goalkeeper and towards to Donahue. Donahue once again found the back of the cage and secured her first collegiate

Freshman goalkeeper Christen Piersanti had two saves in the win. MU out shot SHU 20-8 and held a 17-8 advantage in penalty corners.

MU returns to action Sunday, Oct. 26 at Hamden, CT to face Quinnipiac. The Bobcats, who were last year's MAAC Tournament Champions, hold a 6-8 overall record (2-0 MAAC) this season.



PHOTO TAKEN by Taylor Jackson

Senior forward Amanda Schoenfeld had a total of five shots, two of which were on goal, this past weekend.

# Football Ignites Inaugural Big South Campaign

**ALFRED TILLERSON** 

Hawks' football season out of the way, this weekend's contest against the Blue Hose of Presbyterian College (4-3, 1-1 Big South) will mark a first in the football programs his-

Saturday afternoon's contest, which is slated for a 2 pm kickoff, will be the first football game MU plays as a member of the Big South conference. While the Hawks played against Flames of Liberty University last Sept., a 45-15 defeat in Liberty's favor, they were not a member of the conference yet. Now, season, the Hawks will finally be able to flex their muscles and see where they stand amongst their new foes in their new conference.

What do we know about the Big overall season record of 2-5 does

**MAGGIE ZELINKA** 

The University's men's and wom-

en's cross country teams participat-

ed in Princeton University's Invita-

tional on Saturday, Oct. 18. Out of 35

teams, the men tied for 15th with 417

points while the women placed 16th

The 278 women competing in the

race were to run a 6.1k course. Win-

ning first overall was Sarah Rapp

from Virginia Tech; she finished the

Sophomore Jenna Cupp was

the first Hawk to finish the race at

22:48 earning her 60th overall. Ju-

nior Sydney Engelberger finished

13 seconds later earning 82nd place.

The third Hawk to complete the race

was sophomore Molly McKeon in

23:10 making her 97th overall. MU's

fourth runner was freshman Allie

Wilson whose time was 23:25 while

out of 37 teams with 481 points.

race in 21:11.

South thus far? First off, it's a step not reflect the team's true talent. Just against the run while holding their up in competition and in exposure from MU's former conference af-With the first six games of the filiate, the Northeast Conference (NEC). The conference's top dogs, the Chanticleers of Coastal Carolina (7-0, 1-0 Big South), is currently ranked third in the FCS Coaches' polls, according to ESPN, and have been amongst the top-five for most of this season. Arguably the secondbest team in the conference, Liberty, is receiving some votes for consideration into the Top 25 despite holding a record of 4-3. For further proof of increased competitive value, look to the Buccaneers of Charleston

Southern (5-2, 0-1 Big South).

Despite falling last weekend in a with five games remaining in the defensive slugfest to Presbyterian, 7-3, the Charleston Southern lost in a nail-biter to the Vanderbilt Commodores of the Southeastern Conference (SEC), 21-20. Vanderbilt's

remember that the Commodores are members of a conference that won six of the past seven national championships.

With Charleston Southern dropping a one-point contest to Vanderbilt only to lose to Presbyterian this past weekend, what can be said about the Blue Hose?

No disrespect to the NEC, but statistics show the Big South is a much better conference to play in because of the increase in competition despite the conference only fielding six representatives on the gridiron. It's an obvious improvement for the Hawks in the long run going for-

MU (5-1) has played their first six games like their hair is on fire. The offense is humming despite some injuries early on, but that has not slowed them down one bit. De- at home against Gardner-Webb (4-3) fensively, the Hawks are very stout on Nov. 22.

own through the air. If MU can sustain their overall production against a better crop of competition, starting this weekend against the Blue Hose, there's no reason why the Hawks shouldn't make some noise going forward. This team, a veteran heavy group comprised of fourth and fifth-year seniors, is playing like they have something to prove. That message, judging by the way that they have played, is that they refuse to lose.

Over the course of these next five weeks, onlookers will see what the Hawks are really made of. The Hawks, who aren't due to return to Kessler Field for a home contest until Saturday, Nov. 1 against Charleston Southern, will see Liberty on Nov. 8 and Coastal Carolina Nov. 15 before wrapping up the season

### **Cross Country** Women's Soccer Competes at Princeton Victorious Against QU

**MAGGIE ZELINKA** son ran 23:51.

Sophomore Lennon Cooper finished next followed by juniors Kendal Hand and Nina Poccia.

The men, who ran against nearly 250 runners, raced on a 8k course. Senior Khari Bowen crossed the line at 24:54 which made him the first Hawk to finish for the men's side. He finished 33rd overall. Next to cross was junior Graham Huggins-Filozo at 25:22, good enough for 72nd overall. MU's third finisher was junior Domenick D'Agostino at 25:37 for a 96th place finish. Senior Alex Leight came in at 25:41 with freshman Ben Dillon close behind at 25:43. Rounding out the Hawk's top seven was senior Tommy Darlington at 25:44 and junior Kevin French at 26:03.

MU's next feat will be to host the 2014 MAAC Cross Country Championships on Friday, Oct. 31 at Holmdel Park. The men will begin at 11 am and the women will begin at 12 sophomore Kristen Rodgers-Erick- pm. Admission is free.

MU women's soccer was able to improve their record to 11-4 overall (6-1 MAAC) as they defeated conference rival, the Quinnipiac Bobcats, with a score of 1-0 on Saturday, Oct. 18 at Hesse Field on The Great Lawn.

Currently, the women are on a five game win streak in conference play and lead the league. The win over QU gave MU its second shutout in a row, bringing the Hawk's total shutouts for the season to eight. The shutout also accounted for head coach Krissy Turner's 199th career win.

Less than 11 minutes into the first half, the Hawks scored the only goal of the game as freshman forward Rachelle Ross found the back of the net. Sophomore forward Alexis McTamney was given the assist, her fifth of the season.

As of now, Ross leads the Hawks in goals with seven and has a team-high 17 points.

The Hawks outshot the Bobcats, 14-7, and held an advantage in corner kicks, 5-2. Goalkeeper Nicole D'Agostino played the entire game for MU and registered two saves.

The Hawks will compete in their final home game of the season on Wednesday, Oct. 22 against MAAC opponent Iona at 7 pm. They will then travel to Tennev Stadium in Poughkeepsie, NY to compete against Marist on Saturday, Oct. 25.

Their final regular season game will be against Rider University on Wednesday, Oct. 29 at Cohen Field in Lawrenceville, NJ.

These final three games will help the Hawks prepare for the 2014 MAAC Women's Soccer Championships which is set to begin on Saturday, Nov. 1.

# SIDE



University men's golf team finished 11th in the Lehigh Invitational at Saucon Valley Country Club's Grace Course, a 7,091-yard par-72. The Hawks were led by senior Brady Goodling who tied for 18th overall with 158 strokes during the two day tournament. This marks his fourth top-20 finish of the sea-

Junior Kyle Deisher finished second for MU with 163 strokes after the two rounds. Freshman Mariano Medico followed close behind at 165. Sophomore Jesse Hazam had rounds of 84 and 82 to finish at 166. Senior Colin Buckley ended the event at 177.

Earlier this week it was announced that MU's field hockey team received three individual honors. Midfielder Trish O'Dwyer was named this week's Female Student-Athlete of the Week (presented by Crons). O'Dwyer has played and started in all 15 games of this season. She currently leads the team in points (29), goals

Freshman Christen Piersanti was named Defensive Player of the Week as she collected one win and one shutout this weekend. Piersanti has 62 saves in 12 games and a .729 save percentage.

(10), and assists (9).

Freshman Meg Donahue was named the Offensive Player of the Week. She scored two goals this past weekend and now has eight goals on the season.

### **UPCOMING GAMES**

Wednesday, October 22 MSOC at Iona\* New Rochelle, NY 3:00 pm

WSOC vs. Iona\* W. Long Branch, NJ 7:00 pm Hesse Field on The Great Lawn

Thursday, October 23 MGLF at MU Quad Match Deal Country Club, NJ 1:30 pm

Saturday, October 25 FB at Presbyterian\* Clinton, SC 2:00 pm

MSOC vs Marist\* W. Long Branch, NJ 7:00pm Hesse Field on The Great Lawn

WSOC at Marist\* Pughkeepsie, NY 7:00pm Tenney Stadium

Sunday, October 26 WGLF at Lehigh Invitational Bethlehem, PA 8:00 am Saucon Valley Country Club

SB at Lehigh Bethlehem, PA 12:00 pm

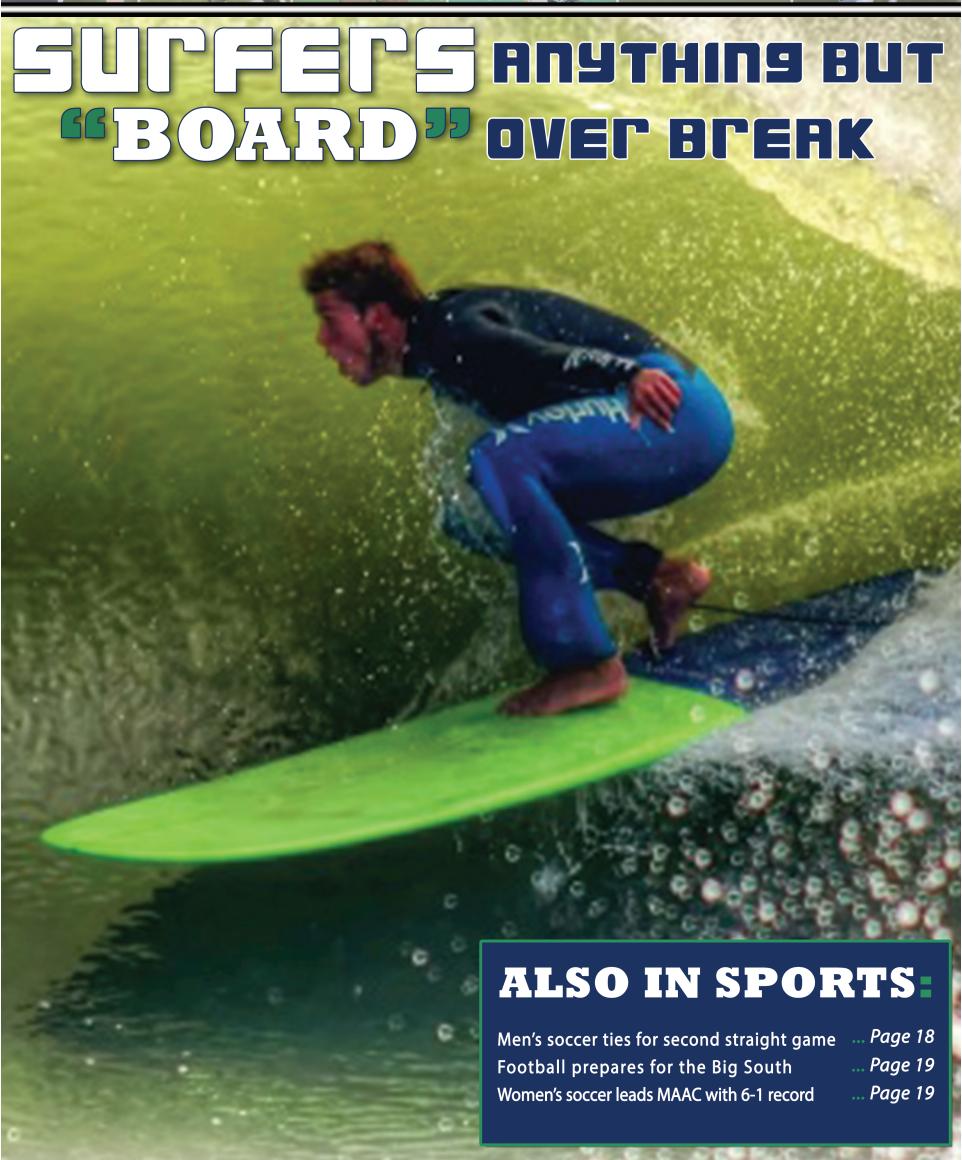
FH at Quinnipiac\* Hamden, CT 1:00 pm

Monday, October 27 WGLF at Lehigh Invitational Bethlehem, PA 8:00 am Saucon Valley Country Club

Wednesday, October 29 MSOC vs Rider\* W. Long Branch, NJ 7:00pm Hesse Field on The Great Lawn

WSOC at Rider\* Lawrenceville, NJ 7:00 pm Cohen Field \*conference games





Most students left the Monmouth area for fall break, but many surfers stayed hoping to catch a wave from the passing Hurricane Gonzalo.