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University Inaugurates New Sociology Major

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The University's Sociology Club and Department of Political Science ushered in the new sociology major in Wilson Auditorium on October 25.

Guest speaker Dr. Richard Dello Buono, the Department of Sociology Chair at Manhattan College, helped induct the new major with a lecture entitled "What Can I Do With a BA in Sociology?" The lecture was based on research done by the American Sociological Association (ASA).

Dello Buono is an accomplished sociologist with a PhD from Boston College, an experienced researcher in Latin America, and a published au-

thor. He delivered an address that touched upon the history of sociology, what he believes sociology is, and lastly the career options for sociology majors.

"Social class is as real as Monday. It is obvious, it's out there, you can see it," said Dello Buono. "Sociologists look at social classes and the intersection of race, class and gender, which are fundamentally tied together and interrelated."

Dello Buono added, "Sociologists look at social institutions—such as a team, a family, a business—and ask critical questions. 'What is going wrong?' 'How do we make it better?' Sociology is looking at the social variables that condition an outcome."

Dr. Nancy Mezey, Associ-

ate Professor and Director of the Sociology Program, as well as the Sociology Club advisor, explained that the University offered a sociology major at one point in time. However, it was shelved in the mid-1990s due to various issues.

Dr. Stanton Green, Dean of the University's School of Humanities and Social Sciences, believes that the reinstatement of the sociology major is vital. "It [the sociology major] provides students with the ability to critically examine the way people socially organize themselves, especially in communities and more formally in municipalities (towns, states)

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Guest speaker Dr. Richard Dello Buono gave a lecture at the induction of the new sociology major last Monday.

Several Students Charged With Damage and Drinking in Mullaney

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Mullaney Hall has already seen 11 reported counts of criminal behavior in the two months it has been in use.

According to the Monmouth University Police Department (MUPD), these acts include underage drinking, possession of marijuana, attempted arson, and vandalism to school property.

"Just last weekend, I came in to find four exit signs on the third floor ripped out of the ceiling, hanging by nothing but wires," said Joe Ramos, a custodian who is in charge of maintaining Mullaney Hall.

"Some of the residents tried to light one of the bulletin boards on fire earlier this year," he added.

Brad Bennett, the Residence

Hall Director (RHD) of Mullaney Hall, and the Office of Judicial Affairs both declined to comment on the consequences faced by those responsible for these actions.

"Their cases are currently pending the decision of the University's Office of Judicial Affairs," Bennett said. "The consequences really depend from situation to situation," he added.

Bennett also could not provide an estimated cost of the damages done to the new residence hall, as Facilities Management has yet to finalize these numbers.

As for the damages done to the building, Bennett said they have been repaired.

"Facilities Management has truly been great in responding to our needs. The bulletin board that was lit on fire has been replaced and the exit signs have been mounted back

in place," he said.

The behavior exhibited thus far by the Mullaney Hall residents has prompted increased supervision. Mary Anne Nagy, Vice President for Student and Community Services, told of how the University intends to combat the criminal behavior occurring in Mullaney Hall.

"There are now two resident assistants (RAs) on duty every night, as well as an RHD who visits the building twice nightly and conducts a round with the RA staff," she said.

"RAs are also required to complete five rounds of the building per night and we have also conducted extra floor meetings to lay out our expectations for behavior," Nagy continued.

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President Gaffney Inducted into NAE at Ceremony

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President Paul G. Gaffney II was inducted into the National Academy of Engineering (NAE) for his contributions to engineering research, practice, and education. His induction took place at an awards ceremony held in Washington, DC early this past October.

Induction into the NAE is one of the highest professional distinctions for an engineer. Membership is based on the contributions an honoree has made in the field of engineering and recommendation to the Academy by members of the NAE.

"Being selected to join the NAE by America's top engineers

is a high honor and personally humbling," Gaffney said. "There are only about 2000 living members of the Academy and only 60 or so new members selected each year."

Candidates are not part of the nomination process, nor can they apply for membership. Once a nominee is selected by existing Academy members, a year long search and vetting process is conducted before the honoree can be inducted. An awards ceremony is then held in Washington, DC where newly elected members are officially welcomed to the institution.

"It is among the top honors I

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Tutoring Center Opens up to Help With Public Speaking

Oral Communication Center Placed in Student Center for Peer Tutors and Students

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Studying for a test takes a few days; it can be accomplished by reading a textbook, going over notes and visiting professors during study hours. But public speaking is not a skill that comes easily. It takes

countless hours of practice and with time, the anxiety felt before a speech decreases.

With the help of a few communication professors that felt the need for a public speaking center, the University's Oral Communication Center (OCC) officially opened to the student body on Monday, October 25.

Students from every department can now be tutored on how to speak publicly in any situation. The center is located in the Center for Student Success on the lower level of the student center and an appointment can be made through TutorTrac.

The center will help students

with speeches for classes, decreasing anxiety, preparing for job and internship interviews, and any other situation a student might find themselves in.

Students must have their speech outline ready when coming in, and if they are struggling with that, the writing center is right around the

corner from the OCC.

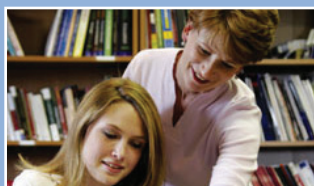
According to Professor Christy Hetzel from the Communication department who is responsible for planning and piloting the center during the summer, there are no other

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“We now have an increased presence of authority by keeping two RAs on duty every night. They make rounds of the building once every hour,” Bennett continued.

Both Bennett and Ramos attribute these criminal actions to the inexperience of first-year students. “They don’t know their limits yet,” Bennett said.

However, dormitory residents feel otherwise.

“I think so many people are causing disturbances in Mullaney because they are letting the excitement and new atmosphere of being a freshman overcome their good judgment,” said Samantha Silvent, a freshman and resident of Mullaney Hall.

“I feel as though some people do not realize how privileged they are to be able to live in such a gorgeous building with so many amenities. Many residents of Mullaney are becoming increasingly irritated by this destruction as well as the University,” said Silvent.

“It is because no one is going out,” said Michael Murphy of Pinewood Hall, who frequently visits friends who live in Mullaney Hall. “The lack of parties and distance you have to travel to get to them results in people staying in their dorms and drinking. This results in them doing dumb things,” he said.

Stefania Flecca is an RA on the first floor of Mullaney Hall who is affected by this increase in supervision.

“Being on duty more often is annoying, but it needs to be done. We had an incident on Tuesday night which is insane because nothing ever happens on a Tuesday,” Flecca said.

Furthermore, a Residence Hall Director is now on duty every night in Mullaney. “Even when I’m not on call, I try to be around,” said Bennett, who lives in an apartment within the heart of the building.

There are also plans to combat negative behavior by giving its residents more to do, such as Karaoke Night, which will be taking place this weekend for the third time this year.

Even though it makes for bad news, Bennett considers awareness of the misbehavior occurring

in Mullaney a positive sign.

“It’s a good thing that we know what’s going on because if we didn’t, that would mean our staff isn’t doing its job,” he said.


Flecca was originally excited when she found out that she would be an RA in the University’s newest residence hall. However, the misconduct of its students has diminished some of that excitement.

“I’m not disappointed in Mullaney Hall, just the way the students are treating it,” she said.

“It’s discouraging to see all of these bad things going on in this new building,” added Flecca. “The students living here don’t realize how lucky they are to be in this great facility,” she said.

The importance of students playing a role in preventing future misconduct was also stressed by Bennett. “We encourage any students who know of criminal behavior to come forward and report it,” he said.

Bennett can be reached by phone at 732-263-6029, through his e-mail address which is bbennett@monmouth.edu, or in his office located in the lobby of Mullaney Hall Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.



PRSSA to Host Thanksgiving Food Drive

PRESS RELEASE

The Monmouth University PRSSA (Public Relations Student Society of America) Chapter is hosting a Thanksgiving food drive to benefit Monmouth and Ocean County charities and food banks, Thursday October 28, through Friday November 12; donations of non-perishable foods such as canned goods, rice, stuffing-in-box, etc. can be brought to collection boxes conveniently located in the Student Center and the Jules Plangere Center.

PRSSA is also holding a bake sale Tuesday, November 2, and Thursday, November 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Plangere Center. All proceeds are being donated to the Food Bank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties in Neptune, New Jersey.



Letter from Vice President Nagy

I am taking this opportunity to write to each of you to discuss an issue of great concern to me. The issue is alcohol and my concern centers around the excessive use and abuse of it, particularly among students under the legal age to consume.

Over the past several weeks, my office and the offices of Residential Life, Judicial Affairs, and Off-Campus and Commuter Services have noted a marked increase in the intensity of underage student drinking, both on campus and within the local community. I am particularly concerned about the excessive use of alcohol early in the academic week when classes are in session the following day. This activity, while not only illegal, is extremely dangerous and seriously compromises the safety and well-being of the individuals involved and those who live in the community around them.

Fortunately, we have seen several instances where students under the Good Samaritan practice are taking responsibility for each other and seeking help for someone seriously intoxicated. Unfortunately, we continue to have to address the dangerous consequences of alcohol abuse within our campus and the surrounding community.


The use and abuse of alcohol and the inappropriate behavior that often accompanies it puts the lives of individuals at risk and disrupts the orderly operation of the campus community. Countless studies have demonstrated the effect that alcohol has on students who abuse it and those individuals that live or interact with these students. Missed classes, physical and sexual abuse, academic failure, and personal injury or death are just some of the consequences of alcohol misuse. Alcohol hurts. It hurts you and your future.

The University has an extensive program to provide the knowledge you need to make good, informed decisions about your personal use of alcohol. We have a dedicated staff available to help you understand the role alcohol is playing in your life.

The personal cost of alcohol abuse is high. I urge you to consider all of the implications of its use, both short- and long-term, and use this knowledge and information to make reasonable and informed decisions in this matter. Your life and future are at stake.

Sincerely,
Mary Anne Nagy
Vice President for Student Services

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BEECHWOOD HALL

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10/29/2010 - 12:51 AM
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10/29/2010 - 4:08 AM
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PULA
10/30/2010 - 1:15 AM
WILLOW HALL

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New General Education Requirements Offer Flexibility

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STAFF WRITER

The University offers many of academic programs suited for students with different interests. Included in these majors and minors are classes that every student must pass in order to graduate. These requirements are categorized under General Education, and have been revised for the class of 2014.

According to Dr. Judith Nye, Assistant Vice President for General Education, “The former General Education requirement called for four English classes, two based on composition and two based on literature.”

Dr. Jason Barr, first-year advisor, explained “In the new curriculum, you must have three English courses instead of four.”

Dr. Starke, head of the English Department, said “We will be bringing on more courses to fulfill the literature requirement in the future.”

As to why the change occurred, Nye added, that most universities revise their requirements periodically; it's a natural part of the process. The University went through a major revision process two years ago, after about 17 years with the ‘old’ Gen Ed. During the revision process, faculty considered what a student of the 21st

century would need from a college education. Rather than counting the number of courses students took, faculty chose to focus on students learning specific skills. The focus was on building intellectual and practical skills, ethical awareness, appreciation of diversity, and the like. Faculty also recognized that students in many of the University’s highly structured majors (such as

achieve all our goals, but we aren't leaving that to chance,” Nye said.

“We have built in a system of assessment that will help us know when we are meeting our goals versus falling short of them. We are also committed to making adjustments as this information comes in, to ensure that our students are building the skills we believe they need. We hope that the students who wish to go beyond the basic Gen Ed requirements will feel free to do so. We'll always have rich offerings of courses to choose from for the students who want to go into more depth,” Nye added.

Along with decreasing the number of English courses needed to graduate, a new type of course has been added for first year undergraduates. First Year Seminars are classes that typically have at most 20 people, and aim to teach students about the resources available at the University and a specified subject. The



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First Year at Monmouth office offers advising for first year students as well as career counseling and help with the academic transition from high school to college.

Education, Chemistry, and Software Engineering), were having trouble meeting their major requirements in four years, which is why more flexibility was made for the meeting requirements.

“After two years of preparing, we implemented our new requirements this fall with the class of 2014. We hope that our new Gen Ed will

topics of the seminars vary from Tea Appreciation to The Beatles, and stress the importance of attending MU events, socializing with other students, and attaining time management skills.

Matt Scala, first year student, enjoys his experience in his First Year Seminar.

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dents who do not take it because the first year seminars offer extremely varied classes that can make us more well-rounded people. In addition, we get to make a choice of what kind of classes we want for our seminar, instead of being stuck with something we might not enjoy.”

Students who wish to find out more about the classes that fulfill the new General Education requirements can visit monmouth.edu/academics/general_education/default.asp which includes information concerning First Year Seminars, curriculum charts, and sequence charts.

Induction of President Gaffney

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received in my professional career,” Gaffney said. “I am also proud to be selected while at Monmouth University, as I believe it adds to the prestige of the University.”

The NAE was founded in 1964 and operates under the same congressional act of incorporation, which was signed by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863, and established the National Academy of Sciences (NAS). The NAE is a private, nonprofit institution that provides engineering leadership in service to the nation.

“The National Academy of Engineering is part of the US National Academy that also includes the National Academy of Science, the National Academy of Engineering, and the Institution of Medicine or Honorific Organizations,” Randy Atkins, the Senior Program Officer for Media/Public Relations, said. “We elect people to honor for past accomplishments and there are about 2000 NAE members in the United States so you can imagine it’s a big honor to be

elected.”

Gaffney’s induction is not only an honorable distinction, but it also comes with new responsibilities.

“I will be asked to serve on more national level studies, now,” Gaffney said. “I was recently asked to chair a two-year-long study to assess offshore renewable energy technologies. That study starts in late November.”

Gaffney is a retired Navy Vice Admiral and was the president of the National Defense University from 2000 until 2003. He was also responsible for science and technology investment while he was the Chief of Naval Research. In 2001, he became the U.S. Ocean Policy Commission, serving from 2001 to 2004. In regards to the NAE, Gaffney has participated in nation level science policy studies with Academy members.

“All of us in the School of Science and Rapid Response Institute are honored to be associated with President Gaffney, the retired vice admiral,” Bobby Reator, Director of Rapid Response Institute, said. “We appreciate his leadership and his strong support.”

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BOBBY REATOR
Director of Rapid Response Institute

“Welcome to the Neighborhood”: An Unwanted Welcome?

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“Welcome to the Neighborhood” is a program offered by the office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services, which hand delivers students information on getting acquainted with their rental residences and the surrounding area.

According to Vaughn Clay, the Director of Off-Campus and Commuter Services, this program aims to help the University establish strong relations with the surrounding area during the first week of the school year. Clay mentioned that this program has been implemented for about 10 to 12 years, and focuses on getting information to students that they would not otherwise receive because they do not find out from their landlords. Information about noise violations, town ordinances, trash collecting and recycling are found in the packet given to the students upon this visit.

Any combination of police officers, Clay, students, and town code inspectors visit houses or apartments in an effort to inform students and, according to Kenneth P. Walker, Deputy Chief of the Monmouth University Police Department, to prevent future issues.

“This is actually a great thing for the students. They make sure they have a C.O. (Certificate of Occupancy) and the house is safe,” Walker said.

Clay mentioned that the university can even help with necessary repairs for health or safety related issues that may be found during this meet and greet.

Clay mentioned how his program also helps the University’s relationship with surrounding communities

as well.

“I think in life most of what we do is about communications,” Walker said.

He mentions how this program aims to prevent potential police action, and helps the University partner with the local community. In addition, Clay explained, it aids the Community Relations Task Force figure out what types of partnerships can be developed in the community.

According to Vice President of Student Services, Mary Ann Nagy, “The Task Force is made up of Representatives from the Long Branch, West Long Branch, Ocean, and Deal communities, as well as staff from the university (and some students at times), that come together to discuss issues of mutual concern when it comes to students living off campus.” This organization is chaired by Vice President Nagy. She is in favor of the off-campus meet and greets.

On the other hand, although many believe the “Welcome to the Neighborhood” program attempts to help students get acquainted to their neighborhoods, it also “raises several legal questions,” a local attorney commented. Though this attorney understands the public relations aspect to the program, certain questions still arise: How do the police get students private residential information? How can government officials go onto students’ private property without probable cause or a warrant? How does this program make the students feel? “Students would not be out of their right to politely tell the officers ‘get off my porch,’” the local attorney stated.

The school can get their hands on student’s residential information through certificates of occupancy (C.O.), and history of previously rent-

ed residences. Clay and Walker agree that if the age on the C.O. represents a typical college age, the length of the lease ranges from September to May, or the house has a history of Monmouth student renters, they may make an appearance to the rental.

University officials have voiced their intentions for the program. However, not all students feel comfortable with the unexpected visit. Junior Katie Culhane simply said, “They could have put it (the packet) in my mailbox.”

Senior Kat Youngworth agreed. She admitted, “It freaked me out, and I thought it was really intrusive.” Youngworth has been living off campus for three years and explained that every year when it happens she is still not comfortable with it.

“Occasionally, I get students who think that the visits are a bit too intrusive but for the most part, I think that most students like it. It’s a way for them to get information so they can be safe and adhere to the rules involved in each community,” Vice President Nagy said. All university officials who are involved in the program agree that it is designed to help students, not to frighten them.

According to Walker, this program follows a system that was designed many years ago and is still used today known as, “community policing.” He explained that community policing means the police are familiar with the area they patrol, and the people living in said area are familiar with the police. He said, “Community policing is about making a friend.” He also made it clear that he does his best to encourage students during these meet and greets to meet their neighbors in order to prevent any future conflicts, so he only has to visit the house once. He wants to be a ally to the students not an enemy, he said.

Spirit Week Lets Students Display University Pride

Club/Organization Day, Jersey Day and More Gives Way to Homecoming Festivities

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The University’s Spirit Week took place last week, as each day was themed and students were encouraged to participate in the days leading up to the Homecoming Game.

This year’s Spirit Week and Homecoming Theme was “Monmouth Masquerade.”

Club/Organization Day took place on Monday, where students wore apparel representing whichever club or organization they were involved in.

Jersey Day occurred on Tuesday, a day where students could wear jerseys as a tribute to their favorite professional sports teams.

Wednesday was Culture Day, where students could where anything that signified their culture.

Also on Wednesday, the Student Government Association (SGA) teamed up with the Student Activities Board (SAB) to have Mask Making, in honor of the masquerade theme for the week. This was an event held outside of the student center where students could make their own masks.

Sarah Freeman, Vice President of Major Events for SAB was delighted to work alongside SGA.

“It was really nice to be able to work with SGA and help raise awareness of breast cancer while decorating fun masks for Homecoming.”

“Color For a Cause” day took place on Thursday. Students were expected to wear a color representative of a cause they support, for example, pink for breast cancer awareness. Also SGA had a table set up outside of the Student Center where students could get beads

Friday was deemed Blue and White day in honor of the University’s colors. Students were encouraged to wear the school’s color in support of the Monmouth Hawks.

The Pep Rally also took place on Friday. It was hosted by Kyle Haggerty and also included the announcement of the Homecoming Court. The court included Lord Marc Hahn, Lady Kelly Craig, Duke Oscar Sanchez, Duchess Al-

ceive a “Monmouth Masquerade” souvenir, buy a brick in the brand new Hawk Walk, buy 50/50 raffle tickets, and participate in the “Who’s Shadow” Contest.

In addition to the alumni events, there were attractions for all ages that included face painting, balloon animals, popcorn, cotton candy, and arcade games.

WMCX and Hawk-TV also hosted a Tailgate Extravagan-

Marshall. Alpha Xi Delta and Sigma Tau Gamma won both the float and walking group competition.

Becca Baier, a senior and Co-Events Planning Chair for SGA enjoyed the reward of watching her hard work pay off.

“I was very happy with the way everything turned out, it was a lot of work and it was pretty stressful at times, but we had a great group of senators to help us with the day of jobs,” Baier said.

Oscar Sanchez, a sophomore, was also very proud of his hard work on this event.

“Overall, it was an exhausting, extremely time consuming weekend to put together, but me and Becca were extremely pleased with the outcome and were very proud of ourselves,” Sanchez said.

Stefania Flecca, a junior and SGA Vice President, was more than pleased with the outcome of “Monmouth Masquerade.”

“I think that Homecoming was put together amazingly this year. The two co-chairs, Oscar Sanchez and Becca Baier, have been working since July to put together these Homecoming events. They have secured a lot of giveaways to make sure we are giving as much as we can back to the student body,” Flecca said.

“It was really nice to be able to work with SGA and help raise awareness of breast cancer while decorating fun masks for Homecoming.”

SARAH FREEMAN
Vice President of Major Events for SAB

symbolizing the color of the cause they were supporting. Additionally, there was a donation box for the charity SGA regularly works with, Michael’s Feat, which raises money for extremely ill newborns.

Clues were also sent out for the “Who’s Behind The Mask” contest, where students had an opportunity to win a \$100 American Express card, 32gb iPod Touch, or two tickets to see the Cowboys play the Giants.

exa Anastasio, Prince Nick Grimaldi, and Princess Becca Baier.

The Homecoming Game was played on Saturday and featured the University against Sacred Heart University.

Tailgating for the event began at 9:30 am and ended at 1:00 pm, which is also when the game started.

During the tailgating festivities, all alumni were welcome and had the opportunity to enjoy food and beverages, re-

za that included free food and drinks and prize give-aways.

During the game, Homecoming King Andy Stern and Queen Octavia Okoe-Quansah were announced. There were four walking groups and four floats in the parade, along with the homecoming court, last year’s winners, the president of the University Paul G. Gaffney II, the Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees, John Buzza, the alumni service award winner, and the Grand

Oral Communication Center Opens

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communication tutoring centers in the state of New Jersey.

“We finally satisfied the need for public speaking assistance,” Hetzel said. Hetzel, along with Professor Shannon Hokanson, Professor Lorna Schmidt, and Professor Rebecca Sanford, all from the Communication department, began planning the OCC back in March and ran a pilot class in the summer.

The goal, according to Hetzel, is to ultimately open up the center to outside people, not just students that need help with public speaking.

The center is made up of eight tutors as of now and an E-board working closely with Hetzel. There are also two alumni volunteering their time with the OCC because they want to see the cen-

ter succeed. All tutors are highly qualified, according to Joan Fahrenkrug, President of the OCC. “We look for seniors that are not only comfortable with public speaking, but can also be sensitive to the population,” Fahrenkrug said.

Public speaking is closely tied in with anxiety and communication

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JOAN FAHRENKRUG
President of the Oral Communication Center

apprehension. The center plans to work closely with Counseling and Psychological Services so that any student that is clearly overwhelmed and has a very hard time dealing with public speaking anxiety can be sent to talk to a psychologist.

Confidentiality is very important to the OCC, according to Hetzel. The tutors and the E-board want

students to feel completely comfortable and not intimidated. Students can also choose to have their professors know that they received help from the OCC or can opt out of that service so their professors are not notified.

Hetzel is hoping to get funding for the center so that the tutors can be paid for their time. As of now,

they are all volunteers. The Office of Admissions asked for assistance during events, such as Open House, when OCC members had a chance to express their public speaking abilities and welcome parents and prospective students.

According to Hetzel, there are approximately 20 active members, including tutors. Anyone can join and help out. The meetings are every Wednesday at 3:30 pm in the Jules L. Plangere Center in room 236.

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In order to improve the connection between students and professors, the University’s Honors School is hosting the “Take Your Professor to Lunch” program again this semester. “Take Your Professor to Lunch” is one of the perks that all honors students are able to take advantage of. The program allows honors students to pick any professor of their choice, honors or not, and invite him or her to lunch anywhere on campus; such as the dining hall, the Student Center, and Shadow’s; once a semester. Honors School Dean, William Mitchell, said, “It is not very expensive... It’s a nice way to use the money from our donor, Jane Fried.” Dharm Patel, a junior in the honors program, proposed the idea of taking a professor to lunch to Mitchell last semester. Patel got the idea from other schools, such as the University of Pennsylvania, Swarthmore College, and the University of Kansas, who were offering this kind of program. In reference to suggesting the idea, Patel said, “I definitely thought that the program would be an excellent addition to the opportunities available at Monmouth, being a small private school that prides itself on accessibility to faculty and staff.” After the proposition to Mitchell, the idea was pitched to the cabinet of the University and Provost Thomas Pearson. It was then approved on a trial basis with funding from the Honors School late last semester. According to Irene Menditto, director of Student Standards, Advising & Services, due to the lateness of the approval, only nine students participated, but it was still well received. It is expected by the Hon-

ors School that even more students will participate in the program this semester given the amount of interest and feedback from the previous semester. “Take your Professor to Lunch” can be utilized by any honors student, but mostly upper classmen sign up because it gives them an opportunity to talk about their thesis with a professor or Chief Advisor. Both Menditto and Mitchell think that the lack of freshmen participating is due to the close interaction with a professor. To sign up, a student has to first invite the professor and can invite up to two other students and decide on a time and place. The limitation of students is to avoid formal communication as informality is the point of the program. Then the student must go to the Honors School office and fill out a form. The form is given to the cashier of the dining area, which pays for the professor’s meal. The student can use his or her meal plan to pay for the meal. If he or she does not have a meal plan, then the form will suffice and the Honors School will pay the tab. “Take Your Professor to Lunch” is designed to improve the relationship between students and their professors on a professional level but in an informal way; therefore, the conversation and experience relies on the participants. “It depends on the creativity of the student and the professor,” said Mitchell. They can freely talk about anything from the thesis project to career options to personal issues or interests. When asked whether this program can lead to favoritism or unprofessional situations, Mitchell replied, “I can’t see how that would happen.” He also pointed out that when stu-

dents work on their thesis project with professors of their choice, favoritism is not an issue. Students, he feels, are put in one-on-one situations and meetings for their thesis, so this one meeting will not likely affect the classroom or academics. Mitchell and Menditto reported that there has only been positive feedback from participants, including professors. There was not one professor who declined an invitation. In fact, Menditto relayed the fact that professors said they felt honored to be invited by students. One participant from last semester was Megan Jeffers, an honors junior. She invited her Chief Advisor for her thesis, Dr. Janice Stapley, and stated that “Take Your Professor to Lunch” gave her the opportunity to discuss her thesis and share ideas. She said, “The experience was definitely different because you rarely get to have lunch with one of your professors. Ultimately, it was a lot of fun.” Jeffers felt more comfortable working with her professor than she previously was before they shared the meal. “We both looked forward to it. It gave us a relaxed time to think out of the box and brainstorm about the project. We made a lot of design progress that day,” Stapley commented. Although “Take Your Professor to Lunch” is currently an honors only program, Menditto, Mitchell, and Patel all believe that it is definitely a program that the student body should look into for the University as a whole. If they can find the funding for such a program, then the people in the Honors School highly recommend the University expand “Take Your Professor to Lunch” to non-honors students as well.

New Sociology Major Introduced

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and in nation states. Through its study, students gain critical thinking and competencies (such as public speaking, writing) and technical analytical skills (such as statistics, computers) that will allow them to develop excellent careers in both the public and private sector.” Dello Buono’s presentation revealed statistics from the ASA’s study entitled “A National Survey of Seniors Majoring in Sociology,” which was conducted from 2005-2009. According to this study, half of the participants went into the workforce after graduation. Eighteen months after graduation, nine out of ten found work; however, four years after graduation, 80 percent of the participants had switched jobs. Dello Buono explained that the switching of jobs accurately reflected changes in the economy. The ASA study also showed that sociology majors go into professions such as human rights advocates, social service occupations, marketing researchers, paralegals, managers/supervisors, and much more. Amanda Avci, a junior education major, sociology minor, and treasurer of the Sociology Club commented, “The lecture was very informative for those interested in pursuing a major because it provided many career options for the future.”

Mezey also described the importance of having a sociology degree to students’ success on the job. “The sociology major provides students with crucial skills that they need to succeed in today’s job market such as creativity, critical thinking, analytic problem-solving, communication, collaboration, and multicultural and global understanding,” Mezey said. Mezey continued, “These skills, coupled with other skills that students gain at Monmouth, will make them very competitive. We purposefully designed the major so that students can double major. Both degrees show on students’ transcripts and diplomas. Walking into a job interview and being able to say, ‘I have two degrees from Monmouth, one in Sociology and another major,’ is very impressive to prospective employers and graduate programs.” Elly Rosati, a junior psychology

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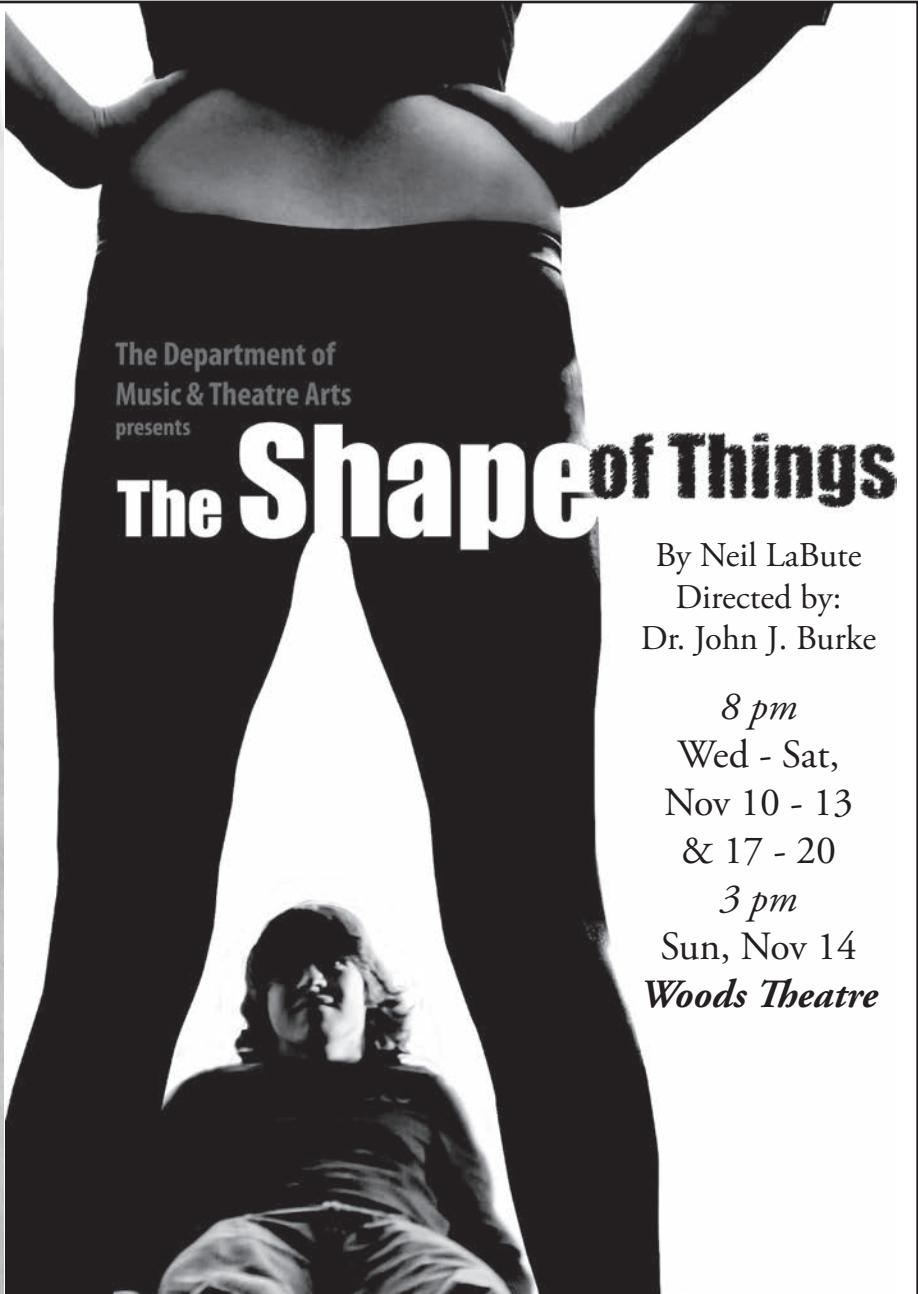
DR. NANCY MEZEY
Associate Professor and Director of the Sociology Program

major, said “The speaker gave a lot of insight about the broad aspects of the field. Sociology is important as a minor and a major because it fits in with every academic discipline in some way.” Mezey has high hopes for the new sociology major. “As our program grows, and our resources match our programmatic needs and desires, I am confident that the sky is our limit in terms of how far the Sociology Program at Monmouth can go,” she said.



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Vandalism and Other Criminal Behavior:
A Rough Start for Mullaney Hall

THE OUTLOOK STAFF OPINION

A brand new dorm building is a great attraction for new students, helping this University become the obvious choice for potential students in the all important college decision. So, for the 196-room building housing freshmen, to be defaced and destroyed in less than two months since it has been opened, is not only disappointing to hear, but outrageous to think that such a positive asset to this school is being disrespected so blatantly.

Perhaps in a period of adjustment to college life, students have not yet become acclimated to their luxurious (by college standards) accommodations. Maybe they don't realize how fortunate they are to be spared the usual dorm building charms.

Should the new building really be set aside for freshmen? One could argue yes or no, depending on how you interpret the disrespect to the property. Yes, of course first-year students should be given the opportunity to experience the very best the University has to offer in terms of living arrangements. After all, the retention rate for freshmen is always a consideration, and what better way to leave a good impression than to present a shiny, new room for students.

The first year of college is full of change; from new classes,

surroundings, trying to make friends and find your niche, handling all of the pressure of homework, tests, and papers, adjusting to life on your own without your parents, family and old friends around. Why not try to make that transition to college a little easier by taking away the unpleasantness of the typical, old college dorm?

On the other hand, shouldn't Mullaney have been reserved for upperclassmen who weathered the other dorm buildings and can now be rewarded for their loyalty to the University? It can be argued also that upperclassmen should be afforded the opportunity to live in a new dorm building because as more mature students, it only makes sense for them to have such living arrangements. Students often evolve in their housing selections during college, from a traditional dorm room, to a suite or apartment on campus, sometimes moving off campus during their junior or senior years to an apartment or house. So it makes sense that a new dorm building with all of the trimmings, three lounges, a fitness center, and an elevator, would be an upgrade as students progress through college.

The excessive underage drinking and destruction of property may come as no surprise to some, as freshman students may carry a certain reputation for rowdiness and lack of respect for property.

That's not to say, by any means, that every freshman is bound to break, wreck, or trash their dorm room. It's just that the behavior and actions of a few get amplified and receive the most attention.

If this reputation is to be applied to first year students, then sure, one may expect the new dorm building to endure some substantial wear and tear during its introductory year. But this reputation can't be dismissed as typical shenanigans, because three years of upperclassmen were denied the chance to enjoy and appreciate the new University space; to revel in the \$14 million that were spent to give students a more comfortable place to live, if only for a year.

What can be done to deter this kind of destruction to Mullaney? Does the University need to take away the privilege of on-campus housing to those who make it apparent that they cannot handle living in a dorm room? Will that be enough to make the point that if you don't deface your parent's home, you can't deface the University?

While it's a great disappointment to hear about how Mullaney Hall is being treated, or mistreated, it's early in the year and there is still plenty of time to stop this behavior and appreciate the space for what it is. Hopefully, years from now, students at this University will still regard Mullaney Hall as one of the best places to dorm.



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Stress Less: Student Services are Here to Help

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As college students we have many emotions that flood through our bodies and take over at any time, especially when it comes to times when it seems we cannot get a break from our school work. Also, we receive a great deal of pressure from our parents and even others around us. Emotions such as stress, anxiety, depression, and many others take over our bodies and sometimes, we have no idea where to turn. I know that when I get stressed out and I have a ton of assignments to complete, I end up shutting down and getting nothing done. I never really learned a way to relax and get through it except to just walk away from it and come back once I was calm enough to actually

concentrate. I may have learned some breathing techniques, but that doesn't seem to really help me out when I need it most.

Many of us go through an array of emotions throughout our time at college and we feel that there is no one who could possibly understand what we are going through, but that is wrong.

On campus we have the Department of Counseling and Psychological Services which has a wide range of uses and is not only for those dealing with more serious problems such as body image or sexual assault. The Department of Counseling and Psychological Services has professionals on campus that are trained to deal with issues that college students are known to face. The center is located in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center on the third

floor. Its mission, according to its Monmouth affiliated website, is to help students achieve personal growth and greater understanding of self through confidential psychological counseling and mental health crisis intervention. While taking my women's health class this semester, I have been learning about health issues that affect women and it has come to my attention that suicide and eating disorders have become a huge problem within our age group, along with other health issues. Don't be mistaken though, suicide and eating disorders do not just affect women; they affect men as well.

I feel that there are many individuals on campus that are not sure where to go to get advice. That is where the Department of Counseling and Psychological Services comes in. I am sure

that there are individuals who do not want to show any weakness or look like an outcast and go get help, but the best part about this service is that it is confidential. These professionals want to help those in need, whether it is a problem like stress or something more serious like suicide. At our age, we feel that everyone around us just judges and criticizes us for our choices, but this should not be a reason why we don't seek help when we need it. I feel that, as a whole, we are not using this service that Monmouth has created for students as much as we should. I have never even stepped foot in their office and I sometimes wonder what I would have learned if I did go talk to someone. I could have learned better ways to handle my stress, loss of a loved one, anxiety and whatever

else I may have been experiencing at the time.

Everyone should stop worrying about others and what they may think of them if they go get some support or help for a problem they are having. Seeking guidance for a problem you may be facing should never be looked down upon. It shouldn't make you feel any less important or make you feel like an outsider. The Department of Counseling and Psychological Services has a lot to offer us and I feel that everyone should take advantage of the professionals on campus that are willing to help us. Monmouth has created this center for us to utilize and take advantage of, no matter what type of trouble we may be experiencing. Remember, you are never alone and it is never too late to get help.

Birds of a Feather Should Fly Together

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At one time or another, I'm sure we have all heard students, faculty, and whoever else complain about the lack of school spirit at Monmouth. There is generally low attendance at most games, regardless of which sport it is. There are numerous activities going on each week all over campus, but it seems that people regularly decide not to participate in them.

Still, this is kind of a catch 22 sort of problem. If everyone decides not to go to events that are held on campus because "no one goes," then no one will ever end up participating.

One of Monmouth's biggest problems with this is that a lot of students go home on the weekends, when many activities take place. This starts with fresh-

men, although upper classmen are guilty of it as well. In order to start changing this, school spirit should be targeted at freshmen. If there was a strong sense of school pride instilled in students early on, they may feel differently about missing out on everything that goes on here. Of course, this is easier said than done because you can't make people want to participate, but having pride in your school would definitely help.

Another thing we should take into consideration is the size of the student body at Monmouth.

There are about 4,000 undergraduate students and 2,000 graduate students here. Some of the

schools where campus events have a really big turnout have a significantly larger number of students. With that said, it does not mean we should compare ourselves to other schools. I have heard people com-

pare Monmouth to other schools in the area and use that as an excuse as to why they don't participate in campus events. In my opinion, those comparisons are a waste of time. Instead of making up excuses, we should be getting involved

and making the most of our time here. Just because Monmouth is a smaller school, does not mean that we can't have as much fun as any other school. In fact, I would have to say that a small school has the potential to be more fun because every time you do go out, you're bound to see someone you know. That doesn't necessarily happen at bigger schools.

Either way, it really is up to us to get involved and make campus events as good as they could be. Instead of complaining and focusing on the reasons for not coming out and supporting our teams and organizations, we should be getting out and doing just that. The

events that have had high student attendance in the past, like the first game in the MAC last year, have ended up being a lot of fun for everyone. Rather than having a few really good events here and there, we could make each event just as much fun if everyone came out for them.

Participation is one thing that our campus generally lacks, which is a negative thing. Fortunately, we all have the power to change that.

The next time there is an event that sounds interesting, whether it is sports related or something an organization is planning, make sure you go and show your support. And most importantly, have fun. You won't lose anything by showing up to an event, but you will lose out on what could be some really great college memories if you don't go.

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Breast Cancer Awareness Took Over October

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I feel that before I even begin I should disclose that I in no way wish to offend any readers with what I am about to say. With the closing of October comes the closing of Breast Cancer Awareness month, something I am both amazed and annoyed at. Good news should always come first, right? It amazes me that so many people can work together for a common goal. The American Cancer Society and the Susan G. Komen Foundation have had such an impact on our country over the

last month that I am really almost in shock at how caring Americans can actually be. No other cause or organization can paint the National Football League pink or make an appearance in almost every single retail store. Everywhere you turned this month you saw pink. Between schools, colleges, and sports teams, it seemed everyone was making donations and trying to take a stand against this deadly disease. I, too, took part in many of them because I, like probably every one of us, have been affected by the detrimental effects of breast cancer.

That being said, I can't say

that I agree with October being called "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" anymore. The aim when AstraZeneca (the leading manufacturer of breast cancer drugs) founded the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in 1985 was to promote mammography as the number one form of prevention against the disease. In only 25 years, the increase in awareness has skyrocketed.

The abundance of support has been phenomenal, the problem I have however, is why stop at breast cancer? There are so many other forms of cancer that are just as deadly that don't have the recog-

nition that breast cancer already does. Cervical and Uterine cancer is, more often than not, detected when it is too late to even fight. For that matter, why stop with women? Only 4 percent of Testicular cancer is detected by a physician during a normal exam. It is for this reason that self examination needs to be promoted for men as well.

In addition, we could even move beyond cancer. Heart disease is actually the number one disease killing women, although heart disease has gained some attention in the past few years. Multiple Sclerosis is also on the rise and yet many Americans don't even know

what the disease is or the affect it can have on a person and their family.

I say these things not to sound like some anti-feminist or someone who is callus and doesn't care about this deadly disease. All I want is for another deadly disease to gain as much, or even half, of the recognition that breast cancer does. Everything that this month has accomplished is heartwarming and a real indicator of what we are capable of when we work together. I just wish we could educate the public on things that are not as common, but just as dangerous as breast cancer.

Proposition 19: End of Marijuana Mayhem?

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On November 2, the citizens of California will voted on Proposition 19, also known as the Regulate, Control, and Tax Cannabis Act of 2010. This law will still make marijuana possession against federal law, but it would give hope for legalization on a national level, even if it is one state at a time.

The argument between those who wanted this bill to pass, and those who did not, was fierce.

The DARE Campaign, Drug Abuse Resistance Education, is a "police officer-led series of classroom lessons that teaches children grades kindergarten through 12 how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug and violence free lives", according to www.dare.com. In actuality however, several

children have, after witnessing the lessons, turned in their parents to the police and therefore were handed over to child services, even though they were not abused. This program is currently in effect in 80 percent of school districts nationwide, but its effectiveness is clearly debatable.

Keep in mind though, that police officers are not to blame. In fact, the National Latino Officers Association is endorsing Proposition 19 because they believe it will cut down arrests in the Latino Community.

A prominent web-based group joining the cause for legalization is the Women's Marijuana Movement, "a movement of women (and men) who see the harms caused by our current marijuana laws and want to see them changed", according to www.facebook.com/#!/wom-

ensmovement. Their Facebook page keeps people informed with updates on the news concerning marijuana, urges people to talk to friends and family about the cause, and advertises for organizations similar to them.

Of course, I could go on for hours about the different groups for and against the cause, but that would have no effect if the reason behind the opposing sides was not explained. The argument between the advantages and disadvantages of both using and legalizing marijuana has been going on for decades. The reason for this is debatable as well, and is said to contain accusations of racism, greed, and ignorance. Also, the permanent effects of using marijuana have not been thoroughly researched. To some, marijuana is known as a harmless drug, with more benefits than problems. These ben-

efits include medicinal uses like the possible curing of diseases, and the alleviating of menstruation cramps and nausea. Unfortunately, the predicted problems are memory loss and throat cancer. Without the proper knowledge of the effects of marijuana usage, it will be difficult for this bill, and others like it, to pass.

In the meantime, countless people are being thrown into prison because of marijuana use and possession. According to www.serendipity.li/wod/mpp.html, "There have been more than 10 million marijuana arrests in the United States since 1965." In addition, "More than 35,000 marijuana offenders are in prison right now". These figures are staggering and reflect a corrupt judicial system. "Sex crimes in both the federal and state and state systems carry an average of six to seven years in

prison, with rape carrying more severe penalties", according to www.totalcriminaldefense.com/crimes-a-z/sex/default.aspx. In comparison, people found growing and selling marijuana are often sentenced to life in prison.

On a local level, laws are not as intimidating, but are still a threat. According to the Resident Life Policies on monmouth.edu, "Presence of the odor of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia or any other device used to ingest marijuana in any building may be subject to internal disciplinary action, as well as legal prosecution under federal, state, and local statutes."

These rules are vague, but the intentions are clear. Regardless of whether a person uses marijuana themselves or not, it's safe to say that the current laws referring to marijuana need to be changed.

Debate Hawks Win Awards at West Point

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The Debate Hawks participated in their first tournament of the academic year at the prestigious 43rd annual West Point Military Academy Debate Tournament. This tournament consisted of 24 schools with 130 teams participating in debate. The event continued for a total of three days during the weekend of October 22. Cornell University, Dartmouth, Columbia, Fordham, New York University, and Boston College also participated alongside Monmouth University. This year's debate topic is immigration. Students debated whether or not increasing or expanding the visa quota rather than putting a freeze on the number of new citi-

zens the United States can allow is appropriate. The University's Debate Hawks did exceptionally well and brought home a trophy for their accomplishments. Three teams were categorized and enlisted within the Novice Division, and one team debated within the Junior Varsity Division. Senior, Kristen Milkulka and Greg Morga debated impressively well in the Junior Varsity Division, leaving the tournament with a 3-3 record. In the novice division, first time debaters, freshmen James Seip and John Feldmann won two out of four rounds with a remarkable comeback within the last two rounds. Furthermore, Delila Osmankovic and Miriam Peguero, also first time debaters, won one

out of five rounds with a strong win last round on the affirmative. Brandon Karkovice and Parker Ritzdorf had an amazing performance last weekend with a 5-1 record bringing the Debate Hawks to the Octafinals. "I started debating when I was a freshman when Dr. Patten suggested it to me. At first I was hesitant but he said no experience was required so I just gave it a shot. Well it turned out to be a good effort because at this past tournament I won five out of six rounds and I also won a speaker award," Karkovice said. Their last debate with Liberty University was a close one and they received a trophy for being Novice Division Octafinalists. Moreover, Karkovice received another award for being one of

the top ten speakers, among 260 students. The Debate Hawks along with Dr. Patten have put in a lot of hard work and dedication to achieve what they did during the tournament, and had an enjoyable time while doing it. As Karkovice said in his final round of debate, "No policy will be needed because we will be in a world of play." The Debate Hawks turned hard work into play and had a great first tournament. The University's Debate Hawks will be hosting their very first tournament in two weeks. The Jersey Shore Invitational in Asbury Park on November 13 and 14. Karkovice explained that he would suggest joining the debate team to any student, regardless of whether or not they are pre-

paring for law school. On top of the critical thinking skills a student learns, the bonds you make with friends from different tournaments are amazing. "Debating prepares you for life, to critically analyze situations and think of your feet. It empowers students to pick out faults within an argument and discover the flaws in their own argument. It's an excellent boost for confidence as far as public speaking goes, and overall just helps students with classes in general," Karkovice said. Anyone interested in joining the Debate Team please contact Dr. Joseph Patten, the team advisor at jpatten@monmouth.edu. Or contact Debate Team captain and President of the University's Political Science Club, Kristen Milkulka.

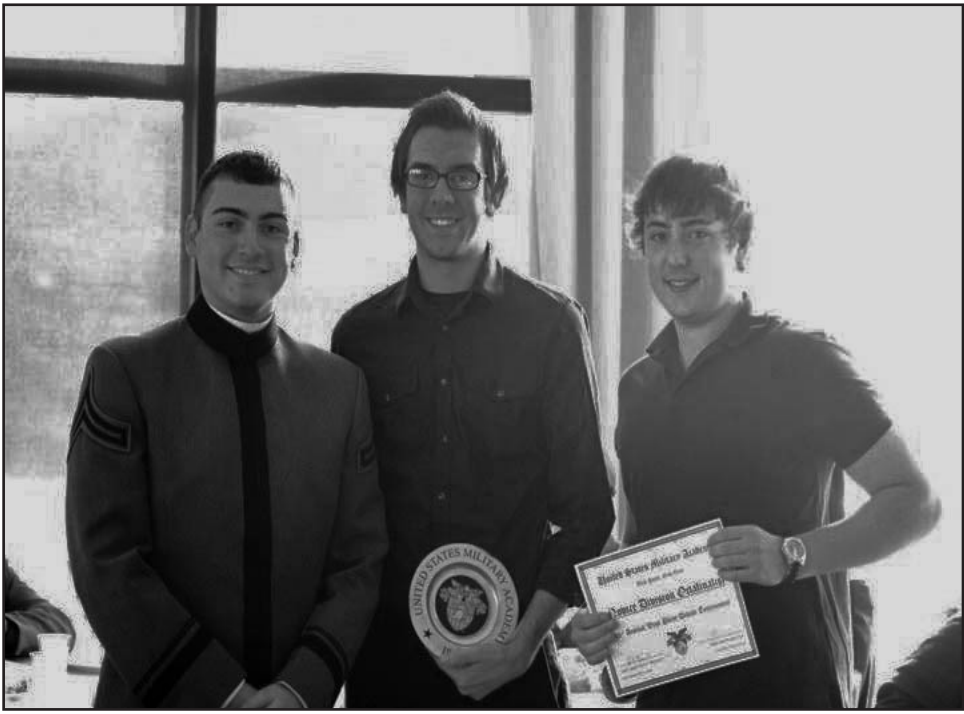


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The University's Debate Hawks won Best Speaker Awards at their first debate tournament at West Point Military Academy during the weekend of October 22.

College is Getting Cheaper? Really? *Tuition Inflation Unequal to Wage Earnings*

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Supposedly going to college is getting cheaper with increased availability of financial aid. According to the national study released last Thursday by the College Board, that's not true. This year, the average public four-year college is charging \$7,605 annually for tuition and fees, an increase of \$555 over last year, the study found. The average four-year private college is charging \$27,293, or \$1,164 more than last year. However, the study estimated the average student at a four-year public college will pay \$1,540 in net tuition and fee costs this year, once grants, scholarships and tax credits are taken into account. That is nearly \$500 less than students paid in 2005-2006, when the rates are adjusted after inflation. Students at private colleges are also paying less out of pocket, the study found. The average student at a private college will pay an estimated \$11,320 in net tuition and fees this year, about \$1,430 less than in 2005-2006. In New Jersey, four-year public colleges were forced to keep their tuition hikes to four percent this year under a provision Governor Chris Christie and lawmakers included in the state budget. However, New Jersey colleges continue to charge well above the national average.

Among the public four-year colleges, annual tuition and fees range from \$9,347 at New Jersey City University to \$13,549 at the College of New Jersey.

New Jersey's two-year county colleges are charging an average \$3,035 a year for full-time students. That is \$322 more than the na-

governments is for low income families and military veterans returning from war. Higher education analysts said they understand if students are

with unemployment and pay cuts brought on by the economic downturn. It is unclear whether or not Congress will continue to increase funding to the federal financial aid program in future years. In New Jersey, low-income college students are already getting smaller state financial aid checks this year thanks to the state's budget problems. "Everyone is feeling a pinch because no one's income is keeping up with inflation," said Kathy Payea, a College Board policy analyst. Another problem is that many more people are qualifying for New Jersey's TAG awards (financial aid), so the checks have to be divided between more people, which obviously leads to checks of lesser amounts. Several campuses have experienced protests by students wanting to display their anger at the cuts in aid. This has been an on-going issue between students, the government, and institutions of higher education for decades. Tuition can be lowered if institutions of higher learning cut budgets for unpopular programs or services and reduced staff, while retaining efficiency. Unfortunately, because of the budget crisis in Trenton and Washington, there is no more money left to give for grants and funds. I fear that financial aid towards education will not be that more substantial for a while.



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A protest in Sacramento in 1967 depicted students feeling excluded and neglected over high tuition prices. This protest was occurring roughly around the same time the Equal Rights Movement was.

At the private colleges, annual tuition ranges from \$21,200 at Bloomfield College being the cheapest to \$39,816 at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, New Jersey.

tional average. The reason for many students experiencing increases in their tuition costs is that much of the financial aid that is available through the state and federal

skeptical of reports that say college is getting cheaper. Even if the net cost of going to school has fallen slightly, many families do not feel the benefits because they are struggling

Catching Up With John B. Anderson

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It is an irrefutable fact that the American political system has long been dominated by two major parties.

They include the mainstream media and political pundits, which constantly promote the idea that there are only two choices in any given election.

However, every few years an unexpected third voice enters the fray and inspires voters to stand up to the bipartisan duopoly.

During the election of 1980, that voice belonged to John B. Anderson, an Illinois Congressman who had originally entered the Republican primaries as the underdog alternative to Ronald Reagan.

With his straightforward attitude and unique blend of social progressivism and fiscal conservatism, Anderson stood in stark contrast to his opponents.

“I insist on a high degree of personal responsibility,” says Anderson.

“I don’t expect the government to spend our way to prosperity. My heart is in the right place, and my wallet is still in my pocket.

I have very realistic, yet progressive views. As time passes, we have to advance with it; we can’t live in the past!”

This message captured the attention of disenchanted voters, the centrists who viewed President Carter as ineffective and Ronald Reagan as too extreme.

A groundswell of grassroots support led Anderson to re-examine his political affiliation, and he ultimately excommunicated himself from the GOP and launched an independent bid for president.

Anderson received six percent of the vote, and while he didn’t get to move into the White House, he did mobilize thousands of student activists and encouraged a disillusioned nation to vote its conscience.

Some thirty years later, the American political climate is even more divided than it was

in 1980, and much to Anderson’s dismay, the two major parties have become even more polarized.

The corporate influence over politicians is now widely ignored, and both parties have become more concerned with serving the special interests than their constituents.

“Both [parties] rely too much on contributions and doing favors,” said Anderson.

“The Republicans and Democrats are both guilty.”

Until recently, there were limitations on how involved a corporation could become in a political campaign; however, a controversial Supreme Court ruling recently abolished these restrictions.

It was a move that particularly startled Anderson:

“I am very unhappy with the ‘Citizens United’ decision of the Supreme Court,” said Anderson.

“It said corporations could, without limit, become involved in campaigns.

It repealed well-known pre-science going all the way to back 1913.

We need reform, in both parties, when it comes to the way campaigns are financed. “

While the majority of Americans would agree that campaign finance reform is most certainly needed, there is great debate over how to go about this.

The increasing frustration with elected representatives, and the political system in general, has led to the rise of the “Tea Party” movement, which has sought to oust incumbents in an attempt to establish more conservative leadership in America.

While at first glance one could see similarities between the “Tea Parties” and the grassroots movement that propelled Anderson’s 1980 campaign, there are very few ideological similarities between the two, and Anderson feels the “Tea Partiers” may be counterproductive:

“I don’t challenge their good faith,” said Anderson.

“But they are looking in the

rearview mirror at a time when we need to be looking forward...

They have become totally stagnant in their thinking; they do not recognize the changes that have taken place in our own country, or around the world.”

Anderson feels that the “Tea Party” fails to recognize the impact of globalization and recent events on the political landscape.

Thus, any attempt to revert to a government modeled on their antiquated ideas would be retrogressive.

“You cannot simply sit back and talk in terms of the old aphorisms they relied on for so long,” said Anderson.

“These are time worn and outdated doctrines that don’t recognize the world we live in today. The dogma being espoused is...a throwback to an era that passed us by.”

Anderson also criticizes “Tea Party” politicians, and their supporters in the media, for utilizing fear tactics.

He points to the blatant anti-Islamic sentiments often conveyed by opponents of the planned Islamic Cultural Center in Manhattan as disheartening evidence that there is a lack of respect for religious freedom within the movement.

Anderson said, “They made a big deal of the building of this mosque in New York. [They argued] almost outright, that people with Islamic views have to be viewed with suspicion. That’s unfortunate. I don’t want this country in the grip of fear. There are terrorists...and they have to be dealt with. But not at the expense of sacrificing our sacred belief in religious liberty and freedom.”

Today, John B. Anderson continues to fight the two party system: he served as a board member of FairVote, and has been among the most vocal proponents of bullet voting.

In 1980, Anderson’s presidential campaign gave a voice to those who had been politically mute, and as the 2010 elections near, it is important to recognize the timelessness of his message.



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John B. Anderson, a former Illinois Congressman and Presidential candidate is still an influential political figure today at 88-years-old.

Obama Proposes School Extention

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President Barack Obama has recently proposed extending the public school year by one month as part of his “Race to the Top” education reform program.

Now that the President’s health care agenda as well as other priorities are underway, he is focusing on education reform.

The President has said the longer school year is needed because students in the United States are not keeping pace with their counterparts in other countries, such as China and India.

“That month makes a difference,” Obama said in an appearance on the *Today Show*. And while “that’s going to cost some money,” he said, “that would be money well spent.”

As his main example, Obama said that the D.C. public schools are struggling. He aims to reform education systems throughout the county, especially in low-income areas and districts with low test scores.

Obama will focus on providing specialized emphasis on math and science programs.

The President also explained that incompetent teachers would be removed and replaced.

Obama said his administration’s “Race to the Top” program will help school districts im-

prove and support students, but he said parents need to get more involved in their children’s education.

He has requested \$1.35 billion to fund his propositions for the 2011 academic year.

The proposed extension is receiving mixed reviews in Maine. For example, students at Portland High School said there are better ways to improve classroom performance.

Principal Michael Johnson says he supports the idea, as long as there is adequate funding for it.

He is also concerned with where the extra month would be placed within the academic year. Johnson explained that it should be conveniently placed for students and parents as well as teachers and school administrators.

Other public school administrators are fretful that holding school days in the summer heat will be a problem due to the lack of air conditioning units in many buildings..

Recent studies have shown that when students have a gap during the summer months, they take a longer time getting back to speed and do not learn as efficiently as they could be.

Time that can be spent learning is wasted when students’ brains adjust and get back on

track.

Obama hopes that a shorter break will promote better productivity and enhance student performance.

He cited that students in traditional year round schools in other parts of the world perform better than American students.

Controversy regarding Obama’s plan include questions regarding where the funds will stem from to pay teachers and to pay for supplies for an extra month of school.

Many feel that students who are in school longer do not necessarily score better on standardized tests. This is because there is a proven stronger correlation that exists between test scores and percentage of low-income students.

Obama’s educational advisors believe being in school longer may also help turn around young peoples’ attitude of sex and violence on television because more time will be spent focused on school work and learning about society’s expectations.

Students would be held accountable for their actions for a longer period of time during the year.

The school extension would also benefit low-income students by keeping them in school, making up for a possible lack of enrichment while not in school.

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Take a Vacation from Procrastination

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The semester is speeding by, we have already passed mid-terms and now it feels like we are getting assigned more papers and projects every week. No matter what, you are bound to feel stressed, panicked and overwhelmed at some point in the semester.

There are many different ways that students handle the pressures of college. Some people like to pull all night study sessions or spend hours in the library. Procrastination is something that we are all familiar with.

You can always catch students in the library frantically typing a paper that needs to be due that day, or just opening the book for the test you have in an hour.

I know personally that I fall under the procrastination category, and every time it happens I make a promise to not let it happen again, but it's usually hard to stick to.

What you may not realize is that procrastination and stress from school could be having a bigger effect on you than you may know.

When you procrastinate it affects your sleep, diet and daily functions. Your brain is often

not functioning the way it should which may cause you to not give your full attention to other classes that you have.

Do you find yourself saying "I work better under pressure"? You might be thinking that as long as you are getting your work done, who cares if you are doing it last minute.

People who procrastinate with work will usually carry that attitude out in other aspects of their life, like paying bills and getting to places on time.

Some people might suggest that someone who procrastinates should just become more organized and have better time management.

"Telling someone who procrastinates to buy a weekly planner is like telling someone with chronic depression to just cheer up," insists Dr. Ferrari from the American Psychology Association.

As you can see it takes a lot more work and dedication than you may realize. Although writing down all of your assignments that you have for the week and crossing them off as you do them is a step in the right direction to avoid last minute studying and assignments, there are other things to work on as well.

Procrastinators make up 20

PROCRASTINATION CHART		
WHEN DO I PROCRASTINATE?	HOW DO I PROCRASTINATE?	AM I SURE THIS IS PROCRASTINATION?
WHEN I HAVE TO WRITE A PRESS RELEASE FOR WORK	SEND PERSONAL EMAILS AND SURF THE NET	YES!
WHEN I HAVE LAUNDRY TO DO	WATCH TV AND EAT ICE CREAM	YES!
WHEN I HAVE A TERM PAPER TO WRITE	GO BOWLING WITH FRIENDS	YES!
WHEN I HAVE TO STUDY FOR A TEST	GO JOGGING OR DO YOGA	NO

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Procrastination can have a negative effect on classes and grades.

percent of the male and female population of the United States. So it's no surprise that a majority of these people develop in college.

When it comes to doing homework and writing papers it seems that we can always make an excuse for reasons on why it should wait.

A characteristic of procrastination is constantly trying to distract yourself from doing your work. If you find yourself checking your Facebook, your e-mail, or just finding anything more interesting than your school work, then you are falling right into that 20 percent.

With the percentage of college students who binge drink rising every year, it's no surprise that large consumptions of alcohol

are also an effect of procrastination. Many people will turn to alcohol as a way to escape the reality of what they really need to accomplish.

Studies have shown that procrastinators tend to drink more than they had initially intended to.

Many students will turn to having a good night with their friends instead of studying for their test the next day.

The most important part to remember about procrastination is the effect that it will have on your grades.

While you might think that staying up until 3:00 am to finish your 10 page paper is the best way to handle it, why not start a few days early and put your best effort in it.

When you finish your work ahead of time it leaves you more opportunities to do the things that you really want to do.

There are many ways that you can try to avoid procrastination altogether. You may be used to your own pattern of getting things done, but you still have time to change things around before the end of the semester.

When you realize that you are getting a bunch of different assignments, do the hardest one first.

The harder the assignment, the more likely you are to avoid it until it's absolutely necessary.

What will typically happen if you wait until last minute on the harder assignments is you will rush through it and not get the grade that you could have received.

At the beginning of every semester, professors will hand out a syllabus for the course. Instead of sticking it in your notebook or throwing it in the back seat of your car, you should sit down and actually read it.

If you read over the syllabus you will be able to see all of the assignments you have for the semester and are able to plan when you are going to set aside time to do each of them.

When I sit down to write a paper I am usually staring at a blank word document for at least ten minutes. One of the hardest parts of doing an assignment is actually starting it.

If you can just motivate yourself to start writing your paper or studying for your test before you know it you will probably be halfway done.

Everyone has their own ways handling the stress of school work. If you avoid the temptation of procrastination you will be much better off.

You will have more time to hang out with your friends and do the things that you want to do instead of worrying about the stresses of school.

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Hairstyle Trends Reminiscent of 1950s and 1960s

Topknots, Pixie Cuts, Ponytails and Side Braids Making a Comeback

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Plenty of young celebrities have cut off their hair for a 1960s-inspired gamine look that is evocative of Mia Farrow's in "Rosemary's Baby."

Celebrities including Emma Watson, Carey Mulligan, Hayden Panettiere, Michelle Williams and, most recently, Ashlee Simpson-Wentz have chopped their once long, extension-filled and over-processed Hollywood hair to show off pretty faces and delicate features.

Perhaps they are trying to drive the idea home that they are serious actresses, not to be lumped in with the 15-minutes-of-fame reality stars. (In Simpson-Wentz's case, it could be that her hair was fried from the black to red to platinum dye jobs she's been juggling the last few years.) Either way, cutting their hair so short is a gutsy move that sets them apart from the pack of over-styled starlets.

This style seems to rule with leading ladies, as well as with tweens and 20-somethings who love Audrey Hepburn's hair in "Breakfast at Tiffany's."

Salma Hayek and Molly Sims

have been spotted recently with their hair piled up on the tops of their heads and coiled around like a dollop of whipped cream. The look is reminiscent of the 1960s and shows off a pretty face and high cheekbones.

The Urban Outfitters set is also sporting this look, but in an edgier way, with hair on the sides slicked up against the head and the knot a bit tighter and more twisted than the coif that's been seen on the red carpet.

The style is likely to stick around for spring: Frederic Fekkai stylist Renato Campora gave models at the Marchesa spring 2011 runway show in September a tight, braided topknot that sat toward the front of the head.

To get this look, Campora applied a rich styling cream called Fekkai Essential Shea Tame & Style Pot de Creme. He flipped the head over so the hair fell toward the top, braided the hair, wound it around and then secured it to the crown of the head.

Another pulled-back look seen on the runway is the perky and flirty "Barbie-esque" ponytail like the kind that appeared in Louis Vuitton's fall 2010 fashion shows.

The hair perfectly complemented the collection's full,

below-the-knee skirts and heels. The key to this chic ponytail versus your running-errands-on-a-Sunday-afternoon pony is the sleek front and the flip at the ends.

This may take more time to style than you're used to, but the look adds some sweetness to fall's cashmere sweaters and a "Mad Men" quality to holiday party dresses.

A style that started on the runways of designers such as Alexander Wang and Miu Miu when they showed their collections for spring 2010 seems to be sticking around with no signs of stopping.

The loose and slightly disheveled side braid is being worn casually as well as with cocktail dresses on the red carpet.

Actress Kate Mara recently paired a side-swept fish-tail braid with a pink one-shoulder cocktail frock at the 2010 Teen Vogue Young Hollywood party.

On the street, stylish girls seem to be taking their cues from celebrities such as Mara and Kate Bosworth by finessing their hair into side-swept braids.

If you've mastered the style, keep wearing it past fall. The side braid works perfectly with spring 2011's 1970s-inspired collections.

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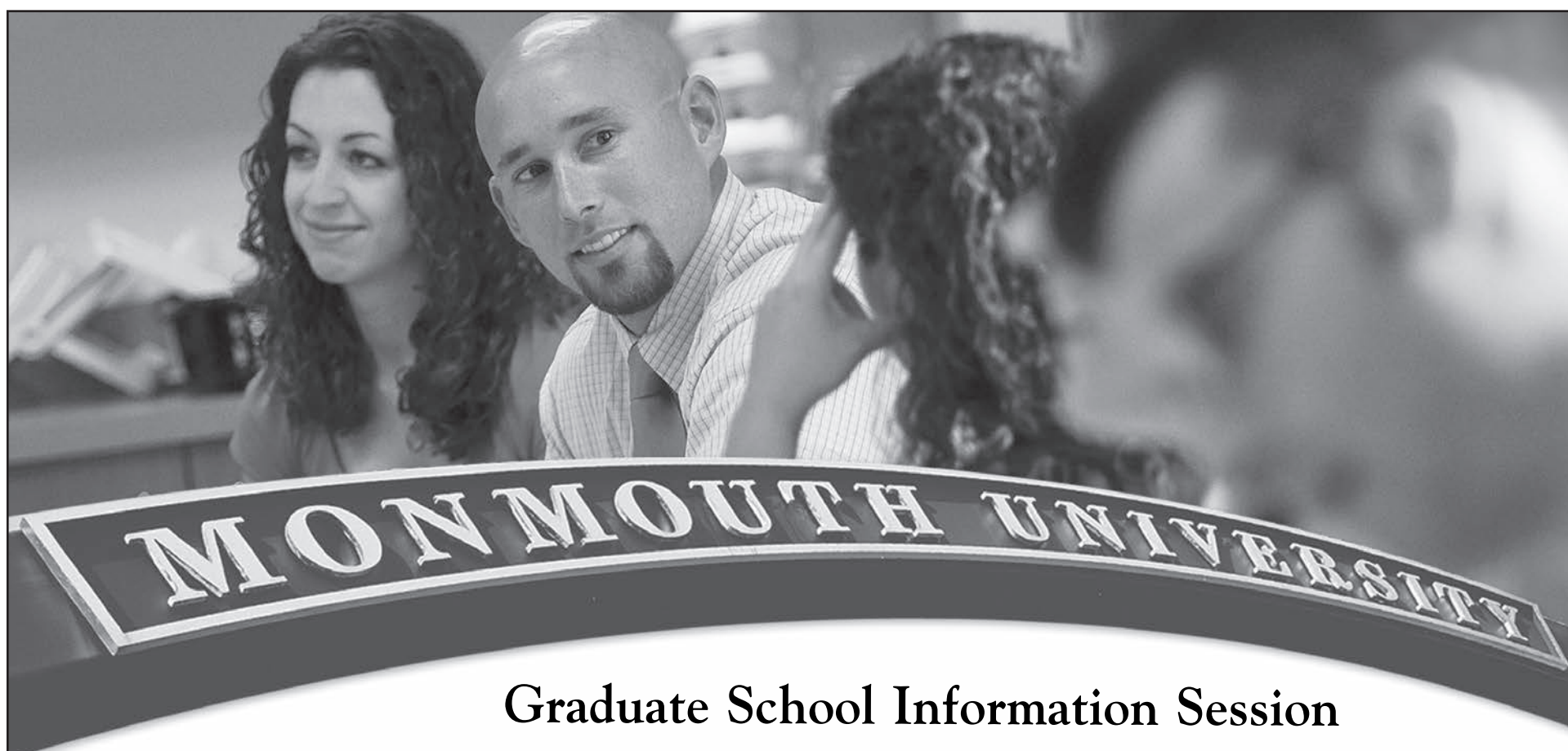
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Thousands Rise From the Dead to Set World Record

Despite Organizational Issues, Zombie Walk Still Meets Goal

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On the eve of Halloween, thousands gathered in Asbury Park in an attempt to break the previous Guinness world record for the largest gathering of zombies. The previous record was set at 4,026 in Ledbury, U.K. As of Sunday morning, WIS (Washington Inventory Service) International, an inventory county company from Staten Island, listed the official count for New Jersey's zombie walk at 4,093 zombies, setting the new world record.

To be considered a zombie, one needed to have zombie-like makeup and/or blood. There was no shortage of blood — organizers set up blood stations and people were passing it around like it was a canteen in the des-



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The zombie walk in Asbury Park set a new world record with 4,093 zombies in attendance.

ert.

By the time the walk started, blood was splattered about the boardwalk from one end to the other.

Participants were frustrated by the lack of communication throughout the day. In order to be counted for the record, zombies were told they would need to check in before the walk started at 5:00 pm.

There were three separate stations in which zombies could check in, though none of the stations were signed. Organizers

led crowds to one line, while the other two were left barely used. Many participants took to Facebook to express their frustration after the event. The majority of the comments noted that they had left prior to being counted.

The large turnout seemed to overwhelm the staff, which was composed of volunteers. It was well advertised that the organization was aiming for the world record and expected a turnout upwards of 4,000. Had the event been more organized, the world record would have been shattered. However, the lack of preparation resulted in just scraping by.

All confusion aside, the event planners threw a great Halloween themed event in the perfect town. Kicking off

the morning, "ZombieCon" allowed guests to shop for zombie themed paraphernalia.

Shops and restaurants offered discounts to the walking dead. Asbury Park Dance and Yoga held their second annual "Thriller" performance, offering lessons in the weeks prior to the event. Participants who wanted an authentic look were able to have professional makeup done for a fee.

In addition to the many vendors and activities, Central Jersey Blood Center (CJBC) was accepting donations throughout the day. According to Karen Moore, an employee of CJBC, the blood drive was a huge success. More people were willing to donate than CJBC was able to accommodate. Next year, the company plans to bring two blood mobiles.

Forget Being the Garden State, New Jersey is "The Soprano State"

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New Jersey has been the butt of many jokes—including ones about corruption. However, the sad truth is that when it comes to issues like fraud and bribery, the jokes are usually true. An examination of political corruption in the Garden State is explored in the new documentary, "The Soprano State: New Jersey's Culture of Corruption- Part One" based on the book, "The Soprano State," by Bob Ingle and Sandy McClure.

Director Peter LeDonne handles this serious topic through a number of interviews with Ingle, McClure, Governor Chris Christie, lobbyist John Tordi, and a host of other pundits.

Collectively, they offer some reasoning about how people play politics like a game. LeDonne also uses animated political cartoons to display corruption nicely, and photographs feature the Ken Burns Effect (the camera zooms and moves along a picture), which is good but nothing special. However, the director doesn't keep things in the present and shows corruption in the state during the Revolutionary War. The film mentioned how the Continental Army was charged to pass through tolls in N.J. and clips from the musical "1776" helped drive the point about the incompetency of this state. This fascinating portion showed that things have been like this for centuries.

Considering the nature of this subject, LeDonne and writer Mike Eldridge provide a stern lecture tone but make it comedic, too. The facts are relayed to the audience by actor Tony Darrow narrating the picture. This enables the mood of the film to feel like a comedy club, hearing a stand-up discuss the latest scandal and laughing or nodding in agreement. It made it easier to listen to unbelievable stories like how political boss Charles Kushner developed a blackmailing scheme that involved his brother-in-law, a prostitute, and a videotape that would make "Sex, Lies, and Videotapes" blush.

"The Soprano State" addresses the state of corruption existing in New Jersey. From politicians like Wayne Bryant, John Lynch, and former Governor James McGreevy, LeDonne directs a narrative that spells out how things got out of control. Bribery, money laundering, phony resumes, etc. are items up for play and don't get lost in the mix. Through news clips and interviews, LeDonne shows how those in power kept the masses down while individuals like Christie, former U.S. Attorney, tried to take down this corrupt system as best as they could.

Darrow is more than a voice speaking behind footage and is an active member of the film, adding life and energy. Darrow plays a comedian who speaks the truth through his humor. The film cuts back between news clips and interviews to Darrow, who energizes the film. He's telling the truth and putting it in a comedic context. When talking about the bust of 44 government officials in the summer of 2009, he says, "They needed three f---ing buses just to put everyone in." So, while the movie might be loaded with facts, there's the luxury of knowing Darrow will lighten things up.

Although this critic was unable to read the book before this viewing, there's enough information presented in the film that could make any audience greedy for more. Certain stories presented are so crazy and outrageous it is hard to believe they actually happened.

One was about David Friedland, a former Senator from Hudson County who faked his death in the Bahamas. However, he screwed up by calling his friends from "the afterlife" as well as opening a chain of scuba diving shops. Just as bad was "The King of Camden County," Bryant, who ordered Lincoln town cars for other politicians and a red one for himself. Yet the icing on the cake was how he shifted around money for the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), for a job here (where he basically just read the paper every day). This helped increase his pension from \$25,000 as a legislator to \$90,000. He was

stead of going into any detail.

Now, this isn't to say all politicians and government workers are corrupt. Christie, filmed as the 2009 Gubernatorial candidate

later indicted by former U.S. Attorney Christie, and UMDNJ became the only medical school to be taken over by the federal government. As much as these

nates investigative journalism. It's alive and individuals are working around the clock to dig up the dirt that is being spilled by the rich and powerful. Ingle and McClure are incredibly informative, considering they wrote the book on this issue. They know what they are talking about and do so in a manner that people can understand.

Meanwhile, reporters from other papers, such as the *Star Ledger's* Ted Sherman and Josh Margolin, show how they are active members of the fourth estate, keeping watch over the world to inform the public about what is happening. Even the Jersey Guys from 101.5 FM, Ray Rossi and Casey Bartholomew, whose show is a forum for people to have a voice, offer their two cents.

While the film is fine, one issue was a lack of title cards on the crooked politicians. It could have added detail to the film and worked with the comedic tone it had. (Imagine Kushner's name being slammed on the screen like a stamp). While people's names were displayed during the interviews, it would have been better to see it for all individuals. It assumes that everyone recognizes these corrupt politicians, but not everyone, including this critic, followed these stories when they happened.

Considering this film is very independent and not rated (get your mind out of the gutter), "The Soprano State" is a movie likely to pass by most moviegoers' radar. Yet, it shouldn't because it doesn't just say New Jersey is corrupt but educates viewers on why it is and how it became so. It was even better watching it with a Garden State crowd, hearing people whisper "Yes" and "Mmm-hmm" as imaginary tomatoes were thrown at the screen. Bartholomew, at one point, says, "(The voters) are afraid to get rid of their own guy," explaining why those abusing power stay in office. Since this movie premiered two weeks before the midterm elections, there's a chance this message might be heard and change will happen because of it.



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"The Soprano State" sheds light on New Jersey's long history with government corruption including commentary by political experts and scandalous news footage.

and Governor, came across as a crusader for justice. Any political judgments on him were swept aside hearing how many cases he fought dealing with political corruption in New Jersey. At one point, he said, "Money justifies doing anything," and seeing who he was working against made these words meaningful. The movie also shows that he plans to continue dealing with this as Governor. Viewers see this plan in its beginnings through footage of Corzine leaving and Christie taking over.

"The Soprano State" rejuvenates

stories are hard to believe, Darrow says it best with "You can't make this s---t up."

However, the film doesn't show every ounce of corruption that existed. It mainly focused on bigger scandals like the failure of the Xanadu complex in the Meadowlands and former Newark Mayor Sharpe James, who hired an inexperienced woman to deal with land developments. Even when the movie discussed the incredible crack-down of officials from areas like West Long Branch and Asbury Park, it glanced over them in-

"SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 4: EPISODE 1" SCORES 9 OUT OF 10

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“Sonic the Hedgehog 4: Episode 1” was released for download about a week ago. Sonic, the closest thing to rival Mario in the action-platformer genre, is all about speed. The original games on the Sega Genesis are classic, and anyone who still has their original copies should be proud to hold such exquisite pieces of art. The original 3D games weren’t too bad either, impressively showing that Sonic could handle the third dimension. But lately, Sonic has been at a low point. There have been lousy 3D games, and a whole bunch of shameless crossovers that fail to capture the essence of Sonic. When news of “Sonic 4” came out, old school gamers like me were ecstatic. Is “Sonic 4” a blast from the past that captures what Sonic is supposed to be?

Yes, yes it is. “Sonic 4” impresses with its controls and smooth game play. It is available on all three consoles via their downloadable networks. XBOX live, Wiiware network, and the PlayStation network all have “Sonic 4” available for download for \$15. The \$15 will be worth spending for the true blue Sonic fan.

Just to clarify, the full title is in fact “Sonic 4: Episode 1.” Don’t get the wrong idea; this doesn’t mean that this is only two or three levels that don’t have much replay value. There are four different areas, with one more final area unlocked after beating them.

Each area has three zones including another zone dedicated to the boss battle. There are also seven special stages for getting the chaos emeralds. In total, this is over 20 levels, with a fairly strong replay value. And this is just for “Episode 1.”

One of the most impressive parts of the game is its graphics. For a downloadable game, you are probably not expecting much. However, the graphics are stunning. It looks like a combination of regular 3D graphics and cel-shading, the technology mostly used for comic book games. Nonetheless, it looks fantastic, and the abundant and beautiful colors make “Sonic 4” on par with the \$60 games.

The music could use some improvement. I can understand wanting to have a new musical score, but it doesn’t match up to the original tunes. But then again, coming anywhere close

to the fantastic classic tunes like “Green Hill Zone” requires genuine difficult effort. As such, I’m not too disappointed that the music isn’t as impressive as the old games. Still, there are some re-

Running and jumping are very much like the Genesis games, and with a little momentum, the fast paced game play hits you like a truck. There is one new feature, and that’s the homing attack. The homing attack debuted in “Sonic Adventure,” the first 3D Sonic game. In that game, it was necessary, since just bouncing off of enemies without it would have been awkward and difficult. But in the 2D “Sonic 4,” it feels unnecessary. Using a homing attack wasn’t necessary in the Genesis games, but in “Sonic 4,” the game forces you to get used to it. Many times in

out of those parts. Granted, it doesn’t take the fun out of the whole game, but every time you have to do it, it’s always a row of enemies. A little variety would solve the problem, but it doesn’t happen, so these parts just feel boring after the first time.

Special stages are back, and are very much like the ones in “Sonic 1.” However, there is a difference. In “Sonic 1,” players guided Sonic through a large room, passing through barriers and avoiding “dead zones” which automatically ended the level while trying to reach the chaos emerald. In “Sonic 4,” players tilt the room around to guide a falling Sonic to the chaos emerald. It’s a different method, and is considerably more challenging as well.

The replay value of the game lies in gathering the seven chaos emeralds. As anyone who’s played the games knows, after gathering the seven chaos emeralds and at least 50 rings, Sonic can transform into Super Sonic. This is still applicable in “Sonic 4,” but only the dedicated will be able to get this achievement. And for those asking, no, you can’t use a cheat code to get the seven emeralds.

So in the end, “Sonic 4” is a worthwhile download for any fan of the series. Hopefully this is sign of good things to come, and Sonic games will only continue to be what they are supposed to be—fast paced, but above all, fun. “Sonic 4: Episode 1” gets 9 out of 10. Here’s to the return to Sonic’s roots. May he stay true and blue!



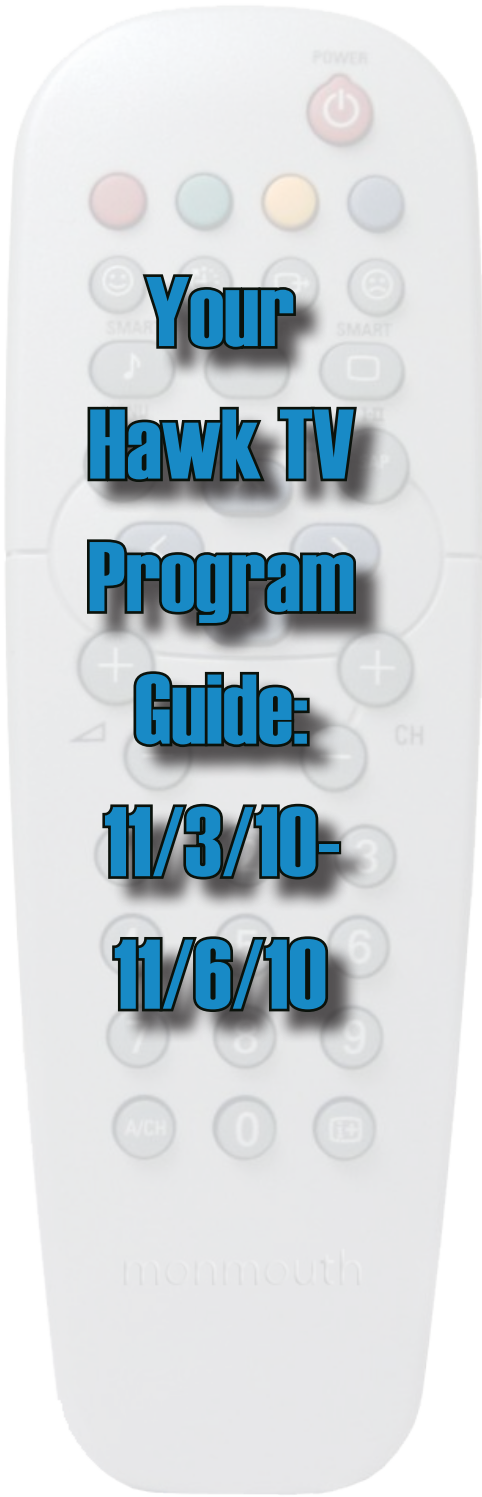
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“Sonic the Hedgehog 4: Episode 1” is available on all three gaming consoles (XBOX live, Wiiware network, and the PlayStation network) via their downloadable networks.

mixes here and there, which triggers the nostalgic feel that Sega was most likely trying to hit.

Onto the game play itself, in two words, it’s old school. Much like the original game, there is only one playable character, and that is the blue hedgehog himself. No carbon copies, no annoying giant cats, and no ear splitting crocodiles. It’s just Sonic and the evil genius, Doctor Robotnik.

the levels, there will be a point where you have to use the homing attack to bounce off of a wave of enemies to get over a pit. To clarify, using enemies as stepping stones for aerial travel isn’t anything new in platforming. In fact, the challenge of getting the timing down is a reward in itself. But here, it is not only too easy, but it is forced on you so many times that it saps the enjoyment



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Need Help with Math or Science? The Khan Academy is Your Answer

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It is in a converted walk-in closet filled with bookshelves and recording equipment in Salman Khan's ranch house in Silicon Valley, California, where the educational explosion of YouTube videos abounds, resonating across the globe.

In 1998, Salman Khan graduated president of his class at MIT with degrees in mathematics, electrical engineering and computer science; in 2003, he received his MBA from Harvard Business School.

Khan is the founder of the Khan Academy (www.khanacademy.org), a virtual school aimed at providing a world class education to anyone, anywhere.

The most watched channel on YouTube with over 28 million views, Khan Academy is the educational hotspot of the world—providing more than 1,800 ten minute mini-lectures on math, science, and finance.

These bite-sized educational mc nuggets span topics covering everything from basic k-12 math, calculus, linear algebra, differential equations, chemistry (inorganic and organic), biology, physics, economics, finance, standardized test preparation, history, brain teasers, and more—all for free.

Although learning in the traditional classroom has the invaluable human touch over learning online, no one dares to raise their hand in chemistry class to ask for help converting grams to kilograms while studying thermodynamics. Salman Khan's Academy is the answer to those unasked questions.

The primary reason is that all of the pressures in a physical classroom are alleviated in the virtual classroom—there is no pressure to answer the usual “do you get this?” question after the tutor has volunteered his or her time, be-

cause viewers have the indelible power to pause, rewind, or go back and even re-watch a video on unit conversions and then continue on with thermodynamics.

The Khan Academy has challenged some of higher-education's most revered ideals - that professional academics make the best teachers, that hour-long lectures are the best way to relate material, and that in-person teaching is better than videos. Khan has argued

on entropy: “I took two weeks off and I just pondered it, and I called every professor and everyone I could talk to and I said, ‘let's go have a glass of wine about entropy’. After about two weeks, it clicked in my brain, and I said, now I'm willing to make a video about entropy.”

Though the hundreds of videos provide excellent mini-lectures on various topics instructing the student, the true pinnacle of the

quite impressive, as well as the user-paced practice problems. I'll be sharing the site with all my faculty so they can then pass the information on to their students.”

“This guy is amazing,” writes Bill Gates, a huge fan of the Khan Academy, who touts Salman Khan as “a pioneer in an overall movement to use technology to let more and more people learn things, know where they stand. It's the start of a revolution.”



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Salman Khan (pictured above), who received his MBA from Harvard Business School, is the founder of Khan Academy, a virtual school providing more than 1,800 mini-lectures on math, science, and finance.

that his little lectures disprove all of that.

My single biggest goal is to deliver things in the way I wish they were delivered to me,” he says in an interview. If Khan is unfamiliar with a subject he wants to teach, he gives himself a crash course first.

In a recent talk, he explains how he prepared for his lecture

Khan Academy is the user-paced practice module that provides an infinite number of unique practice problems on everything from $1 + 1 = 2$, to finding the derivatives of functions that assess the student.

Dr. David C. Marshall, Chair of the Monmouth University Department of Mathematics, says that “the collection of videos seems

The humble origins of the Khan Academy can be dated back to 2004, when Khan's cousin Nadia visited him in Boston, and told him that she was having difficulty converting grams to kilograms, and was consequentially put into a remedial math class.

Khan agreed to remotely tutor her with conference calls through Yahoo! Doodle, and after a few

sessions, Nadia's grades started improving.

Soon afterwards, he also started tutoring her brothers and cousins, but found it too cumbersome to fit it within his schedule and their soccer practices.

After following a friend's suggestion that he put the videos up on YouTube, Khan jokingly says that the first response he received from his cousins was “I like you better on YouTube than in person.”

“Before I even knew it,” he says, “random people from all over the world started watching the videos and sending me letters and testimonials. I got excited about it and kept going.” Khan quit his job at a hedge fund, where he could have made millions, to work on the Khan Academy full-time.

This website has become a priceless asset for many students, including myself. I had an inadequate math background which had been holding me back in freshman year of high school from taking any of the advanced classes.

The next year, I stumbled across the Khan Academy while looking for help finding the area of polygons. I spent that whole year working on filling in the gaps of my education such as understanding negative numbers, finding the area of a triangle, converting units, and doing long division.

With the invaluable help of the Khan Academy, I gained tremendous confidence in my math abilities, traversed the distance from level three algebra to honors pre-calculus, and got a scholarship to go to college.

The Khan Academy has changed my life and the lives of millions across the globe. Salman Khan sees “a world in which anyone with access to a computer and the internet being able to go to the Khan Academy and getting a world education. It will be the world's free virtual school.”

Wilson Hall: “I Think I’m Gonna Like It Here”

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Wilson Hall, a major highlight of the MU campus, has been home to many exciting individuals and events throughout history.

Built in 1929, the building's beautiful appearance is a feature that many on campus love to boast about.

It was first constructed for a man named John A. McCall, the former president of the New York Life Insurance Co., and then became the summer home to our former President Woodrow Wilson during his campaign.

After that, the building was taken into the hands of the city during the depression, and finally purchased by Monmouth College in 1956.

Since then, it has been used by MU for office space and classrooms. While these are all stories that exist about Wilson Hall, perhaps the most famous is that the building served as a filming spot for the 1982 movie, “Annie.”

In 1981, the cast and crew of “Annie” came to the MU campus to film scenes for the movie. In the movie, Wilson Hall was staged as Daddy Warbucks' house.

This particular location was chosen by the producer, Ray Stark, because he had previous connections to MU.

They filmed multiple scenes from outside and inside of the mansion, while students were allowed to watch them shoot, as long as they did not interfere with the cast and crew.

When Annie arrives, you can see

the carport that is now parallel to our dining hall. She then enters in through the door that leads to the carport, and goes through what is now the admissions office, until she reaches the main foyer where the famous steps are located.

The steps you see when you first enter Wilson Hall is where Annie

en's tennis coach, who received her undergraduate degree from MU in 1982, says that it was a sight to see. According to her, “they made the campus look beautiful.”

For different scenes, they would change the landscape around Wilson. Her favorite scene that she remembers them shooting was the finale

beautiful.”

She recalls the famous actress, Carol Burnett, riding in on an elephant, and multiple entertainers including jugglers and people on unicycles dancing around the fountain in the back of Wilson.

Murray also remembers one scene in which Daddy Warbucks is sitting



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The grand staircase in Wilson Hall (pictured above), is featured in the movie “Annie,” where Annie sang her famous song “I Think I'm Gonna Like It Here.”

sang her famous song “I Think I'm Gonna Like It Here.” There is also a scene where Daddy Warbucks and Annie are in a swimming pool, a room located downstairs next to the Wilson Auditorium.

Patrice Murray, the current wom-

- the scene that resembles a circus being put on in the back of Daddy Warbucks' mansion.

It was shot from 8:00 pm until 4:00 am in the back of Wilson Hall. Murray says, “all of Wilson Hall was covered in decorative lights; it was

out in what is now Erlanger Gardens, with the crew trying to get flowers to fall down around him.

“There was a man trying to shake the tree in order to get the flowers to fall, but one fell right on top of Daddy Warbucks' head and stayed there, so

the director had to yell ‘cut.’” These were just some of the scenes that the students were privileged enough to watch.

Many things were altered around the campus during that month of filming. There were times where classes in Wilson Hall would be relocated because they were using the area to film. They spent extra time on the gardens, making Wilson Hall look like a beautiful mansion.

The atmosphere also changed on campus; everyone was excited to be hosting all of the cast and crew. Famous Hollywood actresses and actors were walking around the campus.

The school yearbook that next year was even done with the theme of Annie to commemorate their experience.

“It was exciting to see the film when it first came out” says Murray, “it was fun to spot where the scenes were shot.” Murray also pointed out that in the movie, a dorm is visible if you look beyond the gates when the car bringing Annie is turning into the driveway from Cedar Avenue.

Aileen Quinn, also known as Annie, just recently worked for MU as an adjunct theater teacher. She has done a few other productions since Annie including “The Frog Prince” and “Multiple Sarcasms.”

As of 1985, Wilson Hall is considered a historical landmark, meaning money is given to its upkeep each year. While the building does have a great amount of history, to us at MU, it will always be the setting for “Annie.”

The Art of Pulling an All Nighter

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It's five to midnight on a Sunday night. You're sitting in front of your computer, staring at a blank word document. Tomorrow morning, your doom awaits you.

Whether one of your biggest papers of the fall semester is due, or you have an exam for which you have not started studying for, you have already accepted that this is going to be a long, long night.

A 24-ounce cup of coffee or can of Red Bull sits readily on the table, at a perfect distance for you to grab.

You've been stalking people out on Facebook for over an hour, refreshing the home page as if someone will update a status so controversial, so epic, that it will keep you from having to do your paper.

Your Blackberry sits next to your computer, as you text all of your friends desperately, hoping they'll have some important news to share, so that this paper will just "have" to wait.

Sound familiar? This is the ultimate procrastination. Most college students can relate to this behavior, and all at one point or another, have had to stay up all night, to finish up a project, presentation, paper, or study for an exam.

Professors may ask all of us why we have waited to that last second to finally start the paper, why we haven't "managed" our time better, why we weren't more "responsible".

Well, we tend to ask ourselves those exact same questions as we're sitting there. Whether we put it off because we dreaded tackling the topic, had to do work for other classes, or got too crazy at the party the night before, we're still back to where we started.

Staring at a blank word document, with its cursor blinking, mocking the fact that we haven't written a single word.

While we may regret the fact that we have ended up in this situation, what's done is done, and our paper isn't, so let's get started.

Pulling an all nighter is honestly like an art that needs to be learned. It is not something that someone can master perfectly in the first try, because the key to pulling one off is making it look like the work was done over a gradual period of time.

As a self-proclaimed profession-

al procrastinator, here are some tips to help make sure that you not only get your work finished, but that it is cohesive and will get you a good grade too.

First, start off by setting up a good environment in which you can concentrate and productively study or tackle the assignment.

If going to a particular person's house for a party kept you from getting started in the first place, you want to avoid that same scenario again.

Try to sit in a place where you can not get too comfortable like a bed or couch, because you might end up falling asleep.

Picking a well-lit place is also important, because even though at first you may still be awake, by

stop texting aimlessly.

Next, it is always helpful to start the night by writing down an outline or list of work you need to get done, while you are still fully awake.

Before writing the paper, compile all of the research, and then, on a separate sheet of paper, write your thesis, and a brief outline of what will go into each paragraph, with the sources and evidence you will be using.

Believe me, this will come as a great help in those late hours when you feel like you are making less sense with what you are typing – so having a guideline will help you know what to do later on.

If you are studying for an exam, it is necessary to outline what you

Difficulty also goes hand-in-hand with importance, because obviously, you will want to tackle more difficult material when you are awake, before you have to stare at one sentence for five minutes, trying to understand what it means.

As those first few hours move along, you may start feeling tired. However, you must limit your intake of coffee, energy drinks, and food.

Coffee and energy drinks are great if they are used in moderation – if you drink too much too quick, you will crash, or even get a headache, which will not help the situation.

Drinking water and keeping hydrated will help you last through this long race.

compish a particular task, like reading chapters 1-5, or writing two pages of your paper, and then reward yourself with five minutes of free time.

This of course, varies by individual because some people will not be able to stop "their" time past those five minutes, but for others, it helps to think that they only have a little more to go before getting to relax.

When you are near the end but feel like giving up, remember, remain positive! It is so important to commit to finishing this, and not say that you will hand it in late or not go to class and just e-mail it.

This practically will have wasted all of the hard work you have put into staying up all night, will lead to a lower grade, and it will annoy your professor.

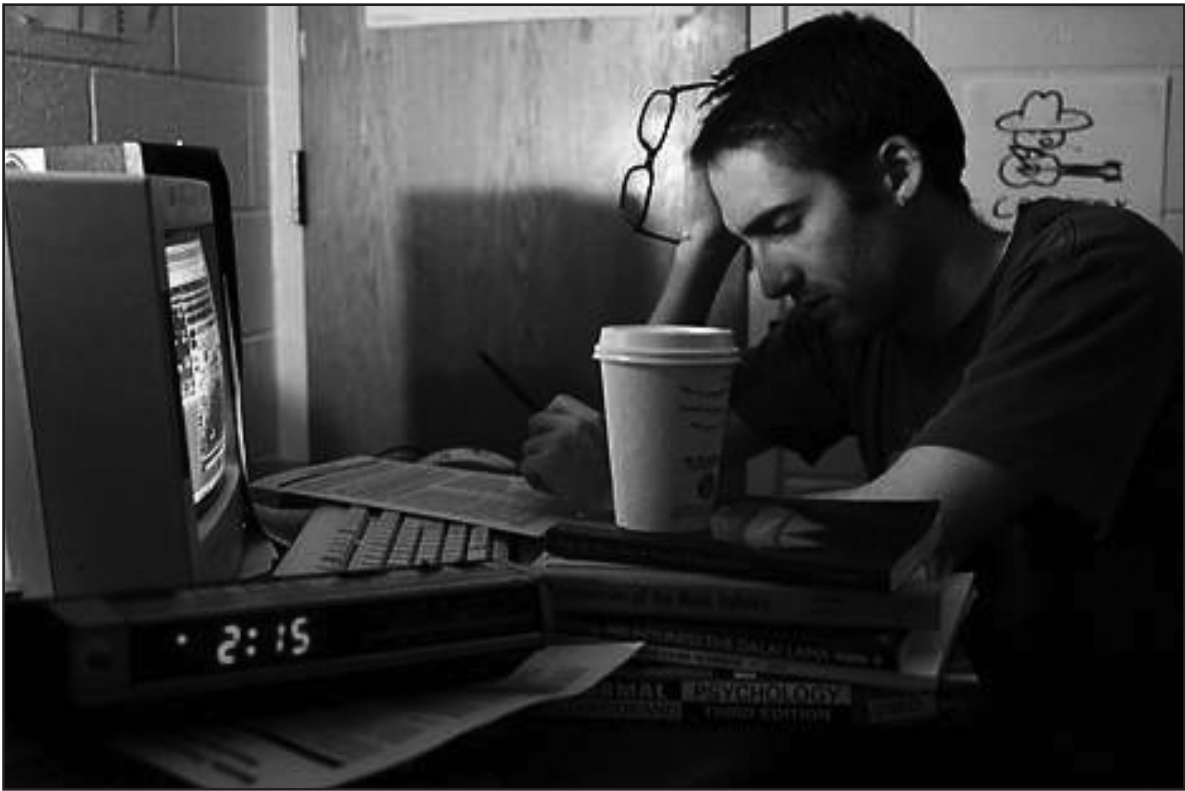


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Students who frequently pull all nighters, statistically have lower GPA's than students who manage their time and workload better. The average adult needs 7-9 hours of sleep to function properly.

four in the morning, you'll feel like a zombie. Also, try to get rid of distractions.

If listening to music or having the TV on in the background will hinder you from working, turn it off.

If music helps you drown out everything going on around you, turn the volume up. At some point, you just have to get off Facebook, and

need to study based on its importance and difficulty.

If you simply do not have time to read all of the chapters, focus on a few that the teacher specifically referenced in class, and skim the rest.

Studying based on things of importance will also help because as the night goes on, you will start remembering less.

When taking a break for food, stay away from sugar. Just like caffeine, it will cause you to crash. Protein really helps in keeping you awake, so grabbing nuts, cheese, a sandwich with some sort of meat, or a protein bar, can really help re-energize you for finishing up this assignment or study session.

Setting aside "you" time is also helpful. For example, set out to ac-

Continuing to tell yourself that you are going to get it done really helps when you feel like you are running on empty.

Finally, the last tip is about getting some sort of sleep when you are done. However, this is also very dangerous because it involves the possibility of oversleeping.

For example, if you get done with your paper at 7:45 am, and your class is at 10:00 am, you arrive at crossroads. Do you go to sleep for a little while, or stay up until class because you are scared of oversleeping?

Some sleep is definitely better than no sleep – especially if you are going to take an exam. Even a twenty-minute power nap can help you be slightly more focused and prepared to tackle the test, or allows you to stay awake in class to take notes, and learn the material.

The most important thing to do in this situation is to set multiple obnoxious alarms, especially if you are a heavy sleeper.

Set any alarms that you can get your hands on, at the highest volume, and leave them near you – this should do the trick in getting you up in time.

If you wake up in time to get to class to take the exam, or hand in the paper, you have successfully completed your all nighter.

Usually after completing this mission, you will say to yourself that this will never happen again. Unfortunately, if we are being honest with ourselves – good luck the next time it happens!

Loving Peanut Butter in the Month of November

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Peanut butter has been a long time favorite snack of many Americans. In the United States, the month of November is celebrated as "Peanut Butter Lover's Month."

That's right! An entire month dedicated to just peanut butter! It's time to pay a tribute to the delicious snack that goes with almost anything.

Approximately 89 percent of American households eat peanut butter. Though it has been reinvented many times throughout history, peanut butter as we know it today began in California.

In 1933, Joseph Rosefield began the Rosefield Packing Company which sold "Skippy" peanut butter, and marketed it as "shelf-safe."

He created both smooth and crunchy versions of peanut butter – to make it smooth, it was churned the same way butter was, while chopped peanuts were mixed into it for the crunchy version.

According to statistics, 60 percent of peanut butter lovers prefer creamy to crunchy, and people that live on the East Coast, women, and children prefer creamy, while those on the West Coast and men prefer crunchy!

Peanut butter today is made by machines. There are about 540 peanuts in every twelve ounce jar of peanut butter. First, the peanuts are put into

ing so that each side is roasted to a light brown. The peanuts are then cooled quickly at room temperature, and then ground into a paste.

with vitamins, minerals, and proteins to make it a healthy snack.

Today, peanut butter is the leading use of peanuts in the United



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Peanut Butter is consumed in 89 percent of American households. It is the leading use of peanuts in the

a peanut roaster which reaches a temperature of up to 240 degrees Celsius! The oven keeps the peanuts mov-

Additional ingredients, like salt and sugar, are added to make it even more delicious! The tasty treat is packed

States! Peanut butter is also in four out of the top 10 candy bars made in the U.S.

According to the National Peanut Board, Americans eat more than 1.5 million pounds of peanut butter and products containing peanuts each year! That's a whole lot of "PB & J" sandwiches! Because peanut butter is loved so much, it contributes more than \$4 billion to the American economy every year.

It seems that almost everyone loves peanut butter - even our Presidents! Both Thomas Jefferson and Jimmy Carter were peanut farmers before being elected as Presidents of the U.S.

On September 7, 2002 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Peanut Commission and the Oklahoma Wheat Commission, made the world's largest peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

The sandwich used 350 pounds of peanut butter, 144 pounds of jelly, and weighed almost 900 pounds! That's one huge sandwich!

With the average child eating 1,500 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches before he or she graduates high school, it's no wonder peanut butter is such a major staple in American society.

Peanut butter has become such a large part of life, that it's difficult to imagine it without the fantastic treat. With so many Americans chowing down on the wondrous snack, it's no surprise that it's peanut butter jelly time!

Student Organizations Rally Together for School Spirit

Homecoming Court, Student Government Association Pep Rally, and Club Float Competition Take Place

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In order to get students psyched for the Homecoming game against Sacred Heart University which took place on October 30 at 1:00 pm, Student Activities held a float competition for all student organizations on Friday, October 29 in the parking lot next to the football field and the Student Government Association held a pep rally on Saturday, October 30 at 4:00 pm in the Multipurpose Activity Center, where the Homecoming Court was also announced.

Every year, Student Activities holds their float competition. This year, five walking groups and five organizations made floats in order to compete for the cash prizes.

If organizations want to win the first place prize of \$700, the second place prize of \$500, or the third place prize of \$300, students must incorporate creativity and school spirit and compete against one another to match the Homecoming theme, which this year was Monmouth Masquerade.

The prize money can be used any way the organizations want to, however since making the floats can cost so much time, money, and manpower, usually the organizations just use the money to reimburse themselves after purchasing materials.

Sometimes, organizations pair up in their float efforts. This year, there were five float groups and five walking groups.

To build their floats, organizations start building their floats at the beginning of the semester and do most of the heavy building the month before Homecoming. Also, organizations are responsible for finding a flatbed truck to pull their float.

The judges of the floats are usually about five freshmen selected by different organizations across campus. Freshmen are chosen because they cannot yet be affiliated with Greek organizations, and many of the float teams are Greek organizations. This year, the judges were Chris McKittrick from the Residential Life, Vanessa Arcieri, Commuter student, Analiese Arico from the Student Alumni Association, Gina DeAngelo from the Residential Hall Association, and Julia McCarty from Monmouth Student Athletes Advisory Council.

In order to find organizations who want to participate, Student Activities sends packets out to all student organizations to see if they would be interested in making floats or being a walking group, which can consist of wearing costumes, performing routines, or holding a banner.

Then, the next day, the Student Government Association held their pep rally. The cheerleading squad and dance team both performed routines to begin the rally. The cheerleading team also threw little footballs into the crowd to get the students excited.

As the students entered the MAC, they were given festive beads and also raffle tickets for chances to win prizes. The prizes included a neon

clock, a basketball hoop, and a small grill.

President Paul G. Gaffney II also attended the pep rally to show his school spirit. He said that the students of the University needed to “take care of each other and look out for each other” during the Homecoming game and also for Halloween.

Then, the football team made their appearance and Kevin Callahan, Head Coach, explained how he “hoped for a victory” for the game. Jeffrey Brady, football player, also said that he hoped to win the game against Sacred Heart University.

The Pep Band played “Fight for Dear Old Monmouth” as the school mascot, Shadow the Hawk, approached students in the bleachers. Many of the students showed their school spirit by wearing the school colors or t-shirts representing their organization.

Students could also participate in a game called “Dizzy Bat.” They were put on three different teams with four players on each team. Stephanie Marte, a second year student, said, “I had a lot of fun playing the game. The game called for team work and it was awesome to hear the crowd cheer for each team.”

Stefania Flecca, Vice President of SGA, then announced the Homecoming Court. The Lord and Lady were Mark Hahn and Kelly Craig, the Duke and Duchess were Oscar Sanchez and Alexa Anastasio, the Prince and Princess were Nick Grimaldi and Becca Baier, and the King and Queen of Homecoming, announced at halftime at the game, were Andy Stern and Octavia Okoe-

Quansah.

Members of the Court get to be in the parade, receive a crown, and of course get special bragging rights.

To be eligible to be on the Homecoming Court, Lord and Lady must have freshmen credits, Duke and Duchess must have sophomore credits, Prince and Princess must have junior credits, and King and Queen must have senior credits.

“I think the pep rally was a lot of fun this year. It was amazing to see all of the students there, especially all the groups and organizations. It built a definite sense of community,” said Flecca.

About 1,100 students voted for the Homecoming Court. “It’s really cool that we got to participate in choosing the homecoming king and queen,” said Brittany Ziemba, third year student. “It was great to see how many people voted and showed support for their classmates.”

All students are allowed to vote one time for each section of the Homecoming Court. Voting started at noon on Monday, October 25 and ended at noon on Thursday, October 28.

In order to select nominees for the Homecoming Court, each University organization uses a different nomination process to select someone to represent them.

Also, the winners of the October Photo Contest were announced at the pep rally. Amy Parks of Student Employment won the award for the individual photo. Pinewood Hall won the best group photo.

At the end of the pep rally, all students were given free t-shirts that read Monmouth University.

Animal Representatives of Monmouth University: Help Alicia!

Alicia is a 10 month old Terrier mix who loves to play with toys.

Alicia came from a less-than-ideal home, but she is now a very loving puppy. Alicia is very playful and she loves to give kisses, cuddle, and be petted.

She is considered the “Life of the Party” at the Monmouth County SPCA, so her new owner needs to enjoy a dog that is full of life and likes to play.

Alicia is still just a puppy and is ready to find her lifelong home.

If you’re interested in giving Alicia her new home, please contact the Monmouth County SPCA at 732-542-0040 or go visit her at 260 Wall St., Eatontown, NJ 07724.



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Adopt Alicia, a ten month old Terrier mix who is always the “life of the party” at the Monmouth County SPCA.

Social Work Society Brings Depression and Suicide Out of Darkness

Takes Part in Fundraising Walk Sponsored by The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

JENNA INTERSIMONE
CLUB AND GREEK EDITOR

We have all seen what depression can do to people as a result of the recent suicides of American teenagers. The Social Work Society took part in Out of Darkness to help fight against suicide and depression by raising money for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Out of Darkness is a seventh annual walk sponsored by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention that starts at the City Hall Park in Manhattan and ends at the Brooklyn Bridge, which spans a total of 2.5 miles. This year, there was between 800 and 1000 people present to offer their support for the cause. It took place on Sunday, October 24 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

There are 220 of these walks taking place nationwide, with a total of 65,000 registered people, which does not include people that show up the day of. As of October 26, approximately \$127,000 has been raised without any help from corporate sponsors.

The Social Work Society members decided to take part in the walk were Nicole McQueen, President, Danielle Holmes, Treasurer, Marissa McCarthy, member, and Social Work alumni, Kristin Coccia.

At the walk, people from every background, from the rich to the poor, walked in support of their loved ones, from parents, to children, to best friends. Holmes said, “I think a lot of times people have this image in their head of those who commit suicide... loner, loser, anti-social people who

emit depression. This is so not the case. Suicide does not discriminate. If we can spread the love to those who feel like they have none, then it will always be a cause worth fighting for.”

Holmes said that she was touched by the people that she saw walking to mourn their loved ones, from mothers wearing white beads to represent their lost child or children with pictures of their parents on their t-shirts. “Although there were tears, they were not there for long. Everyone looked ahead, walked tall, and honored the memory of their loved ones.”

McQueen said, “The event was more positive than I expected, and although there were moments that everyone in the audience shared together with tears, overall everyone was supportive to be walking in the memory of their loved ones.”

At the walk, there was also an area for participants to share photographs, messages, poetry, and other artwork in memory of those who were lost to suicide. Large sheets of paper were also set out so people could write about why they think it is important to talk about suicide.

Before the walk began, there was a pre-opening ceremony performance by Devlin Miles. Then, Robert Gebbia, Executive Director, and Paula

Clayton, Medical Director, spoke about AFSP’s initiatives and research.

Following that, Joshua Desjardins, a local performer, spoke of his own struggles with depression before singing “Embrace the Day.” Raymond Lee, Broadway performer, then sung “Daybreak,” a song written by Bobby Cronin, who played the song on the piano.

The closing ceremony consisted of a thank you to all of the walkers, following with Bobby Cronin playing piano for his song “The Best is Yet To Come,” sung by Jenn Lurman,

cided to join in the cause.

Once the team was put together, the girls spread the word about their cause so that they could reach their goal of raising \$1,000. In order to contact others, they called and texted their family and friends, and updated their Facebook and Twitter statuses.

As of right now, they have raised \$1,245 and they can continue to raise money until December 31. On average, the girls received donations between \$25 and \$50 each.

Holmes said, “It’s amazing how all of the money raised for the Social

Work Society was through friends, family, co-workers, and even strangers. I can’t believe the amount of support we found through the Monmouth community

and within our families.”

McQueen said, “We are very thankful to all of our sponsors, but especially the Office of Human Resources and School of Social Work here at Monmouth University.” Donations for the Social Work Society can be accepted online and are 100 percent tax deductible.

All of the money that is raised through the teams of Out of Darkness goes to different programs for suicide prevention. They go to research projects that include chemical imaging of the brain to see what the brains of

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DANIELLE HOLMES
Treasurer of the Social Work Society

Broadway performer.

The idea for the walk for the Social Work Society began with McQueen. Since her main interest as a Social Work major is suicide and self-injury, she looked out for walks that supported this cause that could fit her busy schedule.

She then joined Out of Darkness as an individual, and considered making a team for the Social Work Society but there was no enough time to get a group together. So, she formed a smaller team after her fellow members in the Social Work Society de-

those who are depressed look like in the hopes that medicines can be created which counteract the chemicals that cause depression.

Also, they go to prevention and awareness programs that take place nationwide, such as the More Than Sad films, an interactive screening program for colleges, and the Bipolar Awareness Event.

These programs help to reduce the stigma of depression and suicide. Holmes said, “This is so it can be seen as an actual issue instead of something no one wants to talk about.”

“Suicide is an epidemic that occurs across cultures, genders, sexualities, income levels, and ages. All of humankind shares the possibility of experiencing suicide as a victim or as a survivor to a loss,” said McQueen. “Suicide can be 100 percent prevented with the right education, programs, support systems, and access to services. Together, we can make the term, action, and epidemic of suicide extinct.”

Over 34,000 suicides occur per year in the United States, with an estimated suicide attempt made every minute.

Meredith Henning, New York City Area Director for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, said, “Everyone has in some way been touched by suicide, depression, or another mental illness, and this cause will help to bring down the wall of stigma that is stopping so many from receiving the help they need for their mental illness as well as the help they need to grieve and heal for this type of loss.”

“Touchdown for Ta-Ta’s”: A New Way to Raise Breast Cancer Awareness

JENNA INTERSIMONE
CLUB AND GREEK EDITOR

Colleges Against Cancer, which is a nationwide group that includes college students, faculty, and staff, is devoted to eliminating cancer. In order to help their cause, Colleges Against Cancer volunteers for and supports programs involving the American Cancer Society.

In order to raise money for breast cancer awareness, Colleges Against Cancer held a flag football game on Shadow Lawn from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Sunday, October 24. The event ended up raising over \$200 in total.

Teams had to include ten people so that they could sign up. Each team donated \$20 that would be given to the American Cancer Society for breast cancer awareness. However, teams of less than 10 people were still welcome to come and play flag football for the afternoon.

The teams that signed up were Pinewood Hall, Alpha Xi Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Zeta Tau Alpha, Mullaney Hall, Elmwood Hall, Donna's Double Ds, and a group of students. This made for a grand total of 50 people in attendance at the game.

First, the four coed teams versed each other in different rounds, and then the winners and losers of those rounds played one another to see

who would come out on top. The winners of those two games then versed each other to compete for the first place prize, which was a trophy.

The event cost Colleges Against Cancer no money whatsoever, just planning from its members.

Jessica Rohr, Relay for Life Co-Chair, said, “Thanks to Amy Belina and Jon Cascone, we got Great Lawn as our field and equipment such as flags and footballs. We sent emails to all club presidents, put an ad in *The Outlook*, had tables in both

criticisms of the event and she hopes that it will go just as well next year. She said, “We couldn’t have asked for a better day or better weather.”

Colleges Against Cancer holds meetings every Wednesday at 3:00 pm in Bey Hall 129. They would like to invite anyone who would like to get involved with Relay for Life at the University to join them at their weekly meetings.

The organization is also running Relay Blitz Week, which is the kick-off week for free registration for this year’s Relay for Life at the University.

It will take place from November 15 to November 19. They will be having events all week long which will support the American Cancer Society. Students can either stop by at their meetings for more information or check out some of their flyers scattered across the campus.

Relay for Life will be held at the University on April 23 into April 24, as the event goes on overnight. According to their website, at Relay for Life, attendants will, “celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer with a survivor dinner and ceremony, remember loved ones lost to the disease during our Luminaria Ceremony, and fight back against a disease that takes too much by pledging to continue to fight back all year long.”

the Student Center and Dining Hall, and placed it on Events this week at Monmouth.”

Colleges Against Cancer is planning on making this an annual event, according to Rohr. She said, “This event was one of our best turnouts for fundraisers. We are excited to hold another game next year!”

The organization would also like to formally thank everyone for coming out for the cause, and they would also like to congratulate the winning team, which was Alpha Xi Delta teamed up with Elmwood Hall.

Rohr said that she has absolutely no

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year!”

JESSICA ROHR
Relay for Life Co-Chair

SGA President’s Letter

Fellow Hawks,

The cold air has swept itself upon the campus in recent days. Midterms are behind us as we now look towards Thanksgiving and eventually the end of the first semester. I hope that you all are doing well in your classes. Big papers, exams, and projects are coming up so it is even more important than ever to buckle down and make sure that you end the semester on a high note.

I would like to congratulate everyone on a great Homecoming celebration this past weekend! Though the final score of the football game was not what we all were hoping for, we know that our school came together for one weekend with students of the past and present for a great event. Congratulations to everyone who won places in Monmouth’s Homecoming Court including this year’s King and Queen, Andy Stern and Octavia Okoe-Quansah. I hope that everyone had a fun time during Homecoming. If you have any comments about the proceedings of this weekend or suggestions for improvements, please email sga@monmouth.edu. We are always trying to improve Homecoming for the years to come!

Speaking of improvement, I was able to attend Monmouth University’s Board of Trustees meeting this past Friday afternoon along with faculty observer, Dr. Kathryn Kloby from the Political Science Department. What I got out of the meeting was very positive. The Board of Trustees is very interested in improving the school and working with the administration to make

it happen. Over the next several months, I anticipate some great announcements to take place that will very likely affect student life at Monmouth for years to come. I will be urging the administration to make sure that they work towards these enhancements. They will only make our time on campus that much more improved in the years to come.

One immediate impact vote that took place on Friday was the addition of a new Masters program at Monmouth University. The MA in Anthropology program was approved by the Board and will begin during the fall of 2011. This is an exciting development for our school because we will be the only school in New Jersey that will be able to offer a Masters program in Anthropology. I encourage all who are interested to read up on the program and inquire about it with the Department of History and Anthropology.

Finally, I want to remind you all about the great games coming up soon for Monmouth University. The men’s and women’s soccer teams were strong this weekend. The men’s team took home two wins and the women’s team won their season finale. The NEC Tournament for men’s and women’s soccer will be taking place soon. This is a great

time on campus and I encourage you all to look out for the times of those games, should they take place on the Great Lawn!

Also, the beginning of November means that basketball season is upon us. The men’s team has an exhibition game this Saturday, November 6 at 5:00 pm in the Multipurpose Activity Center. This is of course leading up to the exciting 6:00 am game on November 16 which will be televised nationally by ESPN! The whole school will be coming together to put on a whole night’s worth of events in the lead up to the 6:00 am tipoff. Mark your calendars for this because it’s going to be an awesome time. We all will be able to show what Monmouth is really all about! Be there!

Go Hawks!

Kevin Sanders
SGA President



Club and Greek Announcements

All Lifestyles Included

Become an ally of the LGBTQ community! Come to the ALI meetings on Wednesdays at 2:30 pm in the Mullaney Hall Lounge.

If you have any questions, please contact Club President Yuri Albertao at s0701349@monmouth.edu.

Capoeira Club

The Monmouth University Capoeira Club aims to introduce the history, customs, music, language, and techniques associated with the styles of Afro-Brazilian Capoeira to students. Our goal is to offer an innovative way to approach learning and practicing Capoeira; which combines martial arts, history, music and dance. A positive effect from attending our meetings will be a high calorie burning workout.

Created four centuries ago by African slaves in Brazil in their struggle for freedom and survival, Capoeira was outlawed to practice until the 1930's. Since then the art had acquired enormous popularity among people of all ages and backgrounds in Brazil and throughout the world. Practiced in a communal setting, within a circle of players or "roda," and set to a hypnotic, pulsing rhythm, Capoeira calls for intuition, skill, grace and physical strength. This is only the beginning of the story, to really understand Capoeira; you need to see it for yourself.

The club is associated with the group Capoeira Sol Nascente, under the supervision of Professor Baiano and Formado Pacato. Capoeira Club meetings/practices will be held every Wednesday at 9:30 pm in Willow Hall’s basement. No experience is required! Come play, learn, and enjoy a good workout!

For more information please feel free to contact: Amanda Mazzolenis, President: 908-380-9611 or Dyala Souza, Vice President: 908-693-8499.

Theta Xi

Fraternity Theta Xi will be hosting a pampered chef party on November 17 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm with part of the proceeds going to Theta Xi and part going to their philanthropy for Multiple Sclerosis.

If you have any questions, please contact Theta Xi President, Robert Abolt, at s0644026@monmouth.edu.

Also, Theta Xi would like to thank Suanne Schaad for everything she has done for them throughout the past few months.

African American Student Union

AASU is looking for models and coordinators for their annual fashion show, Ebony Night. Ebony Night will take place on November 13 from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm.

If anyone is interested in either, please email Samantha Lovindeer at s0695133@monmouth.edu

AASU meets from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm every other Sunday in Oakwood Lounge. All are welcome!

SIFE

SIFE (Students In Free Enterprise) is an international network of student, academic and business leaders who have made a commitment to create a better world with better leaders—individuals who have the ability and are willing to put forth the effort to make a meaningful contribution to their communities, and are working together to improve the lives of others.

Last year, we partnered with Edesia to raise money to send malnutrition foods to Haiti.

This year, we will continue to work with Edesia to help aid malnutrition in Uganda. In January, our SIFE team will be traveling to Uganda to deliver the malnutrition foods to the Uganda people.

SIFE will also be teaching in the local schools in Uganda on topics such as hygiene, nutrition, cleanliness, and HIV/AIDS. We are asking for your support with our campaign. We will have donation tables on campus and a website where you can donate directly. Please help support the SIFE team and our fundraiser for Uganda. Any amount will help the cause. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated!

Christian Ambassadors

Christian Ambassadors, which is part of Campus Crusade for Christ, is starting a 7 week study on tough questions on Christianity.

The study is called “The Trouble with Christianity: Why it’s so Hard to Believe it.”

Here are the following dates that the study and discussion will take place and the discussion topics:

10/27-Exclusivity: How can there only be one true religion?

11/11-Suffering: If God is good, why is there so much evil in the world?

11/18-Absolutism: Don’t we all have to find truth for ourselves?

11/25-Injustice: Hasn’t Christianity been an instrument for oppression?

12/2-Hell: Isn’t the God of the Christianity an angry judge?

12/9-Doubt: What should I do with my doubts?

12/16-Liberalism: Isn’t the Bible historically unreliable and regressive?

Our meetings are at 8:00 pm in room 202A on the second floor of the Student Center and our email address is JESUSIS@monmouth.edu.

Social Work Society

The Social Work Society will be hosting their sixth Annual Teach-In, entitled "Environmental Justice: Ensuring Food Sustainability in Our Local and Global Communities" on Tuesday, November 9, from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm in the MAC Varsity Club Rooms.

The goal of the Teach-In is for the University community and the community at large to engage in serious, solution-oriented discussions surrounding pertinent social problems such as hunger, poverty, economic disenfranchisement, policy issues, human rights, social and economic justice, and water and sanitation.

The Teach-In will kick off with a film showing of the Oscar nominated documentary “The Garden” and keynote presentation by filmmaker Scott Kennedy.

Anyone can get involved by presenting on a topic, hosting a roundtable discussion, giving an artistic presentation (music, poetry, art, theatre, poster, etc. or attending the Teach-In to learn about these critical social issues.



Did You Attend Homecoming 2010?

COMPILED BY: MELISSA ROSKOWSKI



Caroline
sophomore

"No because it was on a Saturday and I couldn't make it."



Sabrina
junior

"Yes. They gave away prizes and my friends and I wanted to support the team."



Thomas
senior

"No. I had a soccer game and homework."



Krystal
freshman

"No. I went home this weekend."



Anthony
freshman

"I didn't because I was busy with soccer."



Michelle
sophomore

"I went to the game because it was the only thing going on and everyone was there."



Tim
senior

"No. I don't like sports."



Erko
junior

"No. We had soccer practice and games all weekend."



Moira
senior

"Yes because it's my senior year and all my friends who graduated came back."



Rebecca
junior

"No. I was working and then I went to the Zombie Walk."

Campus Activities This Week

Wednesday, November 3, 2010	Living with Lyme Discussion Group, 3-4 pm - Bey Hall Rm 225 Coffee House: Jared Mahone, 7 pm Anacon
Thursday, November 4, 2010	Safe Zone I, 2:30 - 4 pm Club Lounge LGBTQ Discussion Group, 1 - 2pm Afflito Conference Room, RSSC Lecture: Vaune Peck, 4:30 - 5:30 pm Wilson Auditorium Reception: 5:30 - 7 pm Social Night, 7 pm Catholic Center Late Night Lounge, 10 pm - 12am Oakwood Lounge
Friday, November 5, 2010	Gershwin, Here to Stay, 8 pm Pollak Theatre Diwali, Magill 7 - 10:30pm Up Till Dawn Movie: Charlie St. Cloud, 7 pm & 11 pm Oakwood Lounge
Saturday, November 6, 2010	SGA Leadership Conference Encore: Mussorgsky - Boris Godunov Met Opera Live Broadcast, 6 pm Pollak Theatre Movie: Inception, 7 pm & 11 pm Oakwood Lounge
Monday, November 8, 2010	Documentary Premiere: Who Will Love Me?, 7 pm Wilson Hall Auditorium
Tuesday, November 9, 2010	Safe Zone II, 2:30-4 pm Club Lounge Friends of Socrates: Why question?, 4:30 - 5:30 pm Mc Allan Hall #230.
Wednesday, November 10, 2010	Alcohol Screening Day, 1 - 4 pm Health Center Monmouth's Next Top Model, 10:30 pm Pollak Theatre The Shape of Things: November 10th - 13th, 8 pm Woods Theatre (3 pm Sun. Nov 14)



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Club Meeting Times Continued:

The Outlook · Monday @ 7:30pm · Contact for location, outlook@monmouth.edu
CommWorks: Student committed to performance · Tuesday · 2:30pm · Plangere 235
Latin American Student Organization (LASO) · Tuesday · 3:50pm · 202B, RSSC
African American Student Union (AASU) · *EO - Sunday · 6pm · Oakwood Lounge
Narcotics Anonymous Meetings · Thursday · 12 - 1:30pm · Magill Commons
MU Masters Swim Team · Mon., Wed., Fri. · 7am · Pool
* Every other - Contact organization for dates



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Thursday, Nov 4, 2010

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Magill Commons, Club Lounge

SafeZone II Session

(Open only to those who have completed SafeZone I)

Tuesday, Nov 9, 2010

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Magill Commons, Club Lounge

Please email kmemoli@monmouth.edu if you would like to attend, a reservation is needed!

Learn more online at: http://www.monmouth.edu/campus_life/counseling/safezoneprogram.asp

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Attention Commuters!

The Office of Residential Life still has housing on-campus for first-year and sophomore students.

There is limited availability in University Sponsored Housing Off-Campus for juniors and seniors. We will be hosting an information session on Monday, November 8, 2010 at 4:00pm in the Student Center, 202A to answer questions and review availabilities.



Questions?

Call Residential Life at 732-571-3465 or email Reslife@monmouth.edu

Comic Books Get Presidential

MATTHEW FISHER
COMICS EDITOR

U.S. Presidents appearing in comic books is not new. Franklin D. Roosevelt was in “Captain America” and George W. Bush was in “The Ultimates.”

What makes President Obama unique is that he is a comics fan at heart. According to “The Daily Telegraph,” “He collects Spider-Man and Conan the Barbarian comics.”

Obviously, comic book publishers took notice and wanted to have the 44th President in their titles. A character of himself has been included in a variety of comics from Marvel Comics to Antarctic Press.

Recently, *Comic Shop News* (CSN) reported that President Obama and Sarah Palin will be in “Archie” #616 and #617 to help Archie and friends as they run for student office at Riverdale High.

Mike Pellerito, president of Archie Comics, also mentioned to CSN that Obama was previously in Archie Comics with “Veronica” #199.

However, the saga of President Obama’s presence in comics began with “Licensable Bear TM” #4 from About Comics, when he was an up-and-coming senator.

Later, he was shown on the cover of “Savage Dragon” #137 as Image Comics’ emerald hero endorsed the then Senator Obama for President of the United States (Obama later returned to “Savage Dragon” in issue #145 as President-Elect).

IDW followed suit with a biographical comic of Obama’s career during the 2008 Presidential Election in “Presidential Material: Barack Obama.” A comic featuring the career of Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) was also printed in addition to a flip-book that combined both stories.

After Obama was elected President he had his most prolific comic

book appearance in “The Amazing Spider-Man” #583. Writer Zeb Wells, artist Todd Nauck, and inker Frank D’Amarta worked on this back-up story that had Spider-Man stopping a villain from interfering with the inauguration of President-Elect Obama.

Artist Phil Jimenez provided a variant cover for the issue with Obama at the forefront and Spider-Man hung upside taking a picture. The issue came out January 14, 2009, six days before history would be made. In fact, the issue did so well that “Amazing Spider-Man” #583 had five printings, each one a variation of Jimenez’s cover.

On Marvel.com, Editor-in-Chief, Joe Quesada, talked about this story and said, “Historic moments such as this one can be reflected in our comics because the Marvel Universe is set in the real world. A Spider-Man fan moving into the Oval Office is an event that must be commemorated in the pages of ‘Amazing Spider-Man.’”

Since then, Obama has been seen in the Marvel Universe with “Secret Invasion” #8, “Thunderbolts” #128 to #129, and the miniseries “Siege” when Norman Osborn tried to take over Asgard.

While Marvel Comics have had the Commander-in-Chief in certain stories, other companies have used creative ways to include this recognized individual.

Besides “Savage Dragon,” Image included Obama in “Youngblood” #8 with a back-up story of him picking a new team.

“Youngblood” creator and writer/artist of the story, Rob Liefeld, explained to Comicbookresources.com why it was natural to include Obama in the Image Universe. He said, “And with ‘Youngblood’ having George H. W. Bush in its past, as well as a Saddam Hussein styled guy and Youngblood featured alongside Dan Quayle in ‘Wildcats,’ Bill Clinton in ‘Supreme,’ Image has a long history

of involving presidential characters!”

The issue’s cover had Obama featured as photos of various superheroes fell downward.

Marvel and Image are two of the big four publishers (DC and Dark Horse are the other two) that have had Obama in their titles.

Yet this has not stopped independents from playing a role, too. Dynamite Entertainment, for example, published “Army of Darkness: Ash Saves Obama.”

As for Devil’s Due Publishing (DDP), they included Obama in the alien invasion series, “Drafted: 100 Days” and “Barack the Barbarian: The Quest for the Treasure of Stimuli.”

“Barack the Barbarian” was a political satire/action-adventure with Obama as a Conan the Barbarian-figure working with Hilaria and fighting villains like Boosh.

A sequel, “Barack the Barbarian: The Fall of Red Sarah,” arrived after the miniseries ended.

In an interview with Newsrama.com, DDP publisher Joshua Blaylock discussed the origins of the book. “When the Spider-Man appearance was announced, knowing the President’s affection for that character, I joked about his other favorite comic, and asked if they’d be doing a cameo as well. That led to having Tim Seeley draw what was to be a one-off gag poster with the Prez as a Frazetta like warrior with Dick Cheney in the background,” Blaylock said. The rest, as the phrase goes, is history.

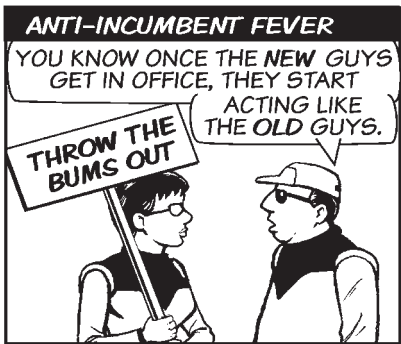
While Obama has been featured in superhero, sci-fi, and fantasy tales, another biographic comic about the President was printed by BlueWater Productions as well as ones for First Lady Michelle Obama and their dog, Bo.

Obama has been featured in a number of comics to date and the announcement of his appearance in “Archie” solidifies his place in this medium.

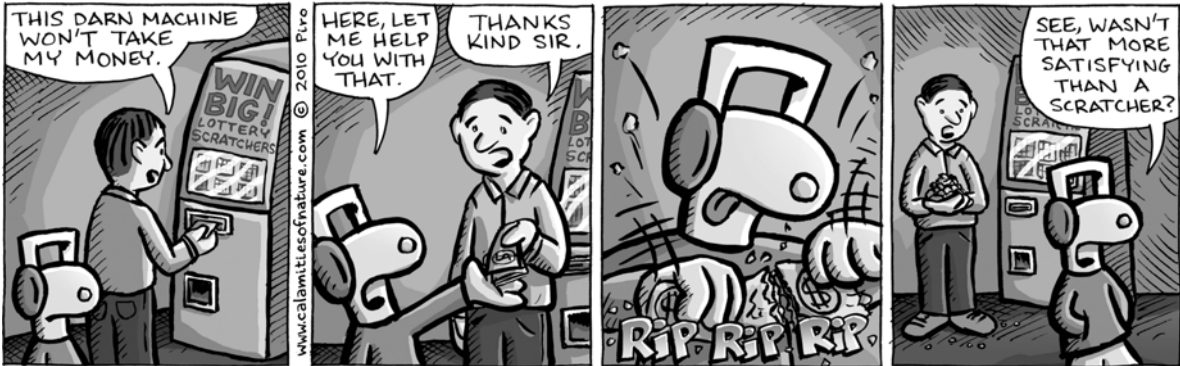
Five Comic Book Picks For Nov. 3

- 1) “Buffy: Season Eight” #38
- 2) “Unknown Soldier” #25
- 3) “Scarlet” #3
- 4) “Strange Tales 2” #2
- 5) “Ozma of Oz” #1

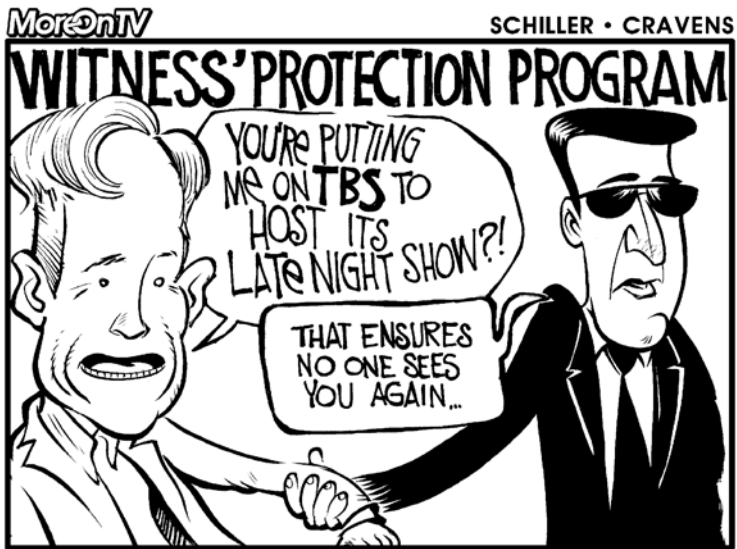
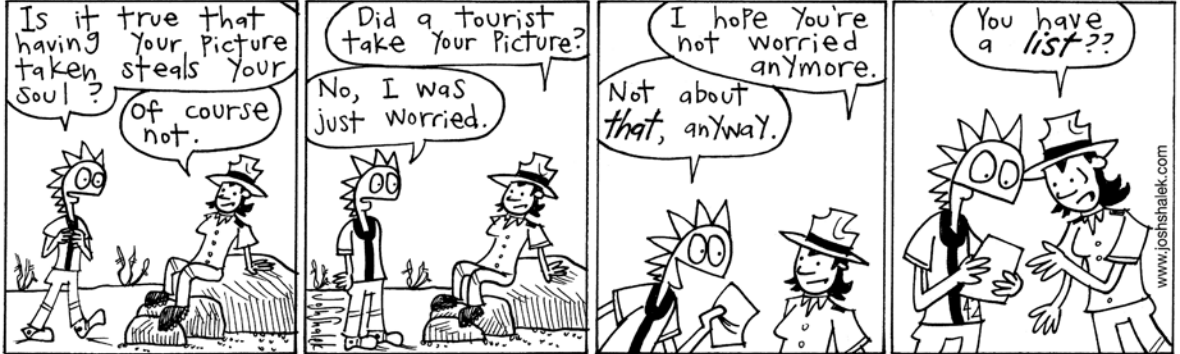
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Calamities of Nature by Tony Piro



Welcome to Falling Rock National Park by Kid Shay



Men’s Soccer Closes in on Sixth Straight NEC Title

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On the Great Lawn the Hawks took part in a pivotal weekend series against two teams that are challenging the Blue and White for the number 1 spot in the conference playoffs. On Friday the Hawks squared off against the then first seeded St. Francis (Pa.) and on Sunday they faced off against the fifth ranked Robert Morris Colonials.

It’s not the playoffs but this game had the feel of one. Thirty minutes through the Hawks and Red Flash were battling through a 0-0 tie but at the 34th minute senior Ryan Kinne netted a free kick from 23 yards out to give the Hawks a 1-0 lead and for the stingy defense that’s usually sufficient. The game was relatively quiet with both defenses putting up their best game plan but at the 82nd minute mark the Red Flash made things very interesting.

Freshman midfielder Tobi Igua-de took a loose ball from 25 yards out and drilled it past senior goal-
ie Bryan Meredith to tie the game

at 1-1 and take the game into over-time. The Hawks wasted little time scoring in overtime as Kinne’s corner kick found junior transfer Errko Puranen who headed the ball past SFU’s keeper. The goal from Puranen is his fourth on the year while Kinne registered his fourth assist on the season which ties him for team lead. With the 2-1 victory the Hawks took over first place in the NEC and on Halloween went up against RMU and were looking to stay atop the rankings.

The Blue and White with a win would clinch a spot in the NEC playoffs, unlike their contest

against SFU this match wouldn’t be quite the nail-biter or go into overtime. Neither team could find the back of the net early on

Allen who was crashing towards the net, Allen gave the goalie no shot as he blasted the ball near side for his second goal of the season and to give the Hawks an early lead. The Hawks have multiple players who can score with the ball at there feet, which is a reason why stand-out Ryan Kinne has been able to excel this season. Kinne has earned his second player of the week for his five point performance over the weekend

Seven minutes after the half the Hawks took a 2-0 lead thanks to Kinne who headed a goal off a free kick from sophomore Ryan Clark. Before

the 70th minute Clark took another free kick and instead of assisting someone else with a goal he took it on his own and netted a free kick from 22 yards out to give the Hawks a 3-0 lead and his second point of the contest. Meredith registered a save in the contest giving him a league leading ninth shutout of the season and 34th of his career.

With the wins over the week-end the Hawks clinched a spot in the NEC playoffs, currently they are first but Sacred Heart is only a point away from tying the Blue and White. The two games left on the season are both on the road against Quinnipiac and Mount St. Mary’s, neither team have a real shot of making it to the playoffs so hopefully the Hawks can avoid a spoiler alert.

The Blue and White have yet to be defeated in conference play and if they can stay victorious over the weekend they will have won the conference regular season title for a record six straight seasons. Most importantly, the reward for winning the NEC regular season is a home field advantage throughout the entire playoffs.



PHOTO COURTESY of Monmouth Athletics
Junior Errko Puranen has been a key player for the Hawks after transferring in from Rhode Island.

Despite Victory Hawks Miss Out on NEC Playoffs

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On Sunday, the Hawks took on a slumping Bryant University squad in the regular season finale. Behind two goals from senior midfielder Ali Kliment, Monmouth was able to control the tempo of the game, outshoot Bryant by a large margin and improve their record to 10-6-2 overall. Sunday was also Senior Day and the Hawks recognized their seven seniors (Lia Fierro, Jackie Grodotzke, Ali Kliment, Kim Malecki, Julia McCarty, Gi-anna Russo and Mary Wilks).

The first half was quiet but once the second-half began, a Mon-mouth-led-barrage hampered Bryant’s hopes of winning. With the win, Monmouth improved to 5-3-2 in the NEC and reached double-digit wins for the fifth straight season. Three and a half minutes

into the second half Kim Malecki assisted sophomore midfielder Stacy Kadell on her first goal of the season. Later in the half, Gianna Russo crossed the ball to Mary Wilks, whose header was blocked by the Bryant defender. Luckily, senior Ali Kliment was there on

This proved to be a good move by Turner, because Kliment scored on the kick giving the Hawks a 3-0 lead. With two saves on the after-noon, Lia Fierro improved her career tally to 36 shutouts. Another home victory for the Hawks upped their home record to 6-1-1 and the

game, freshman midfielder Alex-andra Baca was named the NEC rookie of the week.

This award came after she scored the winning goal for the Hawks last week. Baca has started all 16 games she’s played in this year and has an overtime game-winning

on the season.

Sunday’s festivities, which in-cluded Senior Day celebrations also included a touch of Halloween where a costume contest was held for the spectators. Boosting the game’s turnout was the fact that the game was a double header with the men’s soccer team, who took on Robert Morris right after the women’s game. Despite the victory the Hawks lost a tie-breaker with Central Connecticut State (CCSU defeated MU in Connecticut 2-0). The game was the final game the seniors would ever take part in.

Fierro and Wilks were outstand-ing and dominant forces on the field. Coach Turner will have a tough time replacing these play-ers but freshmen Costello and Baca will have to assume leader-ship roles. Also, Fierra graduating leaves a void in the goalie position so that will be a challenge.

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the rebound and scored to give the Hawks a 2-0 lead. Six minutes later, junior defender Tracy Bieder-stadt passed it to Mary Wilks, who was taken down inside the box, giving Monmouth a penalty kick. Coach Turner chose to go with Ali Kliment on the kick.

Hawks outshot Bryant 16-5 in the match. The graduating class being celebrated on the Great Lawn today has earned Monmouth over 50 victories and has brought it two NEC championships. The Sun-day win helped to further prove this class’ dominance. Prior to the

goal on her growing resume. She’s been a part of a Monmouth defense that’s allowed only 15 goals in 17 games. Baca is the second Hawk to be named the NEC Rookie of the week this season, the first was freshman forward Dana Costello who has a team-leading eight goals

Outlook’s Weekly NFL Picks - Week 9

	Away	Houston Texans	New York Jets	Chicago Bears	Cincinatti Bengals	Miami Dolphins	Dallas Cowboys	Indianapolis Colts	New York Giants
	Home	San Diego Chargers	Detroit Lions	Buffalo Bills	Pittsburgh Steelers	Baltimore Ravens	Green Bay Packers	Philidelphia Eagles	Seattle Seahawks
Brett (5-3 Last Wk) (32-24 Overall)									
Charles (3-5 Last Wk) (28-28 Overall)									
Gavin (5-3 Last Wk) (31-25 Overall)									
Anthony (3-5 Last Wk) (33-23 Overall)									
Gina (5-3 Last Wk) (32-24 Overall)									

Cross Country Places Second and Fourth at NEC

PRESS RELEASE

NEW BRITAIN, CONN. – The Monmouth University women’s and men’s cross country teams registered second and fourth place finishes, respectively, at the 2010 Northeast Conference Championships, Saturday afternoon at Stanley Quarter Park.

The women’s team was lead by three top-ten finishers in junior Jen Nelson (Barnegat, N.J./Barnegat), graduate student Christina Nelson (Little Silver, N.J./Red Bank) and sophomore Kelsey Maher (Jackson, N.J./Jackson Memorial).

The men were paced by senior Ben Hutterer’s (Saxonburg, Pa./Knoch) fifth place finish. Head coach Joe Compagni was named Women’s Coach of the Year, selected by his peers, the 23rd time overall (cross country and track and field combined) he has claimed the honor, the most for a coach in any sport in NEC history.

Quinnipiac’s women won its sixth consecutive NEC championship, finishing with 34 points, followed by the Hawks with 69 points, which is the third best score in school history. Monmouth has finished among the top four at the championships the last nine seasons. Sacred Heart finished third posting 109 points, followed by Robert Morris (115), host school Central Connecticut State (132), and Saint Francis (Pa.) (135). Mount Saint Mary’s, Bryant, Wagner, Fairleigh Dickinson, Saint Francis (N.Y.) and Long Island rounded out the 12 team field.

“The women were very tough today,” said Compagni. “Quinnipiac had a strong day but our women had 10 strong races and we could not be prouder of the way they competed.”

For the second straight year, Monmouth had a fifth place finisher as Jennifer Nelson crossed

the finish line in the 5k race in 17:53.9. Christina Nelson finished eighth, posting a time of 18:08.9 followed by Maher, who finished 3.1 seconds later in ninth. Freshman Lucia Montefusco (Levittown, N.Y./MacArthur) registered a 20th place finish, posting a time of 18:44.6 trailed by senior Christine Altland (Hazlet, N.J./Raritan) who finished in 19:00.5. Monmouth’s top five ran an average of 18:23.9, the best average in program history. Amanda Eller (Delmont, N.J./Millville) and Emily MacEwen (South Glastonbury, Conn./Glastonbury) rounded out the top seven for the Hawks, finishing in 19:02.1 and 19:15.1, good for 30th and 39th place, respectively.

Jennifer Nelson, Christina Nelson, and Maher all were honored by being named to Northeast Conference All-Conference Team, as all three ran under the MU course record at CCCSU.

Host squad Central Connecticut took the men’s championship with 30 points, followed by Saint Francis (Pa.) with 56 points and Sacred Heart registering 74 points. The Hawks finished fourth, posting a score of 105, trailed by Wagner and Bryant who posted scores of 172 and 195, respectively. Mount St. Mary’s (213), Quinnipiac (225), Robert Morris (230), St. Francis (N.Y.) (238), Fairleigh Dickinson (287) and Long Island (377) rounded out the field. The Blue and White finished within the top four for the fourth time in the last five years.

“The top four teams in the NEC on the men’s side may be better than ever,” commented Compagni. “Our men were aggressive and made every effort to stay near the front and we certainly had some strong efforts.”

Hutterer, an All-NEC Team selection, finished the 5.1 course in a school record 25:51.9 good for

fifth overall. Junior Dan Collura (Jackson, N.J./Jackson Memorial) finished 18th, in 26:21.2 followed by classmate Todd Apgar (Somers, N.Y./Somers) who registered a time of 26:42.2 in 26th overall. Senior Billy Dowd (Staten Island, N.Y./St. Peter’s) finished three seconds later in 27th followed by junior Garth DeBlasio (Millstone, N.J./Allentown) and freshman Seth Robbins (Mechanicsburg, Pa./Cumberland Valley) who finished in 26:48.4 and 27:02.2, respectively. Junior Mike Bertocchi (Morris Plains, N.J./Parsippany Hills) rounded out the top seven for the Hawks, completing the race in 27:11.7. The men’s top five posted an average of 26:21, which is the best ever at CCSU.

Monmouth returns to action on Sunday, November 14, as both men’s and women’s teams travel to University Park for the NCAA Regional’s hosted by Penn State starting at noon.

Football Falls to Sacred Heart in Homecoming Heartbreaker

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The Monmouth University Hawks suffered a heart-wrenching defeat on Oct. 30. It was homecoming day at Kessler Field, but the Pioneers of Sacred Heart spoiled the day’s festivities. 3,354 fans came out to support the Hawks on a windy 60-degree day. This loss drops the Hawks to 3-5 on the season, 3-2 in the Northeast Conference.

Player of the game was Sacred Heart’s running back Marcel Archer. With 17 carries, Archer gained 86 yards on the ground averaging 4.5 a carry. He found the end zone four times this game, accounting for all of the Pioneer’s touchdowns. He scored on a three-yard touchdown run in the first quarter. In the second quarter, Archer scored from four yards away. He went on to score two more touchdowns in the fourth quarter, both giving the Pioneers a one-point lead. These touchdown runs came from 20 yards and one yard away.

Monmouth came out flat in the first half. The Hawks may have

been overlooking the Pioneers, who were winless in Northeast Conference play coming into this game. Sacred Heart went straight down the field on their first possession to score a touchdown. This was a 14-play, 69-yard drive taking up five minutes and 46 seconds. Archer scored a three-yard touchdown to finish the drive. This gave Sacred Heart an early 7-0 lead. MU had some chances for a couple turnovers of this drive, but couldn’t capitalize.

After trading punts, the Hawks were ready to get on the scoreboard. Eric Spillane hit a 33-yard field goal to make the score 7-3. This field goal by Eric Spillane ties a single season record for made field goals at Monmouth. The Hawks put together a solid 8 play, 64-yard drive taking up three minutes and six seconds.

Following punts by both teams, the Pioneers were back in action. An interception gave Sacred Heart great field position and started their drive at the Hawks six-yard line. The Hawks defense held strong and the Pioneers had to settle for a field

goal. Unfortunately, a personal foul penalty gave Sacred Heart another chance at seven points. Archer took advantage of the second opportunity and pounded it in from four yards out. The six-yard touchdown drive gave Sacred Heart a 14-3 lead over the Hawks.

To start the third quarter, the Hawks put together a good drive. Nick Romeo finished the drive with a 13-yard touchdown run. Mandeville led the Hawks down the field in five plays, covering 49 yards and taking three minutes and 18 seconds off the clock. This score made it 14-10 in favor of the Pioneer.

After a Sacred Heart punt, Monmouth was ready to close the gap. Monmouth pushed the ball down to the Sacred Heart six-yard line, but couldn’t get it into the end zone. Spillane nailed a 23-yard field goal, becoming the all-time Monmouth single season record holder for field goals made. This eight play, 44-yard drive cut the Sacred Heart lead to 14-13.

Monmouth got the ball back with the same score, eager to

take the lead. Balial Sloan El had some big runs on the drive. On a fourth and one from the Pioneers 34-yard line, Sloan El made a big plan. He scored a touchdown to give the Hawks their first lead of the day. A failed two-point conversion left the score at 19-14 in favor of the Hawks.

Sacred Heart answered right back with a touchdown drive. Going 81 yards in only a minute and 21 seconds, Marcel Archer answered for the Pioneers. A 20-yard touchdown run by Archer gave the Pioneers a 20-19 lead. The Pioneers also failed a two-point conversion attempt.

The Hawks came back quickly with some magic of their own. Mandeville completed a pass to Nick Romeo, who created magic with the ball in his hand. He raced 60 yards for a touchdown to give the Hawks a 25-20 lead. The Hawks had another failed two-point conversion.

After a three and out by the Pioneers, Monmouth tried to add on to their five-point lead. The Hawks got into field goal range, trying to make it an eight-point lead and put pressure on Sacred

Heart. The Hawks couldn’t get the job done, missing a 41-yard field goal with less than four minutes remaining on the clock.

The Pioneers navigated their way down the field, getting in position for the game-winning score. 51 seconds remaining on the clock, the Pioneers look to Marcel Archer again. He punched it in from one yard out to put Sacred Heart ahead 26-25. They went on to fail on their two-point attempt.

The Hawks didn’t have much time left to answer, but they gave it their best. They got to the Pioneer’s 37-yard line with ten seconds remaining. On the final play, Monmouth’s Kyle Frazier was pressured and couldn’t get the ball away. He was sacked and the clock ran out on the Hawks comeback. The game ended with the Pioneers edging out the Hawks by one, 26-25.

Next week Monmouth heads up to Staten Island, N.Y. for a battle with Wagner College. The Seahawks lost this week to Central Connecticut State 38-20. Wagner is now 4-4 on the season and 2-3 in the Northeast Conference.

Field Hockey Punches Ticket to NEC Tournament

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The Monmouth Hawks took their undefeated NEC record into the last of weekend of the regular season. The Hawks were once again getting recognized on the national level after a sweep of two games last weekend, including a large win over Siena College 10-0. Coach Figlio wanted to make sure her team finished out strong as they knew that they were again going to enter NEC championship play next weekend. The Hawks however spilt the wins for the last weekend in the season and ended up 6-1 in NEC play.

Their first lost came to Rider University, who was a familiar foe to the Hawks. Going into Fridays games the Hawks were a dismal 2-11 vs. Rider in the past ten seasons against the team from Lawrenceville. One of those wins for Monmouth however, came in last season’s NEC championship semi-finals as the Hawks beat the Broncos 2-1 in overtime. But Friday was a different story.

As play started, the Broncos put the pressure on the Hawks from the get go. Two Broncos, Virginia Egusquiza and Megan Pisani attempted shots on goal but both were denied

by Melissa Katz who was still playing some great field hockey, posting four straight shutout games. After a yell and a green card were handed out to last week’s NEC’s player of the week Michelle Pieczynski and Rider’s Sandra Pena’s was able to earn them a penalty corner at the 15 minute mark. Although they did nothing with it, the mere fact that they were dominating possession of the ball was clear through the attempts. Three minutes later the dominance in possession by the Broncos paid off as Megan Pisani for Rider found the back of the net after she was greeted with an assist by Jackie Adams and the ball was tipped in past Katz. That goal for Pisani was the first of her season.

As the first half was winding down, the pace of the game did not change and neither did the momentum as Rider kept both parts throughout the remainder of the half. Three penalty corners in the span of ten minutes got the Broncos a chance to put another point on the board before the half but the shot on goal by Sandra Penas was blocked. Penas would receive a Green card to end the half as the score remained 1-0. The halftime stats saw Rider leading in both categories of shots on goal with a 4-1 advantage and

penalty corners with a 4-2 advantage.

When the second period started, The Broncos kept the same thing going putting the pressure all on the defenders for the Hawks. Shots by Megan Pisani and Sandra Penas kept Monmouth on their heels. But in the 9th minute of the second half Pena’s persistence paid off as she found the back of the net off a rebound shot.

After that shot Monmouth decided to take matters into their own hands and try to get a run going for them as the next 15 minutes saw the Hawks get five penalty corners. That penalty went unanswered as the Hawks could do nothing with it. Frustration set in for the Hawks as nothing seemed to go their way. And Megan Pisani would add to the frustration as she and Virginia Egusquiza hooked up for Pisani’s second goal of the match. Rider, who was methodical with their approach to the game throughout. And as the final minutes came, the Hawks made sure that that’s all the damage that they would take on for the day as Melissa Katz saved two shots in the final ten minutes to end the game for the Hawks.

The final score was 3-0 as Rider continued their dominance over

Monmouth. Rider ended with a 9-6 advantage on penalty corners and an 11-3 advantage on shots on goal. Melissa Katz did save 6 shots but it was not enough as her shutout streak came to a close on Friday afternoon. With the win, Rider University moved to 13-3 overall and a 6-0 record in the NEC. Monmouth, with the loss dropped to 13-4 and a 5-1 record in the NEC.

It was a different story on Sunday as the Hawks traveled back home to So Sweet a Cat Field to face a struggling Robert Morris team. It was a good sign to see Robert Morris as throughout the last couple of seasons the Hawks have gone 6-0 since Robert Morris entered the NEC. That number moved to 7-0 as the Hawks split the Weekend with a 2-0 win over Robert Morris. The Hawks were looking to bounce back from their loss Friday against Rider, when they faced off against Robert Morris on Sunday afternoon.

The Hawks got on the board when a penalty corner by Meredith Violi was knocked around for couple seconds but then Violi found her own rebound and put it past the Robert Morris keeper for her third goal of the season. Michelle Pieczynski was credited with the assist.

After a few trade off’s in pen-

alty corners the half ended with Monmouth leading Robert Morris university 1-0. At the intermission Monmouth led in the categories of shots on goal and penalty corners. They had a 6-2 advantage in shots on goal and 5-1 on penalty corners.

Kimmy Baligian started off the scoring in the second half, when she got her own rebound and put it past the goalkeeper for her 13th goal of her season.

The Hawks then cruised their way to a 2-0 victory and sealed their trip to the NEC conference Championship. The final statistics saw Monmouth lead Robert Morris in the categories of shots on goal 18-2, and penalty corners 12-1. Robert Morris had more saves leading that category 9-1, but it was Katz who posted the shutout.

The Hawks end their regular season with a 14-4 overall record and 6-1 in NEC play. Robert Morris end their season with a 4-14 overall record and 1-6 in NEC play.

The Hawks travel back to Lawrenceville, N.J. to play #3 Bryant in the NEC championship semi-finals. They defeated Bryant University 1-0 just two weeks ago in double overtime. This is the Hawks second straight appearance in the NEC championship.



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