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Twitter Page Upsets Some, Interests Others



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Over 900 tweets have been anonymously submitted and posted to the controversial Twitter account @MonmouthConfess, which displays gossip, lies, secrets, sexual fantasies, and compliments, accompanied for the most part, with full names of students and staff at the University in 140 characters or less.

More of the PG rated Monmouth Confessions include: "I scrubbed my roommate's toothbrush in the toilet that I peed in after she ate all of my food when I was home for the weekend," posted on Oct. 21, "I wonder, if she knew that I wanted to spend the rest of my life making her happy, would she still sleep with so many other guys?" posted on Oct. 15, and "After reading these tweets, I have come to the conclusion that there are some really f***** up people in this school," posted on Oct. 14.

The account is commonly dominated with what one might call R or X rated tweets, and are unfit for publishing in a family newspaper.

Mary Anne Nagy, Vice Presi-

dent for Student and Community Services, said, "[Monmouth Confessions] is a shame because I think that social media is an important element of the world we live in today, and it is an important method of communicating; but, this is not a good use of social media. I think it is also sad, frankly, that this is what has been communicated by our students or others... It's sad our society has become so insensitive that this is the kind of stuff [they write]."

There are over 2,400 Twitter users following the account since its launch on March 21. The original administrators, a former biochemistry student who wishes to remain anonymous and a current sophomore who requested not to have his/her identity revealed, were inspired by Rutgers Confessions and wanted to expand this social media trend to the University.

The students also felt a demand by the overall student population when they "would hear students ask for a confessions account," said the former student. "The Confessions Page seemed like a fun idea, so we decided to create it," he/she added.

The biography of Monmouth Confessions states, "Servin' you the juice, spiked of course. Send your anonymous MU Confessions to <http://ask.fm/MonmouthConfess>. Not in any way affiliated with Monmouth University." People submit tweets to Monmouth Confessions through Ask.fm, a social networking website where users can ask other users questions, with the option of anonymity.

The former biochemistry student said, "At first we posted everything, but then we realized that some things were far too inappropriate or would get certain groups of people in trouble, such as student athletes or Residence Assistants."

Even with the filtering of some tweets, the original administrators received requests to remove insulting or embarrassing posts via direct messaging or the Ask.fm account. "I respect people's privacy and listened to anything that was suggested," he/she added.

A senior who wishes to remain anonymous to disassociate him/herself from a confession that was posted this fall calling

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Student Creates Nonprofit to Help Remote Countries Obtain Medical Care

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PHOTO TAKEN from lthope.org

University student Melross Meneses recently created a nonprofit organization, the Life Through Help Foundation, that works to supply medical aid and other health related services to those in remote areas around the world.

Meneses, senior finance major, created the nonprofit shortly after spending three weeks in January 2012 working on a medical mission in the Philippines.

The trip was sponsored by Enactus, an international organization that, according to their official website, is a "community of student, academic and business leaders committed to using the power of entrepreneurial action to transform lives and shape a better, more sustainable world."

Meneses is the President of the University's chapter of Enactus and has been for the past three years. "Basically what we do is we find a need in the community or anywhere, like the Philippines, for example, and we do our best to fulfill that need," Meneses said.

For their trip to the Philippines,

Melross Meneses (pictured above) is the creator of the Life Through Hope Foundation.

Enactus was granted \$3,000 from the University's Business Council to attain the proper supplies and medication. Dr. Gilda Agacer, Associate Dean of the Business School gave Meneses the idea to reach out to the Business Council. "The Business Council used to just simply provide funds for faculty research however, two years ago, Dean Moliver tried to save some money to support

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Leon Hess Business School Honored by The Princeton Review

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The Princeton Review recently distinguished the University as being home to one of the most outstanding business schools in the nation.

For the ninth year in a row, the Leon Hess Business School was nationally recognized for its ability to provide students with a successful business education. The University is featured in The Princeton Review's book "The Best 295 Business Schools."

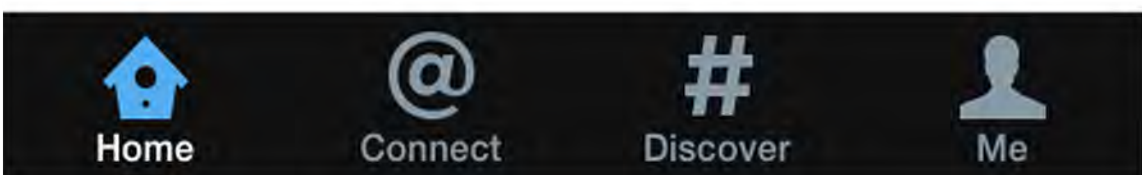
Schools such as Rutgers University, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Rider University, Seton Hall University, and

Rowan University, were also recognized in the Princeton Review's book.

In a press release written by the *Asbury Park Press*, Robert Franek, The Princeton Review Senior Vice President and publisher, said, "We chose the schools we profile in this book based on our high regard for their academic programs and our reviews of institutional data we collect from the schools."

Franek added, "We also solicit and greatly respect the opinions of students attending these schools who rate and report on their experiences at them on our 80-question student survey for the book."

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Kappa Delta Pi attended a convention to network with other chapter members.

The Pros and Cons of Getting the Flu Shot

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With flu season right around the corner, the University offers students the opportunity to protect themselves from the recurring illness through receiving the flu vaccine.

The vaccine shots were administered to University students and employees in Anacon Hall last month on Oct. 8, and will be offered again on Nov. 19.

On average, between 5 and 20 percent of United States residents

get the flu each year and more than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu-related complications annually, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) website.

University students, particularly those who live on campus, have an increased risk of getting the flu. Every year, multiple students contract the flu, according to Director of Health Services, Kathy Maloney.

"We have, like every other campus except for community colleges, residential living. And

any time you have communal living, you have disease transmission," Maloney said. The close proximity to others in an enclosed environment increases the chance of contracting any illness, and the flu is no exception, Maloney explained.

"The flu is spread through air droplets. If you are three to five feet away from anyone who has the flu who coughs or sneezes, you can get it. Or if you touch a surface, then touch your eyes, which are very vascular, it can enter into the bloodstream that way."

Despite how contagious the flu is, and the fact that the University offers the vaccine every year, many students choose not to get vaccinated.

Maloney encourages everyone to take advantage of the opportunity to get the flu vaccine, especially because it is free for those with health insurance under the Affordable Care Act.

Students often think that they will never get the flu, although Maloney said, never say never. "The flu always seems to hit right when you don't want it to hit. It'll hit at finals or midterm time. If you truly have the flu, you are out sick for a week. Most students can't afford to miss school for a

week."

Several myths about the risks of getting the flu vaccine can act as a deterrent getting the flu shot. One of the chief myths is that the flu vaccine can actually give you the flu, but the vaccine only contains a dead version of the virus. Although some people complain of soreness for a day or two after receiving the vaccine, it is impossible to catch the flu from the flu shot, according to webmd.com.

This perception is common among college-aged students, according to the CDC. Morgan Riley, a graduate social work student, said that he heard that he could get sick from the shot years ago, and has preferred to forsake the vaccine out of fear of getting ill from it.

"I've never gotten the flu shot before, and I've never gotten the flu," Riley said. "I always wash my hands during the day."

Riley continued, "You just hear all the information out there about the risks involving vaccines and shots for other diseases in infants, and I wouldn't want to subject myself to that."

Flu shots are recommended every year, even for those who have had a flu shot in the past because the virus mutates, according to

Maloney. "What CDC does every year is try to predict the circulating strains for our flu season. They look at the strains that are circulating in the southern hemisphere of the world, because when it's our summer it's their winter," she said.

Michael Hughes, an undeclared sophomore, said he received a flu shot last year and intends to continue to get the flu shot. "My mother kind of hounded me down last year until I got a shot," said Hughes. "I didn't even know they give it out here on campus. I'll definitely get one when Monmouth offers it. I didn't feel anything from the last one, and I'm sure it helped me."

"The single best way to prevent the flu is to get the flu shot," Maloney said. "The flu vaccine is very effective, and you never know when the flu is going to hit. Typically the flu here tends to hit in February, but we've had some years where it hit in November. It varies every year."

Flu shots at the University are provided and administered by ESI Medical, a Lake Como-based health care firm. For more information about the flu vaccine, contact Health Services at (732) 571-3464.



PHOTO TAKEN from parade.com

The flu shot has been around for years, and people have been skeptical of whether getting it will actually prevent you getting the flu.

Conference Hopes to Put a Stop to Child Abuse

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A conference was held in Wilson Auditorium on Thursday, Oct. 31 to raise awareness to one day put an end to child abuse. The conference was organized through a presentation of practices for professionals to better understand the process of identification, investigation, treatment, case management, and disposition of sexual abuse.

The School of Social Work, the Child Advocacy Group at the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office and Barbara Bonner, Clinical Psychologist and Director of the Center Abuse and Neglect (CCAN) in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, joined together for the conference.

"One of our goals is to coordinate all child maltreatment services across the children's hospital, the department of pediatrics at the university level so that we are making a concerted effort to attain a simple focus," said Bonner.

Bonner was the President of the Board of Counselors of the International Society for Preven-

tion of Child Abuse and President of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (ASPSAC). "I worked with victims for a long time and wanted to look at something that was more preventive," said Bonner.

CCAN prevents the perpetrator from becoming a repeat of-

young children," said Bonner.

According to The National Children's Alliance, in 2011, 681,000 children were victims of maltreatment nationwide. In 2012, 18,227 alleged offenders among 262,000 were under age of 13 and 25,756 were between the ages of 13 and 17.

Franca Mancini, Director of

psychologists, child protection teams, law enforcement, and students to prevent this issue from occurring.

"It is much easier to intervene at the adolescent level or even at the child level and have those behaviors stop," said Bonner.

The School of Social Work was approached by the Child Ad-

said, "I feel spreading awareness of child abuse is extremely important. While people may think it doesn't occur as often today because more cases are out in the open, there are still too many instances that go unreported."

Janine Vasconcelos, Coordinator of Professional Education of Social Work, said, "We are offering continuing education credits for our student graduates of the School of Social Work through the attendance of this conference for free."

Vasconcelos coordinates the continuing education program for Social Work graduates currently working in the field. Through this program, social work graduates are provided the training needed to fulfill the requirements to receive their social working license.

Over 150 people attended the conference. This event was free for all University students and Monmouth County upon registration. The conference included a free lunch for the attendees.

At the conference, Bonner mentioned that when she first got into the field, she realized that there were tons of victims. Bonner asked the question, "What are we doing to stop it?"

"As far as why people abuse children, the reasons vary from person to person, but we often see a need to control others, so power is a big part of it. Often, the actors have a history of abuse themselves, so that is another possibility."

FRANCA MANCINI

Director of Counseling and Psychological Services

fender through public education on the topic of child maltreatment.

"Adults tend to have done the behavior for much longer periods of time; it has become ingrained into their personality and character. But with adolescents, it has happened a couple of times and they don't tend to have exclusive attraction to

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CCAN is a nationwide organization that invites pediatricians,

vocacy Group at the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office to conduct this event. The Child Advocacy Group is given a grant every year to provide training to multidisciplinary workers such as law enforcement, social workers, healthcare providers, and victim advocates.

Gina Ferens, mental health counseling graduate student,

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Scares on the Air: WMCX Hosts a Spooktacular

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WMCX Radio held their fifth annual Spooktacular event in the spirit of Halloween on Wednesday, Oct. 30 outside of the student center.

A DJ booth was set up in front of the student center and another table of WMCX participants gave away free candy to students attending or passing by the event.

The Spooktacular radio show featured live performances from Natalie Zeller, sophomore music industry major of Blue Hawk Records and Brianna Merriman, freshman. The event also featured a Halloween trivia contest where students had the opportunity to win two tickets to the Eastern State Penitentiary. Spooktacular is one of WMCX's main events, next to College Radio Day, which was celebrated at the beginning of the month.

Nicole Calascibetta, general manager of WMCX radio, said a lot of prep went into the Spooktacular show. "We're giving away free tickets to Eastern State Penitentiary, so we're doing a lot of giveaways – it was a big collaborative effort," Calascibetta added.

Aaron Ferguson, associate

professor and WMCX advisor, agreed that a lot of work was put into Spooktacular. "You have to promote it, come up with the idea of what it's going to be, get the sponsors, and then make sure it goes on the air," Ferguson said.

Ferguson said his favorite part of the event was seeing the students use the radio station to its full capabilities.

Sammie Savona, sophomore communications major, was the winner of the Eastern State Penitentiary tickets at the event. She said she was excited because her best friend's birthday is on Halloween, and she was going to the Eastern State Penitentiary.

Zeller was of the entertainers at Spooktacular, dressed as Superman because, as she put it, "he's everyone's hero."

During her performance she performed her most popular tracks "Bipolar" and "Out of the Box," along with additional singles such as "Bluebird" and "Light."

Zeller said performing at Spooktacular was a lot of fun. She said she loves to be on the radio, it is a different vibe than performing in front of a crowd because she can get into the song.

"Thank you so much for all



Nicole Calascibetta hosted a Halloween trivia game during the Spooktacular radio show for tickets to the Eastern State Penitentiary.

PHOTO TAKEN by Marissa Cornford

your love and support. Stay tuned to Dec. 4 because Blue Hawk Records is having a show for our new composition release," Zeller said. "The location is to be determined, but it will be on Dec. 4 at 2 pm, so check

that out if you want to hear more from me and the other Blue Hawk artists."

WMCX will be back next year with Spooktacular, with only minor changes.

Calascibetta said that the

event was a success. The WMCX members all enjoyed the event and the opportunity to be on the radio doing what they love. "We're having fun celebrating Halloween and showing off what we do," Calascibetta said.

Students Obsess Over @MonmouthConfess

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him/her a rapist, said, "I was pissed at first, and that changed to embarrassed and [then to] damaged when my friend pointed it out to me. It meant that others saw it," he/she said. The student immediately contacted the site administrator to remove the post.

The student admits that he/she has posted confessions before, but after seeing him/herself being mentioned in a negative light, it quickly changed his/her entire perspective of the site. "It was a huge wake up call to me, and it put me on alert that somebody will have something negative to say about someone else, whether their statements are factual or not... It is [a] damaging and stupid [account]. It's redundant and it brings a lot of hurt and harm to one's personality and demeanor."

Trevor Carpenter, sophomore health studies major, said, "Some of my friends read Monmouth Confessions like it is their morn-

ing newspaper because they find it so funny and entertaining. I, however, think it's very juvenile. It makes our school look extremely cliquy and makes it appear as if we're in high school all over again. It is a very damaging account."

The former biochemistry student tweeted on June 12, "Who wants to take this account over? RT (retweet) this if you want it... ironically enough I'm transferring." The account is now on its fourth transfer of ownership. There is an informal rule that each new administrator has to be of a sophomore standing or higher, which was created by the original administrators and has since been followed.

The current administrator, junior education major who wishes to remain anonymous out of concern that revealing his/her identity would make people reluctant to post certain tweets and essentially ruin the account, said, "It's incredible what people can say

behind a keyboard, and honestly it's repulsive. I've seen some pretty messed up comments. What people fail to realize is that Monmouth Confessions was meant to show people's dirty secrets." He/she gained access to

about them."

Nagy has met with members of the Student Government Association (SGA) as well as Vice President and General Counsel Grey Dimenna and discussed the possibility of shutting the ac-

"Most of the content on [the Monmouth Confessions] feed is a form of cyber bullying, and it is a shame that some individuals choose to use their time to take part in this. My suggestion and piece of encouragement is for

"... This is not us. This is not Monmouth. This is not where we want to be. This is not how we want people to look at us. Keep your personal business to yourself, and don't drag the rest of us down."

MARY ANNE NAGY

Vice President for Student and Community Service

the account as the administrator and began tweeting on Oct. 5.

The junior, like the original administrator, avoids posting extremely negative comments. "I'm not sure if the original intention was to spike the confidence of keyboard warriors, but it bothers me what some people have to say. I've had comments anywhere from 'so-and-so should go see a dermatologist' to 'that ugly fat cow who gained 50 pounds should go kill herself,'" he/she added.

Dario Korpita, junior criminal justice major, said, "I started following the account when it first started, but it definitely wasn't as popular as it is now. It is huge and everybody is talking about it." Korpita has been tweeted about on three separate occasions, one of them on Sept. 29 stating, "If I didn't have a boyfriend I would totally go after Dario in TKE (Tau Kappa Epsilon)... he is beyond precious."

"Personally, being mentioned in Monmouth Confessions gave me a little laugh. Thankfully, they were all sweet confessions," added Korpita. "There are a lot of sweet and funny tweets like the ones I was mentioned in. Other tweets, though, are very harsh and hurtful. Half of the people mentioned I do not know, but reading confessions about them makes me feel horrible about what people have to say

count down; however, they have decided there is not any practical or legal action that needs to be taken at this time by the University. According to Dimenna, any possible legal action would have to be taken by the subjects of the tweets. Although a person is potentially protected by the First Amendment and freedom of speech, the subject of a malicious tweet can claim it is defamatory, the General Counsel believes, in which free speech rights would not protect the person from a defamation action.

Dimenna said in order to sue someone for a false and malicious comment you first have to know who posted it. "Most internet sites, most likely including Twitter, are not willing to reveal such information. So you first have to sue Twitter to get the identity of the poster so you can then sue that person," said Dimenna.

The Vice President and General Counsel said this social media situation is a new area of the law and the rules are still being set. "The bottom line is that we are talking about long and protracted litigation which is very expensive and usually beyond most persons' financial means. In the end, you might be unsuccessful as I am not sure the identity must be revealed in all cases," Dimenna added.

Mary Harris, specialist professor of public relations, said,

students and people in general to be selective about their media choices. I try to encourage students to surround themselves with positive people and partake in healthy, meaningful experiences."

Since the creation of Monmouth Confessions, other anonymous accounts have blossomed including @ConfessMonmouth and @MonmouthXposed, which all identify students by their full names in conjunction with similar posts.

Both Nagy and Dimenna are in agreement that students have the power to shut the account down by boycotting it when and if they realize the site is more damaging than it is beneficial. "I don't think this is 6,000 students [tweeting]. This is a smaller number and I don't think that the actions of a small number should truly reflect what [our] institution is about. This is not us. This is not Monmouth. This is not where we want to be. This is not how we want people to look at us. Keep your personal business to yourself, and don't drag the rest of us down," said Nagy.

If any students are left feeling distressed regarding anything that they have experienced or witnessed as a result of Monmouth Confessions, the Counseling and Psychological Services are available and willing to help.

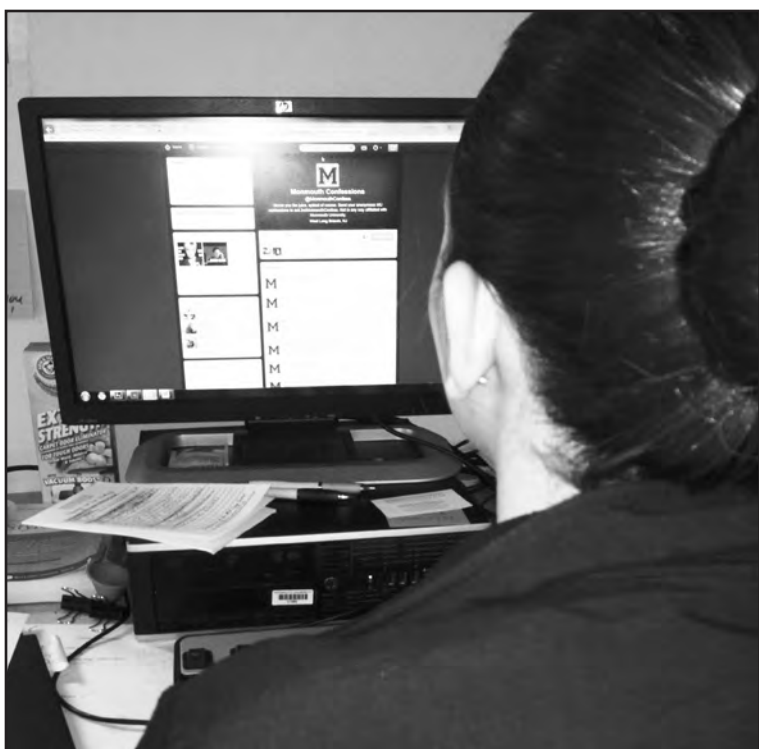


PHOTO TAKEN by Angela Ciroalo

The Monmouth Confessions Twitter account has been used to anonymously submit tweets that enclose controversial information about University students, that may or may not be true.

Crazy Clown Can Cause Paralysis, Seizures and Death

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Crazy Clown, a newfound drug, has caused several deaths and sent numerous people to the hospital, after recently being discovered by drug users.

The active chemical in Crazy Clown is still unknown, according to psychologytoday.com.

Suanne Schaad, substance awareness coordinator, said, "It is a synthetic drug with a new compound that researchers are still investigating. It is similar to a marijuana experience." According to the kpho.com, Crazy Clown "is most commonly smoked or burned in a small bowl and inhaled."

Forensic scientist, Christine Gabig, along with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), is working to figure out what this drug is made of. Gabig said that Crazy Clown has a sweet smell to it because of an ingredient that is added to the drug. "[It] smells like incense almost," she said.

Schaad said the drug is packed like innocent looking herbs into little foil packets. Gabig explained that it is sold in local smoke shops and possibly at gas stations, and is sold for \$30 to \$60 a packet. She said that buyers can even find it sold as incense if they go to certain places.

Schaad said, "Some of the short and long term effects are still being learned but users are reporting: foaming at mouth, nausea, vomiting, weakness, cardiac issues, psychotic episodes, paralysis, increased blood pressure, panic, seizures, and death."

Dr. Deborah Brunson, staff physician at Milford Physician Services and mother to Raven Brunson, the social media manager at *The Outlook*, said she has not treated anyone that has taken Crazy Clown yet but believes it has similar symptoms to a type of marijuana called Vietnam Black Thai. She explained that these symptoms included hallucinations, rapid heartbeat and paranoia.

"I've never seen this," said Gabig. "This took me quite a while to research." She continued by saying that the herbs of the drug are coated in a similar substance "to the molecular structure of other synthetic drugs." This drug is new though, she said.

Gabig said the chemicals found in Crazy Clown are made to fit into the same receptor of the brain that marijuana would fit loosely into to. She explained the problem is that the chemicals in Crazy Clown fit tightly into the receptor causing much more of a reaction versus marijuana.

Crazy Clown was introduced to the public when eight people, between the ages of 16 and 26, in Georgia were sent to the hospital because of the drug, according to huffingtonpost.com. David Ehsanipoor, Effingham County Sheriff's Office spokesperson, explained that some have been put in intensive care or are on life support.

Gabig said different reports have claimed that 60 kids were hospitalized in Georgia so far and others claim that 100 kids have been hospitalized.

"[Crazy Clown] is legal today in most states," said Schaad. She said in order for a drug to be illegal, it must have an illegal compound in it. She said, "The CDC is investigating and we should probably expect it to soon be illegal." She added that Florida had just outlawed the drug in an emergency ruling this past October.

According to ketv.com, Marty Stoltenberg has been a psychiatric nurse practitioner for 18 years and has recently treated a young man after taking Crazy Clown. "He had seizures, a number of seizures. He went unconscious. He quit breathing to the point that he had to be intubated and had renal problems, near renal failure," said Stoltenberg.

The young man told physicians that he bought Crazy Clown at a

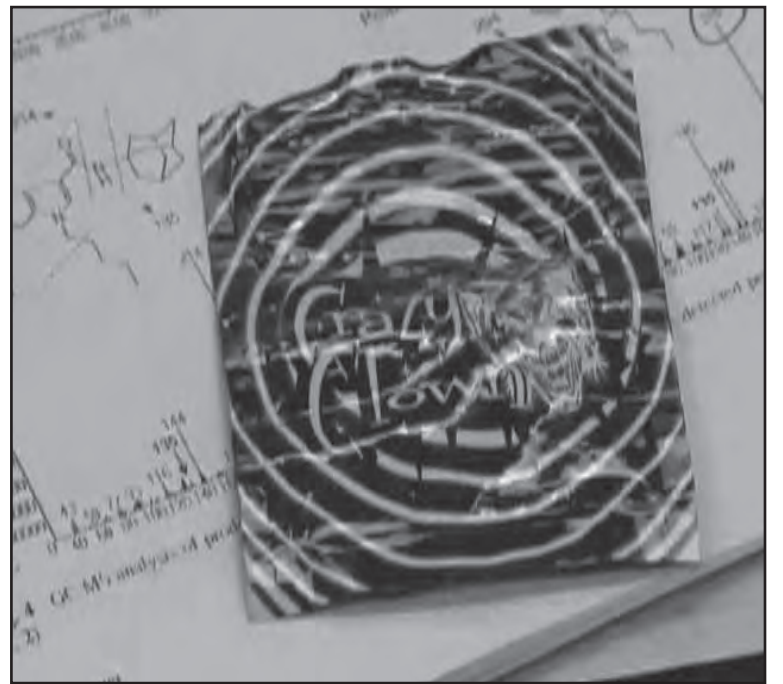


PHOTO TAKEN from NYDailyNews.com

Crazy Clown is a new drug that is legally sold in America and can be found being sold at smoke shops and gas stations.

tobacco store. Stoltenberg said, "That's what concerns me, is just the accessibility, and we're hearing more and more cases of its use." Before this patient, Stoltenberg had not heard much about the drug. He said the young man being treated "is expected to be OK."

Schaad said she has not heard a lot about Crazy Clown on campus. However, she did have some

people who work in her office check several convenient stores and none of them were selling the drug.

Kelly Ward, professor of social work, has not heard much about the drug. When asked about Crazy Clown, she said, "All drugs are dangerous but when they are man-made they are usually more dangerous, unstable, and side effects are uncertain."

Business School Receives Honor

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Dr. Gilda Agacer, Associate Dean of the Leon Hess Business School, said that as of Fall 2013, there are 1,002 undergraduate business students and 198 Master of Business Administration [MBA] graduates.

Agacer said the business school has been accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business [AACSB] since 1998, which is one of the reasons why the University's school was acknowledged.

Agacer explained that the business school's strong faculty and scholarly reputation in terms of the business school's publica-

with a degree in business marketing, took an entrepreneurship with Buzza. "The majority of the work was done outside of the class. The actual class time was spent discussing updates and brainstorming," Stern explained. "[Buzza] made himself readily available for any of our concerns or questions. We, as a class, thrived on his passion to see us not only start a successful business, but to learn exactly what it takes to do so."

Stern is now his own boss for his fitness program COREicum.

Buzza believes the success of the business school is due, in part, to the commitment of the

business school and how they were always making an attempt to improve what was already efficient.

"You can see how close [the Board of Trustee members] were," Ruffa said.

She added, "They were like a huge family; they really work well together."

In the press release, Donald Moliver, Dean of the Leon Hess Business School, said, "We are proud to be named one of the best business schools in the nation for the ninth consecutive year." He added, "Our MBA program meets the needs of our students at every phase of their careers and provides a truly personalized learning experience that prepares

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CHARLIE PISCIOTTA
Junior

tions and recognized journals is what sets the Leon Hess Business School apart from others.

Agacer added, "Our curriculum is very competitive with other schools, especially with those in NJ."

Faculty and students agree that the business school is executing a beneficial program for those seeking a business degree and it continues to improve throughout the years.

John Buzza, specialist professor, said, "The business school has improved considerably over the last five, 10 years. Currently, we are more in touch with the needs of Corporate America and are focusing our courses around that need."

Buzza said the school is making an attempt to position those who graduate with a business degree and knowledge that is relevant, current and transferable to the business world.

Andy Stern, graduate student

professors. "I think it begins and ends with our professors... The business school professors go above and beyond to make sure the students not only learn in the classroom, but transition that knowledge into the business world," Buzza said.

Graziella Ruffa, sophomore business management major, said many of her business professors are enabling her to have a better, more well-rounded view of the business world. She said her professors are passionate, are unique in their approach, and they get their students actively involved in the classroom.

"[The professors] want us to be successful and they'll help us to get there," Ruffa said. "They reach out to us."

Ruffa attended the Business Board of Trustees Convention Meeting as a student employee in the Assistant to the Dean's Office. She said she recognized the commitment they had to the busi-

ness school and how they were always making an attempt to improve what was already efficient.

Charlie Pisciotta, junior business management major, agrees that the business school is doing well. "I think the business school is doing a good job of preparing me for the business world. Many classes use real world examples that apply to today's business."

Pisciotta said the professors are diverse in their teaching techniques "which I think is beneficial because not all bosses or coworkers will act the same so I think it enhances the experience."

Buzza believes the business school will only continue to improve in the coming years through the school's teaching efforts. "There is a renewed commitment level among my colleagues to truly outperform the competition in the classroom and that can only mean higher success for our students upon graduation," he said.

Life Through Hope

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students' efforts," Agacer said.

Knowing this, she reached out to Meneses and together they were able to receive the money. With the help of this funding and the hard work of a local medical team from the Philippines, Meneses was able to help provide medical attention to a little over 240 people during his time there.

The team provided general check-ups, medication, and minor surgeries to people living in a very remote area in the mountains where normal medical attention is not usually received, Meneses said. They took care of people of all ages, from children of only eight months to grown adults of almost 70.

Meneses was grateful for all of the help that he received when trying to put this trip together, but he was especially thankful for Hazelle Dongui-is and her dad Ruben Dongui-is. "They really helped me out in being the main contact between here and the Philippines, and I couldn't have done it without them," he explained.

The father-daughter duo has connections with people in the Philippines who were able to help Meneses on his medical mission. "They were the ones who kind of opened up the door, they introduced me to the people there who helped me set

this all up," Meneses said.

Upon returning back home from his medical mission, Meneses was so moved by the work that he did in the Philippines that he decided to create his own nonprofit organization.

With the help of fellow colleague Nick Gencarelli, senior business major, all of the proper paperwork was filed in December 2012, officially making The Life Through Hope Foundation a nonprofit organization.

"We figured, why don't we continue the work [in the Philippines] after we graduate? We knew that we only have four years here at Monmouth and we can't keep it going forever, but we want to still be able help people in need," Meneses said.

According to their mission statement, they will work towards providing health services for those most in need by organizing and working together with other resources.

Agacer has been incredibly supportive of Meneses and his volunteer work thus far. "It's so worthwhile, what he's doing. It's amazing," she said.

Those looking for more information about the Life Through Hope Foundation can visit lthope.org or attend an Enactus meeting on Tuesdays at 8 pm in the Carol Afflito Conference Room.



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University student Melross Meneses created his own nonprofit organization after working in the Philippines for three weeks.



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Hiding Behind the Wall of Technology

THE OUTLOOK STAFF OPINION

With the rise in technological use over the years, the way that we communicate has been altered. There is now a new form of communication among people, which has moved us away from face-to-face communication, and towards the new technology revolution. In addition to face-to-face communication, we are now able to speak to one another using text messages, emails and instant messaging, among many other forms of technologically advanced communication.

This new additional form of conversation can be both beneficial and detrimental to society in a number of ways. One downside is that some people have the ability to hide behind technology when communicating with others.

At one time or another, we have all done it. We have used technology to confront an issue or talk about a topic in an attempt to avoid the face-to-face awkwardness or fear.

Communication through technology creates a new form of confidence for people, allowing them to say things that they normally would never have the guts to say in person. *The Outlook* editors believe in many cases, this newfound confidence is not always a good thing. "If you cannot be a man, and yes this goes for women as well, and say it to my face, then don't say it at all," said one *Outlook* editor.

Among the issues associated with the "fake confidence" impression, there are many other negatives that are conspiring within society due to the new method of "hiding behind

technology." There are benefits to face-to-face communication also, although the transfer from face-to-face has allowed people to become more and more impersonal. One editor said, "I have noticed often that when I talk to students, they cannot maintain eye contact..."

The Outlook editors feel that this issue has come about because it is so much easier to send a text, rather than actually confronting someone in person. As a result, many people have begun to transfer all of their communication within these outlets, saving time, effort and humiliation.

Social media, one of the forms of communication within technology, has taken interest among the population. It has been proven that because this new form of communication is so much easier, accessible and effortless, people find themselves completely consumed in it. "I can't even hang out with my friends some times without them constantly texting or tweeting or checking their Instagram feed," said another *Outlook* editor.

Two editors said that in an attempt to eliminate this issue, they said they refuse, "to have a serious conversation where emotions are involved" through technological communication. The editors went on to explain that if a person wants to open up about something it should be done in person.

One editor said when they are confronting others or a person attempts to discuss an important matter through technology, they are unable to take the person seriously. This can also pose an issue because the matter may not get

resolved.

All editors agreed on one thing, "Face-to-face communication is so much more personal and there is so much more meaning behind the words," said one editor, to which all agreed. "You can read their facial expression and the words will have a totally different context than if you're reading it on a screen."

Even though there are many negatives to the addition, we all still use it; therefore, there must be some positives. One example of a positive is that people have more time to think about their responses. They can begin a conversation or answer on their own time, without interruption.

Another positive is that there are more new outlets for people to contact one another. We are now able to speak to a relative or friend 10,000 miles away with the click of a button.

Also, we are able to communicate more often with the immediate people around us. A student that is struggling with homework now has the ability to email students from class and ask for help. Whereas before email or Facebook existed, the student would be forced to either look their name up in the white pages or wait until class the next day to ask for help.

There are many different issues that can be created due to the decreased "in-person" conversations that have transferred to the World Wide Web. There are also many benefits. What it all boils down to is how you decide to use it. Find a healthy balance and share this belief with a friend.

CORRECTION: Last week, two authors were listed under the incorrect stories. Amanda Kaplan is the author of "Katy Perry Spreads Light Through 'Prism'" while Christina Termyna wrote "Student Spotlight: Sal Mastrangelo and Dan Robinson." Also, Sal Mastrangelo's last name was printed incorrectly in the story's headline. *The Outlook* regrets this mistake and apologizes for any confusion, and all corrections have been applied to the online edition.



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Is The Need for Coffee Really Necessary?

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For many of us, coffee is the single most motivating thing that gets us up in the morning. We're all more than familiar with the feelings of increased alertness and motivation that follow a cup of joe.

That is because caffeine is the most common psychoactive drug found in the market today. The biochemical structure of caffeine is similar to that of adenosine, a substance that is naturally found within our bodies. Adenosine binds to the receptor cells in our brain that make us feel relaxed, calm and even sleepy (on particularly rainy days).

However, because caffeine's chemical structure resembles that of adenosine, it can successfully bind to the adenosine-specific receptors in the brain and thus stop adenosine from binding to those receptors. It also promotes the release of calcium ions from the nerves, resulting in the increased feeling of alertness.

Contrary to common perception, caffeine itself does not actually have special properties that cause the brain to feel more alert; rather, it just blocks from making us feel drowsy.

Moreover, caffeine has numerous other benefits. It has been recently found that caffeine improves memory. I'm sure many of us have personal experience with this property of caf-

feine, especially during finals week.

When mixed with carbohydrates, it also replenishes glycogen concentrations. Caffeine detoxes the liver very well. Research shows that caffeine is a better alternative when a person needs to stay alert for a long drive, as opposed to taking a short nap. The drug also helps in preventing the Alzheimer's disease and skin cancer. No wonder the University community loves caffeine!

While we all inevitably rely on caffeine as a daily source of motivation, coffee is the most popular caffeinated drink amongst college students. Changing seasons cause a subtle change in the temperatures, how we feel, as well as our coffee flavors.

There are certainly particular flavors of coffee that are more popular and only offered during certain times of the year. Throughout the previous week, I went around the University campus asking their favorite coffee

flavor in the fall.

The two favorite coffee flavors for the fall season are: pumpkin and hazelnut. You can try these flavors at many other places besides the University campus. West Long Branch has some wonderful coffee shops that offer these flavors. Don't miss this opportunity to try the two most favorite flavors of the fall season.

In case you're looking for which place to go to try the fun fall flavors, here's a few just a few: the beloved Dunkin Donuts, which has a delicious hot or iced pumpkin spiced coffee offered for a limited time, as well as hazelnut which is offered all year round. Starbucks offers hazelnut cream, decaf hazelnut cream, regular hazelnut, and pumpkin spice. I have actually heard from Starbucks and Dunkin Donuts junkies that 7-Eleven offers one of the best pumpkin spiced coffees.

If you're a K-cup fanatic such as myself, you can also make

your favorite flavored coffee in the comfort of your own kitchen.

As any of these companies' K-cups not only sell the two most popular flavors, but a wide array of coffee flavors as well. Many of these franchises also sell K-cups online for a discounted price. With that in mind, enjoy your caffeinated drinks, Monmouth.



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Although coffee does not actually keep us alert, the morning cup of joe has more benefits that one may realize.

The Dangers of Texting and Driving

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Let's face it, most of us are probably guilty of receiving a text message behind the wheel and fighting off the urge to pick up the phone and see what Earth-shattering update awaits our response. After all, what's the harm in just glancing down for a few seconds to at least see who the message is from? What could possibly go wrong?

Well, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's website, Distraction.gov, there is plenty that can happen when you take your eyes off the road for just a few moments. The site says that "sending or receiving a text takes a driver's eyes from the road for an average of 4.6 seconds." At 55 mph, that's equivalent to "driving the length of an entire football field, blind." While people of all ages are guilty of this particular brand of multitasking behind the wheel, teenagers are predominately who are associated with texting and driving.

Distraction.gov also says that of the 15 to 19 year old drivers who are involved in fatal crashes, 21 percent of them were on their phones when the accident occurred. *The Los Angeles Times* also recently reported on a study conducted by two professors at Pennsylvania's Kings College, which found "four out of five college students texted while driving, and that males in particular

were more likely to downplay the dangers of distracted driving, because they believed they were skilled drivers." Garold Lantz and Sandra Loeb, the professors behind the study, also told the *Huffington Post* that students feel if something bad does happen because of texting behind the wheel, it will simply happen to somebody else and not to them.

This mentality that is getting more and more younger drivers into trouble. They believe that they're Mario Andretti behind the wheel of a car and that this gives them the driving prowess to avoid any number of dangerous situations.

Making it down an empty football field blindfolded may sound simple enough, but when you throw in variables like traffic and pedestrians, the levels of difficulty and danger rapidly increase.

However, in recent months there has been a major push by most major cell phone carriers to attempt to eliminate this problem.

AT&T has a television spot featuring country music superstar Tim McGraw talking about taking the cellular provider's "It Can Wait" pledge to never text and drive, a program that Verizon, Sprint and T-Mobile also support.

In addition, Sprint, which also happens to be the title sponsor of NASCAR's Sprint Cup Series, has a commercial featuring driver Dale Earnhardt Jr. to promote the carrier's "Drive First" mobile application. This handy feature

will automatically reply to text messages that you can't because you're driving.

It's great to see cellular carriers taking responsibility and attempting to put an end to this problem. Clearly they realize, just as many of their customers need to, that the sooner this dangerous practice ends, driving around the block or across the country will become much safer for everyone.

There is no doubt texting is popular because it's quicker and easier than dialing a phone to call someone. Because of the need that we have to make things as simple as possible, cellphones have become more like mini computers with a phone built into them.

They allow us to have so much information and so many updates at our fingertips; people will walk down the street with their face buried in their phones, oblivious to those walking around them. Well, the same thing happens when texting and driving.

Bumping into someone on the street because you weren't paying attention is no big deal, but bumping into someone while behind the wheel of a metal bullet that weighs a few thousand pounds because you weren't paying attention is a very big deal. Texting a friend that you're ROFL at their previous message is not worth putting so many other lives at risk. No text is that important. To echo the sentiment of AT&T's campaign, it can wait.

The Importance of Internships

KAYLA HORVATH
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Many colleges and universities, including Monmouth University, require many undergraduates to participate in internships to fulfill certain graduation requirements. While some students may view the experience as nothing more than an inconvenient task, internships can undoubtedly turn out to be one of the most valuable aspects graduates take away from their college experience.

According to a recent survey conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, 57 percent of employers prefer applicants that have internship experience. That means that the pesky internship requirement you are required to fill, will give you a serious edge over other applicants who lack that experience.

Internships are significant because they give students an insight to the field they are looking to go into, as well as valuable hands on experience.

The most obvious skills students will gain are those that require them to be hands on, such as learning how to use media equipment in broadcasting or performing medical procedures as a nurse.

However, an internship will also expose students to an actual job setting and get a feel for how to interact with bosses or supervisors, as well as how to carry themselves professionally and how to be an efficient employee over all.

Many students have held part-time jobs while attending school, but the majority of college students usually lack that experience of an actual professional full time job or setting.

Participating in an internship

teaches students how to dress professionally, to work for extended hours, and to take on more responsibilities.

There are certain things that just cannot be learned in a classroom. For me personally, completing an internship was one of the smartest decisions I have made as a college student.

No matter how prepared I believed that I was for the real world, ultimately, there was so much I still needed to learn that my textbooks did not prepare me for.

Some of these things include how to present myself professionally to those in higher positions, how to be a good team member and contribute helpful ideas, and how to take on and be held accountable for various tasks or projects that required major responsibility. I could go on and on, but those are just a few key aspects.

Another major benefit to an internship that often times is overlooked is the networking and connections it provides. Having an internship allows you to meet real professionals in the field and network with them. In today's society, there is nothing more valuable for a career than networking.

Also, it is not rare that a student does a truly superb job or really shines in an internship and actually ends up getting hired by that same company after graduating. What better way to get your foot in the door?

So take advantage of each internship opportunity that you can. Rather than view that requirement as a burden, think of it like this: you are only building up your resume and giving yourself a leg up on the competition when you are trying to land your dream job. An internship will only help you get there quicker.

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Students are encouraged to sign-up with other friends and classmates and enjoy the total body workout to current and up-beat music in Pure Barre's fun atmosphere.

Jessica Ketchel, a current college student and Pure Barre client stated, "Being a senior in college I know first-hand how difficult it can be to maintain a healthy body weight. It has been a relief to find Pure Barre because it is not only effective, but it fun and addictive and I always leave class feeling accomplished. It definitely beats going to the packed gym at school and the results are much more noticeable."

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Is Lobbying Good for Politics?

The Effects on Lobbying in the American Political System

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We know that Congressmen are not all math wizzes who can foresee all outcomes when it comes to economic theory; they are not seasoned scientists who can cite the effects every decision has on the environment. Apart from hearings, advisors, and constituents like you and me, who really informs politicians and government officials?

Thomas Boggs is a 72-year-old resident. He has practiced law, worked as a coordinator in the White House, and found success in these fields.

He is also a certified lobbyist. Lobbying is something anyone can do. Lobbying requires a five minute conversation with your local member of Congress on any topic or issue.

Every major company hires lobbyist ranging from pharmaceuticals to automobiles business hire lobbying firms to have someone promoting their interests, to law makers. Top lobbying firms like the one Boggs is a senior partner for make from \$20 to \$40 million a year.

Firms can represent as little as one client to over a 100. They employ numerous lobbyists with different expertise to cover a large area of clientele.

For example Boggs has lobbied for Amazon.com, Penn National gaming, and Master Pilots executive council at United Airlines.

Professor James Thurber, from American University told *CBS News*, "The fingerprints of lobbyists are all over daily life. They defeated plans to cap credit card interest rates. They made pizza count as a vegetable on school lunch menus. They wrote a lot of the health care reform law. Thurber estimates \$9 billion is spent every year on lob-

bying and related advocacy. A top lobbyist can make millions."

It is not just corporations that need lobbyist, even non-profit advocacy groups have a stake in this field of influencing congress.

AARP (the American Association of Retired Persons) has already spent \$7 million this year on lobbyists, according to the Senate office public records Lobbying Disclosure Act Database. These are the people that feed members of Congress information on a daily basis.

Dr. Joseph Patten, Chair of the Political Science and Sociology Department said, "Lobbyists are vital to our democracy. They have expertise in specific areas and help to inform elected officials on things like down syndrome, pediatric brain cancer, the pros and cons of nuclear energy and on and on. Good lobbyists are truthful and build meaningful relationships with elected officials."

Dr. Kenneth Mitchell, associate professor of political science said, "Lobbying is essentially unavoidable in a free society. What is the alternative? The key is to create a set of norms, rules and incentives that bring transparency to the process."

Mitchell continued, "Perhaps the biggest danger is the role of money and financing campaigns. In the USA, politicians must raise money to compete in elections - most countries publicly fund campaigns to avoid this problem. Requiring money means lobbyists possess something politicians need. Here is the slippery slope that raises concerns."

Patten furthered Mitchell's point by said, "The problem with the lobbying industry is it is mostly unregulated. More money is spent on lobbying than on political campaigns, yet lobbying does not receive anywhere near the scrutiny that campaign contributions do by the federal election commission."



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Group of Healthcare Lobbyists gathered in the street in support of Affordable Care Act.

Patten said that lobbying is given a bad name even with the good it can do.

Patten said, "The industry needs more transparency, but most individual lobbyists are good and honorable people. The industry deservedly received a black eye from the K Street Project and Jack Abramoff, but the real problem stems from government officials being unwilling to regulate the industry because many go into a lobbying career once they retire. So, in

that sense, we should hate the game, not the player."

Saliha Younas, junior political science major, believes that lobbying can be good or bad.

"On one hand it allows the public and smaller special interest groups to engage in the policy process," said Younas.

Younas also voiced the concern about the fear that "lobbying increases the likelihood of larger, better funded organizations to monopolize policy in their favor."

Younas continued, "One example being the chicken [industry] lobby's ability to prevent important environmental policy simply because they are larger, more influential, and funded by those within the poultry business".

The name of every lobbying firm, lobbyist, client and expenditures are disclosed in the senate LDA reports online. These public records allow us to see what influence is going where and how much is being spent.

Special New Jersey Senatorial Election

Voter Turnout at All Time Low

JASMINE RAMOS
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On Oct. 17, Democrat Cory Booker won the special election to be U.S. Senator for New Jersey against Republican Steve Lonegan. They both ran for an aggressive two months to finish Sen. Frank Lautenberg term after he passed away while in office last June at age 89. Unfortunately, the turnout was extremely low for this election.

"Voter turnout in the special election was about 24 percent of registered voters. That's the lowest turnout for a statewide election since at least 1920, which is as far back as state records go.

"That even includes elections in off-years when there is no statewide office, such as Governor or U.S. Senator on the ballot," said Patrick Murray, Director of Monmouth University Polling Institute.

One reason to explain what happened during the special election is that many people were unaware of said election, according to Murray.

Murray continues, "Part of this had to do with the fact that New Jersey has never had a special election, let alone one that was so close to the regular election - and on a Wednesday to boot.

Monmouth University Polling Institute found that even among voters who almost always go out

to vote, about 1-in-10 were still unaware of the special election just days before it occurred."

Even though that is a simple way to explain the reason for such a low turnout, Assemblywoman Bonnie Watson-Coleman would think otherwise.

The Democrat from Ewing Township, N.J., said "I think it was clearly pointed out in the low-voter turnout and the confusion that arose that this was nothing more than a ploy on the part of Governor Christie to suppress the vote."

The special election increased the state's election costs by \$12 million, according to *USA Today*. Due to the date that Christie chose the vote was suppressed.

Watson-Coleman, chairwomen of Barbara Buono's campaign, believed that Christie didn't want to put extra Democrats on the Nov. 5 ballot.

Here at the University, there are some people that take their voting seriously.

Dr. Michael Phillips-Anderson, associate professor of communication, says, "I have never missed voting in an election since I turned 18."

Phillips-Anderson continued, "I really like to go even when I'm not sure my vote makes much difference. I think the reason it is important to vote is that, despite all the flaws, it is the best way to pick our leaders. People struggle for these



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Voter empathy among young adults is leading to lower voter turn outs in state and national elections.

rights and when we don't vote we dishonor their sacrifices."

"Voter participation goes down in non-presidential elections (like the one in New Jersey this year.) I think that makes it an even better time to vote since each vote counts for a larger share of the total."

He continued, "When I lived in Washington, DC, I had no real voice in Congress (DC has no representation in the House or the Senate). Most of the 600,000+ people who live there would like a

chance to select their leaders like everyone else," Phillips-Anderson said.

Dr. Eleanor Novek, associate professor of communication, said, "Some people believe that there is little difference among candidates and they say it is not worth their time to vote. But I disagree. I think that even when we are not excited about the candidates, we need to inform ourselves about who would make the best choice and vote for them. And of course, we can run

for office ourselves."

"The highest responsibility an American has is to vote. If you want change in your government, all you have to do is vote for the change you want," Emily Argano, freshman business administration major.

Argano continued, "That's why you should go out and vote. For protection and security from your own government."

The Governor's election was held on Nov. 5.

Five Years Since the Economic Crisis: Where Are We Now?

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President Obama announced the five-year anniversary of the financial crisis at his address to the nation last month, reminding Americans that we have yet to fully recover from the economic collapse of the 2008.

The 2008 financial crisis, known worldwide as the Global Financial Crisis, has had immediate and long-term effects on our nation's economy that we are still recovering from today and most likely will be for many years to come.

According to an article from *CNN*, the economic crisis resulted in the failure of hundreds of large and small businesses and contributed to a vast decline in consumer wealth estimated in trillions of U.S. dollars.

The downturn in American economic activity also led to the 2008-2012 recession; argued by many economists to be the worst recession our country has seen since the Great Depression of the 1930s.

It has been five years since the crisis began and thousands of U.S. citizens and their families, small and large corporations, investment banks, as well as our national government are still struggling to recuperate.

Despite government attempts to remedy the economy after the financial collapse, there has been minimal economic recovery, an article from *CNN* explains. For example, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 attempted to save and create jobs as well as provide temporary relief for those impacted by the recession, but has not had worked as anticipated according to the article.

Michael Hamilton, senior political science major said, "The recovery process is going somewhat slow, however recovery is occurring for sure."

So, how far have we come since the economic crisis of 2008? Is the economy improving, or are we in the same place we were five years ago? Through analyzing the downfall of U.S. stock market, a drastic spike in unemployment, and a struggling housing sector, the University has sought answers.

Wall Street

Dr. Steven Pressman, professor of economic finance, explained that the financial crisis arguably started when Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc., the fourth largest investment bank in the U.S., filed bankruptcy in September 2008.

After losing many of their clients and experiencing drastic losses in their stock, Lehman Brothers filed for the largest bankruptcy in U.S.

history and is thought to have played a major role in the unfolding of the financial crisis across the globe, Pressman explained.

He described how many other financial giants at that time, such as Bear Stearns, Merrill Lynch, AIG, FannieMae, FreddieMac, and Citigroup who were prosperous prior to the collapse, have either disappeared, or have been rescued by large government bailouts.

Pressman explained, "The largest problem with Wall Street at this time was that banks, like Lehman, were giving loans to people who were unable to afford them."

Those mortgage loans were then sold and packaged by Wall Street to several financial institutions throughout the world.

He described that in the past, banks were held accountable for the loans they issued to Americans. After the Great Depression, however, banks incentives changed dramatically and Wall Street bought thousands of individual loans, packaged them, and sold them to investors throughout the world with little regard to whether people could pay those loans back.

When homeowners couldn't afford to pay back their loans, Wall Street suffered the consequences, Pressman explained. Although the federal government has tried in recent years to fix the struggling economy through various packages such as the stimulus package, it hasn't been enough to fix the problem of bad loans, Pressman said.

In an attempt to remedy the problem of "easy credit," banks are now being more conservative when determining who they allow to take out loans by looking more in-depth into an individual's credit to ensure they will be able to pay back their mortgages.

Despite some progress, the banks are still left with the thousands of mortgages people haven't been able to pay back, Pressman explained.

Pressman said that in order to help fix the problem, the government should bail out homeowners as it did the large investment banks.

"If the government really made a concerted effort to bail out the homeowners who were given bad mortgages, it could help the situation drastically," Pressman said.

Hamilton explained that so long as the government keeps the value of its bonds and operations sufficient that the economy will recover, but policies such as the sequester may negatively affect the recovery process.

Unemployment

Most Americans, who have

known economic hardship over the past several years, however, don't think about the collapse of large banks and financial empires, President Obama explained in his address to the nation.

Instead, the President described, they think of the time they lost their job, the day the bank took away their home, the time they got sick but didn't have health insurance, or the moment that they had to sit down their son or daughter and tell them they couldn't afford to send their child back to college next semester.

President Obama explained that during the financial crisis, the economy was shrinking by an annual rate of more than 8 percent.

"Our businesses were shedding 800,000 jobs each month. It was a perfect storm that would rob millions of Americans of jobs and homes and savings that they had worked a lifetime to build," Obama said.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the current unemployment rate sits at an estimated 7.2 percent and was at its highest in 2009 with an estimated 10 percent of the American population unemployed.

The report also indicated that the U.S. economy lost nearly 8.8 million jobs between January 2008 and February 2010, and has since gained back only about 6.2 million jobs.

Dr. Robert Scott, associate professor of economics, explained that although the numbers seem to indicate improvement, the biggest problem with the unemployment rate is the way that the government measures it.

He explained how the government fails to recognize those individuals who are barely scraping by with minimum wage jobs, or those who are under-employed meaning that they are overqualified for the jobs that they are currently working, as being unemployed.

Scott said, "To be considered unemployed by today's standards, you must not be working but also have to be actively looking for a job. So if you stop working and you are not looking for a job, you won't be considered unemployed. That's the problem with the current system."

He believes that the current unemployment situation will improve over time, but that it's difficult to say how long it will take to fully recover from the economic crisis of 2008. Scott explained how it's blue-collar workers and those without college degrees, comprising the largest part of the population, who are often the most vulnerable to job loss.

He expressed, "I don't see unemployment getting better anytime soon." He believes that in order to make the situation better in a shorter

period of time, the U.S. government should institute a public works program for those who are out of work.

Through examining the country's problems, it's evident that there is a massive public need to repair infrastructure such as roads, buildings, and railroads, Scott said.

"These are all things that need to get done, and why not fix two problems at the same time with people who are experienced and would be happy to work?" Scott continued.

"I don't see [unemployment] getting any worse from here but it's bad enough. Those are the reasons we should be trying to strengthen the labor market in any way that we can, not just in indirect ways but in direct ways," he said.

Scott explained that despite the numbers indicating a slight improvement in unemployment, that it has largely stayed the same since the economic collapse began.

"I think it will get better. It won't happen tomorrow or next year, but it will take a while for people to build their confidence back up [...] It's when there's a significant lack of jobs, that it creates serious tension in the economy," Scott said.

The Housing Bubble

Another factor that created serious tension in our nation's economy immediately following the economic collapse is the housing bubble. According to an article from *CNN*, the housing market was undoubtedly one of the contributing factors of the financial collapse of the United States's economy.

While the housing market suffered along with the economy, the real estate market found an increase in foreclosures and prolonged unemployment. The bursting of the housing bubble, which peaked in 2006, caused the values of mortgage-backed securities tied to U.S. real estate to plummet, damaging financial institutions globally.

Dr. Peter Reinhart, Director of the Kislak Real Estate Institute, explained that the financial crisis was triggered by various government policies that encouraged home ownership, providing easier access to loans for borrowers, and an overvaluation of bundled mortgages based on the theory that housing prices would continue to escalate.

Suddenly, those who were not able to afford mortgages before were able to get mortgages from zero to very little down payments, making buying a home more affordable for lower-income families, he explained.

Reinhart continued, "Unlike traditional lending methods, one particular bank no longer owns the mortgage. It's packaged with thousands mortgage loans and sold to

investors all around the world."

What ultimately caused the bubble, he explained, was that "We had all this money to loan with the federal government policy encouraging additional loans. What you ended up with were some people who probably should have never had a loan because they weren't financially qualified. That available money ended up driving up home prices because there was increased demand."

He explained that when the bubble burst in early 2006-2007, people had mortgages with very little of their own equity involved. Many homes went into foreclosure or simply walked away from their homes, unable to pay back the mortgages loaned to them.

The long-term effect from this was that there was a dramatic drop in home values, as much as 50 percent or more in certain parts of the country, Reinhart explained.

However, he described, housing and financial markets are cyclical. "We hit the bottom and now we're going up in terms of the housing market," he said.

Reinhart described what he refers to as "the hangover effects of easy mortgage money," in that now it is much more difficult to get a loan or a mortgage than it was just several years ago. He said that a few years ago, there were "NODOC" loans, or loans that didn't require an individual to document that they had a job or savings to pay the loan back.

The banks, however, are tightening restrictions and requiring more information prior to loan approval, which is ultimately a good thing, Reinhart explained.

"The market is recovering in all states, but New Jersey is recovering a little bit slower in some respects. Since NJ is a judicial state in terms of mortgage foreclosures, the bank has to go through a lengthy court process before it can own said homes," he said.

He also explained how Superstorm Sandy has had a significant impact on the housing market for homes along the shoreline. "That market has been artificially impacted by the storm so the state is in a bit of chaos right now," he said.

Reinhart believes that the real estate market has been coming back for almost two years. "It's a cyclical industry - it always has been and always will be. We're at an uptick now," he said.

He described how people forget that the real estate industry is a cyclical one, and many assumed that the market would always go up. It wasn't until the economic crash that people remembered that the market's cyclical nature.



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The Vine Video Epidemic

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Have you ever heard of the saying, "A picture is worth a thousand words?" Well, how many words is a six-second video clip worth? The Vine video epidemic is growing increasingly popular each day, capturing the attention of people from all around the world.

According to digiday.com, there are currently about 13 million vine users across the globe. Five tweets per second also featured a Vine link within them. It is obvious that the use of video in digital media has added to the way information and entertainment is distributed. The most amazing thing, however, is that such impact can be created within a six-second time period. But, why are people so drawn to these short video clips?

Some of the most popular

Vines include people getting hurt, doing something funny, or showing off a talent. However, although most videos are made for fun, some have skyrocketed individuals to stardom.

A few notable Vine sensations are younger than college students, yet have had incredible success.

Terio, the young boy who was made famous by his cousins' Vine post of him dancing in the street, has gained instant fame. Because of this video, "Oooh Kill 'Em" has become a common catchphrase used by many people.

Three-year-old Ava Ryan has become a Vine hit thanks to her mom's account. Ava gives advice on being the life of the party, eating tomatoes, and reading. Through Vine, this young girl has been able to share her precocious advice with her 127,000 followers.

Sophomore communication major Matty Cox has become a Vine sensation as well, with

over 145,000 followers and 5,000 likes. His social media stardom has landed him trips to a Jets game with Disney star Zendaya Coleman and a strong following in the Vine community.

"I feel great about what's happening with Vine. It is really starting to discover creative minds and talented artists. All in all it's creating big opportunities for people," Cox said.

However, some people see Vine as something to do for fun.

Senior chemistry major Stephanie Dos Santos said, "Some vines are entertaining and absolutely hysterical. I like to watch them before I go to sleep."

Still, Cox sees Vine as more than just a form of entertainment.

"I think Vine has a strong meaning and purpose because people have started to make a living for themselves just by creating Vine videos. I know that I have been able to make money and have large opportunities from vining and people have been able to get even better opportunities than I have. Vine has been able to change many lives within just six seconds," he said.

According to the7thchamber.com, two-thirds of the world's data will be in video form by the year 2017. That means we all will have to get used to watching and creating video clips.

It is obvious that Vine, along with the other social media video platforms of the future, will be around for many years to come.

If you are creative and social media-savvy, you could become the next big thing with the help of a six-second video.



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Vine is an app that allows you to create a six-second video to share.

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-CAROLINE FARELLA

"I need warmer socks."

-KYLE EVANS

"I just want to be Carrie Bradshaw, is that too much to ask?"

-JACKLYN KOUFATI

"Vibin' this brisky weather though."

-GABE MANZO

"It's almost Christmas time!"

-MADISON PINTO

"It is beautiful outside today."

-CARLYE BURCHELL

"If someone will do my laundry I'll love you forever."

-GREG DEPUGH

"I'm friends with the monster that's under my bed."

-ASHLEY BONINO

"I just tweeted on Twitter."

-MIKE MIGLIARO

"I have a bad case of the Mondays and work isn't helping."

-MATT FERNANDEZ

Online Dating: Relationships or Just Hook Ups?

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STAFF WRITER

We have Match.com, eHarmony, and there's even FarmerOnly.com. It is no secret that online dating has become a phenomenon among all types of people in the past decade.

A Pew Research survey found that about 1 in 10 Americans has tried at least one of these online dating websites.

Nutrition professor Amanda Enright has seen a mix of results in online dating.

"Although I personally have never tried online dating, I have friends who have done it and have had various levels of success. I've been to weddings of people who have met online and they definitely are meant for each other. I have other friends who have gone on dates with people they met online who turned out to be complete weirdos," she said.

The vast majority of college students might think, "I'm not that desperate yet," but the truth is, if you've used Facebook to message someone you met at a party the night before, you've basically made an attempt at a form of online dating.

Other than Facebook being a popular means of social dating for college kids, online dating now comes in the convenient form of applications as well.

Think about it, just about everyone you know has an iPhone or other smart phone. We are a society based on convenience, so with these apps being developed for us right on our phones,

many college kids have taken the step of entering the virtual dating world.

Apps like Tinder have taken students by storm. These apps are really no different than online dating sites. The app uses a hot or not approach, matching people based on location first and then allows the user scroll through others' pictures. If the other user you get matched with is attractive, you can further contact each other. If not, pass

on to the next one.

Dating websites have even been developed for specific members. Blackpeoplemeet.com and Farmersonly.com are examples of two target audience driven dating sites. Religion has even made a mark on the dating world, with sites like ChristianMingle.com and JDate.com.

One app popular among a specific group, young gay and bisexual men, is Grindr. In the

male profiles, it lists their preferences. It is similar to Tinder, where the user can mark who he or she likes and can swipe away others, but it is geared toward the gay community.

Senior radio/TV major Dallas Lewis-Bryant is familiar with the app and finds it successful.

"Grindr may seem like a hookup site but you can honestly find people to date. My recently ex-boyfriend and I dated for a year and a half so it

is possible to find potentials instead of just a one night stand," he said.

Sophomore Spanish education major Gianna Cusallini also knows someone who has found online dating to be successful.

"The guy I work with is in his mid-twenties and met a girl through OkCupid who he originally just wanted to hook up with. He used to be a player but he ended up really liking her and now he's settled down with her after using the site."

The app called Down, formerly known as Bang With Friends is very straight forward in its purpose. The main menu gives you a "bang" selection of which one of your Facebook friends you want to strictly physically interact with.

The risk of these sites and apps, however, is that there can be a fine line between hooking up and a relationship. Since users are behind a screen instead of face-to-face, there is always potential for someone to get the wrong idea about what will become of the relationship.

With the bombardment of dating and hookup websites and apps, it's almost impossible for young people to resist giving them a try. But, it is still beneficial meet a potential love interest without technology as a medium.

Enright poses the question, "Why use online dating in college when you have so many opportunities to meet someone in classes and through extra-curricular activities?"

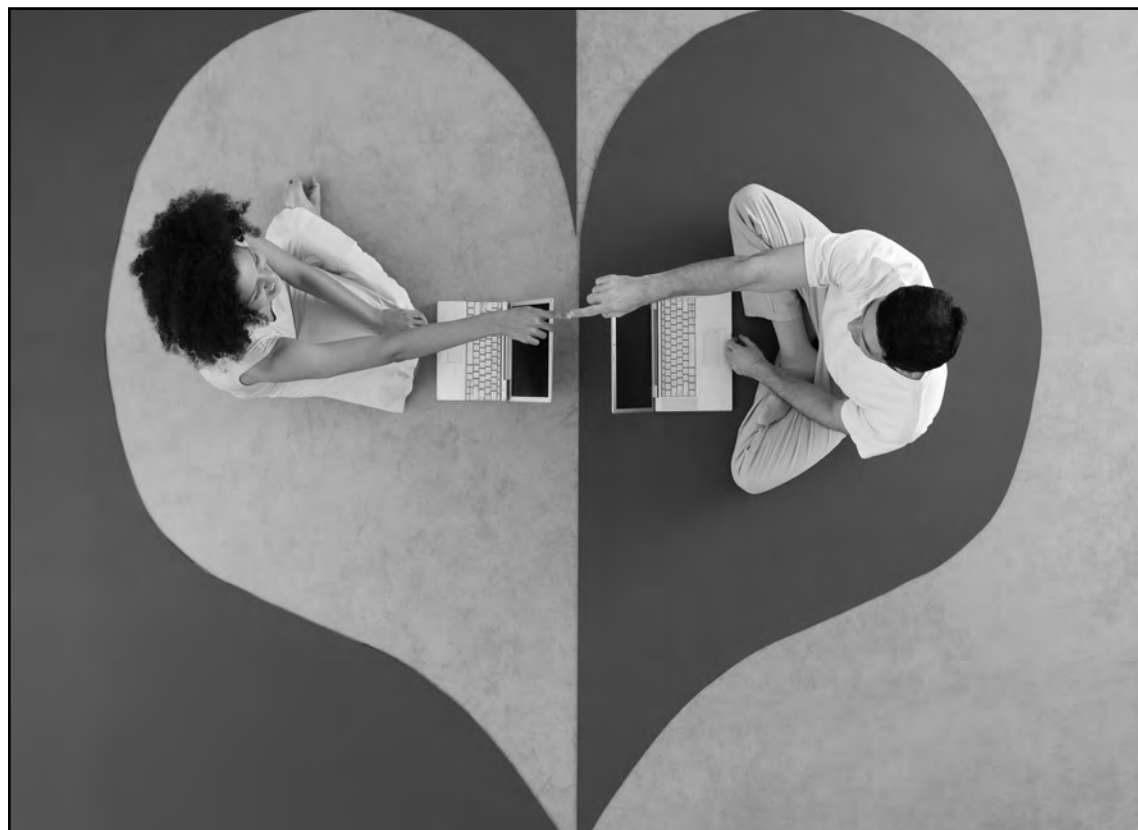


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Online dating has become an increasingly popular trend among Internet and social media users.

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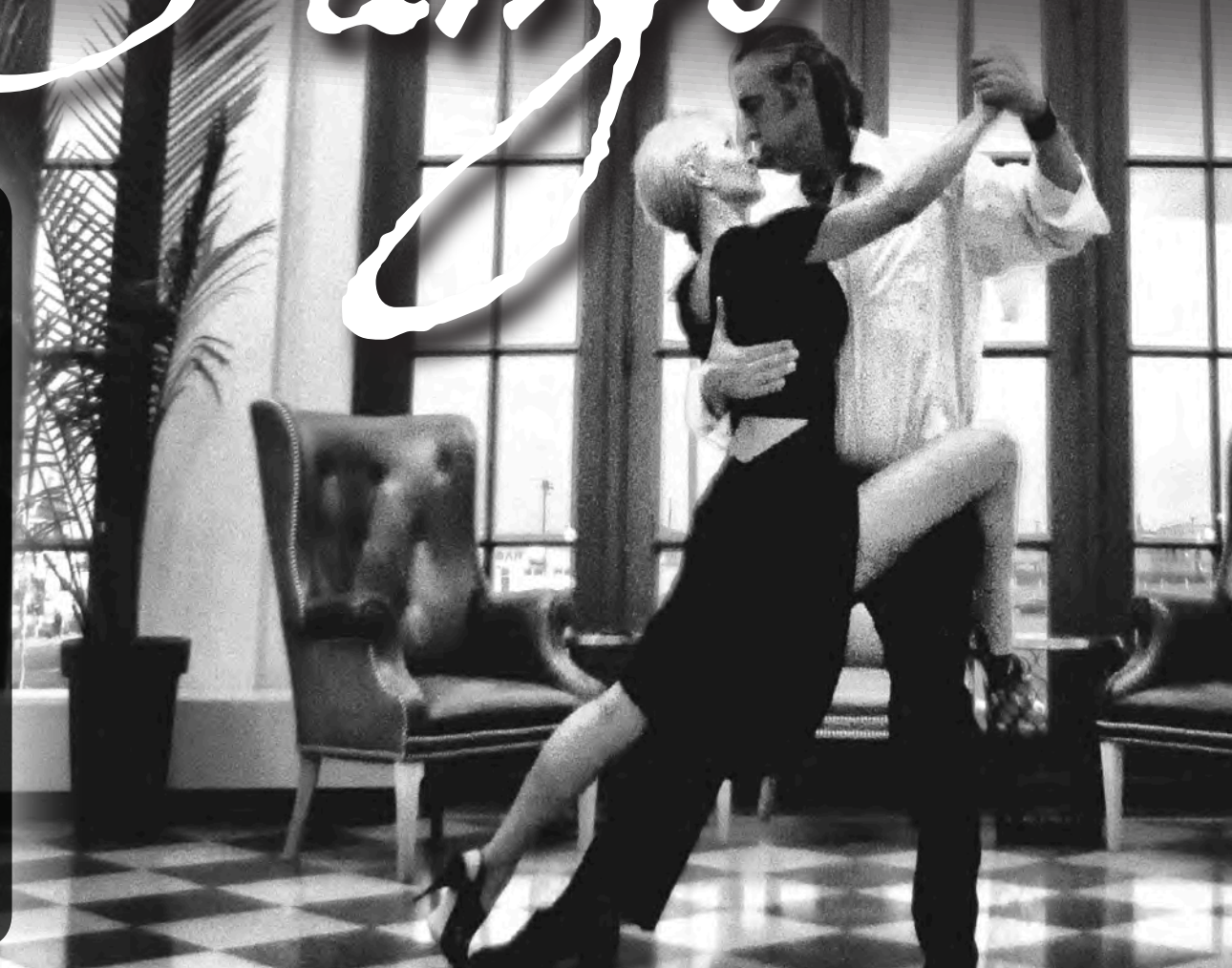
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Blue Hawk Records fundraises online

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While some were trick or treating on Oct. 31, Blue Hawk Records was launching an online campaign to raise funds to record a new album. Bake sales are fun, but Blue Hawk Records, the University's very own record label, realized there might be a slightly cooler way to raise money. The young label has been campaigning on Indiegogo.com to raise \$500 for a new album.

Crowd sourced fundraising websites like Kickstarter and Indiegogo have been proven to be successful, especially for artists trying to fund creative projects. Artists make a video selling their product and then ask for donations. Donors receive perks established by the artist, which can be anything from a free download to a personal concert.

Browsing through Indiegogo is kind of like watching an explosion of creativity. It's just a collective of creative people with numerous ideas, all of which need funding.

Some artists are famous, such as We the Kings, a band who used Indiegogo to raise almost \$150,000 for their fourth studio album (and first independent release).

Plenty are far from famous and just raise money based on a cool idea: Robert Morrison is a New York businessman who managed to fund his idea for wireless, waterproof speakers called Rebel Speakers.

Natalie Zeller is a sophomore and an artist signed to the label. She explained that the Indiegogo campaign opened up donations to a wider demographic. Zeller said, "We decided to do an Indiegogo campaign because online



Natalie Zeller and Guy Battaglia are the spokespeople for Blue Hawk Records in their YouTube video explaining the perks of donating to their campaign.

marketing is becoming huge. We wanted to show people outside of Monmouth who we are and what we're about and look for even more support."

Professor Joe Rapolla, advisor for Blue Hawk Records and chair of the Music and Theatre Arts Department, discussed the benefits of donating. "In most cases the fans are given an incentive, so essentially are really just pre-buying the product or content," Rapolla said.

The perks for Blue Hawk Records donors are as follows: \$5 is a download of the album; \$7 is the physical CD; \$20 is a sticker, physical CD and signed thank you note from the artists; \$50 is a T-shirt, sticker, CD, thank you note, and a gift box of treats; \$100 is a T-shirt, sticker, CD, thank you note, gift box with treats, personal

thanks on CD packaging; \$250 is T-shirt, sticker, CD, thank you note, gift box with treats, personally thanked on CD packaging, vinyl record and home acoustic concert by two of the artists.

Zeller also mentioned that donating is "a great way to show support to your peers who are pursuing their goals."

While Battaglia mentioned that Blue Hawk Record's success isn't just good for the artists, but the department as a whole. Battaglia said, "...it's time for the Music and Theatre Department at Monmouth to earn the respect they deserve. These programs work so hard with the little resources they have that they deserve to have more support in the future."

If that's what the donors get, what does Blue Hawk Records

get? Guy Battaglia, sophomore music industry major, explained, "The Indiegogo campaign will pay for our session time at Lakehouse Studio in Asbury Park. Any leftovers will be used for merchandise as well as marketing. We are willing to make every penny count."

Blue Hawk Records is already past the halfway mark for their fundraising goal. It seems people want to hear the follow up from Blue Hawk Records. The label released their first four song compilation last spring. The album featured one song from each of the four signed artists.

The label now has six artists: 99 Regrets, James Poricelli, Kristi Hunt, Natalie Zeller, Sarah Gulbin and Seasons. Part of the reason the label wants to record again is the addition of Poricelli and Hunt.

Battaglia said that while he'd be happy to have his band, 99 Regrets, featured on the album, exposing new artists is more important.

"So far, this next album will definitely have Sarah Gulbin and Natalie Zeller on it, but I may hop in if we have extra time in the studio. The thing is, though, that since we have two new artists, James Poricelli and Kristi Hunt, I want them to have a chance at recording since I was already on the last sampler," Battaglia said.

Blue Hawk Records was formed in an Applied Music Industry class. Rapolla mentioned students need to get into the studio to apply what they're learning in class. "We had a very successful launch last semester with the Applied Music Industry II class. This semester everyone came back to take Applied III and we had the opportunity to 'apply' everything we learned the first go round," Rapolla said.

Rapolla said he lets the students take the lead in the studio. He said, "I'm like Executive Producer, which means I nudge the project along, make sure all the trains run on time, and help find money. I just keep saying "...then go do it". Otherwise, it's student run. There are a lot of good ideas and work that come out of our class meetings. Some students really take the ball and run with it, which is a testament to how they will take control of their careers...and lives!"

The fundraiser ends on Nov. 15. To donate to Blue Hawk Records Indiegogo campaign, go to <http://www.indiegogo.com/projects/blue-hawk-records-fall-2013-compilation-cd> or check out their facebook page at facebook.com/BlueHawkRecords.

Daring Docu-series Deals With Death

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"She's like not breathing and she's blue and like stiff and like f***ing dead," Nicole, a 25 year old woman, said to the 911 operator asking why she thinks her mother is dead.

This is the abrupt opening of Showtime's new documentary series, "Time of Death." If you're looking for a good cry, this mini-series will do the trick. The premiere alone was hard to watch (I had to stop multiple times), but it's amazing. Each episode follows two terminally ill people.

Every week we see Maria, a middle aged woman with three children and stage IV breast cancer. Statistically, Maria is alive well after what science would predict. She mentioned, "Don't believe everything you read" after citing that the American Cancer Society predicts that someone in her position has about 18 months to live. She has survived four years with her diagnosis. It almost makes a viewer feel hopeful until you remember that no one on this show is getting a happy ending.

Each episode also follows a secondary person whose storyline is contained to just one episode. The premiere follows Michael, 47, a war veteran diagnosed with rhabdomyosarcoma, a rare form of cancer usually found in pediatric patients. While Maria doesn't look sick

to the unsuspecting stranger, Michael is pale and gaunt, restricted to a wheel chair and forced to have a nasal cannula (a tube under his nose) for oxygen.

When questioned about his smoking, Michael said, "I'm dying. What's it matter now?"

Michael openly admits to not being a good person, which is so interesting. He could easily victimize himself, but he doesn't at all. He talked about doing almost every drug he could as a young man and hitting his first wife, Andrea. Andrea appears on one of Michael's last days to say goodbye, and they reconcile their feelings, letting go of grudges held.

It was tough to watch as cameras captured Michael's last moments on earth. Viewers actually see his death and his funeral. Equally hard to watch are the reactions of Maria's kids.

Her daughter Julia, 15, and son, Michael, 14, talk about their greatest fears. They both fear living with their dad, though they never specify why. This leaves custody to go to their half-sister, Nicole, 25. Nicole is preparing to be the guardian of these kids, but they have a lot of struggles. Nicole isn't as nurturing as their mother, and all three are dealing with the idea of losing their mother differently.

It's heartbreaking to listen to a 15-year-old girl say that she is prepared for her mother to die within the next two weeks or two years.

It's a documentary, not reality

television. The people acknowledge the cameras. The filmmakers even ask Maria why she participated in their project. "Well, I think it's like the big elephant in the room that nobody ever wants to talk about. We're all going to die someday. but what's it going to look like at the end?...I hope, in some way, it might help somebody else facing this horrible life altering-life ending?-dilemma."

So why watch a show about death? Television often trivializes death with shows like "CSI," "Dexter" and tons of others. It's a weekly occurrence that we don't really bat an eye at. "Time of Death" shows the realities of being near death. It deals with the family left behind and the caretakers who are hired to help the patients through death.

The people don't need added drama, like a reality show. They're dying. They don't care how they're seen because they understand that they'll be dead when this airs, so they are completely and strikingly honest.

It's not an easy show to watch. This wasn't created for viewers to forget their troubles and become involved in a character's life. It's a show that makes viewers face ugly realities. It's a show that everyone can relate to, which is what makes it so hard to watch. If you haven't been through this with a loved one, you know that there is a good chance that you will eventually have to experience something like this.

It's honest, though. It doesn't

glorify anything about the process of death and dying. I think it could ultimately be really therapeutic for anyone currently going through this process.

It's authentic and compelling, and that's exactly what makes a good documentary series.

"Time of Death" airs on Showtime on Fridays at 9 pm.

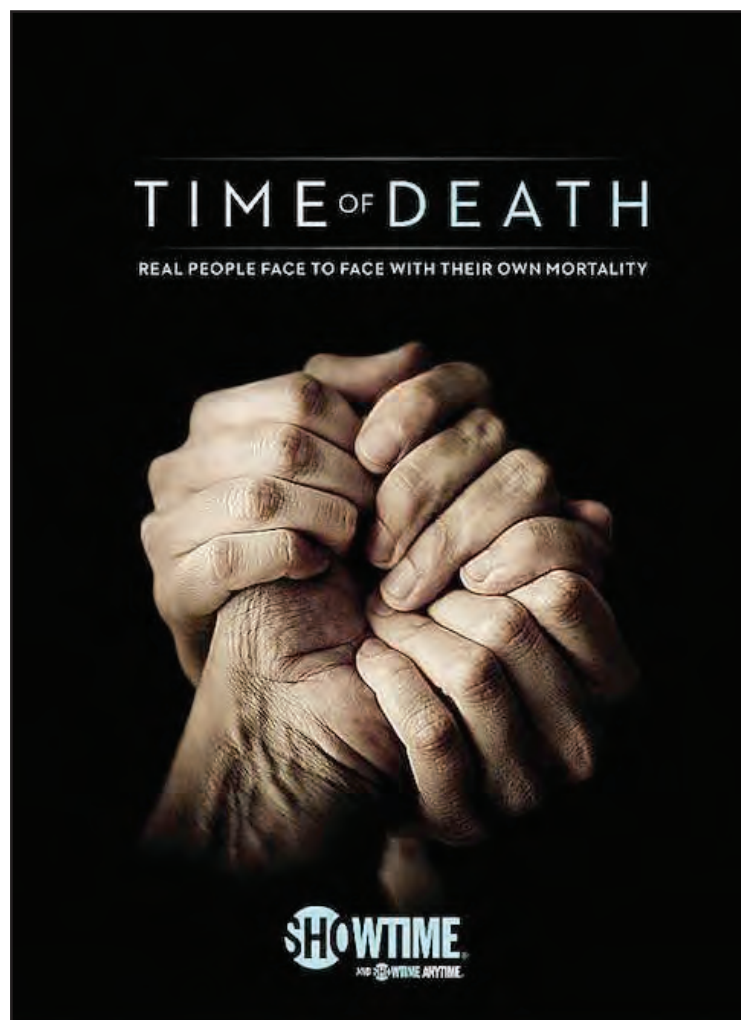


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"Time of Death" chronicles the last days of terminally ill people and the way they and their families deal with death.

Students Tackle Real-Life Tragedy in Fall Play

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This year marks the 15th anniversary of the tragedy against a member of the LGBT community, Matthew Shepard, which took place in Laramie, Wyoming. In recognition of the anniversary, The Department of Music and Theatre Arts presents "The Laramie Project" as this year's fall play.

"The Laramie Project" is a collection of interviews, gathered by members of the Tectonic Theatre Project, of family members, friends, neighbors, and more that were affected in some way by Matthew Shepard's death. The play was written by Moises Kaufman and the Tectonic Theatre Company. The play is brought to Monmouth by director Dr. John Burke, professor of Theatre Arts.

When picking the play, Dr. Burke not only did it due to the anniversary date, but he had his actors' benefit in mind. He said, "It's a very different style of acting that [the students] haven't experienced, and they should have a chance at it."

Dr. Burke has also taken on the challenge of working with a very big cast. Fourteen students will perform the 60 roles in the play, and whether big or small, each are a totally different character that the students will have to portray as their

own. Burke said, "Every one of these characters gives you another perspective on what happened, and some of them give you a real sense of tragedy... and some of them give you a sense of prejudice that is still in the town."

Burke thought it would be beneficial for the students to be able to show their range of skill. Burke said, "It's a good opportunity, again not only for the style of acting, but the fact that they have to play anywhere from 4-6 parts...everybody has a good solid amount of work to do. To be up one second and be a 50 year old adult, and to be up the next second and be a 19 year old kid demands a lot from [the actors]."

Actress Zoe Bullitt talked about her experience portraying five different characters and how she gives each character their own identity. "We have different props and costume pieces for each character, so literally I will put on my blazer and glasses [for a character] and I can get into character just from that, but it did take a lot of character work to find an accent or a stance for each different character."

With so many different characters, Bullitt believes the audience should be able to relate to multiple factors about the play. "I think definitely they can relate to the play in general, just because it's such a prevalent issue right now...I think it's very



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"The Laramie Project" was formed from the transcripts of real interviews with Laramie residents after the death of Matthew Shepard.

important for people to come see this show, because [gay marriage and all the issues that are going on] is such a prevalent issue in our time today."

With a play that requires so much from its actors, you would think that Burke would like to keep the cast strictly within the major, but just like all performances from the Music and Theatre Arts Department, this one was also open to students of any major. Burke said, "Any Monmouth employee or student of any major can audition."

Burke also shared what he thinks the audience should get out of this play. "I think it's important because it shows the

total view of so many different viewpoints in the town as to what happened...if you're not from Laramie then you're watching the whole thing from the outside, and I think what the play accomplishes is to let you see what they think of themselves as a result of this happening...other than a 15 second interview clip on the news, you never really get to know the substance of what they think about what happened."

Actress Meg Santalla also shared what she thinks the audience should get out of the play. The sophomore theatre arts major said, "Hopefully they're moved by this piece, and I believe it's

to spread awareness that this kind of tragedy could happen anywhere, anytime to anybody. I hope, that by watching this, that the views on homosexuality won't be so close-minded or some sort of understanding comes about that it is a lifestyle that you don't necessarily have to get, but to persecute those who choose that path isn't the way to go."

Though the play chronicles an event that took place in 1998, the issues are still prevalent. Santalla added, "This is a wakeup call that this is the kind of world we live in, and only we can be the ones to make change for the better so that something of this caliber doesn't happen to our own community."

"The Laramie Project" stars Zoe Bullitt, Nicole DeSarno, Alexa Gentempo, Mahalia Jackson, Stephen Lang, Nicole Massabrook, Courtney Moore, Maegan Santalla, Kristen Simonelli, Kelly Thomas, Megan Van Tine, Brandon Wiener, Nick Zaccario, and Grant Zaitchick. It will open in Woods Theatre on November 7, and will have performances November 7-9 and 13-16 at 8 PM, as well as November 10 at 3 PM. You can get tickets by calling the Box Office at 732-263-6885, or online at www.monmouth.edu/arts.

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Arcade Fire's "Reflektor" Explores Genres

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Where does "indie rock" end and "freakin' huge rock band" begin? For Arcade Fire, the biggest little band in the world right now, you could argue multiple points. Some might say it's selling out Madison Square Garden (twice), and others would argue winning Album of the Year at the Grammy's is the point of no return. Which one is it?

Well, neither. The real tipping point – the moment where Arcade Fire really embraced being larger than life – is "Reflektor," the group's flashiest, grandest, and most bloated album to date. And guess what? It's awesome for it!

"Big" is nothing new for a group like Arcade Fire. The band's penchant for diverse instrumentation and fitting as many band members as you can on one stage certainly doesn't scream modest, and their albums, from their profound, genre-defining debut "Funeral" to their Grammy-winning achievement "The Suburbs," exhibited emotional and musical maximalism at its most sincere.

Yet when Arcade Fire goes the distance on "Reflektor," their genre-bending, meticulously produced new double-album, it feels different than it did in the past. Arcade Fire's previous work had a sort of underdog-level grandness to them, like this "little" indie band was pushing itself as far as they can go and constantly beating the odds to achieve greatness.

Not so with "Reflektor." The stakes alone are clearly bigger, as Arcade Fire is almost a household name, and at this point, the group could make any album they wanted to. Listening to Reflektor, you get

the feeling that Arcade Fire not only knows this, but embraces it, as "Reflektor," with its studio pomp and unrestrained scope, is the kind of record rock bands usually only make once they know they've established themselves. But in no way does that mean it's a safe record.

Produced by ex-LCD Soundsystem wunderkind James Murphy and taking in such influences as funk, disco, and even Caribbean pop, "Reflektor" is an entirely different record than anything the band has put out before, as the group has never before blended such styles into their sound so tenaciously.

But what makes "Reflektor" work, despite its tracks' occasionally excessive run times, is that the group never really loses sight of who they were, as Arcade Fire's "little-indie-band-that-could" vitality is never lost amongst the swirling vortex that is "Reflektor."

Perhaps the best place to start would be the album's title track, also the album's first single and opening track. With its grooving, layered

percussion and lively sonic accoutrements, "Reflektor" is the sound of a band fully embracing a whole new direction – and absolutely owning it. It channels some pretty clear influences (think "Station to Station" era Bowie for starters) but with production in the hands of Murphy, whose expertise is making the sounds of old sound fresh, as these borrowed influences have rarely sounded more vital.

Many aspects of the title track hint at what's in store for much of the album's double-disc span. For instance, "Reflektor" is easily the most rhythmic album Arcade Fire has ever made, even when the group operates at their most conventional. Standout tracks like "We Exist" and "Afterlife," for instance, could pass for classic Arcade Fire at their most basic level, but the added dosage of funk brought out through their propulsive rhythm sections brings out an enticing, neon-disco glow that gives them a whole new flavor.

The track that really sells this aesthetic, however, is the epic "Here

Comes the Night." Though it may sound a bit cheesy with its cool-blue Haitian pop sensibilities, the track is easily one of the best that Arcade Fire has written period, as the song effortlessly cruises back and forth from a hazy, lackadaisical groove to an enormous, rapturous swell of guitars and tribal drums that elevate the album to its grandest highs. It's the sound of a great band taking in new, refreshing influences at an almost spiritual level, and its tones of fun at that.

That's another thing about "Reflektor" which makes it stand out – this is easily the most "fun" record that Arcade Fire has made by a long shot. Don't get me wrong, I wouldn't want the bands previous works to be any less serious and emotionally heavy than they were, but it's definitely refreshing to hear the group pepper in some more light-hearted doses of personality between tracks, or even make music that's just a blast to dance to.

"Reflektor" is a long album – long enough to stretch its span over two discs. But this double-album approach isn't done arbitrarily, as each disc presents itself in a very distinct way while also having enough in common to form one greater whole.

Disc one is certainly the more "song-oriented" half on "Reflektor," as the majority of the album's catchiest and most concise moments are located here. Disc one also contains the most straightforward "rock" songs on the album, as energetic tracks like "Normal Person" and "Joan of Arc" are carried by big guitar riffs and big choruses.

It's debatable how effective Arcade Fire are when operating in traditional rock form (especially when there's so much else going on in this album), but these example

still implement plenty of the band's triumphant grandeur to make up for sounding a bit conventional.

Disc two, however, is where things get a bit looser and longer. Disc two is really where the production shines above all else, as tracks like the aural "Awful Sound (Oh Eurydice)" and "It's Never Over (Oh Orpheus)" are sumptuous and dense worlds of vivid, glowing sound, though the hooks don't hit nearly as hard as they do on the first half.

This half of the LP can test one's patience, however, as the majority of songs on this disc fall within the six minute range or more. Some tracks, like "Awful Sound" and "Afterlife," work well to justify such time lengths, but others, like the slightly monotonous "Porno" and the 11-minute closer "Supersymmetry," which is beautiful for its first half, but ends on five minutes of random noise gurgles, tend to overstay their welcome.

I've gone a long time without mentioning the album's lyrics, which says a lot considering how much of a focal point singer Win Butler's words were on previous releases. But while the lyrics on "Reflektor" are still good – albeit a bit more simplified – they tend to take a back seat this time around for the meticulously crafted music the band dishes out throughout both discs, and the trade-off seems well worth it.

The hype for this record was monumental – so much so that things could have easily gone ugly had the band not delivered. But while "Reflektor" might be a slightly difficult record at times, it's nonetheless incredibly enjoyable front to back, and well worth putting in the effort to explore its unique halves and losing yourself in the disco ball-gleam of its towering whole.



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"Reflektor" is a double album from Arcade Fire with 13 songs (plus one hidden track) on two discs.

Facebook Friendships are Not Face-to-Face

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In the ever growing world of electronics, social media sites such as Facebook are becoming a popular way of meeting new people, especially before the first year of entering college.

Freshman Sarah Curtelli said that there are both advantages and disadvantages to having met her roommate on Facebook. "An advantage was that when I got accepted to Monmouth and got my roommate information, I was able to find my roommate and get to know her. We mainly talked about what to bring and got to know each other a bit," said Curtelli.

She added, "A disadvantage was we never met face-to-face until move in day and that did cause slight tensions and took us more time to get along."

This is becoming more of a trend now than it was a few years ago since links to University pages are mailed to students upon their acceptance into the University.

Even with recommendations

that students should call their roommates to get to know them better, many just search the class webpage.

Junior Eryn Siddall believes that there are a few reasons as to why this is the case when it comes to finding roommates. "I think the initial reaction of every freshman is to friend as many freshmen as possible before the school year starts," said Siddall.

Siddall added, "Then once you actually start going to school you either casually say 'hi' to the people you recognize from Facebook or don't even acknowledge their presence at all."

Siddall said, "Now I am a junior and have friends on Facebook who I've never talked to and don't even know who they are, except for that they are in my class."

Siddall pointed out that the class Facebook pages to her were more of a tool than a way of making friends. She used it to straighten out things such as what students were bringing to the dorms. "It was cool to con-

nect with people on the page at first, like when everyone found out what rooms they were living in and posted it on the page. But now I feel that the page is kind of pointless," she said.

She said that there are some advantages, but more issues may arise as the year progresses. "Some good things about it are that it can be an outlet to reach out to the entire class if someone has a question in mind. It also helps people such as *Outlook* writers to gain input for articles they're writing which is convenient."

She added, "However it is also annoying to receive notifications and people are asking unnecessary questions or spamming the page."

Many clubs and organizations at the University are creating group pages to help increase membership and maintain a discussion board with happenings and events. Sometimes these pages can get off topic and other times they can be of help.

Junior Jessica Ketch believes that these groups can be helpful to others. "I think they are

great when you first come to Monmouth. A lot of people meet potential roommates and friends from the groups. It does take away from face-to-face contact but it is helpful as well when you do not know anyone."

Junior Rachel Fox sees this as

with this method. She sees it as a great way to communicate even though there is no face to face interaction

Professor Michael Thomas, Assistant Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences sees this differently. "Facebook is

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ERYN SIDDALL
Junior

a helpful tool as well. She said that while some may not like it, a group set up like this can be very important.

She added that the Outdoors Club Facebook group has been a great forum for students. "All posts people have put have some sort of importance, and does not see any disadvantage

absolutely preventing face-to-face-communication," he said. Thomas believes this is due to large innovations and preoccupations with technology today.

Being social on Facebook can have its ups and downs, according to many students, particularly when it comes to conversations of importance.



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Social media websites such as Facebook have changed the way that people interact, altering the definition of friendship and the depth of connection that people share.

A College Student's Worst Nightmare

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College students in the U.S. are worried, stressed and afraid of what opportunities will be available to them come graduation day. Questions flood their minds such as, "Will there be a job for me? If so, am I applicable? Even if I am capable, will I be replaced by someone with more skills?" These are only a few of the constant concerns that students battle every day.

There are many reasons that students feel this fear, including high unemployment rate, the ever-changing job market and the constant pressure of competition. Receiving a bachelor's degree is believed to be right of passage that a student is educated in their field of study and is prepared to take on a full-time job. Meanwhile, as graduates people still see themselves as students, unsure of how educated and prepared they really are.

In an attempt to keep up with ever-increasing job requirements, unemployment rate and competition, students work harder. College students across the nation are doing whatever it takes to prepare themselves for that final moment when they accept their diploma and take their first steps in the real world.

"There is a lot of pressure

looking for a job after graduation," said Nicole Russo, senior criminal justice student. "There aren't a lot of jobs out there that you're going to love." Like most college students, she is left anxiously waiting if the long hours studying, volunteering at clubs and working overtime will finally land her a job.

Russo added that as a result of the unemployment rate, students have to compete against many people while applying for jobs and this can be very stressful.

What is to blame for this emotional tragedy? The unemployment rate may be one of the reasons that students like Russo experience such fears. Although another concern according to *The New York Daily News* report is receiving a job that is below your capabilities, being underemployed. *The New York Daily News* recently reported a study by Reuters that more than 40 percent of recent U.S. college graduates are finding themselves underemployed.

As a result of this fear, some students choose to attend graduate school rather than apply for jobs right out of college. "After I graduate I know I'll be attending grad school to further my psychology degree with counseling and I hope that once that's over with there will be a job opening for me," said Rocio Serey, sophomore psychology

major. "I honestly do not think of not landing a job in my future, that's the only way I don't freak myself out."

Serey explained that when she does think of graduating she tries to mentally prepare herself. "I'm a sophomore and although I still have a while to go I know that time will be gone in a blink of an eye. I just try to make the most of my time here to prepare myself well for what is to come after graduation," Serey said.

Students are left wondering, "What did we do to deserve this?" During high school students work hard to get good grades and get accepted into a good college. While in college, students are then forced to get involved with clubs, Greek life, jobs, internships while paying thousands of dollars and maintaining good grades, and all for this?

Jeffrey Mass, Career Counselor for Career Services agreed with students, that it is becoming more difficult to apply for jobs. Although, what Mass does believe to be a solution is effort and diligence. Mass believes, "There are jobs available, but they are for those who have demonstrated the ability to succeed not just potential."

The jobs are available, according to Mass, it just takes the right amount of marketing, preparation and work ethic to receive it. Mass

believes that employers are still looking for the same qualities: good grades, leadership, critical thinking and effective communi-

cation. Students must focus on the method of reaching out to future employers in ways to demonstrate that they really stand out.



IMAGE TAKEN from family.wikinut.com

Jobs are available for students after graduation if they gain experience and put forth an extra effort to succeed.

Retail Therapy: Lightning Your Stress and Your Wallet

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With malls coming in almost every shape, size and website it can be so easy to spend more money than you realize. An article from *MSN Money* stated that five percent of Americans suffer from compulsive shopping. However, it can be hard to see the blurred line between shopping for necessity compared to emotional shopping, also known as “retail therapy.” This can be easily addicting for anyone, especially college students.

“You get more confidence and feel better when you have bought something new,” explained sophomore Rachel Gale. “You look forward to wearing it, and it gives you a little boost that from the down feeling you had before.”

According to the Illinois Institute for Addiction Recovery, people who suffer from compulsive shopping or spending often spend money when they are experiencing negative feelings such as disappointment, anger or fear.

Compulsive shoppers also have spending habits that cause arguments with others and leave them with thousands of dollars of debt. Many feel lost without credit cards or think excessively about money. The big danger that comes from this type of uncontrolled spending is the euphoric rush that keeps people digging deeper into their pockets until there is nothing left.

Specialist professor of communication, Kristine Simoes said she indulges in retail therapy. “There’s not a week that goes by that I don’t say, ‘I’ve had a really bad day and I need to get something right now,’” said Simoes.

“I do notice that when I was having a bad day or boy problems, me and my friends would say ‘Let’s go shopping.’ Then I would end up spending money that I did not have,” said sophomore Alexa Burger. “It’s almost like a present to myself, which doesn’t really make sense. I was spending my money, but I would think ‘I want this necklace because it’s pretty, and I had a bad day so I deserve it.’”

With 85 percent of women in the United States making or influencing the major purchasing decisions in their household according to an article on *thenextweb.com*, the stereotype that only women like to shop has circulated through all forms of media.

How many of us ladies have quoted “Mean Girls” by yelling outside our friend’s house “Get in loser! We’re going shopping!” Still, even with this shopaholic societal standard, men are just as guilty as women for hitting their favorite store after a bad day.

“As an emotional outlet, I don’t use it as much as other students, but it does happen,” senior criminal justice major Ryan Reckhow, said. “For me it’s more of an instinct thing like right after I get paid, or when I receive my student refund. I go from having a few hundred dollars in the bank to a thousand. It just hits me and I start spending, and before you know it, it’s like a little mini addiction,” Reckhow explained.

Donna Mancini, Office Coordinator for Vice President and Dean of Campus Life, enjoys online shopping. “I am not stepping over my bounds, but if I do find myself in a tizzy and can’t find an answer, I do find myself online shopping.”

said Mancini.

There is hope for those who may be dealing with a compulsive shopping problem. One way is to simply find a new activity.

Every time you feel your mouse going towards the “add to cart” button on Amazon, go for a run, bake something, or join a volunteer group to do community service in your spare time. By distracting yourself, it will become easier to face the temptation and learn something new in the process.

With the holidays approaching, it can be hard to resist certain sales and promotions especially with a Black Friday only a few weeks away. If the temptation is going to be too much, have someone else hold onto the credit cards and checkbook.

While this tactic may seem childish, setting rules and budget for yourself can benefit you to landing on the plus side of things.

“I just kept buying whatever I really wanted, and never looked at my bank account. When I finally did, I realized I was broke,” said Gale. “I don’t go to the mall or retail shop anymore, because I know if I do, I will buy something. You just have to tell yourself you don’t need it.”



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Retail therapy can temporarily alleviate stress but can also cause more financial trouble later.

How Can I Help You?

A Retail Worker's Perspective

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For as long as I can remember, my parents have been telling me to save my money so I could one day put it towards something big and expensive. Seeing how I would only get large amounts of money for my birthday and Christmas, I decided at a very young age that I wanted a job. I pictured working as something glamorous, like working would suddenly make me mature and responsible.

I was about 12 when I announced that I wanted to work at Hollister Co., because “that’s where all my clothes are from, Mom.” Of course, I couldn’t work when I was 12 but couldn’t wait until the day I could start. Boy, was I wrong.

When I was 14 I got my first job at an ice cream shop, not exactly glamorous but not exactly strenuous work either. I worked there until the shop closed down and I was sucked into the wonderful, sometimes scary world we call retail. I figured it wouldn’t be too bad because I considered myself a pretty friendly person and I loved the thought of being surrounded by clothes.

Once I started working though, I realized it was much harder than I anticipated and I quickly learned the number one rule of retail: “The customer is always right.” The more I talked to my friends and peers about retail work, the more I found how many people felt the same way as I did.

Junior Michelle Schuler agreed that retail work is definitely harder than it looks. “I worked at Hollister Co., and I was only a seasonal worker but I thought it was terrible. I didn’t like folding clothes for hours or greeting people at the door saying, ‘hey, what’s up?’ and usually not even getting a response. Working at the register wasn’t bad because you got to interact with people but working on the floor was hard work,” said Schuler.

Associate professor of communication, Deanna Shoemaker, shared the benefits of her retail experience. “I gained greater customer service

skills and the ability to handle conflict management in the workplace,” she said.

Kayla Gittleman, a senior who works at Katherine’s Boutique in Manasquan, NJ, said, “I think that retail workers in clothing stores not only have a love for fashion, but should also have a love to pass their fashion sense on to others. Being a retail worker is a lot of work, but if you love what you are doing it doesn’t seem like much work at all.”

My coworker at Bath and Body Works, Jennifer Pacheco, a senior, said she likes working in retail because it gives her a chance to talk to people. “I love making people feel good about themselves, but it’s hard backing up products if you don’t believe in or like them,” said Pacheco.

She added, “I’ll be honest with customers about what is and isn’t good for them and if that stops a sale, my store probably would rather that I lied to make the sale, but I think of it as much more than just that. If the customer isn’t happy, neither am I,” said Pacheco.

Even if people don’t work in retail currently, I found that almost everyone had a story or experience about it.

Looking back at the retail experiences I’ve had so far, there has been some really fun and interesting times. I’ve met a lot of great people, some of whom I’m still friends with. The hours are long and the customers sometimes put you on edge, but at the end of the day, a job is a job. Whenever I’m having a bad day at work I think that this isn’t forever and one day I’ll appreciate all the lessons learned from my days as a retail worker.

My younger brother, who just turned 16 and got a job as a bagger at a grocery store, complained to me that the hours are long and it gets tough standing there just loading things into bag after bag. When I asked him why he went to get a job anyway, he said he wants to start saving for a car. I just laughed and told him that he hasn’t seen anything yet, and he has many years of work still ahead of him.

Polio Outbreak Marks Syrian Aid Crisis

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A cluster of polio cases has been reported in Syria for the first time since 1999, threatening to further destabilize the war-torn country and surrounding regions. Ten of the 22 polio cases analyzed tested positive for poliovirus type one, but the origin of the virus itself has remained undetermined according to the World Health Organization.

Since the beginnings of the uprisings in March 2011, about 110,000 casualties have been documented by the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, over 40,000 of whom are civilians including 5,800 children and 3,900 women.

The advent of polio, if not addressed with immediate action, will pose dire consequences for the populace as a whole as it faces a civil war that continues to exacerbate.

“The large-scale implications of an outbreak like this could be huge,” said Dr. Maryanne Rhett, assistant professor of history.

She added, “Unlike influenza after World War One, of course, people around the world are largely vaccinated against Polio, but with regions like Syria offering the in-

stability of war and places like the pockets in the United States where anti-vaccine sentiment has been increasingly common, the ability for diseases we had once thought eradicated to return becomes disturbingly possible.”

Representing one of the most dreaded diseases of the 20th century, poliomyelitis, known commonly as polio, results from the infection of the poliovirus which is specific to humans.

Even though a majority of polio infections are asymptomatic, if the virus enters the bloodstream, then such affected individuals may exhibit a range of symptoms including paralysis, severe pain, muscular atrophy, and breathing and sleeping problems such as sleep apnea.

In response to the polio outbreak, “I was really shocked at how the virus spread to Syria,” said Kandria Ledesma, senior biology major. “It can cause really severe consequences because it cannot only spread throughout Syria, but also to the rest of the world if we don’t eradicate it now.”

The poliovirus, which has existed for thousands of years, was nearly eradicated in all but three countries – Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan – at the end of 2012, according to a United Nations report. The last

cases in the US were documented in 1979.

The polio vaccine was developed by American physicians Dr. Jonas Salk and Dr. Albert Sabin in the 1950’s and works by administering a pathogen (poliovirus) with a reduced virulence to let the body develop an immune response, allowing it to defeat a wild poliovirus when encountered in the future.

The number of vaccinations responsible for halting the spread of the viral infection has faced severe cuts as a result of escalating civil tensions in Syria, leaving children more prone to catching the disease as a result of their weaker immune systems.

In recognition of this decline, calls for emergency ceasefire vaccinations have been vehemently vocalized. Carolyn Miles, President and CEO of the charity, Save the Children, said, “Polio doesn’t respect conflict lines or borders, so we need these ceasefires to reach all children with vaccines, no matter where they live. If chemical weapons inspectors can be allowed access across Syria with notebooks, surely aid workers can be allowed in with vaccines.”

Before the civil war began, over 95 percent of Syrian children were vac-

inated against polio. Now the UN estimates that there are over 500,000 children who have remained unvaccinated. To make matters worse, over 10 percent of Syria’s population has fled to neighboring states such as Turkey, Lebanon, Iraq, Egypt, and Jordan as refugees – making the overall situation even more precarious by allowing the poliovirus new vantage points to propagate again, putting millions of children at risk as a consequence.

The health inequities present in Syria manifest themselves in many variables, with doctor shortages at the fore. In contrast to the US where there are on average 24 physicians for every 10,000 patients, the target killing of doctors coupled with the destruction of health facilities that provide aid to one side of the Syrian conflict has caused the already small physician population to drastically decline.

“I doubt that the idea that ‘my enemy’s doctor is my enemy’ is new,” said Rhett. “The positive side to such a sentiment is the brain drain that leads to scientists and other intellectuals fleeing war-torn regions for those that are more stable. This is, after all, how Einstein came to the United States.”

Rhett added, “What’s particularly sinister about this sentiment is that it declares the impossibility

of neutral parties. Where do Doctors without Borders fit into this equation? Cutting off one’s nose to spite one’s face doesn’t do anyone any good, and I suspect this sentiment will not be long lived, especially if diseases like Polio, which know no boundary, border, nationality or political party, become increasingly prevalent.”

Patrick Fedick, senior double majoring in chemistry and psychology said, “I think it is insane that in 2013 there are still people that are contracting diseases that we have had medications that will build immunity.”

“On one hand, the country is in the midst of a civil war so the parents cannot be fully at fault for not immunizing these children because they are more concerned about bullets and bombs, however this goes to show how important medicine and the whole field of science is,” said Fedick.

Although Syria’s aid agencies have begun setting up immunization drives at refugee camps, the hundreds of thousands of children who have yet to be vaccinated demonstrate a call to action on the international scale to stop the disease from propagating before it crosses national boundaries.

Kappa Delta Pi Presents at 49th Biennial Convocation

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The University's Kappa Delta Pi (KDP) chapter attended and presented at KDP's 49th Biennial Convocation in Dallas, Texas from Oct. 24 – Oct. 28 to learn more about KDP, becoming a leader in education, and teaching.

According to KDP.org, "Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education, founded by Dr. William Bagley in 1911 at the University of Illinois, was established to foster excellence in education and promote fellowship among those dedicated to teaching." KDP provides a reasoned voice for significant issues and links learning communities of educators.

The University's KDP executive board members Drew Corrigan, Britt Henricksen, Rachel Armstrong, and Kelleen Coulson presented "Calling All Learners: Centers as a Tool for Learning" on Friday, Oct. 25, from 1:15 – 2:05 pm. The presentation was designed for students studying K – 12 education, and encompassed the subject matters of physical education, music, mathematics, social studies, and language arts.

Drew Corrigan, junior health and education major, said, "Honestly, we didn't think we would have more than ten people in the room. We wound up having close to 40 people in the room and had people standing because we ran out of seats. There were people from all over the United States in the room, including a few international members of KDP. The reception after our presentation was amazing with several people saying that we had the best presentation that they saw the whole Convocation."

The presentation stressed that creating cooperative centers in the classroom can help accomplish the goals of planning for differentiated instruction. The presentation was interactive in nature.

Mary Brennan, specialist pro-

fessor of education and advisor of KDP, said, "These students really did a great job. Someone from Louisiana State University came to me afterwards and said to me that it was the most professional presentation that she had attended. The students professionally addressed the crowd before it even started, they were professionally dressed, and they conducted themselves in a very professional manner throughout the presentation."

According to Brennan, the four executive board members submitted a proposal to KDP International to present at this year's convocation. "Being accepted and given an opportunity to present is an honor," she said. There were over 800 students that attended this convocation, and only approximately 45 were chosen to present.

The University's KDP chapter won a Silver Award for their participation in Literacy Alive at the Convocation.

The University's chapter of KDP students networked with professionals as well as other KDP chapters from schools such as Felician College, Rowan University, and Penn State. They also attended multiple workshops on diversity and adapting a classroom to the 21st century. "The workshops were a chance for everyone to share their different ideas and expertise in certain areas, every workshop offered something different and unique," said Corrigan.

KDP has over 40,000 members and 600 chapters. According to Mary Clement, President of KDP International, KDP encourages all individual members as well as chapters to come to convocations.

There were representatives from over 45 states and seven countries, including Canada, Taiwan, Nigeria, and Uganda. "People from all over the world came to find out more [about KDP] because they were educators in home countries, and we as an organization exist to honor and support teachers. In many



PHOTO COURTESY of Drew Corrigan

(Left to right) Mary Brennan, Drew Corrigan, Britt Henricksen, Jeff Goldstein, Rachel Armstrong, and Kelleen Coulson network at Kappa Delta Pi's 49th Biennial Convocation in Dallas, Texas from Oct. 24 - Oct. 28.

countries it is unheard of," said Clement.

The executive board members had the opportunity to meet Dr. Jeff Goldstein, a nationally recognized science educator and planetary scientist, who gave a keynote speech on aspects of science education and the need to restructure the way students are being taught, as well as Jeff Charbonneau, National Teacher of the Year. According to Clement, speakers were tied into the program as part of KDP's strategic plan of stressing education for sustainable development.

Kelleen Coulson, senior education and English major, said, "All [of] the professionals in attendance were excited to share their wealth of knowledge with the future of the field of education. We also got to meet many members from chapters across the world to talk about what they do in their chapters in which we learned many inspiring ideas."

The trip to Dallas was funded

mostly by the Student Government Association (SGA) who, according to Corrigan, awarded KDP with over \$3,000. The KDP budget diminished after purchasing materials for the schools in Union Beach after Hurricane Sandy.

"We didn't realize it, but we spent any and all of the money that we had in the bank," said Brennan.

The executive board members applied for a time to speak to SGA to ask for financial assistance. "The students explained that they wanted to bring honor and recognition [to the University] because the presentation [in Dallas] is done in the name of Monmouth," said Brennan.

According to PRWeb.com, full-pass advance registrations for the three-day conference are \$229 for students/retirees, \$259 for professional KDP members, and \$289 for nonmembers.

In addition to SGA, Corrigan said members of KDP raised

money for the convocation by having a bake sale the first week of October as well as seeking assistance from Dean Lynn Romeo of the Education Department.

"I got three things out of the convocation," said Brennan. "First, the caliber of students naturally was high. The grade point averages were over a 3.2, so the interaction was very much on the themes of learning. Second, it was a wonderful opportunity for students to be able to communicate with peers and share professional goals. Lastly, it reinvigorated me to continue inducting students into the University's chapter of KDP."

"Many of my education professors from Monmouth have instilled in me that one can learn from every positive or negative experience so even though some parts of convocation were more engaging and informative than others, I am appreciative for every moment I spent there," said Coulson.

The Social Work Society Hosts 9th Annual Teach-In

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The Social Work Society and the School of Social Work hosted their 9th Annual Teach-In on Oct. 29 for the one year anniversary date of Superstorm Sandy. The event started nine years ago as a response to Hurricane Katrina and other disasters that had happened around the same time both in our nation and around the world.

The event takes place every year with presentations surrounding various topics. The Teach-In is intended to mirror 1970s sit-ins in which presenters sought to educate their communities about important topics pervading the social strata. Presenters at the 9th Annual Teach-In spoke mostly about their work in the local area after the devastation of Superstorm Sandy last year.

Meredith Fleece, senior social work major, said, "I think the biggest takeaway for me was the many different roles that are needed during a disaster event. There are so many people and organizations that came forward in order to help with relief efforts and each one plays a vital role in the recovery process."

This year, the Society's purpose in hosting the Teach-In was to explore the impact of natural disasters on social justice, to define and explain why minority groups are often the "forgotten victims" of natural disasters, and to inspire people of all backgrounds to mobilize and help in any way possible.

Keynote speaker Dr. Ronald

Markings which was submerged in at least a foot of water.

Alex Lustig, junior psychology major, enjoyed the Teach-In, especially Marks' presentation. "He was a great speaker with a great message," he said.

Dr. Rosemary Barbera, associate professor and Master in Social Work (MSW) Program Director, feels differently than Lustig and

similar experiences just a year ago."

Barbera presented about natural disasters in Chile and how the public only sees the trauma aspect of disaster when, in reality, a number of communities are able to rebuild. "We often hear only part of the story after disasters. That aside from trauma and victimization, there is much resil-

Community Development director and volunteer for the American Red Cross, closed with a discussion of his work in local communities and a history of the Red Cross, Red Crescent organizations worldwide.

"In my opinion, I thought the event was a success and I wouldn't change a thing. All of the presenters were very informative and I enjoyed learning about the many different areas of disaster work. The Social Work Society put together a really great event," said Fleece.

When Superstorm Sandy struck the NJ coastline a little over a year ago, residents in the state had to wait on Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to grant them funds to rebuild, while thousands more remained homeless.

Organizations like Restore the Shore, Shore to Recover, and New Jersey Hope and Healing launched into action to help the local communities recover. These organizations, started by our own neighbors and friends, turned victims into survivors.

Fleece said, "Many of the speakers volunteered their services during Superstorm Sandy. I think that their personal stories will stick with me."

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Senior

Marks from the Tulane School of Social Work in New Orleans, who was living in the city when Hurricane Katrina struck the Louisiana coastline, spoke about his experiences before, during, and after Hurricane Katrina in 2005. His speech consisted of a string of stories, one of which involved he and his wife canoeing to their house to gather surviv-

was disappointed in Marks' presentation. "He left out a really critical issue for social work - environmental racism. He also was clueless as to the horrible devastation privatization is having on education in New Orleans. He knew nothing of disaster capitalism. All of that, plus he seemed to forget that he was in a room full of people who lived through

ience, solidarity and protagonism by those who are most affected," said Barbera.

Beth Sidlow, MSW student, volunteers for New Jersey Hope and Healing. She spoke about their work with the newly founded organization in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy.

Another speaker, Dr. Michael Cronin, MSW International and

Alpha Sigma Tau is Smarter Than a Fraternity Man

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STAFF WRITER

Approximately 200 students came to see if sorority sisters were smarter than fraternity brothers at Alpha Sigma Tau's (AST) event, "Are you Smarter than a Fraternity Man?" Over \$1,300 was raised for the sorority's philanthropy, The Ashley Lauren Cancer Foundation, on Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 10 pm in Pollak Theatre.

AST President Jenna Ferraro said the event has the same concept of the popular game show, "Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?" but with a bit of a Monmouth twist. The categories for the event included Monmouth University history, Fraternity and Sorority history, Greek Life, and Music.

The game show lasted four rounds and in each subsequent round the questions increased in difficulty.

The event was suggested to the sisters of AST by another chapter at Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU). The sisters of the AST chapter at FDU were in attendance in support of the event. The University's chapter of AST sorority sisters were victorious in the event and proved they were "smarter than a fraternity man" in their first fall event of the semester.

Michael Migliaro, senior communication major and brother of Phi Kappa Psi, said, "I have participated in a few Greek events, but nothing crazy, like this." When asked what he meant by "crazy," Migliaro explained, "It

was more of a team effort, not a single man out there... I felt like I was going to have to perform by myself out there, but knowing that the other fraternities were there it got a bit easier and more fun for me."

Most Greek events are competi-

tional" Greek event.

Samantha Barnwell, sophomore education and history major, was a contestant in the game. Barnwell said even though she wasn't aware of the categories beforehand, she was able to come into the event with an open mind. She said,

The hosts kept the contestants on their feet by asking them to perform dances for bonus points in between rounds. Contestants were asked to do the "Stanky Leg", "Cotton-Eyed Joe" and also tap dance throughout the night. This kept the crowd involved, and

designation for a gentleman who exhibits behavior beyond reproach, respects the Sorority and its members, supports the ideals and purposes of the Sorority, and supports the chapter in its endeavors."

"As the sweetheart it is nice for me to give back to the sorority. All of the girls do a lot for me, and I like to do a lot for them back, so it makes sense for me to host the event tonight," Scarangella said.

According to Rosemary Belonis, sophomore music industry and communication major who ran the event, there were no specific qualifications for contestants to participate in the event. Belonis contacted all of the sororities and invited them to partake in the event. Sororities and fraternities nominated the sisters and brothers that participated.

Not every Greek organization was represented at the event.

Douglas Stives, Specialist Professor of Accounting and Six-Year Advisor of AST, said, "It's great to see college students having a good time without booze or smoking." Stives added he likes Greek events because of the nature and spirit of friendly competition.

Belonis said she was extremely pleased with the success of the event, especially since it was the first time being hosted. "Tonight's event was about having fun, and for everyone to enjoy themselves, and I really think that happened tonight."

Additional reporting done by Brianna McCabe.



PHOTO TAKEN by Taylor Copp

The sisters of Alpha Sigma Tau (AST) hosted their first fall event of the semester, "Are You Smarter than a Fraternity Man?" on Wednesday, Oct. 30, in Pollak Theatre.

tion based and consist of individual acts or performances, whereas this event was a group effort. The groups were able to congregate after each question to come to a conclusion of an answer, which changed the dynamics of the "tra-

"I think that when I get nervous I just start talking. I guess it is a part of my outgoing personality."

The hosts of the event were Adam Scarangella, brother of Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE), and Cristina Rauco, sister of AST.

used their applause to judge the dances.

Scarangella is the AST sweetheart. According to the *AST Sorority Policy and Position Statements* (2008), "The Sweetheart of Alpha Sigma Tau is an honorary

ZTA "Pink-nic" in the Quad

NINA COSTA
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha (ZTA) sorority hosted "Pink-nic," an event honoring Breast Cancer Awareness Month with activities and games, in the Residential Quad on Tuesday, Oct. 29 from 3 - 7 pm.

Students were encouraged to attend and play sports such as volleyball, soccer, and Frisbee. In addition, there was also a "Shoot for a Cure" station in which participants would take a ping pong ball and shoot it into a bra cup. There was also a kissing booth station where students filled out a sheet of paper and cut out lips with someone's

name on it. It was then taped onto a large board in the shape of the large breast cancer ribbon. The finished ribbon will be hung up in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center in the near future.

Hannah Najafi, freshman accounting major, attended the event and said, "I enjoyed 'Pink-nic' because it was all for a good cause. It was nice hearing of people's stories and the difference it made in everyone's lives."

Najafi bought pink hair extensions and a pin that said, "I wear pink in honor of..." to honor her boyfriend's mother, who was diagnosed with breast cancer.

The "Pink-nic" was coordinated

by Erin Ally, Director of Philanthropy for ZTA. She, along with sorority sisters, were responsible for organizing the details of the event which included decorations and setting up each station.

ZTA's Kappa Nu chapter sisters were responsible for the social networking aspect of the event, including posting pictures to their Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter account to advertise the event and spread the word to students and faculty.

Briana Aceti, senior and sister of ZTA, said, "I'm proud to be in ZTA because of the sisterhood bond we have between each other and because of all of the service we do for our community. Helping others has always been a passion of mine, and through this organization, we have been able to educate so many people throughout my four years here about breast cancer awareness."

Alexis Aceti, junior and sister of ZTA, said, "My sorority and those in it are constantly broadening my outlook on life and teaching me new things about myself and life. They bring out the good in not only myself but everyone around them."

According to B. Aceti there was a "decent" turnout at the event. She said, "We will always say we would hope to see more people next time, no matter how many people show up. We are constantly finding newer and better ways to raise awareness."

Both sisters were pleased to affect the people who did show up by making them more aware of breast cancer.

While the donations were not necessary, the sisters did manage to raise approximately \$40. All proceeds for the event will go to ZTA's national philanthropy, Breast Cancer Awareness. ZTA hopes to continue "Pink-nic" in the Residential Quad in the future.



PHOTO TAKEN by Nina Costa

Zeta Tau Alpha sisters (left to right) Alexis Aceti and Briana Aceti support Breast Cancer Awareness with ZTA's "Pink-nic" in the Residential Quad on Tuesday, Oct. 29 from 3 - 7 pm.

CLUB AND GREEK ANNOUNCEMENTS

Running Club

Monmouth Running Club is expanding to also now be the Monmouth Track & Field and Cross Country Club. Those who are interested in training as part of the club for competitions during the year should contact Club Advisor and Head Coach Joe Compagni or any of the assistant coaches in person in the Athletic Department.

Social Work Society

Social Work Society will be starting the election process for the executive board for the 2014-2015 school year shortly. If you are interested in being part of the executive board, please come to our meeting on Nov. 6 at 3:30 pm. The location is yet to be determined. All social work majors will receive an email from our secretary with location information. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Tess La Fera, Social Work Society President, at s0779102@monmouth.edu.

WMCX

"The X" 88.9 FM is celebrating its 40th anniversary May 1 - May 2, 2014. If you have any questions, contact Aaron Furgason, advisor of WMCX, at afurgaso@monmouth.edu or log on to wmcx.com for more information.

Pep Band

The Pep Band is looking for additional members in all instrumental sections.

Outdoors Club

This weekend, Friday, Nov. 8 - Sunday, Nov. 10, the Outdoors Club will be camping at Stokes State Forest. We will be leaving Friday afternoon around 4:30 pm and coming back to campus Sunday afternoon, anywhere from 3 - 5 pm. If you would like to join us in this exciting adventure, please attend the Outdoors Club meeting this Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 3:30 pm in Bey Hall 133 to pay for the trip. The trip costs \$25 a person. You will need to pick up a list that states what items you will need to bring for the trip. Please note that spots on the trip are limited to 20 students. There are also t-shirts available for sale at \$10 each. Feel free to contact Rachel Fox, Outdoors Club Secretary, at s0832002@monmouth.edu if you have any questions.

History and Anthropology Club

The History and Anthropology Club as well as the Students Veteran Association will be hosting a Donation drive for Halloween Candy from Nov. 4 - Nov. 8 and would like everyone to come out and donate any excess or unwanted candy so it can be shipped overseas to our troops. There will be boxes held in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center on the first and second floor.

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What is your favorite cold weather activity?

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Alex
junior

"I like to go into the city, especially during Christmas time, and seeing the window displays."



Mary Anne
vice president for student and community services

"I love to snowshoe...it's a great, great, great exercise and it's a lot of fun and quiet."



Alex
sophomore

"Sleeping."



Rhianna
junior

"Staying inside and being warm. When it snows it's nice but I don't really like the cold."



Brittani
sophomore

"Probably running in the cold. Actually I just went for a run this morning."



Madi
junior

"I guess just watching a movie inside, especially romantic comedies."



Thomas
freshman

"Skiing."



Drew
sophomore

"Pulling people on the back of my Jeep on a snowboard."



Brian
junior

"Snowball fighting. I win all the time."



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STUDENT JOSE AGUILAR GETS INTO THE HALLOWEEN SPIRIT BY WEARING A CLOWN MASK TO CLASS
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TWO STUDENTS GLADLY POSE WITH SHADOW THE HAWK AT THE STUDENT CENTER
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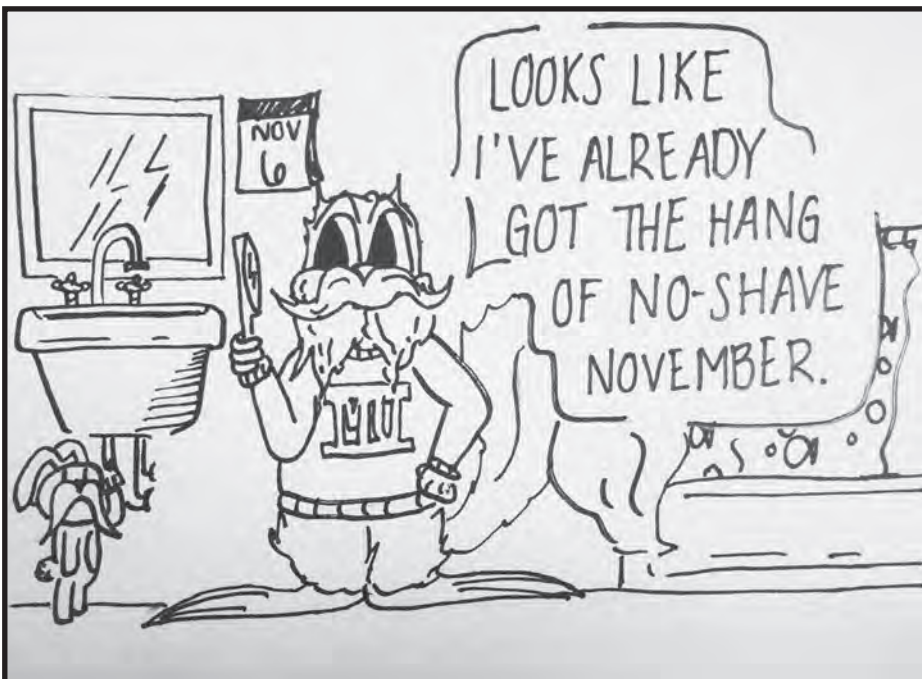
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Women's Soccer Wins MAAC Championship Title

MAGGIE ZELINKA
SPORTS EDITOR

All weekend, the Hawks have been competing as the top seed in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Tournament in Orlando, FL. For the first time in University history, the Hawks became MAAC Champions when they defeated the Fairfield University Stags on Monday, Nov. 4.

With the win, the Hawks improved to an overall record of 17-1-2 and extended their winning streak to 14 games.

The Hawks journey at the MAAC Championship began on Friday, Nov 1, as the women took on their first challenge, seed Canisius Golden Griffins, the No. 9 seed. In their first meeting of the 2013 season, the Hawks defeated their opponents 2-1. The Hawks proved victorious once more as they shutout the Golden Griffins, 1-0.

The Hawks scored in the 68th minute of play as senior forward Karly Tolentino passed a ball from the Griffins end line to senior forward Monique Plescia who found the back of the net and sent MU onward in the tournament. The assist accounted for Tolentino's first of her collegiate career while the goal made for Plescia's sixth of the season and 18th of her career.

The Hawks out shot Canisius, 13-7, and gained four more cor-



PHOTO COURTESY of Chris Tobin

The women's soccer team spent the weekend in Orlando, FL to compete in the MAAC Tournament.

ner-kicks in the match.

Fifth-year senior goalkeeper Ashley Lewis made four saves for the Hawks.

The win moved MU to the MAAC Semifinals where they defeated No. 5 seed Rider, 3-0, on Sunday, Nov. 3. Plescia, freshman forward Erica Murphy, and junior defender Alexa Freguletti compiled the goals to solidify MU's win.

Murphy scored the Hawks first goal with 2:58 remaining in the first half. The unassisted goal marked Murphy's second of the season. The second goal against Rider was scored in the 61st minute of play when Plescia kicked in a rebound shot off of teammate senior forward Dana Costello's original shot. The goal was Plescia's seventh of the season and second of the postseason.

Costello's assist marked her 10th of the season and 28th of her collegiate career, placing her second all-time at MU. The final goal was made when Freguletti took a free kick in the 69th minute for the third goal of the game and her fifth goal of the season.

The shutout against Rider was the Hawks 15th blank sheet for the season.

"To me, truly amazing," head

coach Krissy Turner said about the plethora of shutouts. "From the goalkeepers, to the center backs, to the outside backs, we were rotating outside backs today. It's phenomenal. They minimized shots, they work so well together, and the communication is tremendous. To set the program record is fantastic."

Little did Turner know that one more shutout was in store for her Hawks. On Monday, Nov. 4, the women's soccer team won the MAAC Championship Title as they defeated Fairfield University, 2-0.

The Hawks got on the board early in the game as freshman forward Alexis McTamney netted the ball within two minutes of the first half.

McTamney extended the lead in the 68th minute of play when she scored once again off an assist from Freguletti. MU outshot their opponent, 16-15, and Lewis made six saves in her 13th shutout of the season. She was later awarded Tournament MVP for her successful efforts.

Along with Lewis, McTamney, Freguletti and Costello were named to the All-Tournament Team.

The MU women's soccer team has now tied their program's unbeaten streak record at 14 consecutive wins. With the shutout, the Hawks broke the school-record with 16 clean sheets in a single season.

Football's Rally Falls Short; Lose to Sacred Heart

ALFRED TILLERSON
STAFF WRITER

The Hawks football team's fourth quarter rally fell just short as they lost to the Pioneers of Sacred Heart 24-21 on Saturday, Nov. 2. With the loss, the Hawks fell to 4-5 on the season while the Pioneers improved to 8-2.

After facing a halftime deficit of 24-7, the Hawks' defense managed to shut out the Pioneers' offense in the second half, and held them to 117-yards rushing total, 130-yards off their season average. After allowing scores on Sacred Heart's first three possessions, the Hawk defenders forced eight punts and two turnovers, while allowing just one more score.

"You have to give this Sacred Heart team credit, they are a very opportunistic group," said

head coach Kevin Callahan. "We put ourselves into a big hole in the first half, struggling on both sides of the ball. In the second half I thought we played pretty well, particularly on the defensive side of the ball. We were able to get the ball back to our offense, but unfortunately we weren't able to finish off some of the drives. We had three turnovers in the second half that killed opportunities that we otherwise would have had."

Sacred Heart opened the scoring on a 4-yard run by RJ Noel with 10:37 left in the first quarter. Junior running back Julian Hayes tied the game with a 58-yard touchdown run made just three minutes later before the Pioneers scored 17 unanswered points to take a 24-7 lead into halftime.

After MU junior quarterback

Brandon Hill found senior wide receiver Thaddeus Richards for a 19-yard touchdown late in the third, Kwabena Asante's 2-yard score brought MU within three with 6:25 remaining.

The most-talked-about play of the game occurred during the Pioneers' final scoring drive in the first half when SHU Moses Webb caught a wide-open pass from teammate RJ Noel at midfield and was flagged down and stripped of possession of the football by junior safety Pat Gray.

The loose fumble was scooped up and returned by junior defensive back Ify Asoluka, but he was then chased down and stripped by Webb who recovered the ball and returned it 51-yards. That play was so miraculous and bizarre that it clocked in at number-three of *ESPN SportsCenter's*

Top Ten Plays of the day.

MU picked up 19 first downs compared to 16 for SHU. The Hawks also outgained the Pioneers on the day 340 to 301.

Senior wide receiver Neal Sterling led the MU receivers with six catches for 70-yards, with Lamar Davenport adding four more receptions for 34 yards. Hayes rushed 15-times for 105-yards, including his 58-yard score, and Asante chipped in with 77-yards on 12-carries. The contest marked the sixth time this season that Hayes eclipsed the 100-yard plateau.

Hill completed 21-of-36 for 201-yards and a touchdown, as well as two interceptions. Defensively for the Hawks, fifth year senior defensive linebacker, Dave Damirgian, led the way with 11-tackles. This was the first time since last season that a Hawks' defender reeled in

more than 10-tackles in a game.

Fifth year senior defensive back, Clark Coe, had an interception and a pass breakup from his safety position. MU's defense forced nine tackles for a loss, but was unable to record a sack in the contest.

With only three games remaining in the season, the Hawks are looking to get hot and finish with a record above .500 for the first time since the 2008-2009 season, when the team finished with at 7-4.

The Hawks will return to action this Saturday when they travel to Staten Island to battle against former Northeast Conference rival, the Seahawks of Wagner College (2-7). Game time is set for noon as the Hawks look to get back to their winning ways against a Wagner team that lost their last three contests.



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Soccer Clinches MAAC Conference Title

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The men's soccer team clinched at least a share of the regular season MAAC conference title, as well as the No. 1 seed in the upcoming MAAC championships, this past week with a scoreless tie against the Manhattan Jaspers and a 2-0 win over the Niagara Purple Eagles.

"It feels fantastic," said head coach Robert McCourt after the win. "We talked about that (winning the regular season title) being our first goal of the year. We had a little bit of a tough go in the non-conference schedule, but the guys stayed tough, and were resilient, and they proved that they are champions."

The Hawks started the week when they traveled to Riverdale, NY to take on the Jaspers. Freshman goalkeeper Erik Klenofsky was tested early in the game as Manhattan came out firing. In the 9th minute the freshman made a leaping save to push the shot from Manhattan's Dominic Chavez just over the crossbar. Less than five minutes later Klenofsky stepped up again when he blocked another Jasper shot to keep the game scoreless.

MU did not generate much offense to start the first half, but with less than 10 minutes remaining in the half they finally started to build some momentum. Senior forward, Francois "Paco" Navarro, had the first quality scoring chance for the Hawks in the 36th minute when he found himself behind the Manhattan defense with only the goalkeeper to beat. Navarro was unable to make anything of the opportunity, however, as the keeper put pressure on the ball and Navarro's shot went wide.

The Hawks kept the pressure on to close out the first half, and had a great chance to score in the final two minutes. Freshman forward Dave Nigro got the opportunity started with his free kick from just outside the box. The Jasper keeper was able to stop Nigro's attempt to score off the free kick, but he could not control the rebound. After the ball was deflected by a few different players MU was able to regain possession and sent it back in the box. Senior forward Jacob Rubinstein



PHOTO COURTESY OF MU Athletics

Freshman Eric Klenofsky has recorded six consecutive shutouts for MU and seven total since being named the starting goalkeeper.

received the ball in the box, and fired a shot at the upper right corner of the net. Unfortunately for the Hawks, the Manhattan keeper fully extended to make the save, and the game remained a 0-0 tie heading into the half.

As the second half began play slowed down somewhat with neither team threatening in the first 15 minutes. Manhattan had perhaps the best chance of the game for either team to score with less than 30 minutes remaining in the half. The Jasper's Tommy Amos put a shot on net that was saved by Klenofsky, but the rebound went close to another Manhattan player, who seemed to have an open net. However, the Hawks junior defender Derek Luke cleared the ball out of danger after Klenofsky made the initial save.

Although both teams were able to generate shots on net, neither had any legitimate chance to score for the rest of regulation, and the game went into overtime still scoreless.

The Hawks controlled the first overtime and had several opportunities close to the net, but all of the shots were off target and wide of the net. The second overtime saw one

chance for the Hawks to score, but Rubinstein's header sailed over the crossbar and the game eventually ended with a final score of 0-0.

The Hawks successfully bounced back from the relatively disappointing tie three nights later when the hosted Niagara University on Saturday, Nov. 2. From the start MU dominated the game and controlled time of possession.

In the opening minutes of the contest, MU patiently controlled the ball and kept the Purple Eagles from gaining any type of possession.

In the 12th minute of play Navarro led the Hawks' first real threat to take the lead. Navarro then led the ball to senior midfielder Joseph Schmid who got a great look at the net, and put a shot on goal. The Niagara keeper was able to make a nice save, however, and the game stayed tied at zero.

Play began to even out as the half went on, but both teams were unable to mount true threats and, for the second straight game, the Hawks found themselves in a scoreless tie as they headed into halftime. In the 74th minute of play, MU

was finally able to find the back of the net and break the tie when sophomore midfielder David Acuna Camacho won a 50/50 ball and took the ball up the left side of the field. Waiting in the box was Navarro who got on the receiving end of the cross and headed it past the goalie to the right side of the net for the first goal of the match. The goal was Navarro's second on the season, and Camacho's second assist of the year.

MU did not let up after the goal, and continued to keep the pressure on the rest of the game. This pressure helped put the game away for the Hawks when Schmid gained control of the ball in the box and left it for sophomore defender, Dan Pizzimenti, who calmly put the ball past the keeper to seal the game for his team and brought the score to 2-0.

The shutout was the Hawks sixth straight clean-sheet, and Klenofsky's seventh shutout in his last eight games. "Communication has been great lately," Klenofsky said. "The whole backfield is playing amazing right now."

Coach McCourt agreed with his players' comments. "The defense has been fantastic. We've worked an awful lot on limiting mistakes in the back end, and the communication has been very good lately."

With one game remaining in the regular season the Hawks have a six point lead in the MAAC standings and can only be caught by Quinnipiac, who has two games remaining. With a win or tie in their next game, or a Quinnipiac tie or loss, the Hawks will clinch the regular season conference title outright.

The win moved the teams overall record to 8-5-4 on the season, and their conference play to 7-0-2. With less than two weeks until the MAAC championships, coach McCourt is happy with his teams' progress.

"We're catching momentum at the right time," he explained. "When you're going into tournaments you want to make sure you're not backing in, and it looks like we're starting to hit our stride."

MU closes out its regular season this Saturday, Nov. 9, when the travel to take on the Canisius Golden Griffins for a 7 pm game.

SIDE LINES



Sophomore Tyrone O'Garro led the Hawks in both scoring and rebounding with 10 points and 10 rebounds as the men's basketball team fell to Leymone College in an exhibition game held in the MAC on Sunday, Nov. 3.

MU starts the regular season this Friday, Nov. 8 at 7:00 pm as they travel to Hempstead, NY to take on the Hofstra Pride.



Field Hockey fell just short in their comeback bid against Robert Morris

University on Sunday, Nov. 3. The loss marks the end of their season, thus finalizing their overall record at 6-12, and MAAC record at 3-3.



Women's soccer dominated the MAAC regular season awards as four members

gained individual honors. Head coach Krissy Turner was named MAAC Coach of the Year while seniors Dana Costello, Ashley Lewis, and freshman Alexis McTamney were named offensive player, defensive player, and rookie of the year respectively. The Hawks also dominated the All-MAAC teams as 10 players earned a spot on the first, second, or all rookie team.



MU's Bowling Team placed 13th out of 19 teams at the FDU Jamboree this past weekend. The team next plays in a three day tournament on Friday, Nov. 15 through Sunday, Nov. 17



Freshman goalkeeper, Eric Klenofsky, was named the Eastern College

Athletic Conference (ECAC) player of the week for the week of Oct. 20-Oct. 26. In that time frame, the freshman recorded two shutouts and had six total saves as the Hawks went 2-0 for the stretch and stayed unbeaten in conference play.

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, November 8
MBB at Hofstra
Hempstead, NY 7:00 pm
(Mack Sports Complex)

Saturday, November 9
Football at Wagner
Staten Island, NY 12:00 pm

WBB vs. Yale
W. Long Branch, NJ 2:00 pm

MSOC at Canisius
Buffalo, NY 7:00 pm

Tuesday, November 12
MBB vs. Penn
W. Long Branch, NJ 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 14
WBB vs Wagner
W. Long Branch, NJ 7:00 pm

Friday, November 15
CC NCAA DI Championships
Bethlehem, PA TBA

MSOC at MAAC Championships
Fairfield, Conn. TBA

Bowling UMES Hawk Classic
Millsboro, Del. TBA

Cross Country Finishes in the Top Five

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The MU cross country teams competed in their first Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Championship at Van Cortlandt Park in Bronx, NY this past Friday, Nov. 1. In their first MAAC Championship meet, the women's and men's teams placed fourth and fifth respectively.

With a total of 133 points, the men clinched a top five finish, just 14 points behind Fairfield, who placed fourth. Rider and Canisius took third and second behind the conference champion Iona, whose squad cleared the finish line with just 15 points. Junior Khari Bowen was once again the first Hawk to finish for the men in 25:51 for the 8,000 meter course. He placed eighth out of a field of 153 runners.

Junior Alex Leight and senior Pat Ryan were the next to finish for the Hawks, coming in back-to-back at 27:03 and 27:08. Senior Anthony Branco and sophomore Domenick D'Agostino both finished in the 27th minute as well, placing 39th and 41st. They along with Bowen, Leight, and Ryan rounded out the men's

top five with a team average of 27:02 for the course.

On the women's side, the team finished in 4th with 110 points. They were just one point shy of edging out Marist for third place in the meet. Quinnipiac nabbed second place behind Iona, who was the conference champion

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Head Coach

for the women as well. Freshman Lennon Cooper was towards the front yet again leading the women with a time of 23:19 for the 6,000 meter course. She crossed the line 13th overall in a field of 145 runners.

Senior Amanda Eller was not far behind, finishing 16th overall in 23:27. Next to finish for the women was freshman Kristen Rodgers-Erickson, who clocked in just under 24 minutes. Rounding out the women's

top five were senior Lucia Montefusco and freshman Jenna Cupp, who placed close together in the 24th minute. They, along with Cooper, Eller, and Rodgers-Erickson averaged 23:49 for the course.

For their first year competing in their new conference, the

Hawks teams have had a very productive season. Highlights include the men's victory at the 19th Annual Monmouth Invitational at Holmdel Park in Holmdel, NJ, as well as the women's victory at the Monmouth XC Kick-Off at Thompson Park in Lincroft, NJ. Both the men and the women also clinched top ten finishes at the Paul Short Invitational in Bethlehem, PA.

One of their most recent highlights for the season came on

Friday, Nov. 1 as 11 MU cross country runners were named to the 2013 MAAC All-Academic Team. In order to be eligible for this award, an athlete must have already completed two semesters at their respective University and have a grade point average of 3.20 on a 4.0 scale. Representing MU's cross country team in this feat were six men and five women.

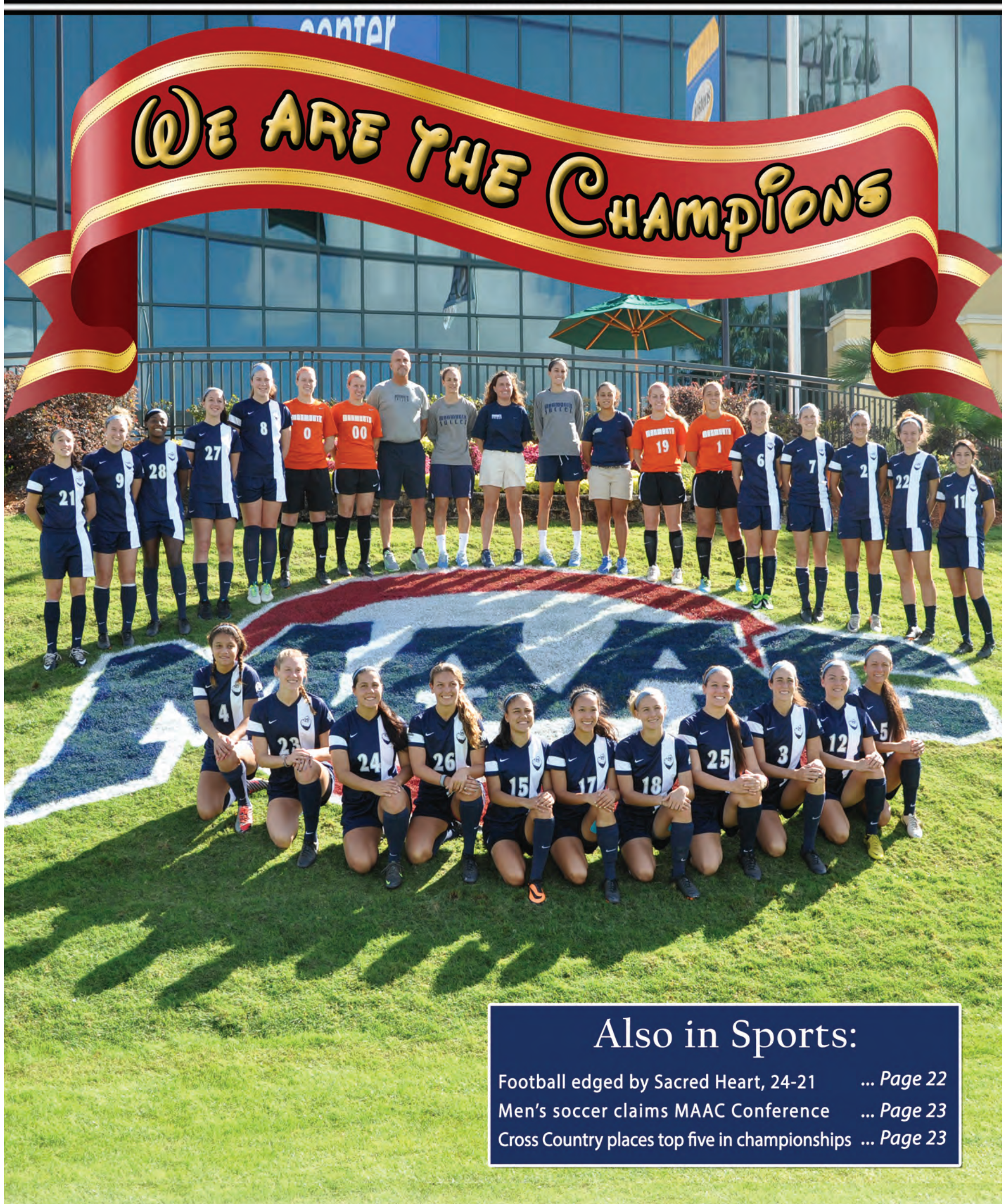
The teams' results throughout the season show that both the men's and women's teams are well prepared for what is ahead.

"We have two championship meets coming up in the next three weeks, and they are both great opportunities for us to show what a strong team we have this year," head coach Joe Compagni said. "I do think this year's team is stronger than last year's, and the NCAA Regionals as well as ECAC/IC4A Championships will be the true test of that."

The NCAA Division I Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship will be held in Bethlehem, Pa. on Friday, Nov. 15. If the Hawks place well enough at this meet, they will qualify for the national championship on Saturday, Nov. 23.

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Monmouth's women soccer team won the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Championship title this past weekend as they defeated three interleague competitors.

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