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## **MU HOSTS LARGEST FALL CAREER DAY**



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Students of all majors attended the University's Fall Career Day with the hopes of creating connections with professionals in their field.

#### JAMILAH MCMILLAN

employers from a wide variety of

occupations at the largest Fall Ca-

Students were given the opportunity to network with over 100

reer Day ever, hosted by the University on Wednesday, Nov. 5 in the University's Multipurpose Ac-

tivity Center (MAC).

The Career Day is an event that takes the synergy of many University offices. William Hill, Assistant

Dean of Career Services in the Center for Student Success (CSS), was an avid participant in the or-

ganzation of the event. volves a great collaborative effort central Jersey. The personalities of

between many of the offices on campus. We start planning about three months in advance by contacting potential employers, selecting new employers, and taking care of logistics such as parking, food, tabling and signage," said Hill.

There were a variety of employers present in the MAC in order to cater to the diverse fields of studies for students. W.B. Mason was one of them. They sought students interested in joining one of the largest privately owned office products dealer in the United States. Daniel Iannaccone, a W.B. Mason Sales Manager, said, "We recruit Monmouth students simply because the talent from "Planning for the Career Day in- Monmouth University is the best in students at Monmouth meet what we are looking for in our sales persons.'

Anthony Werner, another W.B. Mason Sales manager, is a Monmouth University recruit who has been working for W.B. Mason since he graduated from the University in 2009 with a degree in business management.

"I came to this fair six years ago, and it changed my life forever. I had an interest in financial sales, and I talked with Daniel (Iannacone), as well as another manager at the W.B. Mason table. That day I made a choice that if I was going to be in sales I was going to sell something that everybody needed," said Wer-

Students from all majors attended the Career Day with different mo-

Maya Ayoubi, a freshmen health studies major, said, "I went to the career fair just to check it out. To be totally honest I wasn't necessarily prepared for it, but it was still interesting to see the different businesses and organizations. I think sophomore year is probably a good year for students to start attending the Career Day, by then they should have a resume and be more wellrounded."

Jason Caianiello, a senior psychology major, attended Career Day in the hopes of seeking potential job

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## Implementation of the University's Strategic Plan

**ALYSSA GRAY** ACTING MANAGING EDITOR

Since the University's newly developed Strategic Plan was accepted and recognized by the Board of Trustees on Oct. 23, the Steering Committee and Provost Laura Moriarty have begun to transition into the implementation process of the plan.

"One of the first items for us is to create an inventory and analysis of the curricular and co-curricular opportunities that currently exist," said Christine Benol, Steering Committee Co-Chair and Vice President of Enrollment Management.

"Although some items may be Brown said. implemented in the first year, other initiatives will take several years to complete. Metrics for measuring our achievements will be identi-

University President Paul Brown that are to come with it. said that the guiding principles within the Strategic Plan will determine the University's course of action over the next five to six years. Throughout the process, we were very careful not to turn discussions about the overall vision for our future into a checklist of specific initiatives to accomplish. Instead, we focused on a vision for the overarching and unique elements that student, in every area of study." Monmouth can emphasize as a residential mid-sized university,"

According to Benol, the Steering Committee anticipates that the entire Monmouth community will be able to benefit from the plan, and all of the changes

"As the title suggests, our Commitment to Transformative Learning, the focus of the plan is around the student experience," said Benol.

Brown added that the name of the plan identifies the specific core elements of the University, in that the educational experience is "transformative for every

Benol said that Monmouth's elements particularly

played a significant role in the planning and implementation of the Strategic Plan when it came to its effects on the students. "The three Core Elements speak to how the student experience will be impacted as we build on our strong foundation by: one, creating an intellectually challenging and rigorous academic experience with a strong foundation in the liberal arts; two, providing impact and immersive learning experiences that extend beyond the classroom; and three, preparing students for life after Monmouth" Benol said.

Specifically, the plan aims

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# College Sports: Upon Further **Review**

CHARLIE BATTIS STAFF WRITER

The University hosted a sports panel "College Sports: Upon Further Review," discussing the turbulent nature of the current commercialization of college athletes in Pollak Theatre on Nov. 8.

The panel included: University President Paul Brown; Dan Beebe, the former Commissioner of both the Big 12 and Ohio Valley Conferences; and Amy Perko, Executive Director of the Knight Commission, a website that attempts to ensure an educational focus for college athletes. Matt Harmon, a specialist professor for the communication department and broadcaster of the Monmouth men's basketball and football teams, moderated the proceedings.

Several topics prevalent within college sports were discussed throughout the hour and a half-long panel; however, two recent rulings that could heavily impact the landscape of college sports were the central focus of the panel.

The first ruling, decided by the NCAA Division I board of directors, allows members of the power five conferences to have autonomy. This ruling permits the power five conferences, SEC, Big 12, Pac-12, ACC, and Big Ten, the authority to create some of their

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**University President Paul** Brown speaks at panel.

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## University Celebrates Cinello Bowling Center Opening

BRIELLE COTELO CONTRIBUTING WRITER

University officially opened the Ciniello Bowling Center on Tuesday, Oct. 10, which was made possible by a \$350,000 donation from University alumnus Patrick Ciniello.

Ciniello, a 1967 graduate, had the idea to build the bowling alley on campus from his former presidency and role as a chairman of the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame.

Dr. Marilyn McNeil, Vice President and Director of Athletics, said that Ciniello, who outfits bowling alleys internationally, contacted the University because he wanted to do something on a college campus. After discussion, Monmouth University was able to accommodate a space for the project.

"It was over a year in the making," Dr. McNeil said. "Much work had to be done by Monmouth personnel to prepare the space in the Boylan Gym before the bowling infrastructure was put in."

The project saw major contributions from the Athletics department as well as Facilities ing shoes.

Management.

The new bowling alley has

to the planning," said Chuck allows bowlers at Monmouth to Gerdon, Director of Leadership Programs. "I will tell you it was ers anywhere in the world," Ger-

difficult for a desk jockey like me to conceptualize, and they did a great job," he said.

Gerdon explained that Robert Cornero, Associate Vice President of Facilities Management, coordinated the planning process and worked with the West Long Branch Zoning Office and Fire Inspectors closely.

"Our team had to strip down the building to prepare for the donor's crew which drove up from Florida and worked here for a few weeks at no cost to the University," said Gerdon.

Patti Swannack, Vice President for Administrative Services, said that she strongly believes the bowling alley will meet the needs of the University's Bowling Team who, prior to the opening of the facility, had to practice and accommodate the hours of off-campus bowling alleys.

Since the bowling alley is accessible to all, Swannack hopes that it will provide a great recreational opportunity for University students, employees, faculty, staff and members of the fitness

The bowling alley charges \$2 per game and a dollar for bowl-

"I was a spectator when it came the greatest scoring system that virtually compete against bowldon said.

"There is also an app to use on phones with the scoring system,"

Jon Cascone, Director of Intramurals and Recreation, said, "I think it is doing very well. There are students there using the facility every night. I was actually surprised to see how many good bowlers there are on campus.'

"I hope the bowling athletes will get better with an on-campus facility and win the national championship," McNeil said.

"I also hope our students and community will really enjoy the center for some fun recreation, setting up leagues and having some good, clean competition,' McNeil continued.

Eric Brewer, a junior communication major, said, "It's a really great addition to the campus. It gives students something else to do on campus rather than having to find something to do around

"There are a lot of NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) bowling programs that do not have lanes on campus. To be able to say we do is an amazing feeling," said Kaylin Grannis, a member of the University's

"We are very lucky to have an Athletic department that supports the growth of the sport and our program," added Grannis.



PHOTOS COURTESY of Monmouth University

(Top) Members of the University community gathered to celebrate the grand opening of the bowling alley on Tuesday, Oct. 10. (Bottom) The Ciniello Bowling Center charges \$2 per game.

## Fall Career Day

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opportunities. Caianiello said, "I definitely found what I was looking for. I had the opportunity to network with so many professionals and get my name out there. I have already been in correspondence with some of the recruiters I met with, and have even connected with them on LinkedIn?

In regards to the year a student should attend the career fair, Caianiello feels it is best for students to attend in their junior year.

Employers attending the Career Day had specificities they looked for when recruiting students, said Resources Business Partner for Asbury Park Press.

'The first thing I look for in a student is personality. After that it's details such as their major, graduation year, and if they've had any experience or internships," said Lyon. student stand out is if they look us much more effective impression up beforehand. We notice when a of themselves in person," he said. student is a little bit more knowl-

entrepreneurial spirit and they are pression of their abilities."

willing to work hard, and make investments in their career in order to provide for their future."

According to Iannaccone, there are ways in which a student can stand out. "We have several students from Monmouth that are all doing phenomenally well. They came to the table with something special. They brought a personal approach, and they presented themselves professionally," he said. "We look for any student who can come up to our table with a smile, and offer something about themselves without us having to drag it out of them.'

The first University Career Day Alexis Lyon, the Principal Human was held in the Fall of 1989. Since then it has been bringing students and organizations together under one roof. Hill thinks that the Career Day is successful because it allows students to network with potential employers.

"It's fine to look for jobs online. "Also a big factor that will make a However, a student can make a

"At the Career Day they aren't eeding through computer ap-Iannaccone said, "We hire stu-plications.," Hill continued. "By dents that come to us with the demeeting employers in person, a sire to be successful. They have an student can project a greater im-

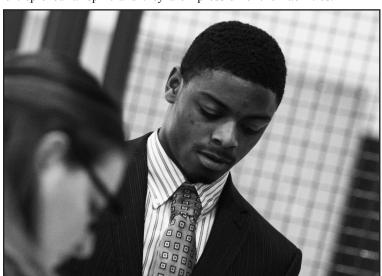


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Senior Jalen Walker reviews his portfolio as he prepares to approach various employers at the Fall Career Day event.

## Same-Sex Documentary Viewing

DANIELLE SCHIPANI

A crowd of about 215 University students and faculty gathered to attend the viewing of the documentary Bridegroom and to discuss the issue of same-sex marriage with Shane Crone, documentary creator and same-sex marriage activist, in Anacon Hall on Wednesday, Nov 5.

Crone has recently been speaking at colleges across the country and Monmouth was one of the last schools left on his fall tour. The documentary is about the love story of Crone and Thomas Bridegroom and the struggles they faced as a same-sex couple. It emphasized how same-sex marriage ban laws affected Crone after Bridegroom's tragic, unexpected death.

Crone explained that at first he

Towards the end of the film, majority of the audience members were in tears as the documentary explained Bridegroom's accidental Since Crone and Bridegroom

were not legally entitled to marriage, Crone had no right to see his partner in the hospital. Crone was banned from his partner's funeral by the request of Bridegroom's family.

"I hope that students gained a level of sensitivity and an openness to different ideas and people," said Megan McGowan, Assistant Director of Student Activities and Student Center Operations.

McGowan thought the documentary was powerful and that the event was intimate because of Crone's

"The film had many excellent him to a better place.

"The video helped push equality forward and explores the ramifications of marriage bans," said Torello.

'Young people who are dealing with homosexual feelings will always face problems," Gallagher said. "It isn't easy to identify oneself as a minority when one is used to being in the majority.

Gallagher advised students to seek out resources when dealing with issues of sexual identity. "There are hotlines, sensitive counselors, and friends who will not condemn. Use those resources. Talk to someone you trust. There's lots of reading material and some good films to watch. Don't be afraid of your feelings," he said.

The speaker explained how sharing his story has introduced new people into his life and has brought

"At every school I have spoken at, I have encountered at least one person who is suffering for being a homosexual. There was a young man I spoke to who said the film prevented him from taking his own life."

**SHANE CRONE** 

Documentary Creator and Same-Sex Marriage Activist

was hesitant to go on tour but knew that it would force him to step out of his comfort zone and share his story with others.

"I am so glad that I said yes because of the special moments that have taken place on this tour," said Crone. "At every school I have spoken at, I have encountered at least one person who is suffering for being a homosexual. There was a young man I spoke to who said the film prevented him from taking his own life."

The Student Activities Board (SAB) planned the event. "The motto of the film is, 'It's not a gay thing, it's not a straight thing, it's a human thing," said Alicia Torello, SAB Chair of Awareness.

"The documentary pushes for equal rights for all humans," the sophomore communication major qualities," said Thomas Gallagher, an openly gay University alumnus and retired Consul General of the United States. "I enjoyed Tom and Shane's playfulness. I was enraged that Shane was not allowed to say good-bye to his lover. I was saddened by Tom's family's reaction to their gayness, and I was able to relate personally to that experience," Gallagher said.

"I liked the entire story. The kid who is picked on by everyone is able to find someone who truly loves him for who he is," said Devon Loihle, a senior music major who attended the

The documentary was inspired by a video that Crone posted to You-Tube after Bridegroom's death titled It Could Happen to You. The video went viral and has almost five million views.

"I have tried to make the most of my situation and reach out to as many people as possible," said Crone. He said that even if he has changed one person's life by sharing his story, then he has made a differ-

"There's a vibrant gay group at Monmouth and every faculty member that I have spoken to is completely supportive of gay rights," Gallagher said. "Our movement has come a long way in a relatively short span of history."

At the conclusion of the discussion, Crone stayed for an extra hour after the event to speak with students individually about their personal struggles.

Crone closed by expressing the importance of being yourself. He said, "Life is short, so what makes you happy."

## Panel Discusses Issues Surrounding Student-Athletes

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own legislation and rules for athletes. Because these schools generate exorbitant revenue and are under a different standard and level of expectation, they were given the right to control themselves.

"I understand the context for sports." all this. The 65 schools repreother NCAA Division I schools like Monmouth University so they can decide for themselves what's best for their studentathletes. After all, their world is far different from ours, replete with complex issues surstudent-athlete can begin talking to a professional agent," explained

dent Brown

in an edi-

torial he

wrote

quirer. "But make no mistake, the proposed reforms are but the onset of a broader transformation, the proverbial camel's nose under the tent. They likely will propel and accelerate changes that will inevitably continue to blur the lines between major college athletics and professional

Distinguished institutions in senting the Big Five Confer- the power five conferences will ences want autonomy from the now have the responsibility of correctly governing their stu-dent-athletes. Perko said, "The overall conclusion was everyone still believed that it's best to operate Division I sports under that big tent because there's such an appreciation for March Madness rounding full scholarships, de- and being inclusive of everyone. ferred compensation, or when a In terms of allowing those power five schools to now have autonomy, they can create certain rules Presi- in certain areas. In my view as long as the power five uphold

the principles of

college

know when not to use that autonomy so that we don't lose that big tent and the principles that bind college sports together."

Beebe believes that the autonomy recently imposed was a necessary change. "I don't think the [power five conferences] should be a separate entity. I think they do need to get the autonomy that they just got, to be able to address the extreme pressures of the media, public, and legal system that's coming onto them now," said Beebe.

The second ruling discussed within the panel was a case involving former UCLA basketball player Ed O'Bannon. O'Bannon sued the NCAA for using his and other college athletes images for commercial use. US District Court Judge Claudia Wilken ruled in favor of O'Bannon.

According to the decision, "any rules or bylaws that would prohibit its member schools and conferences from offering their FBS foot-

sports, they should be able to ball or Division I basketball or their eligibility expires. A recruits a limited share of the minimum of \$5,000 will be revenues generated from the use of their names, images, and likenesses in addition to a full grant-

NCAA president Mark Emmert said, "And we'll probably continue to argue that in the coming months and beyond." While the NCAA is expected to appeal the decision, the ruling could have a profound affect on student-athletes and force colleges to share some of the profit they are making from football and men's basketball.

Perko maintained, "One of the main reasons for that autonomy was around providing scholarships that cover up to the cost of attendance. What has happened since then with the O'Bannon ruling is that the O'Bannon ruling really mandates that it be required. It may not be something that's even in the power fives hands to do, in terms of creating that rule change.'

The ruling does not mean that college athletes will necessarily

be paid right away. "I don't agree with the terminology of paying players. They're just increasing the grant and aid to full cost of attendance," explained Beebe.

> The decision mandates that colleges place money gathered from sporting events into a trust that football and men's basketball players will receive a percentage of after they graduate the near future.

placed annually in the trust for each Division I football and men's basketball player; meaning an athlete that stays for four years at an institution would receive no less than \$20,000 upon graduation.

Although the power five conferences have received much of the attention regarding additional incentives for student-athletes, these rulings will impact Monmouth athletes as well. "If the court decision were not overturned, then as a Division I basketball program, Monmouth would be required to abide by whatever that court decision is," said Perko.

"Monmouth could certainly decide to do that for their men's and women's basketball programs if that's what they want to compete nationally in," said

While the panel's discussion of these rulings brought some clarity, college athletics is still in a state of fluctuation. "I think right now you're in one of those situations where there is a lot of stuff that is still undecided and a lot of things that are still up in the air," explained Harmon. "Until there is finally a verdict on a lot of this stuff, I don't really know how every school is going to be impacted.'

The manner in which college sports are run has long been established; however, newly gained autonomy and the ruling in the O'Bannon case, could lead to a significant change in

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#### for the Philadelphia In-Office of the President Rework rules to aid college students and athletes POSTED: THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2014 By Paul R. Brown In any one academic year, more than 500 Division I student-athletes participate in 10 men's and 11 women's sports at Monmouth University. Their participation enriches their college on several levels, just as it enhances the

## Strategic Plan Plants its Roots at University and Grows

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to help both undergraduate and graduate levels. As stated on the University's main webpage, at hopes to give students more access to internships, practicums, and even employment opportunities through increased programs and external partnerships.

For the graduate program, the plan aims to develop more customized, trans-disciplinary graduate programs, like communication, health sciences, public policy, and coastal studies, which will meet the current needs of prospective employers.

Brown said that though the rocess was lengthy, the main accomplishment and deliberate goal of the planning was to foster several ideas for discussion. "Through our discussions, many different, sometimes passionate, and sometimes conflicting, visions emerged for what the future of Monmouth University should look like. Our vision fits perfectly with our size, our location, and our core strengths," Brown said.

In order to ensure that the Strategic Plan could accomplish all nity and identifying benchmarks where we fall short. We identified that it set out to do, a Steering Committee was appointed with Benol and Dr. Kathryn Kloby, an associate professor of political science and sociology, as cochairs of the committee on Dec.

The main charge of the Steering Committee was "oversight and the direction of the planning process and preparing the final report," as Benol said.

Along with the Steering Committee, Benol said there were fit from the plan. "Our goal was to

well, in order to ensure that a balanced plan could be successfully developed.

"The themed committees were the undergraduate level, the plan charged with helping guide the dialogue with the campus commu-

Theme-Committees created as come up with a plan that ensures and how to support [the students] that all of our students will have through leadership and resources a rich academic experience that is rigorous, impactful, and prepares them for life after Monmouth. That means we take a hard look at how we are successful and

to advance them," Kloby said.

While the Strategic Plan has been advertised to the public and the campus community over the past couple of months, there was

According to Brown, the best

way for students to get to know more about the strategic plan is to sit down and simply read it. "The Strategic Plan document that is found on the website goes into more detail, with more examples [...] The interactive website is really a distillation of the core elements of the vision, and was designed to encourage everyone to want to learn more," Brown said.

Also, in order for the plan to be seen as successful and get the word out to the public, Kloby said there needs to also be an investment to inform and assist those in the community.

"We are also mindful that in der for a plan to reach its fullest potential, we need to invest in the people who do the work at Monmouth. We see the strategic plan as an opportunity to rethink our current processes, foster collaboration, and invest in the people who work so hard to teach our students, support our students, and mentor them," said Kloby.

"The strategic planning process was an inclusive and reflective experience. It involved honest discussions of the work that we do for our students and how we can improve so that all students are ensured a transformative learning experience," said Kolby.

'Our plan gives us our guiding framework. We are committed to seeing this through and making sure that the core elements of the plan come to life for the benefit of our students," she said.

This article is the second part of a two-part series. The last edition of The Outlook published the first part of the story.



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The Strategic Plan has been implemented in order to solidify the vision for the future of the University, according to Brown.

to support our discussions," said Benol.

"The four guiding themes were transformative learning experience, program relevancy, global and cultural awareness and a community of teaching, scholarship and collaboration. The chairs of the theme committees were also part of the Steering Committee."

According to Kloby, it was essential to the committees that all of the students were able to bene-

so many wonderful courses, activities, travel opportunities, and support services that provide such experiences for our students," said Kloby.

Kloby mentioned however, that it was difficult finding a platform which allowed for the entire plan to be fully shown. "Our challenge was not having the page space in the strategic plan to celebrate all of our successful initiatives. The task ahead will be to further identify what we do well at Monmouth

still some confusion behind what the plan would actually do.

Emily Carper, a sophomore political science major, said that she didn't have a clear idea of everything the plan aimed to accomplish.

"I don't know a whole lot about [the Strategic Plan], but I know I would just be able to get bits and pieces from professors who did know about it. I didn't really hear anything from students about it... because they didn't really know too much about it either," Carper

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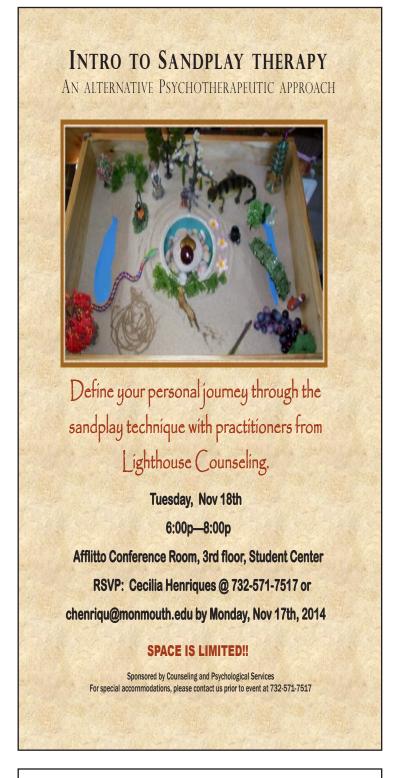


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#### Extra Credit Assignment: Getting to Know Your Professors

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One of the many changes students experience during the transition from high school to college is the relationship between students and teachers, or sometimes, lack thereof. Students become used to the close relationships they have with teachers in high school and are suddenly thrown into the world of college, where classes tend to be so large that students become nothing more than a number. Small colleges such as the University, however, often pride themselves in offering smaller classes and deeper studentteacher relationships

The Outlook staff feels that the University generally fulfills its promise of close, one-on-one relationships between students and their professors.

The staff unanimously agrees that due to the University's small class sizes students and professors are able to really get to know each other. "Because the University is small, it's easy to develop relationships," noted one editor. "The student isn't just a number; they can work one-on-one with the professor to get help and get to know them."

Another editor explained that he was shocked when he came to college and found that some professors even give out their personal cell phone numbers so that students can reach them if necessary.

The Outlook staff noted several ways that the close relationships they have experienced with professors at the University are beneficial. Professors have not only assisted in picking good classes, but have also helped students with internship and career advice.

One editor said, "I have three professors that I have already asked to write my letters of recommendation for graduate school, and they all gladly accepted my offer. Not only that, but they invited me into their offices on their own time to help me structure my essays... and that was their idea." These are luxuries that many students at larger colleges and universities do not receive.

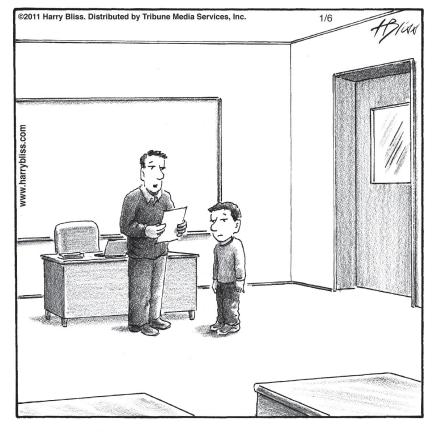
Professors agree that the small class sizes at the University aid in stronger student-teacher relationships and better learning. Manuel Chavez, a lecturer in the department of philosophy, religion, and interdisciplinary studies, stated that it is nice to see the same students in multiple classes throughout semesters because he gets to know their interests and how they learn. "It's definitely easier to teach people you know," he said. "And it's more comfortable for them to speak out."

Jordan Nulty, a senior criminal justice major at Rutgers University, transferred from Monmouth University to Rutgers her junior year and immediately noticed the difference in student-teacher dynamic. "Monmouth professors were way more involved with us, cared if you did well, and got to know you on a personal level," Nulty said. "I got better grades at Monmouth too because of the smaller classes. The professors want to help you, they don't just work for the money.'

Aside from a few cases of students reaching out to professors with important questions and being ignored, The Outlook staff only had a few negative thoughts regarding the student-professor relationships at the University. One editor noted how many professors get so close with some of their students that they play favorites. "It can be intimidating entering new classes when professors have established relationships with students already,' the editor commented.

Overall, The Outlook staff is pleased with the intimate studentteacher relationships a small school like the University is conducive to. One editor said, "Whether it is saying, 'Hi' in the bathroom to a familiar professor that you may have never personally had or hearing from your friends how great that professor is, before you know it, you are familiar with them and know their name before you even get into a classroom with them." It is common for students to have the same professor for multiple classes within a department, allowing for these relationships to grow.

Several staff members urge students to take advantage of this important opportunity that most students at larger schools are not lucky enough to have. One editor said, "They (professors) want to see you succeed. They want to see you reach your fullest potential. And you may not realize it initially, but you are going to build fascinating relationships in the long-run that will stay with you for years to come."



"Well, look at the bright side, Timmy – you're 100 percent wrong."

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## Let the Best of the Sports Season Begin: College Basketball

When it comes to college sports, two sports generally get the bulk of attention: football and basketball. Each sport has their arguments as to why they should be considered the king of college athletics, but is there really much of a competition?

A college basketball game is simply one of the most entertaining events a person can attend. From the tempo of teams going back and forth up the court, to the regular season spanning from November to March, to the many conference tournaments, to finally, the big dance itself, the NCAA tournament, college basketball has a lot going for it.

With Monmouth's men's basketball team tipping off its season this Friday in West Virginia, let's take a look at why the madit the number one sport in collegiate athletics.

Basketball, unlike football,

score. So while there are breaks for TV timeouts and fouls, basketball typically embodies a lot of energy. This represents the very nature of college: non-stop energy and fun. Watching a college basketball game gets intense when teams are going back and forth, trading baskets. This allows the college atmosphere to shine through as the student body is on their feet cheering for another basket every other minute, while cheering for the defense to block a shot or grab a rebound in between offensive possessions. When the game comes towards its conclusion this pace tends to slow, as the team that is behind tends to foul to remain in it. This doesn't kill the energy however, as things become even more riveting with every foul shot. This feeling of being on the edge of one's seat compliments the high ness of college basketball makes energy felt throughout the game.

Another big part of college basketball is conference play. Typically, a team will play ev-

the action continue after every throughout the regular season. This leads to many entertaining rivalry games, as these teams are competing for the same goal of a conference title. The energetic atmosphere doubles when a conference rival comes to town, such as when Iona or Siena comes into the MAC this season. These games feel more important, and that is because they really are. A conference record is vital to a college basketball team's success and its placement in the conference tournament.

Not only is it more important, but it leads to many big-time matchups when it comes to the big conferences. This year the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) is loaded with many high profile teams, such as Duke, UNC and Louisville. Having any combination of these teams face off with each other, plus other big time ACC schools, leads to a very fun portion of the schedule to finish the regular season.

College basketball doesn't have one postseason tournament, but a has the advantage of having ery team in its conference twice whole bunch of postseason tour-

having their own tournament, to the NCAA tournament, postseason college basketball is one of the most nerve-racking and exciting sporting events one can watch. It starts with the conference tournaments, which puts a spot in the Big Dance on the line for every team in the conference.

So even if a college had an average season, they can still reach the ultimate goal of dancing in March. It is not easy by any stretch though; as conference tournament games are typically knock out fights that go right down to the wire. This adds to the excitement of watching these particular games. It doesn't matter if it is a big conference like the Big 10, or a small conference like the MAAC; all conference tournaments have intrigue.

The best part of conference tournaments is the fact that they lead to the biggest tournament of them all, the NCAA tournament. It all starts on Selection Sunday, where colleges hold events to see the reveal of the bracket. Some madness begin.

watch on wondering whom they will be playing. Others sit and wonder if they will even hear their names called at all.

Once the bracket is revealed, almost everyone I know, whether they followed the college basketball season or not, will fill out a bracket. The quality of these games are generally better than the regular season do to the lose-and-you're-out format. With each round of games the field is cut in half, and the importance and excitement is doubled. Nothing is better than the madness of March.

In 2012, I was fortunate enough to be in attendance when Lehigh defeated Duke, one of the most thrilling upsets in college basketball history. I have never enjoyed an atmosphere like I did that day, and only another NCAA tournament game has the ability

The journey to hearing Monmouth's name called on Selection Sunday begins Friday. Let the

### Opposing Response from Last Week's "To Go, or Not to Go to Class?"

**CONNOR HEALEY** 

I am not an avid reader of the Outlook. In fact, I had no idea how frequently, or on which day, the paper was printed until this week. My perusal of its pages has been part of a recent attempt to develop some semblance of a connection to the University and my classmates – outside of my own personal academic life – before I graduate in May.

or Not to Go to Class? That is the Question" I became excited. Expecting a criticism of the all too frequent student absences on campus, I found myself thinking, "Could it be... another Monmouth student who is as appalled, discouraged, and frustrated with the overall lackluster academic attitude of the student body as I am?"

Within the first few sentences of the article, however, I knew I was Work, and Music curricula. These

they will have the energy to attend college. Adult responsibility is not just the ability to say, "Screw class, I have more important things to do." It means planning and prioritizing your life so that you can both sleep and go to class.

Although somewhat pertinent, the issue of sleep deprivation is hardly the most glaring problem expressed in the opening paragraph. The sentiment that gen-ed and elective classes When I read the op-ed "To Go, are a waste of time, or unnecessary, should trouble all members of the academic community.

> The average Monmouth student takes approximately 60 non-major credits - based on a mean average of the elective and gen-ed credit requirements outlined in the Psychology, Math, Health/PE, Software Engineering, Accounting, Chemistry, Communications, Criminal Justice, English, Marketing, Social

college students because it ensures ed demise because they were too thoughtful and well educated.

> The latter half of, "To Go, or Not to Go" contends that self-education is as valuable, if not more valuable than lectures, and that a sufficient effort outside of class will yield a "decent" or "passing" grade.

> I have no doubt that students who were mentally absent during class have received As. Grades, however, do not mean everything, and this practice highlights another serious

> Many students dismiss the social aspect of learning. I am a staunch advocate of self-education, but if a student believes that attendance at lectures is not valuable, aren't they operating under the assumption that their abstractions are not only correct, but also, that their classmates and professors (who more than likely have doctoral degrees) have nothing to contribute?

There is a cliché about that account for nearly half of a student's which happens when you assume.

### Kids of Illegal Immigrants: **Entitled to Education?**

NATALI GRECO STAFF WRITER

While skimming The New York Times, I came across a very interesting subject: should children of illegal immigrants be entitled to public education? Taking into consideration that elections just took place, I found it to be perfect timing to discuss something a bit more serious. This topic offended me. Having been illegal for more than half the time I have lived in the United States, it hurt me to read that citizens like me are questioning whether my past self should be allowed to have an education.

If it were not for the fact that public schools do not require a child to prove a legal status in this country, I would not be where I am today- on my way to walk on stage with a B.S. in Chemistry, a minor in Informational Technology, and on the pursuit of my PhD in Chemistry! Could you imagine what would have become of me if I had not been allowed to attend elementary, middle, and high school? I did not gain my legal status in this country until my junior year of high school; prior to that, I woke up afraid every morning that this would be my last day as I knew it, that this would be my last day of education, that *this* would be last day in my road to the American Dream."

What a beautiful thing, the "American Dream," is it not? Individuals from all over the world come to this land of freedom with hopes of the white fenced, two-floor house, the Benz in the front yard, pool in the back, and 2.5 kids.

Of course, we are all aware of the fact that this dream is not obtainable without some sort of higher education, correct? And, in order to be eligible for that higher education is it not a reguirement to attend some sort of basic schooling, like high

Yes, people can argue that homeschool is an option and therefore this country does not owe those of illegal descent any type of public education. Let me bring you back to the black board for a second. The American Dream is more than often

pursued by immigrants from less fortunate countries who find hope in this "land of the free." Now, how do you think those illegal immigrants, or legal for that matter, will work towards such dream? The parents sure won't be attending school, they will be out maintaining two and three jobs at a time to support their families and give their kids what they never had- a higher education.

Now, if the parents are out busting their behinds all day, do you think they have time to homeschool their children? Can we, also, remember to factor in the realistic assumption that these parents probably do not speak the primary language in this country? How, then, do we expect these kids to be home schooled? Sounds a bit obscure, doesn't it?

Every single individual is entitled to an education, regardless of the source, regardless of the price, and most certainly regardless of the individual's background. Where we come from does not define us or where we are going, it simply reminds us and everyone around us the obstacles we had to overcome to become the person we want to be. It is not humane nor is it just to decide for a child (a member of our future society) whether he/she can expand his/her knowledge. Our job is to provide the basics; it is up to them to decide what to do with them.

Some may argue that most of the children of illegal immigrants will only follow onto their parents' footsteps-circumstances that do not require any education. My response: "So what!" Human beings were made with an instinct of survival, in some cases that survival may be to take on a higher education, in others it may as well be to go out and buss tables, wait at corners for a day job, or clean houses until something better comes along.

That, however, does not grant us the right to take away children's ability to learn and exercise their minds the same as the rest of the world around them.

Let me end on this note: Would you like to strike out of the game without ever being given the chance to bat?

#### If a student believes that attendance at lectures is not valuable, aren't they operating under the assumption that their abstractions are not only correct, but also, that their classmates and professors (who more than likely have doctoral degrees) have nothing to contribute?

room and thinking, 'Wow this is what I woke up for?' We've all had those classes, mainly electives or graduation requirements, which feel like nothing more than a waste of time, credits, money, and most im-sary for a well-rounded education? portantly, sleep. I understand that the University has certain requirements a student must fulfill so that he/she is considered well-rounded enough when entering the real world – or at least that's their excuse for stocking us with unnecessary courses."

To answer the writer's question:

I recognize that adequate sleep is important for college students, but to dismiss the amazing educational privilege afforded to college students in favor of an extra hour of sleep does not make any sense to

It does not matter whether the student lost sleep because of academics, or because they decided to binge on the latest season of their current Netflix vice. Sleep is important for The required fields of study – which amount to roughly 30 of the 60 credits – include Math, Science, History, English and Information Technol-

Which of these fields is unneces-

The idea that any portion of this sizeable chunk of classes is not worthy of a student's time suggests a problem with the concept of a liberal arts education, and not with policies used to govern classroom attendance. I do not wish to imply that every student should be a chemist. Nor do I believe that every class will be directly relevant to a major area of study. I am suggesting that it is essential for college students to learn to love learning, which spans all subject matters, not just those preferential to the student. A class may not be useful in your daily life, but the knowledge gained in the class could prove to be beneficial to our understanding of ourselves, and others.

I have vet to hear the parable where someone suffers an ill-fat-

The piece begins, "How often do undergraduate college education. Suffice it to say that ignoring the importance of the classroom in learning process demonstrates, at best, a commitment to mediocrity, and at worst, a serious contempt for critical thought.

Attendance should not just be thought of as mandatory, but as vital to a student's academic growth. If a student is either unwilling or unable to make the personal commitment to attend class, they may want to consider an alternative. Education is for everyone, but college is not. The decision to invest in a post-secondary education requires a great deal of responsibility from the student and should not be taken lightly.

If a student reaches the personal conclusion that college is the best educational choice, then they should thank the professors that hold them to a reasonable academic standard, and expect them to come to class. The classroom is the arena where theories can be tested, mistakes realized, and where true personal excellence begins.

## TuNur Project Seeks to Import African Solar to U.K.

BRANDON JOHNSON POLITICS EDITOR

The United Kingdom (UK) could see homes being powered by African solar energy as soon as 2018, according to reports by

The TuNur project, founded in 2011, aims to link Europe to the Sahara Desert through energy exports, as per the TuNur web-

take up much more land than nuclear plants as well."

Specifically, Steinberg noted that the average wind farm "requires as much as 10 to 80 acres per megawatt of electricity gen-

In comparison to a nuclear power plant, which "...can be built on a 1,000-acre tract of land," a "...solar energy plant with comparable generation capability would require 80 square While investors are only in the miles - or 51,200 acres - and a early stages of negotiation with comparable wind farm would rethe UK government, questions quire 200 square miles," accord-

#### "You can't change the entire energy game."

**ALAN STEINBERG** Adjunct Professor of Political Science

arise about feasibility of this ing to Steinberg. project, and whether it will set the trend for the future of renewable energy.

Alan Steinberg, an adjunct professor of political science, said, "I think renewable energy is the way of the future. As the demand for renewable energy grows we should see an increase in its pro-Steinberg however, noted that new discoveries of natural gas, such as those in the Leviathan gas field off the coast fo Israel may complicate the solar export business.

Renewable energy is very expensive. Although it is a clean source of energy, nuclear energy is much more efficient than solar apparent. The industrialization and wind." He continued, "Keep required to make the TuNur proj-

Dr. Julius Adekunle, a professor of history and anthropology specializing in African studies, said that the transition towards solar power might not be as smooth as expected.

He said, "The complication I

can foresee is the ability of African producing countries to come up with quality production that will meet the needs in UK or elsewhere. The quality and ability to meet the demands from consuming countries will drive the competition for the importation of African solar."

Adekunle noted, however, that the benefits to African nations is in mind that solar and wind also ect possible would create jobs as dence on oil and natural gas Steinberg acknowledged the ne-

well as improve the standard of

Adekunle said that solar exports overtaking natural gas exports is reliant upon the "...quality and quantity of production."

'Here in the US, [solar and natural gas] are still used, and solar has not been able to completely displace natural energy. In Africa, it may take a longer time since Africans are just gradually getting into the culture of using solar energy," Adekunle said.

With 2018 as the goal for implementing this plan, one of the biggest questions is whether projects like these can lessen the global usage of fossil fuels.

Zak Fama, a sophomore history and political science major said, "This is an excellent opportunity for both the UK and the continent of Africa. The TuNur Project aims to build in the Tunisian desert, so the construction will not be impacting a large settlement of people.'

He continued "In exchange for cheap solar energy to the UK, some of these African nations will be opening the door to possible investment in the event that this project is a success."

Fama questions the possibility of the US using a similar method to import renewable energy. "Since 2010, Transcanada, a Canadian oil giant has been working with the US State Department to finalize the construction of the Keystone XL. This is a new pipeline that aims to bring very dirty and expensive tarsands" oil from Canada into the US."

Fama said that the US depen-



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Wind and solar may be "clean" forms of energy production, but the spacial requirements create a cost-benefit analysis of production against feasibility.

causes a "high risk" to the envi- cessity to "maintain a backup ronment due to the "volatility of the crude oil itself." He reasoned, "If one of the pipes were to burst, the consequences most likely would be comparable to the BP oil spill in 2010."

A complete transition to solar power appears to be long off, as source of energy.'

"You can't change the entire energy game," said Steinberg on the possibility of the US importing solar. "Even if you have the technology and the equipment, you will always need a backup particularly in the case of solar

## Policy Actors Begin to Mobilize Facing Climate Change



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Climate Change opens the floor for debate, but policy actors are not unified on the approach to correct it.

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Climate change driven by the burning of fossil fuels is already affecting life on every contiwindow is closing rapidly for governments to avert the worst damage expected to occur later this century, scientists warned in one of the loudest alarms yet sounded by the international scientific community.

tory and political science major, cember 2015. said, "The US has grown too attached to fossil fuels to the point that the hunger for energy is beginning to outweigh even the safety of some parts of the population.'

The report, issued Sunday, arrives as international negonent and in the oceans, and the tiators prepare to meet in Lima, Peru, in Dec. to establish parameters for an eventual agreement on cutting heat-trapping emissions, a goal that has eluded the international community since talks began more than 20 years ago. Negotiators are aim-Zak Fama, a sophomore his- ing to sign a deal in Paris in De- tion and more extreme weather cymaking, so that we take steps versible changes would occur.

Written by the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, or IPCC, which regularly reviews and synthesizes the latest climate research, the report says there are more heat-trapping gases in the atmosphere than within the last 800,000 years, and that most of them came from the combustion of fossil fuels since the widespread industrialization of the late 1800s.

The effects of global warming are already being felt in rising sea levels, ocean acidifica-

events, especially heat waves and droughts, which have begun to affect crop yields and Peru and in Paris?" water availability.

The steps taken so far by countries to reduce or mitigate emissions are not enough, the scientists said. Further, under the business-as-usual scenario, the world runs the risk of consequences so grave that they are irreversible and cannot be adapted to.

"Without additional mitigation efforts beyond those in place today, and even with adaptation, warming by the end of the 21st century will lead to high to very high risk of severe, widespread and irreversible impacts globally," the report

The IPCC assessment is one of reports that have warned the global community about climate change. Actions by the world's governments over the next year will reveal if the science has ignited meaningful action on cutting emissions. In crafting the report, a key summary of findings that would have made it easier to understand was cut because the governments that sign off on the document could not agree on what should be included. That raises questions about whether they can agree on something much more complex, such as reductions in pollution.

"This is the strongest statement yet about the risks of climate change and the steps we need to take," said Tim Profeta, director of the Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions at Duke University. "But at what point does the stri-

commensurate with the risks? Will it change the debate in

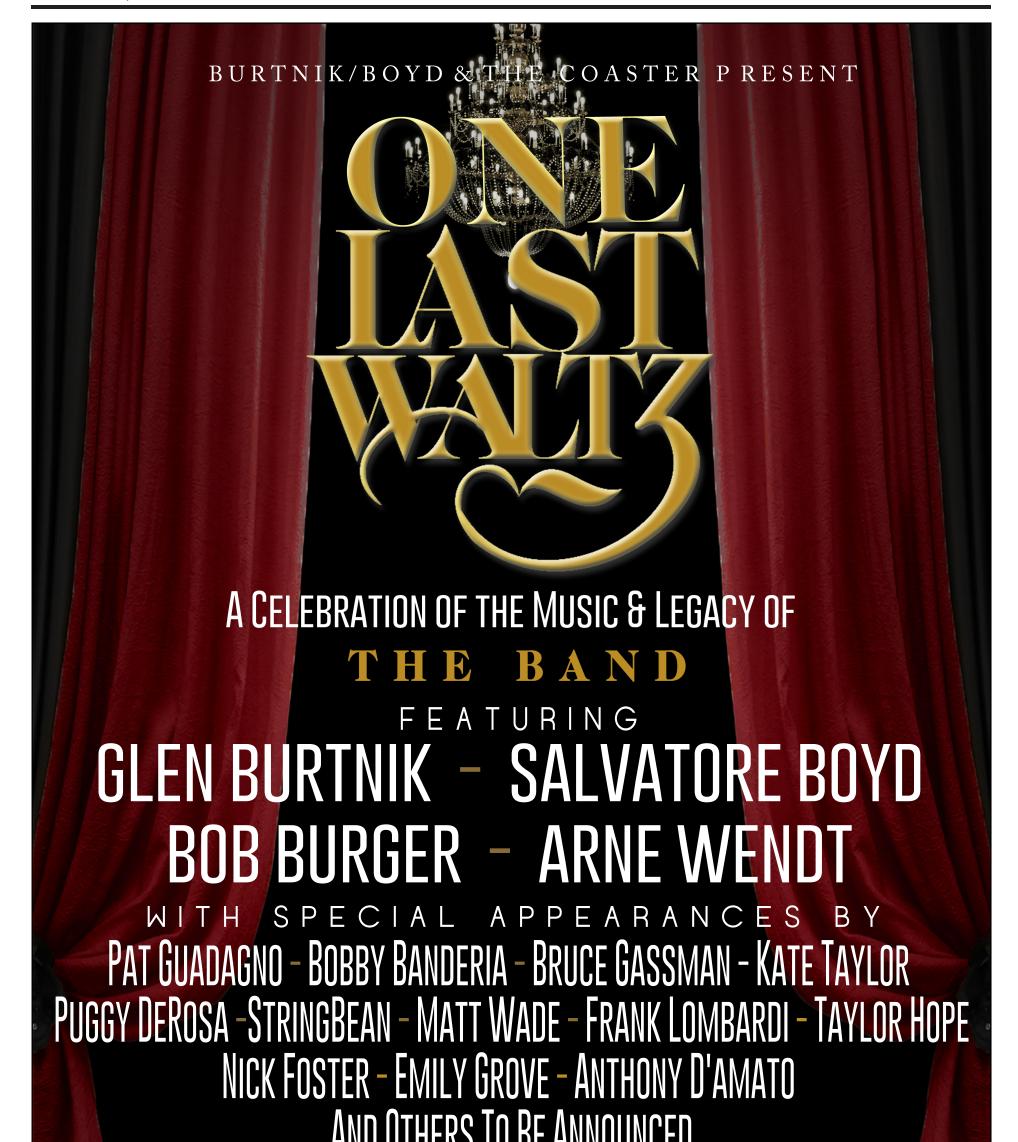
In the US, proponents of cutting heat-trapping emissions welcomed the forceful report.

"We can't prevent a largescale disaster if we don't heed this kind of hard science," said Secretary of State John F. Kerry. "The longer we are stuck in a debate over ideology and politics, the more the costs of inaction grow and grow."

Alan Steinberg, adjunct professor of political science, said that while renewable energy production is in development, "Congress seems to be likely to encourage nuclear and natural gas, while being less likely to produce renewables."

Two weeks ago, the State Deof the bluntest to date after years partment's top climate envoy, Todd Stern, said the US was considering a proposal to combat climate change that would require countries to offer plans for curtailing greenhouse gas emissions on a certain schedule but would leave it to individual nations to determine how deep their cuts would be.

Earlier approaches taken by the international community to mandate certain levels of emission cuts got little buy-in from large polluters, such as the United States and China. But some countries fear that with the approach the US now backs, countries will not make the kinds of reductions needed to keep the average global temperature from rising beyond 3.6 degrees on the Fahrenheit scale, from pre-industrial levels. The temperature change is the point beyond which scientists estidency of the report affect poli- mate certain catastrophic, irre-



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On arguably the worst first day of work anyone has ever had, Norman Ellison (Logan Lerman) is a young American clerk thrust into the midst of warfare on the German front in April 1945. Trained to type 60 words per minute, Ellison is rotated in as the fifth crew member of a Sherman tank christened "Fury," and must now ruthlessly kill Nazi soldiers from within this metal monster.

The other crew members are older men who have been manning "Fury" together for three years. Bonded together but psychologically damaged from the tides of war, they dismiss Norman as nothing more than another dead man. Spurned by his fellow tank mates, Norman is told to clean his new seat, which is covered in the blood and the blown-off face of the soldier who sat there before him.

Repulsed, Norman vomits and begs the headman of his tank, Wardaddy (Brad Pitt), to be rotated elsewhere. Aggravated at his new soldier's weakness in the face of gritty war, Wardaddy forces Norman to shoot a captured German soldier through the back. The audience's sympathies are with Norman, for he is definitely in the wrong place at the wrong time,

does not match up with his morals. Consistent with a pro-war film, the "Fury" tank-mates Wardaddy, Bible (Shia LaBeouf), Gordo (Michael Peña), Grady (Joe Bernthal), and eventually Norman all keep to their mantra that being in the war is "the best job [they] ever had."

Tasked by their commander to move out with a group of tanks and capture a run-down city, Norman reluctantly enters the tank and the group heads out. Partly hidden by the foliage of the forest they are travelling along, Norman spots a young German boy, but chooses to dismiss him as nonthreatening. This turns out to be a mistake, when suddenly one of their own men in the tank ahead of them is doused with fire from a flare and takes his life to end the suffering. Wardaddy uses this horrifying instance as another opportunity to get it through Norman's mind that to leave a Nazi alive means certain death for the American troops.

Unlike other films that focus entirely on soldiers during war, Fury exposes how American soldiers interacted with German civilians. Following their taking of a German town and the loss of both American and German soldiers, the American troops settle in and loot the town. The buildings are in shambles and people are scared,

and his new job as a Nazi killer but it doesn't stop the American men from taking what little they have. Women trade their bodies willingly in exchange for small trinkets or food.

Norman eventually follows Wardaddy upstairs to the apartment of two terrified German women. Even though they perhaps support the Nazi regime, you truly cannot help but feel afraid for them. The younger of the two women is visibly terrified, but to everyone's surprise, Wardaddy produces a box of eggs from his pack and hands them to her. Though the soldiers share a poignant interaction with these women, Bible, Grady and Gordo suddenly burst through the doors, effectively interrupting the moment and spurring the soldiers to return to their mission.

However pro-war the film may be, audiences are not shielded from the horrendous reality that defines tank warfare. The four Sherman tanks engage in a battle with Nazi Tiger tanks. The American soldiers note the superior German machinery. As hard as they fight to kill the deadly Tiger tank operators, it's plain that not everyone is going to make it out alive. The battle doesn't last too long. The Americans win, but pay a heavy price; the 15 men in the other four tanks have been brutally killed by the Nazi Tiger tank operators. The remaining five have

no choice but to move on.

At this point, Norman has shown courage in the face of war, even enjoying killing Nazis. The audience finally sees a camaraderie form between the remaining men, and they include Norman by giving him the nickname "Machine." Any happy moments are wiped clean when the tank breaks down in the middle of a road. Grady is tasked with repairing "Fury" while Norman is sent up the road as a look out.

Heavy footsteps and singing means deadly SS Nazi soldiers on their way. Irrevocably bonded together from their past, the remaining tank mates decide to stay with "Fury" and fight the SS

troops. Watching these men make the hardest decision of their lives while facing probable death and knowing that this is not just a movie, but a piece of history, is certainly emotional for any audience. From within "Fury," Wardaddy, Norman, Grady, Gordo and Bible brace themselves for the ultimate sacrifice.

Fury is more than just another film about World War II-it is a piece of reality from the past. Countless men sacrificed themselves for their countries, and through Fury we can see their troubles, their realities, and their fears, and know that sometimes people in the face of war are still capable of humanity.



Shia LaBeouf, Logan Lerman, Brad Pitt, Michael Pena, and Jon Bernthal (left to right) star in "Fury," released Oct. 17.

# CIVILIZATION: BEYOND EA STEP FORWARD, TWO STEP

**JOHN MORANO** STAFF WRITER

"Civilization: Not Earth" might very well be a more appropriate title for the latest game in the hit Civilization series. I say this because Civilization: Beyond Earth fails almost entirely in going beyond what was done in the last Civilization title, Civilization V (which was released in 2010). This is especially disappointing when taking into account the outstanding reputation of Fireaxis Games, developer of the Civilization se-

Fans of the series will find several minor innovations in this title. One supposed development within this game is the "technology web." As opposed to the linear technology tree of previous Civilization titles, the technology web starts you from a center point, with different technologies radiating from said center point. This gives players more flexibility in how they choose to develop their civiliza-

However, I found that while you aren't forced to develop your technologies in a slightly branching linear pattern as in previous games, you wind up choosing between three. This is because of the new affinity system, which allows for three alignments; purity, supremacy, or harmony (and madepending on the alignment that vou choose, different technologies become available). However, each lization affinity has its own technologies which are pretty much essential, so rather than letting one develop their civilization freely, this technology system gives you more choices. In order to get the most out of their resources, one is going to have to remove miasmas (toxic alien gasses). This need (and others) direct ones advancement on the technology web, limiting freedom.

Also worth mentioning is the is very difficult to overlook.

removal of technology trading Several changes were made to from the diplomacy menu. While the intelligence system to make it zation V, I had some trouble undertechnology trading did serve to more effective and accessible than standing how to use my spies, and imbalance previous titles, I think it was in previous titles. Personally, as a result did not get much use out removing it was a poor decision, I consider this to be the biggest step of them. However, in Beyond Earth as its elimination severely reduces I found it to be one of the most imavailable diplomatic options. Even portant systems. That said, I do have if technology trading was unfixone serious issue with the system: it able (which I find unbelievable), is so effective that it imbalances it should have been at least replaced by another The new quest system, which was system to fill the void left in meant to be dithe biggest Civit h e Civilihas had a zation series in Beyond Earth, flawed diplomais basically there to add cy system for a while now, but at least Civilization in little choices and objec-V made improvements. Try as I tives, providing story tidbits and might, I cannot identify a single tanrewards to the player for completing them. There seemed to be two bagible improvement in Beyond Earth. Fireaxis Games has had negative sic kinds of quests, simple decisions feedback in regards to this system where all one has to do is make a from players and critics alike, and choice, and more complicated quest on top of that, they had over four lines where one typically completes years to work on it. In my mind that multiple objectives, often while making decisions. Some of these de-IMAGE TAKEN from hi-news.ru

forward in Beyond Earth. In Civilicisions were interesting, and the objectives did add a bit of depth to the game. As a whole I like the system. but it seems to need refinement; the consequences of completing an objective are not always made clear and more than once I faced global condemnation simply for completing an objective.

> Perhaps what annoyed me the most was the lack of distinguishable leaders to select for your civilization and play against (in previous titles these included historical figures like George Washington or Catherine the Great, among others). In this game, these leaders are replaced by sponsors (essentially a group to which your civilization belongs). I would be fine with this, but I have one major problem with it: there are only eight sponsors. If, like me, you want to have the maximum number of possible civilizations on the map (12), then there will be duplicates. This means the leaders of the civilizations that have the same sponsors will look exactly the same and have the same names, but still be unique civilizations (they could even go to war with each other). To me, this is lazy and unjustifiable in a \$60 game.

> Despite all my criticisms, I did have a lot of fun playing Civilization: Beyond Earth. Despite a changed appearance and some slight tweaks to systems, there's not much progress here; at the end of the day, I'd personally rather be playing Civilization V. Were Civilization: Beyond Earth a \$20 expansion for *Civilization V*, it would have my almost unconditional approval, as while it fails to innovate, it does add variety to what Civilization as a series has already done. However, as a \$60 game, I can only recommend it to hardcore fans of either the Civilization series or strategy junkies (even to them I'd say wait until the price goes down). To score Civilization: Beyond Earth, I feel that 7/10 is appropriate.

## NJ Artist Spotlight:

## ZAK SMITH

## Getting to Know ZAK SMITH

**FAVORITE MOVIE:** 

"Good Fellas"

#### **FAVORITE SONG:**

"Thunder Road" by Bruce Springsteen

#### **FAVORITE BOOK:**

"Moby Dick" by Herman Melville

#### **FAVORITE CELEBRITY:**

Jon Stewart

#### **FAVORITE FOOD:**

Bļueberries

#### **FAVORITE SEASON:**

Autumn

#### **FAVORITE PLACE**

TO VISIT:

Serbia

#### **FAVORITE ANIMAL:**

Cat

AMANDA GLATZ ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Seeded in the roots of the Garden State is a passion and a drive for music of all kinds. From Sinatra to Springsteen, greats, and continues to inspire up-and-coming musicians. 31-year-old Montclair, NJ nathe footsteps of these artists with his latest album, Signs of Life.

After picking up the guitar when he was 15 years old, Smith took cues from influences like Neil Young and Kurt Cobain, developing a rock and Americana vibe. "I had a good friend that got me into rock music," Smith said. "[The guitar] seemed like the coolest instrument to play if you were going to play one.

Smith's interest in poetry came alive in a big way when he every day if I could." combined powerful words with meaningful music and became a singer/songwriter. Smith said, like writing but plus something while driving. In regards to ately about it.'

else. The musical aspect made words into something even big-

Once Smith got into music, he was hooked. "I became obsessed pretty early on," he said, "and I envisioned doing it for NJ has produced some of the the rest of my life." Smith took the first step at a recording studio in Red Bank, NJ, where he was able to produce a demo tive Zak Smith is following in and start making connections. He proceeded to play shows throughout the tri-state area, meeting people who shared his passion for music and writing.

"The best way to connect with people is to be serious about what you're saying," Smith said. He makes many of these connections on tour. which he considers to be one of his favorite parts about playing music. "Being able to play every night to different people feels like what it's all about," Smith enthused. "I would do it

When writing his music, Smith prefers to develop lyrics late at night and in solitude— "When I heard music, it was sometimes he'll even get ideas ing, make sure you feel passion-

what he likes to write about, Smith said, "I'll write about the typical relationships, but [I like to sing about] more than just that. I try to respond to stuff that's going on in the world."

On his new record. Smith noted that his opening track, "Have You Looked Outside," was particularly difficult to write, because it involved coordinating the chorus with background vocals. "The Universe is Bigger," however, meant the most to him personally.

Smith explained that growing up in NJ has influenced his love for music and his drive to pursue it as a career. "There are so many famous musicians from around here, people to look up to at a young age. It's like a tradition," Smith said.

His advice for singer/songwriters is to "listen to everything you can and write a lot. The first things usually aren't that good, but keep going. Take in as much stuff as you can, make as many connections as you can. Whatever you're writ-



# Breaking Down "Signs of Life"



MICHAEL BATEMAN STAFF WRITER

Montclair, NJ-based artist Zak Smith released his newest album Signs of Life on Oct. 7, 2014. This marks his sixth official release and his first collection of new tracks since 2013's <mark>The Prec</mark>ambrian Age.

Smith, the winner of the 2013 Jersey Acoustic Music Awards "Top Male Vocalist" category, delivers a distinct Americana sound in his latest effort that reminds listeners of another prominent NJ artist. Signs of Life features songwriting that takes many cues from Bruce Springsteen's musical catalog. Though both artists feafolk, rock, and country lovers, Smith's stripped-down musical approach and humble sincerity in his voice establishes its own unique identity on his album.

This unique musical identity also sets Smith apart from other current NJ artists. His approach looks back to American music icons such as Springsteen and Neil Young, but he shows a modern sensibility in his songwriting that prevents his music from seeming like a rehashing of classic Americana staples. Though his music might not resemble anything other local artists are striving for, Smith's sound can easily fit in with whomever he shares a gig. The versatility evident in his songs allows him to reach a broad range of audiences across multiple genres.

Signs of Life uses a minimal number of instruments on each track, yet still delivers a mas-terfully crafted sound. Piano, following track, "Brand New guitar, percussion, and vocals Party," provides a pleasant conmake up the four major musical components distinctively heard on the album, save for harmonica used sparsely throughout. Female backing vocals also accompany Smith's voice on multiple tracks.

Though this minimalist approach proves effective, one component had been left out entirely: drums. No song on the album features the use of an actual drum set. Though dynamic on some of the songs, ture a sound that appeals to ture of percussion instruments a bright atmosphere. such as a tambourine, shakers, and a cajon.

The album opens with the track "Have You Looked Outside." Listeners are instantly introduced to the musical direction the album takes from its first note to its last. Guitar and piano couple together in an intricate network that drives the music over a subtle percussion beat, which lays the foundation for Smith's vocals. Though Smith's voice bears a rugged, raspy resemblance to Springsteen's, Smith has a distinctive raw edge in his voice that sets him apart from any further comparison to "The Boss."

The next two songs take on a sound similar to the opening track, but track four, "The Universe is Bigger," strips things down further. The song treats listeners to somber piano at the forefront, which provides a nice com/zak-smith-band.

trast and displays a more upbeat sound with the piano and guitar following the percussion tightly with more rawness than any other track before it.

Track seven, "Minstrel Show," sidesteps from the rest of the album dynamic. The piano plays a folky swing melody joined by a harmonica and tambourine. The album then returns to its dynamic present in the previous tracks and closes with "Alamo," the drums could enhance the a song where Smith's lyrics are joined by female backing vocals Smith still delivers a collection over a somber piano and guitar of strong tracks with musical combination that surprisingly timekeeping cared for by mix- manages to end the album with

> On a five-point scale, Signs of Life receives four and-a-half points. Though some of the album's tracks could benefit from featuring an actual drum set, the album presents a refreshing Americana sound not heard in many other artists' current releases. Though listeners can draw comparisons between Smith and Springsteen, Smith's music takes on an identity of its own and proves he is a viable contender in the music scene.

> Smith will be performing at Zachary's at Route 36 and Oceanport Ave. in West Long Branch, NJ on Dec. 22 at 9 pm. To listen to and learn more about Smith's music, visit facebook. com/zaksmithband. Listeners can also stream and purchase his entire catalog via Smith's personal website at zaksmithband.com and at soundcloud.

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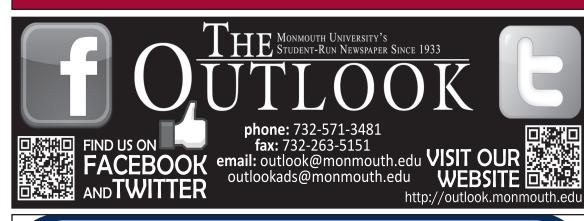
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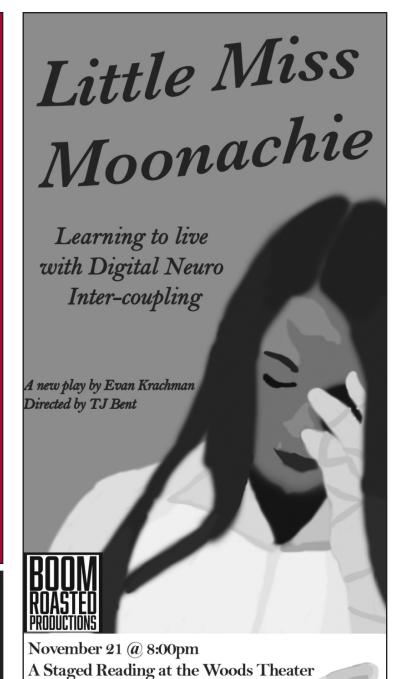
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## The Science Behind the Phenomenon of "Cuffing Season"

KAYLA HORVATH STAFF WRITER

The weather has cooled down to a crisp temperature and the leaves have transformed to beautiful, bright and fiery shades and are gracefully dropping from the trees. It is time to bundle up in cozy sweatshirts, boots or scarves, and apparently heat things up with a new romance. That's right, "cuffing"

"The integral of the control of the cont season" has commenced. This is, at least, according to college students.

So what exactly is cuffing season? As simply stated by Urban Dictionary, cuffing season is a time when "during the fall and winter months people who would normally rather be single or promiscuous find themselves, along with the rest of the world, desiring to be 'cuffed' or tied down by a serious relationship ... the cold weather and prolonged indoor activity causes singles to become lonely and desperate."

to the yearly phenomenon where singles everywhere enter in to new relationships, for reasons that may be otherwise questionable. Naturally, this begs the question "What reasons?"

For the younger generation of Lewandowski, Chair of Psychology,

real. But you may be surprised to learn that there may just be a little bit of science or psychology behind individuals' desire to be "cuffed" during the cold.

According to Jack Demarest, a psychology professor, "This is not an unusual phenomenon." As an the "major period of Spring Breakevolutionary psychologist and from ups" on the chart. Dr. Lewandowski

folks in particular, this trend is very and co-creator and co-editor of Sci- end. In addition, the months from vival strategy inherited from dozens enceOfRelationships.com, a chart displaying peak break up times shows spring break as having one of the highest rates. "Notice that winter months are low and summer months have an uptick" said Lewandowski.

Also in the article, he pointed out

September to November hosted the lowest rates.

When asked about cuffing season and why the trend existed, Jennifer Retchenbaugh, a senior finance major, said "People get lonely and bored. Winter comes and you basically just have to stay inside and relax. It's nice to have someone to settle down with for that time of the of generations before us, or simply because the "most wonderful time of the year" has stars in your eyes.

Whatever it is, it seems there is something about the change of seasons that has people wanting to be

College students have a habit of becoming romantics when winter comes, and becoming bachelors and bachelorettes again when life heat up in the summer. If that's the case, you better hurry and find someone to drink hot cocoa with or drag to your embarrassing family Christmas party now, because Thanksgiving is right around the corner.

Remember that your companion of choice does not necessarily have to be Mr. Right or Miss Perfect, because according to typical cuffing season custom, the relationship probably won't make it past spring break anyway.

I mean let's put it this way, it's not like you need to lock it up and throw away the key. But on the bright side, your significant other will most likely give you that warm and fuzzy feeling you are looking for this holiday season and help get you through the frigid temperatures. So cuff up

#### "This behavior could be a short term mating strategy which provides benefits for both the men and women who adopt them, especially when resources are in short supply."

JACK DEMAREST Psychology Professor

point, he said, "This behavior could be a short term mating strategy which provides benefits for both the So basically, cuffing season refers men and women who adopt them, especially when resources are in short supply." This historically is during the harsh and barren winter months.

In the article "Summer Lovin' or Summer Leavin'?" by Dr. Gary

skewed towards encompassing a population of college students, since the data was collected from Facebook posts. The data is not applicable towards the sector of the public

But the fact remains: a major trend of break ups was observed in young adults around springtime, when the weather begins to warm

year. But it's kind of shallow really." Maybe chilly weather cuff-

### Body Chakras: A Guide to Positive Vibes

ALYSSA TRITSCHLER STAFF WRITER

College is one of the most stressful times. Being in your twenties, figuring out what you want to do with your life, all while balancing a full class load, work, clubs, and a social life. It's easy to get overstress. Some people turn to something bigger than themselves, a type of spiritual path. Now, it's mind, using an ancient Eastern wellness belief. Chakras are your and colors within your body that siveness. help keep you balanced.

The seven Chakras are: crown, brow, throat, heart, solar plexus, you better yourself. The Chakras spleen, and root. Each chakra influences a different part of the tie Cozzi, a senior graphic design body, has its own color, and is in control of certain emotions. According to The Dr. Oz Show, these en energies can aid in maintaining are the key to physical, mental and spiritual health.

1. Starting at the top of your body is the Crown Chakra, located at the top of your head. Its cycle will come to a complete stop color is violet, and it brings out the until the problem is resolved. There you possess wisdom, inspiration, where you stand with each. charisma, and a higher self.

2. The **Brow Chakra** is locate at the forehead, and is the color indigo. Imagination and intuition are typical emotions of this Chakra. Memory, fearlessness, understandated with the brow.

3. Next, the **Throat Chakra**, which is blue, is known for expansion and healing. Individuals with cises. an open throat Chakra are known to communicate their thoughts the different Chakras till this year, very well, partake in creative expression, are trusting, and wise.

4. The **Heart Chakra** is located at the center of the chest and symbolizes the color green. It brings out emotions of balance and love. It has functions such as relationships, acceptance of others, compassion, harmony, and peace.

5. Now, getting down to the middle of the body is the Solar Plexus Chakra. This is located in the stomach, and is symbolized by the color yellow. Purpose and sunshine are emotions associated

with your solar plexus, bringing out feelings of personal power and will, laughter, optimism, and curi-

6. The Spleen Chakra is located in the lower abdomen, represented by the color orange. Freedom, confidence, intimacy, and sensuality are all psychological functions of whelmed and caught up in the this, bringing out an individuals emotions and desires.

7. Lastly, at the bottom of the body, is the **Root Chakra**. This is time to balance your body and located at an individual's coccyx perineum. It is symbolized by the color red, emitting survival, vitalseven energy centers; vibrations ity, security, courage, and impul-

"It's all about self healing, the way you see yourself, and how are just a piece of that," said Ka-

Being open to each of these seva balance between the mind and

It is an ancient belief that if not all your Chakras are balanced, the emotions of bliss and spirituality. are multiple ways to balance these If you have an open crown Chakra, seven energies: one is to figure out

It's possible to get each of your own Chakras tested by a guru. Professor Kristine Simoes had a four-hour analysis conducted. "It determined that my throat and solar chakras were wide open, too ing, and perception are all associ- open," she said. Her guru recommended more mindfulness, by participating in daily meditation, a vow of silence, and listening exer-

"I hadn't known too much about but I've seen how it keeps others balanced and I want to give it a try," said Megan Poeschl, a junior social work major.

At the end of the day, the most important thing is happiness. Where college students find a balance between mind, body, and soul are unique to the individual.

Whether we turn to a higher belief, a spiritual process, or the ancient philosophy of the chakras, we all deserve to find a balance that keeps us both happy and lively.

who do not use computers.

ing comes from the desire to have someone next to for those cold winter nights or snowy days. Maybe you need a willing victim to drag to awkward family gatherings for the holidays. Perhaps, you want someone to buy presents for, or of course, receive presents from. It may even and the holidays and winter months be an unconscious and primal sur- and enjoy!

### Yoga: The Pathway to Wellness

KRISTEN HARGER

Have you ever considered trying yoga? Well if you haven't already, you should because the practice itself has numerous health benefits and it's enjoyable. Incorporating yoga into your weekly or even daily workout routine is a good way to give you variety in your exercises and open your mind to new ideas.

balancing, holding, and flowing through poses. In addition to building muscles, you are creating a harmony between mind and body, and not many other practices or exercises can do this.

Lauren Francis, a sophomore health studies major and a fitness instructor, is a strong advocate for practicing yoga. She said, "It keeps me physically and mentally in shape. Since it is extremely healthy

dorm; the benefits yoga has to offer are endless.

Another myth is that yoga is only for girls. But, many yoga instructors and yogis are actually men, especially in European and Middle Eastern countries. So if you are a male and are afraid to try a yoga class because of this stereotype, don't be afraid, go out and try it!

Marta Neumann, a health and physical education professor, has been teaching yoga over ten years and she notices that yoga is very popular among college students. She believes that anyone who engages in yoga will physically improve flexibility, tone muscles, and keep the body aligned and in balance. "In my yoga classes here on campus, I incorporate many different postures that target different parts of your body, but I also incorporate meditation and relaxation. This combination of physical and mental activity releases tension, restores energy, and relaxes the mind, allowing you to focus on yourself," said Neumann.

In addition to keeping yourself physically and mentally connected, some individuals use yoga to find balance in their lives. Brittney Lauro, a graduate student studying clinical social work, practices yoga in order to de-stress the mind, body, and spirit. "Being a grad student and working in inpatient psychiatrics can be very mentally and emotionally taxing. Practicing yoga allows me to clear my mind and find a sense of calm even on the most difficult days" says Lauro.

Similar to what Lauro said, practicing yoga allows you to let go of all of your worries and stresses. Through deep breathing, muscle relaxation, visualization, and meditation you can easily improve your health with no costs!

If you are unsure about yoga and worried that it will be too hard or out of your comfort zone, use the voga classes offered here on campus as a trial.

We have certified yoga instructors that teach classes throughout the week and you certainly do not have to be an expert to go. The yoga classes are for any levels whether you are a beginner or expert, plus yoga is a practice where you can move at your own pace. So next time are in the mood for a different kind of workout, get out there and get your yoga on.



Yoga is a strength builder and classes are offered on campus in the Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC).

Yoga is all about connecting your mind and body. According to Caroline Gregoire, a health public speaker and Huffington Post blogger, yoga reduces stress and boosts well-being. She explained that what most people don't know is that it actually has many physical benefits that might even be better than other types of exercises.

Many people believe that yoga does not give you an adequate workout. While most yoga classes do not give you a cardio workout, you are building strength by

for the body and mind, it helps relieve much of my stress, which is why I do not have a very stressful

"I think the best part about yoga is that anyone, anywhere can practice it...you don't have to be an expert to do it," said Francis. Most people do not try yoga because they believe that it will be too difficult, it is not an adequate workout, or it is just not for them. But, like Francis said, yoga can be for anyone and you can practice it anywhere. Whether it's at the beach, or in a

## Here's to Growing Up: A Look Into Becoming an Adult

**VICTORIA KEENAN** 

Being a senior in college has put a lot into perspective for me. I'm getting ready to enter the real world. I'm gaining more knowledge about life. I'm working to achieve my goals and towards a future career. I'm a responsible young adult with the whole world at my fingertips. This all sounds nice, but at the end of the day, I just feel kind of old.

Now you may say "that's ridiculous! You're the ripe old age of 21!" This is true. At this age, we are in the prime of our lives. Most people my age are in college and many are living away from home. This means they are pictured to society as adults yet can make the decision to eat ice cream for dinner every night because "why not? No one is around to tell me no. I'm an adult!"

Yet there are some occurrences going on that make me realize I'm really not a kid anymore and this is a little more than unsettling. I'm not talking about credit card bills that need to be paid. I'm not talking about the fact that I'll never be the youngest at school again (actually, this is probably a good thing.) I'm talking about the fact that I, and many other people my age, are entering adulthood and turns out, it wasn't really what we expected. Are we ready to get hit with this thesis paper sized dose of reality? Nope.

I think this all starts out if you go away to college. You think, Yeah, I am out of the house! I can do whatever I want! No one This is going to happen every sions personally and financially."

is here to tell me no!" Don't be ashamed to admit you thought this, I can admit that I definitely

This idea lasted a whole two weeks until I ate all the food in my room and was already sick of Easy-Mac and Ramen Noodles. Then I got a cold and called my mom approximately 17 times a day for a week because I didn't know what medicine to take or if I could mix cough syrup and decongestions. I'd like to think of myself as responsible, but let's all face it, sometimes, we don't know how to take care of ourselves.

As college goes on and you get older, another milestone approaches. The biggest of all birthday celebrations. The 21st birth-day. This marks the start of your real adult life. You can do anything. You can go anywhere. You can... empty out your bank account in less time than you were at the bar. I recently turned 21 and I quickly learned that as fun as it is, no one ever tells you how expensive this life will be. Maybe they don't want to put a damper on your night. Maybe they don't want to tell you that it, for the most part, is the end of fun birthday ages. What is there to do now? Nothing, except pretend your 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday is your 21st again.

Keri Mullin, a senior accounting major, knows this feeling well. "The build up to being 21 is amazing and once it comes you want to stay that age forever. I iust turned 22 on Monday and it visit our families if we move out, didn't feel special, it just felt like a continue our learning if we so normal day. And I thought 'Wait. choose, and make calculated deci-





Young children seem to always be in such a rush to grow up, but once they do get older, they may realize that growing up is a scary part of life.

year now.' You want to be an adult but you don't want to turn another

Mullin continued, "That's how I feel now. I want to become an adult and live on my own with a job, but I want to stay young doing it."

Alissa Mustillo, a senior accounting major, said, "Life after college may seem attractive, especially to graduating seniors who have definite employment options. Unfortunately, immediate hire is not guaranteed for every student in the senior class, or in the overall student population."

Mustillo continued, "In 2014, life after college means a multitude of new responsibilities. We will now need to make sure we

Eleanor Novek, an associate professor of communicaion, discussed that though growing up may have many aspects that are scary, there are also many positives. As a young adult, an important idea to keep in mind is that you can create "a change of scene, you can move to another town thats further away from mom and dad. There are so many cool, hip towns for young people to discover," she explained.
"Nothing is holding you down,

you can travel to different parts of the country, or even different parts of the world. Exploration is a big deal," Novek continued.

Novek added that as a young adult, you may find yourself on many different paths in life. You can look forward too having the able to decorate your own place9.

When I was younger, I couldn't wait to grow up. I couldn't wait to be able to drive, have my own home, and get a real job. Now, when things get stressful, all I want is to be young again and have no responsibilities, no work to do, no deadlines to meet, and no worries. We are all in such a rush to be get older but once we get to that point, we are stuck being adults for the rest of our lives.

Childhood goes fast and sometimes, getting older isn't all it's cracked up to be. Though growing up may be scary, there are still so many things to look forward too. For now, the only thing we can do is make the most of it, and work to be the best possible adult version of ourselves we can be. Even if you don't have it all together like opportunity to meet many new you thought you might at this age, people in the workplace, and be at least you can realize one thing:

## How, We, Like, Literally Use Words: Will Modern Day Text Lingo Ruin Language?

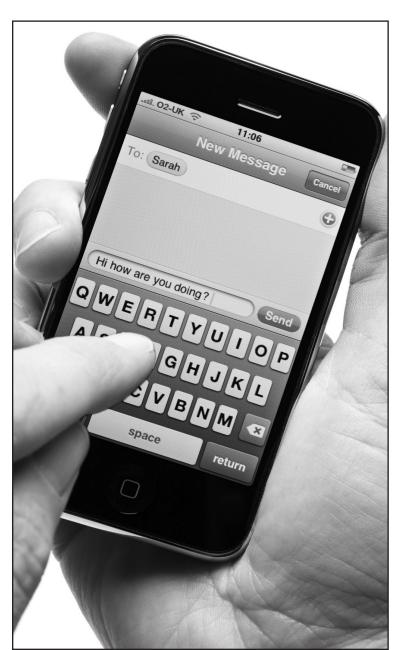


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Modern day lingo may be okay to use in text messaging, but to come off as a "professional," people may need to watch their word choices.

**ROBERT ZADOTTI** 

Since the introduction of instant messaging to society, whether it was internet chatrooms, emails, or texting. people have started to condense, modify, and alter words in order to make them easier to type, LOL, JK, TTYL, etc. have dominated the digital word since they were created. But despite the ease and comfort in typing these casual words, the consequences on formality and sentence structure could be di-

It's not even text-talk that's the problem: informal phrases such as "like," "legit" and improper use of "literally" surally harming the language as a matter in the end if these words round a generation of people who may not be able to speak in a formal setting, much less speak publicly. But is it necessary to adhere to previously established "rules" of speaking? Or are we meant to go with the flow and treat this like any other "popular phrase" of the past? Does virtual messaging really make these any worse than those that came before?

"It's more of a subconscious thing people say when they talk," said Hunter Farman, a sophomore commuication maior. It's true that people don't use these colloquialisms entirely consciously. These phrases get so ingrained to our day-today lives, whether we're saying them or someone else is, that it becomes hard not to use them.

"There are some people who just use them way too many times when they're speaking,"

continued Farman.

This is true, people go into excess with words that create an easy sentence structure. This combination of repetitive exposure and ease of use makes these phrases crop up everywhere we hear. The common occurrence of these words ingrain them to convention.

Now it's easy for a group of people to act all high and mighty while criticizing people for their bad grammar, but it's pointless (that's what the internet is for.) It's entirely possible people are overreacting to the matter at hand. There are al-

"Actually, it's fun using words that don't actually exist and phrases that really don't make sense," said Sabrina Kvalo, a sophomore psychology major.

'It makes conversation way more interesting," she added.

The thought of using words

because they are enjoyable may, at first, seem childish but invokes a feeling of freedom that may have even been apparent when words we use today were created many years ago.

If we think back to Shakespeare, he may very well have created a word because it was "fun to use" in that particular scene. It is a worthwhile thought to imagine colloquialisms lightheartedly, and not as an assassination of the English language. students and other young adults point, you know?

overuse truly a bad thing?

"Awareness of faddish expressions is a positive step in achieving clear, fresh, effective writing. Sometimes students use these phrases so frequently that they are unaware of it," said Noel Belinski, a lecturer of English.

'Students should consider phrases for their essential meaning, their value, and whether they are necessary at all," she continued.

Her point is a clear one: the English language is a growing entity, but in order for one to be taken seriously and professionways two sides to a story, so on ally, words of stature and qualare good or evil, just as long as one can distinguish the betters from the lesser.

> Words are words; some are good, some are bad. Apples and oranges are all fruit in the end, with only the taste to be judged by. The next time you're writing a paper, don't use casual lingo you'd say around friends, think smarter.

> As Belinski continued, "Trite phrases are a barrier to clear communication."

To separate words that are needed for the proper situation is not condemning the simpler terms to oblivion, but to just weave through the numerous additions being made to the language day after day. So shape up your sentences and clean up your conjunctions, because But in the end, a consensus must certain words belong in cerbe reached. Are these words that tain places. That's just like, the

## Classroom Competition: What Makes Students Work

KERRY BREEN STAFF WRITER

For some students in college, grades are everything. A grade point average (GPA) can heavily affect scholarships and if someone can't afford to go to the school without a scholarship, not having good grades can be disastrous. Good grades can also be helpful in the future. In a post-college job, having a high GPA can prove to an employer that you have the skills and qualifications for the job that you are applying for, and that you're willing to work hard to do well.

Getting good grades can also lead to building a good relationship with a professor. Sometimes, professors have connections with others in their fields: people who may be hiring. If you have a good relationship with these professors, it may make chology major, is motivated by exgetting a job in your preferred field much easier.

internal and external pressures. Some students, no matter how much they may hate a class, dislike a professor, or just do not care about the material, still drive themselves to complete their work to the best of their ability, simply because they are determined to succeed.

In other cases, it is external pressures that drive students to do well, whether that be scholarships and the chances of getting a job after college, like mentioned above, or a desire to please their parents or simply be recognized for the work that they are doing. A lot of college life can also hinge on getting good grades, such as getting a spot on the Dean's List, being eligible for a study abroad, and being able to join a sorority or fraternity.

Liz Roderick, a freshman psyternal pressures. "I'm motivated to succeed in my classes for the sake not disappointing people," she said.

This seems to be a strong motivation for many, most people come to college hoping to get the training they need to find a job, and getting good grades is an important part of that. There are also a lot of tips and tricks when it comes to getting good

Some of these tips are basic, such as reading over the syllabus, going to class, and making sure that you get enough sleep at night. (It can be hard to wake up for an 8:30 am class when you didn't go to sleep until four in the morning!)

Other advice includes getting to know your professors, making sure that studying is prioritized so that you spend the most time working on your harder classes, and therefore getting a good grade. You can also take electives that will be easy to do well in, which can give your right major, sometimes people pick a major based on the orders of their parents or another external force, and can do poorly because of a lack of knowledge or interest.

And then of course, there are study tips in general. Katharine Dix, a freshman political science major, recommended finding a quiet spot, "a comfortable place with little distractions." She also points out that "It's helpful to make sure you know you have all the things you need, so that you don't have an excuse to get up and distract yourself."

While these are just a few of many tips, there are dozens of websites devoted to giving advice on time management, effective studying strategies, and other tools.

Mary Harris, a specialist professor of communication, said, "When the competition comes from the desire to be the best version of GPA a boost when needed. And of yourself, the competitive attitude other.

Students can be driven by both of impressing future employers and course, make sure that you pick the could be a positive attribute. In general, people are competitive for the wrong reasons, and have toxic motivating factors."

"The competitive nature can be a slippery slope. [Students] might not be doing something because they want too, their just putting up a facade. My message to people is to try to do the best they can do with any challenge they are presented with just for the pride of their work," Harris continued.

Becoming competitive and driven in the classroom is a fact of life for most college students. Whether they are motivated by themselves or by something else, like their parents, a minimum GPA requirement, or the hope of a future job, the end result is all the same: an endless drive to succeed, one that is often assisted by study tips and tricks. For many, this is just another aspect of college life, as essential as any

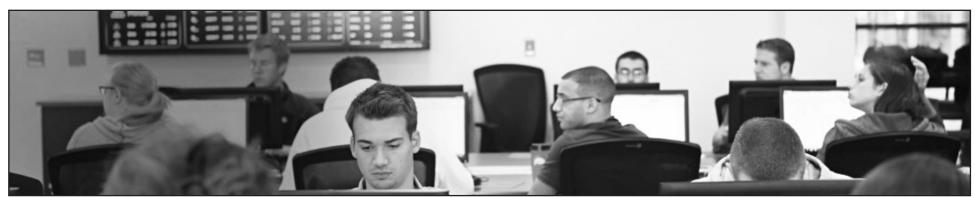


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Many college students are competitive in the classroom not only to get good grades and succeed, but to build realtionships with their professors and work towards a future career goal.

#### ARE 905 CLASSIC TV SHOWS THE BEST? **月**月 山 "YOU GOT IT, DUDE!"

**NICOLETTE ACCARDI** 

There was a time long ago when family sitcoms and cartoons dominated the world of television. Sounds weird right? Now cheesy reality television has taken over the media industry. There is just something about it that seems to be thrilling and draws us in. Let's put aside the present for a second and have a blast from the past:

The 90s were a time of simplicity for us college kids. We were all young without a care in the world. Pondering about the 90s decade leaves me with feelings of nostalgia. Since we all sadly cannot go back in time, why not pretend by living through our favorite 90s television shows?

'You got it dude!" Does that catch phrase ring a bell? My all time favorite show to this day is Full House. This 90s classic never gets old and is very quotable, as we can all clearly see. If I'm lucky, sometimes I'm able to catch it on at 9 pm, but sadly this rarely happens due to my busy college schedule. I would honestly do anything to have Full House make new seasons again and air constantly, as odd as that may sound. I am a die-hard fan, I am not exaggerating either.

For my birthday I have asked for a Full House T-shirt with Danny Tanner on it. I know strange, but hey what can I say, I am a true fan! Full House combines comedy with real world problems that just makes it hilarious, yet fantastic. If the Full House DVD set was not \$200 I would buy it in a second. Oth- well."



IMAGE TAKEN from thetruthtelevision.com

"Full House," one of the classic 90s TV shows, is an example of a sitcom that several loved, and wished was still in production.

ers may or may not share my strange Full House obsession, but lets see what 90s television shows students still long for.

Kaitlyn Robertson, a freshman special education major, said. "I really wish Hev Arnold was still on television. The show reminds me of all the times my brother and I use to watch television together. We do not get that kind of quality time together anymore."

Robertson continued, "Thinking about old cartoons brings back so many memories from my childhood. It makes me feel nostalgic. Another plus of the show is it was very funny as

Karen Zavala, a freshman health studies major, shares the same enjoyment as Robertson.

"Hev Arnold was such a hilarious show. Helga was probably my favorite character. She always said the funniest, sassiest stuff that just made certain scenarios so funny. For example. Helga's most famous line: "What do vou want football head?" You just do not get shows with that kind of humor anymore; it is pretty rare.

Alli Ganim, a freshman, wishthat was prominent in the 80s as well as the 90s. "I wish Saved by What made this show so great day night, and suddenly all the to please the customer right?

was the experiences the charac- women disappeared into a bedters would face and go through. room and closed the door. Yup, You could easily relate to all the characters since they all are similar ages as us," she said.

Ganim continued, "They all had similar problems and issues dastardly deeds, that was all evas we do. All of the situations they faced were all resolved somehow, so this personally gave me hope by thinking all issues can be resolved one way or another."

es a show would still come on my God, that is easy, Dallas! Everyone was absolutely ad-

you guessed it, *Dallas* was on!

"Bobby was the "good," kind brother, and JR, oh, well, he was the JR, he got shot for his eryone talked about since it was the 'cliffhanger' at the end of a season! Great memories," continued Zuchnik.

Someone needs to wake up and revive 90s television. We all need Diane Zuchnik, an adjunct to ditch the reality television and English professor, said, "Oh bring back the true classics. What are we all waiting for? I am now going to write my petition to Nickdicted to it! I remember being at elodeon and demand Full House to the Bell was still televised often. a friend's house party on a Fri- air during the day. Hey, you have

### Delta Tau Delta Raises Money for Diabetes Research

**HEATHER MUH** 

Delta Tau Delta (DTD), one of the new fraternities on campus, has recently been doing a lot of work to help their philanthropy, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF.)

sororities Fraternities and around the country pride themselves on being dedicated to their philanthropies and DTD, even though they are new to the University's Greek community, is no exception to this. Over the past week, the fraternity has held two events to benefit JDRF, with more to come.

November is National Diabetes Month. DTD's first event was "Delta Tau-Gate," a tailgate at the home football game on Nov.

"I chose Nov. 1 because it was Type 1 Diabetes Day," said Anthony Serrantonio, a senior communication TV/radio major and the Philanthropy Chair for DTD. "A lot of work went into planning this event in a short amount of time. I had to get local business to sponsor the event by donating gift cards for us to raffle off the

10 businesses to sponsor us. We also had a local seafood restaurant donate soup for us to sell."

Serrantonio explained that they had also planned to hold cornhole and kanjam tournaments but inclement weather forced the guys to move the event inside the MAC. Despite the rain, the event still raised a decent amount of money. "We worked hard and were still able to raise \$430 for JDRF so in the end I was still happy with the event," said Serrantonio.

The rain did not stop people from enjoying the event.

"It was so nice to see an organization coming together for their cause regardless of weather conditions," said Victoria Wright, sophomore psychology major. "The amount of support they got from other organizations on campus shows how accepting the campus community is and I think that is awesome.

DTD's second event, held on Nov. 5 at The Lobster House restaurant in Freehold, was a "dine to donate." The Lobster House agreed to donate 50 percent of their profits for the entire day to

day of. We were able to get about the fraternity, which was then donated to JDRF. Serrantonio described the event as a "huge success," as it raised over \$1,600.

"I really enjoyed the event and the fact that we got to support a great cause while enjoying a meal with other Greek life members," said Corinne McDonald, senior social work major.

DTD's efforts to support JDRF aren't slowing down anytime soon. Serrantonio explained that the fraternity is planning to table outside the student center on Nov. 14, World Diabetes Day, where they will be selling bracelets and accepting donations. They will also be holding their main philanthropy event, "Delta Queen," in the spring semester.

Stuart Rosenberg, DTD's advisor, feels that the fraternity's work for JDRF has been and will continue to be a success.

"Delta Tau Delta has raised roughly \$2,000 for JDRF and the fraternity is working on additional events to support its phil-anthropic efforts," said Rosen-

The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation is the leader in global organizations funding type 1 diabetes research. According to JDRF.org, about 30,000 people are diagnosed with type 1 diabetes each year in the U.S. alone. The organization's mission is to find a cure.

"Since November is National Diabetes Month, I'm proud that we were able to have two successful events that can hopefully contribute to the cause of finding a cure," said Austin Marcellino, a sophomore business major and member of DTD. "Being a new Greek organization on campus, it was nice to see support from others in the Greek community to help us achieve our goals."

"Kids with Type 1 Diabetes have the burden of constantly monitoring their diet and blood sugar throughout their childhood in order to prevent themselves from getting extremely sick," explained Alex Noboa, junior business marketing major and member of DTD. "We hold this organization very close to us because no child deserves to carry that burden and we want to help find a cure for them."

Noboa said their JDRF donation page, as well as our upcoming philanthropy events, can be found on the Monmouth Delts Facebook page (facebook.com/monmouthdelts).

## SAB Hosts "Preferred Parking" Comedy Tour

Comedians Samuel J. Comroe and Drew Lynch stopped by the University on their "Preferred Parking" comedy tour on Friday night, Nov. 7 in Anacon Hall from 8 - 9:30 pm

The comedians call their "Preferred Parking," poking fun at the challenges they face every day. Comroe has had Tourette's syndrome his whole life, making his hand and face twitch. Lynch, however, had aspirations to become an actor up until a few years ago when a company softball game gone wrong led to a vocal cord injury that causes him to stutter.

Sponsored by the Student Activities Board (SAB), President and junior marketing ma-jor Dylan Vargas said "Pre-ferred Parking" is different than the other acts because it is something people don't get to see all the time.

Comroe and Lynch comically spoke of the struggles they face every day and the unwanted social situations their handicaps create. Lynch even said that his stutter and daily struggles have made him more humble, and Comroe poked fun at the way his face twitching makes it look like he's winking at everyone. The two friends were touring separately before they decided to go on tour together and create "Preferred Parking."

According to the duo's website, "These hilarious comedians with challenges, inspire and motivate you to think twice about complaining about your life."

SAB first heard of "Preferred Parking" at their National Association of Campus Activities conference last spring and booked them in person and had the date set since February, according to Vargas.

"I think one of the biggest factors that also made us choose them is that when we saw them on stage at NACA we felt that they were hilarious," said SAB Comedy Chair and sophomore accounting major Emily Townsend. "One could

tell they were comedians, not for the money, but for the enjoyment they get and that the audience gets when the two of them tell jokes."

"About 75 people attended the comedy show, which is very successful considering it was a cold Friday night," said Alicia Torello, SAB Aware-ness Chair and sophomore communication major.

"This was a very good turnout for awareness because it is sometimes hard getting people to show up for awareness events," said Townsend.

"Preferred Parking" highlights that the underdog can come out on top with humor by taking a negative situation and reflecting it in a positive light, according to the comedians' website.

Kelly, Assistant Heather Director of Student Activities for Muticultural and Diversity Initiatives, said, "I thought the turnout was great for a comedy show with a deeper message. I hope that it had a more significant impact. It's rare you get a question and answer portion with a comedy show. I love that people asked questions about the performers, not just about their disabilities. Sometimes when you have a disability it is hard for people to look past that and see the complex person that exists underneath, just like everyone else. When you have a disability, you have to look at life the same way any other person should, [and] with a heavy dose of laugher.'

This comedy act is different from past acts SAB hosts because the Comedy Chair, Townsend, and the Awareness Chair, Torello, worked together on the event. This allowed SAB to highlight awareness for disabilities through the act, according to Townsend.

"Through its humor, [Preferred Parking] really teaches us about acceptance of dis-abilities as well as tolerance in general," said Torello.

Although the comedians say they don't actually get preferred parking, despite their weekly visits to the DMV, their skits can be found on their YouTube Profile, "Preferred Parking Comedy Tour."



PHOTOS COURTESY of Anthony Serrantonio

**Delta Tau Delta partners** with JDRF at their Delta Tau Gate last week.

## CLUB AND GREEK **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **MONMOUTH PEP BAND**

Basketball season is here and we are looking to solidify our band. We are in need of any trumpet, mellophone, baritone horn, trombone and tuba players that may wish to become a part of our award winning band. Limited openings for clarinet players are available also. Currently, we are complete in our flute, saxophone and drum sections. If interested, please e-mail Professor Jenner at bjenner@monmouth.edu or stop by room 332 in the student center during the day. Fly Hawks!

#### MONMOUTH AREA **VEGETARIAN** SOCIETY

MAVS is holding its 2nd annual Vegan Thanksgiving Potluck on Sunday, Nov. 16, at 1 pm in the Magill Commons Club Dining Room. The event will feature special guest speaker Harold Brown of Farm Kind. The event is free and open to the public. Please bring an autumnthemed vegan dish with utensils and an index card listing ingredients to contribute to the vegan potluck RSVP to mcharris@monmouth. edu.

#### **PRSSA**

On November 18 and 20, PRSSA will be holding a food drive in the Student Center for The People's Pantry, a local food bank to help Hurricane Sandy victims. From 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, you can drop off practically any food ranging from canned goods to macaroni and cheese boxes.

#### **COMMWORKS**

CommWorks is having a Poetry Slam in the Hawk TV Studio at 2:30 pm on Nov. 19th. All talent is welcome. Giftcard prizes will be awarded

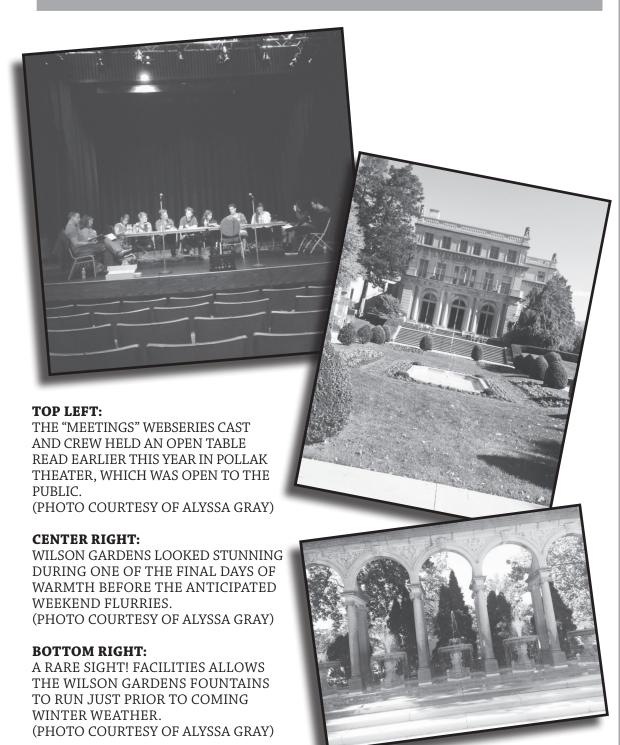
### AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENT UNION

AASU is having its annual Ebony Night Fashion Show on Nov. 20 in Anacon Hall. The theme is "A Night with the Stars" It will be a cinemabased fashion show. Doors open at 7:30 pm. Proceeds will benefit a local non-profit We are also co-sponsoring a clothing drive with AKA. We will be tabling for tickets and clothing collection for the next two weeks in the student center and the dining hall. Those who donate clothing will receive a discounted price for admission into the fashion show.

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES CLUB**

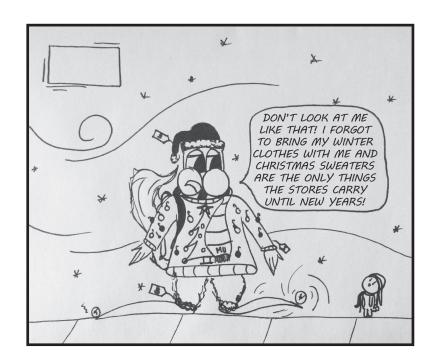
Would you like to learn more about Human Resources and the growing career opportunities within the field? Join the Student Chapter Human Resources Club and learn about an exciting profession that employs individuals from all majors. Our club is active and exposes its members to industry professionals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





## COMICS

#### "MISGUIDED UNDERSTANDINGS" BY ALYSSA GRAY



A SO-YOU-SAY COMIX #54

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## What's your favorite social media site? COMPILED BY: KIERA LANNI



Athena Freshman

"Probably Instagram because I like looking at the pictures."



Moon-Ho Freshman

"Twitter because I can talk with all of my friends from home."



Amanda Freshman

"Twitter. A lot of the bands I listen to have Twitter, and that's how I keep up with them."



Karen Bright Professor- Dept. of Art and Design

"Facebook because I go where everyone else goes. It's the easiest way to find people I've lost contact with, and to find my students."

## Field Hockey Wins MAAC Title for First Time

Will Host Princeton on Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 1 pm for NCAA Tournament

MICHELLE GONZALEZ STAFF WRITER

Among one of field hockey's largest audiences at So Sweet A Cat Field, the Hawks made history over the weekend. The blue and white defeated Sacred Heart University, 2-1, in the semi-finals and Rider University in the finals, 6-1, to become the 2014 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) champions.

Friday's 2-1 victory over the Sacred Heart Pioneers kicked off the weekend quest. The fourth-seeded Pioneers reached the semi-finals with a MAAC record of 3-2, while the first seed Hawks had a record of

The Hawks brought momentum from the first whistle, outshooting Sacred Heart 6-2. It was in the 16th minute that MU lit up the scoreboard. Senior forward Trish O'Dwyer crossed the ball into the circle to fellow senior forward Amanda Schoenfeld for her 13th goal of the year.

Just eight minutes later, MU sophomore Alyssa Ercolino connected with freshman Julie Laszlo on an insert play. Laszlo's shot deflected off of the stick of Sacred Heart's defense and into cage. As the clock winded down, SHU midfielder Liz Bergman drew a foul in the MU defensive cir- Hawks 1-0 handing the Hawks one rebounded a loose ball at MU goalkeeper Christen Piersanti but was denied in a diving save. The Hawks finished the half with a 2-0 lead.

The second half was a back and onship final. forth battle between both teams. Both offenses attempted three corners but could not capitalize. It was Rider University. On Friday, Oct.



PHOTO COURTESY of Taylor Jackson

The Field Hockey team celebrates their first MAAC Championship with the traditional "dumping the water bucket" on their coach.

cle. Liz Bergman fired in a penalty stroke to make the final score. The Hawks walked away with the victory, leading into Sunday's champi-

It was a matter of revenge on Sunday, Nov. 9 as the Hawks took on in the 67th minute that the Pioneers 17, the Rider Broncs defeated the pushed it off to O'Dwyer for a clean

of their seven regular season losses.

The blue and white came ready to play, outshooting the Broncs 10-1 in the first half. In the 18th minute of play, O'Dwyer crossed the ball to Schoenfeld for a far post finish. Ten minutes later, Schoenfeld drew in the Rider goalkeeper, and then

shot on goal. With a 2-0 lead, the Schoenfeld- O'Dwyer duo created a 2-v-1 scenario which ultimately secured Schoenfeld a hat trick.

"Schoenfeld and I have worked so hard from the beginning. When we are on the field we don't even need to talk. We know exactly where the other is going to be. It's amazing to do it together. I am so proud of every girl on this team, every coach, and every person who has helped build this program to what it is today,"

As the second half was underway and MU held a 3-0 lead, it became apparent that Rider was hungry for a goal. Alsina Clotet powered through the MU defense for the Broncs to put her team on the board and narrow MU's lead to two. But in the 44th minute, O'Dwyer sent in another cross during a corner play to Schoenfeld for a rocket shot into the net. Ten minutes later, freshman Maartje Wicherink solely faced the Rider defense and fired a reverse shot goal, adding to the Hawks' tally.

MU finalized the score at 6-1 when O'Dwyer earned her 18th goal of the season with a backhanded shot, through the legs of the Rider MAAC co-Goalkeeper of the Year, Joelle Prettyman.

MU goalkeeper, freshman Christen Piersanti, earned her 12th win of the year, only seeing four shots. Schoenfeld and O'Dwyer combined for a total of 14 points in Sunday's match. O'Dwyer also surpassed Michelle Pieczynski's all-time leading record of points (136) for MU. The record, now set by O'Dwyer, stands at 141 points.

With their MAAC title, the field hockey team now advances to the NCAA tournament, a first in program history. The Hawks are set to face Princeton on Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 1 pm on So Sweet A Cat Field. This game will mark the fifth time MU Athletics has hosted an NCAA event, the most recent being in 2011

## The March to Madness Begins this Friday

**KEN MAGNER** STAFF WRITER

is set to tip-off their season on Friday, Nov. 14, at West Virginia. The team is coming off an 11-21 season last year, which includes a conference record of 5-15. That placed them ninth out of eleven teams in their first season as members of the he brings to the court. Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC). The MAAC was won by Iona during the regular season, while Manhattan won the conference tournament to move on to the NCAA tournament. MU lost to Rider in the first round of the MAAC tournament to finish their season.

This season looks to be a more promising one for the Hawks, who hope to make it back to the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2006. They will be lead by fourth year head coach King Rice. Four of five starters will return as the team is filled with experience; something that many collegiate teams do not have the luxury of. The team will be led by junior guard, and All-MAAC preseason third teamer Deon Jones.

Jones was the Hawks leading scorer (15.1 ppg), rebounder (6.9 rpg) and free throw shooter (.772) a season ago. He will be joined in the backcourt by senior guard Andrew Nicholas. Nicholas was the team's second leading scorer (14.3 ppg) a season ago, and a key contributor behind the three point line. The pair will be joined by Max DiLeo, a senior guard who shot 48.2 percent from behind the three point arc last season.

Alexis Knowles, a sophomore economics and finance major

the team. When asked who her The men's basketball team favorite player was, Knowles responded, "It's hard to pick a favorite because each of them played such an instrumental role in the teams' success last year. If I did have to pick one, Max DiLeo would be my pick because of the nonstop energy

DiLeo, Jones and Nicholas will be joined by sophomore Josh James, senior Brice Kofane, sophomore Greg Noack, freshman Micah Seaborn, sophomore Justin Robinson,

Zac Tillman and Chris Brady. Junior transfer Je'lon Hornbeak will sit this season out and freshman Ba'shawn Mickens will redshirt. The Hawks have some encouraging stats to build off from last year, with a positive rebounding margin of +.9 and positive turnover margin of +.5. If the Hawks can build on this +1.4 possession margin, the wins should follow.

It won't be a walk in the park this season, however, as the MAAC has several talented teams. In a preseason poll, MU

the men's home games last sea- freshman Austin Tilghman, and ranked sixth in the MAAC. son, loves what Dileo brings to sophomores Collin Stewart, Iona and Siena seem to be co-Iona and Siena seem to be cofavorites this season, but Iona won the preseason poll, placing them first. Iona has tons of talent, and will be led by MAAC preseason player of the year, David Laury, a junior forward. He will be joined by guards A.J. English and Isaiah Williams.

When asked who he saw as the toughest competition in the conference this season, Nicholas responded, "I would say Siena probably over Iona because they have all their starters back, they didn't lose anybody and they have a great coach.'

Led by head coach Jimmy Patsos, Siena has tons of depth and has potential to be much better defensively. They are led by their leading scorer from last season, Rob Poole as well as defensive stalwart Brett Bisping. Ranked third in the preseason poll is the team that represented the MAAC in the NCAA tournament last season, Manhattan.

Manhattan only returns two starters, but with plenty of incoming talent and tons of depth, they are certain to bring some competition.

Fourth in the poll was St. Peter's, who return eleven players, and will be led by forward Marvin Dominique. If the Peacocks improve on offense, they can be dangerous.

In fifth in the poll is Quinnipiac who dominated on the boards last season. They will be led by rebounding machine Ousmane Drame. After Monmouth, whose experience and returning talent surely makes them a sleeper to win the conference, the poll is rounded out by Rider, Marist, Fairfield, Canisius and Niagra.

After kicking off the season in West Virginina, the Hawks will return home for their first home game of the season on Nov. 21 against Bethune-Cookman. MU's first conference game will come at Marist on December 4, followed by the first home conference game on Dec. 7 against Iona.

The Hawks will wrap up their regular season at home on March 1 against Siena, before heading to Albany for the MAAC tournament on March 5-9. If all goes well in the MAAC tournament it will be a fun Selection Sunday for Monmouth on March 15.



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who attended the majority of **Senior Deon Jones** seen here against St. Peter's, averaged over 15 points per game during last season.

## Men's Soccer Advances to Semifinals

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

After clinching a birth in the MAAC Championship Tournament with a 2-0 win over rival St. Peter's, the men's soccer team stayed hot and advanced to the semi-finals of the tournament with a 3-0 win over the Sienna Saints.

Before they could focus on tournament play, the Hawks had to take care of business when they traveled to St. Peter's with their playoff hopes still in question. The blue and white did just that, putting on an impressive performance against the Peacocks, and grabbing the fourth seed in the MAAC tournament.

Sophomore forward Dave Nigro led the way for MU, as he assisted on fellow sophomore, Brandon Mc-Carthy's, opening goal in the 14th minute, and then added a goal of his own in the 27<sup>th</sup> minute of play. Eric Klenofsky, the Hawks' sophomore goalie, also played a key role in the victory with his 11th shutout of the season. Klenofsky made four total nior defender Derek Luke had his

the final seconds of the game that took away any hope the Peacocks had of a late comeback.

"It was a convincing performance today at a very difficult through just two minutes latplace to play," said head coach Robert McCourt. "This group has so much character, and we are excited to get the tourney started."

That excitement was evident three days later when the Hawks welcomed fifth seeded Sienna to Hesse Field at The Great Lawn for the quarterfinal round of the MAAC Championships. Despite being outshot 13-9 by the Saints, MU took advantage of the opportunities they did have and came away with a relatively easy victory.

After a quiet start to the contest, the Hawks began to pick things up and got off three shots while dominating possession for a span of about 13 minutes. Unfortunately, for the blue and white, freshman midfielder, Andrew Gee's, shot was block by a Saint defender, and iu-

saves on the night, including two in attempt saved by the Sienna goalkeeper, while his second attempt went wide of the net in the 27th min-

> MU was finally able to break er when sophomore midfielder Miguel Alves was on the receiving end of senior forward, Dom Sarle's, cross, and headed it past the keeper to give the Hawks a 1-0 lead in the 29<sup>th</sup> minute.

> Just a little more than ten minutes later, the Hawks increased their lead when Gee and Luke were able to finally find the back of the net. In a play similar to the first goal, Gee received a cross into the box from Luke, and headed it in to make the score 2-0

> The two first half goals would be more than enough for MU, but they still came out aggressive in the second half. Following a Klenofsky save in the 63<sup>rd</sup> minute, the Hawks again pushed forward offensively and put pressure on the Sienna defense. This pressure paid off, and resulted in the Hawks third goal of

the game in the 67<sup>th</sup> minute. This time it was Sarle on the receiving end of a cross, and he easily beat the keeper to extend MU's lead to 3-0, which would ultimately be the final score.

Klenofsky was equally as impressive as the MU offense on the night as he had yet another clean sheet, his 12<sup>th</sup> of the year, and made seven saves on the night.

"I'm just happy for all of the guys on the team," said McCourt after the win. "We've had to deal with some adversity this year and they never strayed. The locker room was always very positive, and I really think that they deserve this. We're really excited about going into the tournament, and they've earned every step of the way."

The Hawks will look to keep this momentum going on Friday, Nov. 14, when they take on the second seeded Iona Gaels in the semifinals. In their lone contest this year the Hawks fell to the Gaels 1-0 on the road. Kick-off is set for 10 am at Quinnipiac University.

## SIDE



team kicked off their season with a 84-72 win over Wesley College in an exhibition contest.

Sophomore's Collin Stewart and Chris Brady led the Hawks with 14 points a piece, while the blue and white spread the ball around effectively with seven players scoring at least eight points. Senior forward Brice Kofane had a solid debut for the Hawks, with eight points on 3-5 shooting as well as a team leading six rebounds.

After leading by two at the half, MU went on a 31-14 run to start the second half and put the game away. The Hawks face a tough task when they open their regular this Friday, Nov. 14, as they travel to West Virginia to take on the Mountaineers, a member of the Big 12 Conference. Tip-off is set for 7 pm.



The men's soccer team had two players receive weekly honors this past Monday. Sopho-

more goalie Eric Klenofsky was named the MAAC Defensive Player of the Week, and freshman midfielder Andrew Gee was voted as the MAAC Rookie of the Week.

Klenofsky posted two shutouts in the Hawks wins over St. Peter's and Sienna, while Gee recorded his first career goal and assist in the teams quarterfinal win. This is familiar territory for Klenofsky, as it is his sixth time receiving the honor, but new for Gee, who was given the honor for the first time in his career.

#### UPCOMING **GAMES**

Wednesday, November 12 FH vs. Princeton W. Long Branch, NJ 1:00 pm NCAA Tournament Play-In

Friday, November 14 Bowling at UMES Classic Millsboro, Del. 10:00 am

MSOC at Iona\* Hamden, Conn. 10:00 am MAAC Semifinal

WCC at NCAAs State College, PA 12:00 pm Regional Championships

MCC at NCAAs State College, PA 1:15 pm Regional Championship

MBB at West Virginia Morgantown, WVA 7:00 pm

Saturday, November 15 Bowling at UMES Classic Millsboro, Del. 10:00 am

Football at Coastal Carolina\* Conway, SC 3:00 pm

WBB vs. Lehigh W. Long Branch, NJ 7:00 pm The MAC

Sunday, November 16 Bowling at UMES Classic Millsboro, Del. 10:00 am

MSOC at TBD Hamden, Conn TBA MAAC Championship

Thursday, November 20 WBB at LIU Brooklyn Brooklyn, NY 7:00pm Steinberg Wellness Center

\*conference games

## Hawks Hang Tough, But Fall Late to Liberty

ALFRED TILLERSON

The Hawks' football team's pursuit of their first Big South win will have to wait another week after falling to the Liberty Flames, 34-24. With their third straight loss, the Hawks' record drops to 5-4 (0-3 in Big South) while the Flames improve to 7-3 (3-0 in Big South).

"I was really proud of the way our team played today," said MU head coach Kevin Callahan. "They put forth a great effort and made some difficult plays in critical situations. Unfortunately, we were not able to pull the game out in the fourth quarmore running back Lavon Chaney with a great plan on both sides of the ball and our players did a good job of executing it."

a big play of their own. However, the Hawks were unable to sustain momentum by yielding 10-points over the final 10-minutes of the contest. Senior quarterback Brandon Hill connected on 18-of-28 pass attempts for 189-yards and two scores despite not having two of his top targets, fifth year wide receiver Neal Sterling and senior wide receiver Eric Sumlin.

Both of his touchdown passes, a three yard dump-off to senior fullback Jake Mauro and a 37-vard rainbow to sophomore receiver Darren Ambush, tied the ballgame following Liberty scoring drives. Sophoter. I felt that we went into the game also contributed with 92-yards on the ground and 125-all-purpose yardage on 20-touches.

With the Hawks trailing early in Playing without six notable con- the first quarter, the offense turned tributors, the Hawks stood tall and to a little trickery early when sophohung tough with the Flames, match- more wide receiver Matt Choi took ing their each and every move with a reverse handoff and tossed a 68- Basile each contributed with eight sive back Kevin Butler.

Valles to even the score at seven. Choi's touchdown pass was the second such touchdown this season tossed by a non-quarterback, the first was Chaney who threw two against Columbia on Oct. 11.

Liberty's offense secured 407-yards in the game while MU's offense was able to pick up 344-yards. However, the Hawks were a lot better in sustaining drives this week, going 6-of-12 on third downs, as opposed to last week against Charleston Southern, where MU was 1-for-13 on third down conversions.

Fifth year defensive lineman John Sieczjkowski led all Hawk defenders with 13-tackles, a new career high, while junior linebacker Tyler Thompson finished the day with 11-tackles, two for a loss and a fumble recovery. Sophomore Darnell Leslie and freshman Mike

yard touchdown pass to Hakeem tackles a piece. The Hawks also had two sacks in the game, one by Thompson and another by Basile, doubling their sack total in the last three games.

> The Hawks will resume play on Saturday, Nov. 15 as they travel to Conway, SC to battle against the 10-0 Chanticleers of Coastal Carolina, arguably the top team at the FCS level after North Dakota State's 35-game winning streak came to an end by the hands of Northern Iowa this past weekend. The Chanticleers are coming off a 59-34 victory over UNC-Charlotte.

> Kickoff for MU's contest at Coastal Carolina is set for 3 pm and the game will be televised via

> The Hawks should see the returns of Sterling, Sumlin, fifth year lineback Dan Sullivan, senior lineman Eric Macik, senior lineman Andrew Jurczynski, and sophomore defen-

## Surfers "Drop-In" Despite Drop in Temperature

RYAN GALLAGHER

part of our lives again. As much as into the bitter ocean. we've blocked it out of our minds, it is upon us. As the fall season days that happiness seems impossible, the days that we hate to get out of bed, can very well be trans- pecially after a big set of waves formed by pumping surf.

On the first day of the new month of November the sun was shining, the swell was there.

"A definite 3/2 wetsuit day," I thought.

The sun had me fooled. I stepped outside ready to surf and immediately knew I would be missing my 5/4. With howling winds and temperatures in the 40s, this session would mark the beginning of what we'd all been blocking out of our minds since the year prior.

The destination was Belmar. Hunter Rainis was driving Tyler and I that day. The car ride felt anxious. Tyler was wrapped up in a detailed conversation, trying to give directions to Hunter who seemed dumbfounded. At the same time, Hunter and I were just as confused, hitting every red light on the way to the beach.

It was big. We stepped out of the car and saw nothing but barrels

of the blustery wind.

Chilled to the bone, we sprinted down the beach, trying to get Cold. It's starting to become a a slight sweat up before plunging

The waves were consistent and the current was ripping. Every grows old and winter creeps in, wave forced one knee to the board, surfing will not (can not) stop. The a crouched stance and an unenddays that end at five o clock, the ing effort to make it out of the dark, foamy pits.

Brain freeze was common, esand nowhere to go but underneath the looming surf. Hunter got barreled, Tyler got pitted and Andrew got "chubed" if I heard correctly. All the same, we had a great time.

"It was the first northeast storm

to come up the coast," said sophomore Hunter Rainis. "It brought nearly hypothermic state. Halfway the waves, but definitely also brought the cold and gave us a little taste of what winter will be like.

We all surfed until our bodies were numb, with the exception of Ty, who was snug in his 5/4.

With Dunkin Donuts in hand and the heat blasting, we started to make our way back to campus.

decided to stop and check a local break in Long Branch. It was good. A bit smaller, but good. All of us still freezing, we looked at each other and could not resist.

The suits went back on, and our

bodies were forced back into a through the session the sun peaked out and gave us a little more to smile about.

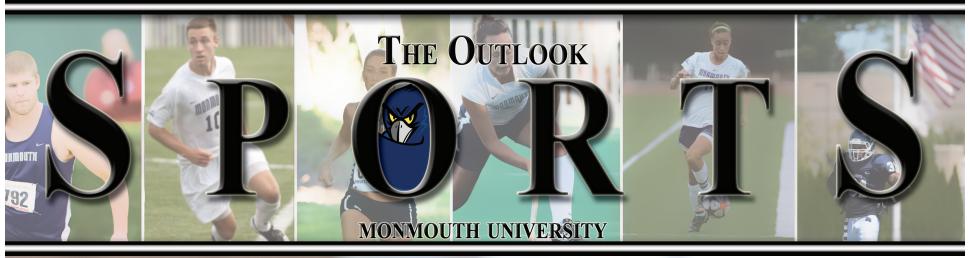
"The waves were head high with strong west winds making the conditions ideal for east coast surfers," said freshman Andrew Moon. "Anyone who surfed last Sunday left the water stoked with a good story about their best wave. Before arriving, the four of us as well as a solid neck tan from

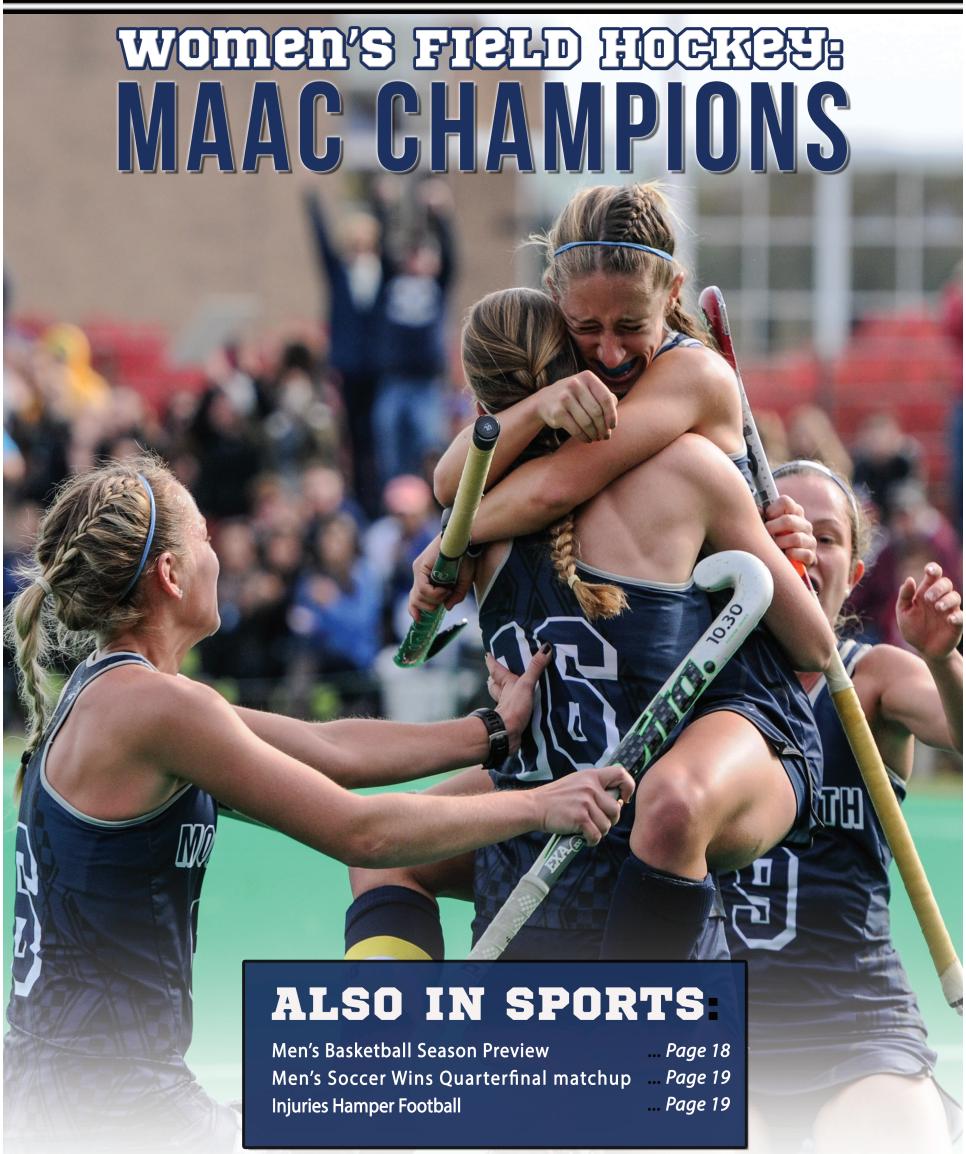
their wetsuit. In the end, yes we were freezing our asses off, but none of us cared. We all scored big time on that Sunday, and could not have asked for much more.



PHOTO COURTESY of Andrew Moon

as far as the eye could see. Big, Freshman Andrew Moon refused to let the cold stop him from hitting the surf, and snapped this picture frothy barrels, catching every bit on his GoPro right before he, in his own words, got "chubbed".





One week after winning the MAAC regular season crown, the field hockey team continued its success by claiming the MAAC Championship Tournament title. The Hawks now look forward to the NCAA tournament and their first matchup against Princeton.