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Criminal Justice Department to Offer Undergraduate Degree in Homeland Security

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After two years of pushing for it, the University's Department of Criminal Justice earned a faculty council's approval to offer a Bachelor of Science degree in homeland security last Wednesday; the program will begin Fall 2013 pending external review.

Homeland security is currently in its first semester as an undergraduate concentration, which will be discontinued once the degree is offered. The department's interest in the degree developed two years ago after representatives from Ocean County College (OCC) suggested establishing a joint program. Its approval means that the department will accept transfer credits from OCC students who majored in homeland security and graduated with an Associate in Science degree. "I collaborated with [OCC] so our two years would mesh," said Dr. Gregory Coram, Director of the Criminal Justice Graduate Program.

"[Criminal justice] students are interested in working for the government, and homeland security is another layer of government work," added Dr. Peter Liu, Chair of the Criminal Justice Department. "It combines many,

many existing law enforcement agencies."

Some of the degree's subjects will include those already offered in the concentration, including domestic and international terrorism, cyber terrorism, principles of emergency management, terroristic crime scene investigation and weapons of mass destruction among several others. Classes will be taught by faculty with experience in homeland security, including former members of the

"We got a very good response."

Greg Cenicola, a junior and criminal justice major, said that the new degree offers students an interesting area of study. "It's very good because it gives kids the ability to understand what you have to do in homeland security," Cenicola said. "People should be educated in how to defend our country."

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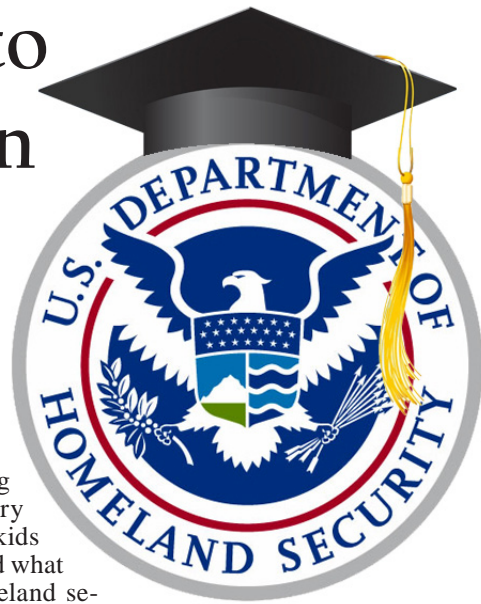
Chair of the Criminal Justice Department

New Jersey State Police, New York Fire Department and National Coast Guard, said John Comiskey, a Specialist Professor in the department.

Approximately 35 students are expected to major in homeland security each year, Coram said. "[Students] wanted to specialize in homeland security, so we started a track for it," he added.

Environment requires a new way of thinking that can be achieved through teaching homeland security. "You need to understand how your partners function and how to collaborate to save the nation," he said. "Between current students and the recent open house, we are seeing a lot of interest."

The University's slogan is



"Where leaders look forward," and Comiskey said that that is what his department hopes to achieve through the new degree.

Students who attain the new degree should graduate with a plethora of job opportunities, Liu said. Elizabeth, NJ, is an area of low security and a major concern for a terrorist attack due to its seaport and chemical plants, and nearby Newark Airport. "If something hit Elizabeth, either on the port or land, both New York and New Jersey will have major damage," Liu said. "Local government, state government [and] federal government know where the targets are and that we're right in the center."

As for the new degree being offered through his department,

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The Great American Smokeout to Encourage Students Not to Light Up

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Responsible for more deaths than AIDS, car accidents, alcohol, suicides and homicides, fires and illegal drugs combined, smoking takes the lives of over 44,000 people every year in the United States. On November 17, Monmouth University will participate in the Great American Smokeout to help raise awareness about the physical and mental effects of smoking. This event encourages smokers to set a quit date, start thinking about quitting and will provide information and tools for quitting.

Professor Laura Jannone, from the School of Nursing said, "Smoking is the number one preventable cause of premature death and disease in the United States." The American Cancer

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New Degrees Concern Some Academic Chairs

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Concerns have arisen among some academic department chairs about the impact of new undergraduate degrees on student enrollment following the University's recent approval of a homeland security major in the Department of Criminal Justice.

Among those concerned are Dr. Chad Dell, Chair of the Communication Department, and Dr. Frederick McKittrick, Chair of the History and Anthropology Department. They said that they favor the University examining and expanding its undergraduate programs. However, they said that they are concerned about new

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Foreign Language Festival Combines Languages, Cultures and Food to Educate Students

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The annual Festival of Languages was held last Wednesday afternoon in Wilson Hall Auditorium before a wide array of students and faculty. Following performances and readings of poetry and music by numerous popular poets and musicians, attendees ate ethnic foods while observing art work done by fellow students.

Dr. Priscilla Gac-Artigas, a professor of Foreign Language Studies, said she began the festival two years after her ar-

rival here at University in 1995, so the festival has been occurring for 15 years.

Students were welcomed to participate in the festival by reading, performing music or acting out a skit.

"Students are encouraged to do it as part of their cultural growth and personal enrichment," Gac-Artigas said. "Studying a foreign language implies far beyond the language itself; it implies learning about that people's culture, art, ways of life. Though our courses include the study of all those aspects, participating in the festival gives the student the op-

portunity to embrace the culture of the language they are studying in a more personal way."

The event kicked off with an introduction by Dr. Mirta Barrea-Marlys, the Chair of the Department of Foreign Language Studies. A Tarantella dance by the Italian club set the mood for the festival, which was then followed by a selection of poems and songs performed by numerous students in a variety of languages.

"I find languages to be beautiful, so to hear them in an expressive way was nice," said Alyne Corrigan, an attendant at the festival.

"The Foreign Language Festival exposes students to other languages, cultures, and students that students of one language may not have been in contact with, making the Department of Foreign Language Studies a united and productive community of learners," Barrea-Marlys said.

Readings of Italian poems and songs were followed by poems in Spanish. A demonstration of salsa and merengue dancing was held in the

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Photography Contest Aims to Spread Images of Smoking Consequences

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A photography contest will be held at the Student Center on Thursday, November 17, to help raise awareness on the dangers of smoking and tobacco use.

Organized by Eta Sigma Gamma and the Art Club, the contest’s goal is to convince students who use tobacco to quit by educating and enlightening them on the hazards of tobacco use. Run in collaboration with the Great American Smokeout, the contest encourages participants to be creative and persuasive in their approach to illustrating these dangers.

Susan St. Germaine, temporary substance awareness coordinator at the University, said the contest is a great way for amateur photographers and art majors to show off their talent while stressing the importance of quitting the deadly habit.

“Not only is this an opportunity for exposure of their work, but it’s also a chance to be a part of an excellent cause that has the potential of saving lives,” she said.

According to the American Cancer Society (ACS), tobacco use remains the single largest preventable cause of disease and premature death

in the U.S. Yet, more than 46 million Americans still smoke. However, more than half of these smokers have attempted to quit for at least one day in the past year.

“By presenting images of the negative effects of tobacco use, smokers will have to question their habit and ask themselves, ‘Is this really worth it?’” St. Germaine said.

Eta Sigma Gamma, the honor society for health educators at the University, is helping with the day’s event. Some of its members said that their organization is excited to be a part of the Great American Smokeout.

“Our organization’s members are studying to become health educators in the future, so to assist in reinforcing healthy decisions is very important to us,” said Stephanie Egbert, President of Eta Sigma Gamma. “Smoking is a huge issue on campus so if we can advocate the termination of smoking and tobacco use, then that’s a great start.”

Egbert said that a booth will be set up by the activities office in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center and will display not only the finalists’ photos, but also literature to aid in kicking the habit. Also on display will be a breathing apparatus that will measure the amount of carbon

monoxide in the lungs of smokers who blow into it.

“Showing the physical effects of smoking is a convincing tool to use when trying to persuade people to stop smoking,” Egbert said.

The ACS credits the efforts of individuals and groups to the significant landmarks and policies that have been achieved through anti-tobacco campaigns, such as the Great American Smokeout.

Since its start in 1977, this nationwide movement has helped tobacco users find the confidence it takes to close the book on their addictive habit.

Jennifer Sime, a junior, will be accepting the submissions for the photo contest. She said that activities like the photo contest help tobacco users realize that they are not alone in their process of quitting.

“By students coming together and showing concern, smokers are able to see that their peers care about their health and want to assist them in the transition of living a tobacco-free life,” Sime said. “The event is intended to give support, so it should be a fun and successful day.”

This is the first time that the con-



PHOTO COURTESY of bagpipeonline.com

A University photography contest run in conjunction with the Great American Smokeout seeks to inspire cigarette smokers to quit their habit by displaying its harmful effects.

test will be featured at the University, so members of the organizations involved said that they are expecting to see a wide array of photos.

“Ideal photos would be those that elicit emotion and clearly highlight the dangers of tobacco use,” Sime said.

Sime added that eye-catching and thought provoking photos will

enhance the intended message of the day, and strengthen the chances of being chosen as a finalist for the contest.

The winner’s photo will be displayed in future on-campus anti-tobacco campaigns.

Contestants can submit their work by sending it via e-mail to Sime at s0772262@monmouth.edu.

Lights Out on Smoking

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Society website reaffirms that by saying nicotine addictions lead to increased risk of cancer, lung disease, heart attacks, strokes, blood vessel diseases and blindness.

Although cigarette smoking has become more socially unacceptable, according to the American Cancer Society, Susan St. Germaine, a Substance Abuse Counselor at Monmouth said, “I see a lot of smokers on campus, they are always huddled outside of buildings (25 feet away as per college policy).” St. Germaine also said that she believes many first year students come to school as smokers, but then “their habits increase with the freedom and reduction in parental guidance

and supervision.”

Jannone said that peer pressure is one reason college students smoke. “Statistics show that one-third of teens who become regular smokers will die of tobacco related diseases such as heart disease, stroke or cancer. The younger teens start, the more likely they are to become adult smokers.”

Alyssa G., a senior, said she started smoking her junior year because “When we were at parties or at the bar we would want a change of scenery, so we went outside that kind of led me to smoking about three packs a week because everyone out there was smoking, and I just wanted something to do. I haven’t really thought about quitting.”

St. Germaine hopes that the

Great American Smoke Out (GASO) will inspire and support healthy choices in the students and community members. “Speaking as an ex-smoker, I know that it can take several attempts to quit for good and people need to be prompted and given education and resources to make the leap,” said St. Germaine.

Quitting starts with making the decision and sticking to it, according to St. Germaine. “The individual needs to develop a strategy to combat all the different ways you are addicted,” she said, “if you relieve your stress from smoking, then you need to find a better replacement, or the first time you get stressed out you’re going to buy a pack.”

There are many different ways to

go about quitting, and what works for one person may not work for another. During the November 17 event, turkey sandwiches will be given out in support of “quitting cold turkey,” resources and information about nicotine patches and gum will be available in the Student Center, and an Emphysema simulation exhibit will be on display for people looking for some proof of what smoking does to your body.

Jannone also runs a program on campus called Quit 2 Win, along with student Ellen Stenberg, an education major. This program teaches different coping strategies other than smoking and tips to help you quit. The program goes over how much money you would save if you quit and how much your health

would improve.

The Great American Smoke Out event will teach interested students on getting of a nicotine addiction, help them learn about the harm it does and help them learn about ways to quit. A table will be set up in the Student Center from 10 am to 3 pm on November 17. There will be massage tables, hand-outs, and gifts for those who give up their packs. A photo contest is also being sponsored by the Art Department. So make the healthy choice, and kick your smoking habit. For more information also visit the Monmouth University GASO Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Monmouth-University-Great-American-Smokeout/216470821759734>.

New Degree to be Offered in Homeland Security

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Liu said that homeland security is a natural match for the criminal justice department; however, he eventually sees it constituting its own department. “Criminal justice itself focuses on violations of the law and how society reacts to the violation of the law,” he said. “Terrorism is a

special type of a crime, but it’s beyond criminal justice; it’s more like a multidisciplinary study.”

The new degree will also offer its students an opportunity to become immersed in other departments. The concentration’s current

curriculum chart actually requires students to take courses in communication, political science, psychology, sociology and math. “I do see a possibility of double majoring here,” Liu said. “Experts in homeland security must

have a very, very good understanding of what’s going on in the world. They need to have a deep appreciation of world history [and] why America [is] a central target of terrorism.”

Students who major in homeland security will still have to fulfill the criminal justice department’s experiential education requirement.

“They will find law enforcement agencies or any other public or private agencies that deal with homeland security, and intern with them,” Liu said.

Discussions about establishing the new degree at the University began in 2007 due to national interest in

the growing field of homeland security. OCC has maintained a steady stream of students interested in homeland security in the past, which demonstrated the University’s need to offer it as a degree, Coram said.

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Health Center Offers Additional Testing

PRESS RELEASE

Health Services now offers urine Chlamydia testing for men and women for the low cost of \$25.00. Payment can be made by utilizing your health insurance, cash or check. Previously, Chlamydia testing was accomplished by obtaining a swab sample from both men and women. The addition of offering a urine sample allows for a non-invasive method for obtaining valuable information regarding the presence or absence of Chlamydia. Cost, time, and convenience, all of these afore-mentioned terms are deterrents for students seeking care. We understand that. Until now, our investigative effort at achieving a low cost, non-invasive, convenient test method was out of our reach. Health Services has continued to seek improved methods in which affordable care can be rendered. It is our hope that the students will utilize this convenient, low cost service, to promote their own health, prevent disease and if needed, obtain the necessary treatment.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) states that Chlamydia is a sexually transmitted infection caused by the bacterium Chlamydia trachomatis and is the most commonly reported nationally disease. The burden of infection is greatest among sexually active adolescents and young adults; Chlamydia prevalence among sexually active persons aged 14-24 years is nearly three times the prevalence among those aged 25-39 years. What is extremely important for students to understand is that the majority of genital Chlamydia infections in both males and females are asymptomatic. Simply stated, you can have no symptoms or perceived problems. This asymptomatic aspect of Chlamydia presents a huge problem. If you don’t know you have Chlamydia, you don’t seek treatment. Chlamydia, if not treated, can cause further problems. Whether symptomatic or asymptomatic, untreated Chlamydia can ascend (or work its way up) to the upper genital tract. In males, this can cause epididymitis (discomfort in the testicles). In females, upper tract infection can result in a spectrum of clinical disorders involving infection and inflammation of the uterus, fallopian tubes, and ovaries. Upper genital tract infection in women can result in scarring and loss of tubal function, which can lead to serious long-term reproductive consequences including infertility, ectopic pregnancy (a pregnancy outside of the uterus), and chronic pelvic pain. Currently, CDC, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), and numerous professional medical associations recommend annual chlamydia screening for all sexually active young females aged less than 25 years. This recommendation according to the USPSTF is an A-rated preventive service (strongest recommendation). Lastly, you should know that Chlamydia is easily diagnosed and treated.

Our practice model in Health Services utilizes evidenced based practice. It is this very reason why we are so pleased to be able to offer this service. The clinical evidence supports the need for Chlamydia testing for both male and females. Our goal in Health Services is to assist you in maintaining your health, promoting wellness, and preventing illness and disease so that you can achieve your academic success and, ultimately “as a leader who looks forward,” pursue the career of your choice. It is our hope that you give serious consideration to this new offering of a convenient, low cost method of detecting Chlamydia.

Library Opens Up Leisure Book Collection

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The University announced its newest addition to the Library: the leisure books collection, located on the main floor by the Reference section.

According to Eleonora Dubicki, an Associate Librarian who had volunteered to coordinate the collection, the idea was introduced this past October due to the many requests from students and university employees for popular reading materials during summer semesters when students have a lighter course load. During New Student Orientation in the summer, when librarians introduce students to the available services at the library, many inquiries regarding popular materials were also made.

“Many of the request for books and services are received informally during interaction with librarians at the reference desk, or as patrons check out books with the circulation staff,” said Dubicki. “The Library tries to gather this type of feedback to improve patron experiences and utilization of the Library.”

Dubicki had also spoken to librarians at other New Jersey institutions such as Georgian Court University, William Paterson University, and Bergen County Community College where the leisure reading collections at their libraries have been enormously popular with their patrons and represent one of the highest circulation statistics of their books.

According to the newsletter about the leisure collection, the collection will contain current and recent bestsellers of both fiction and non-fiction by

popular authors. Of this assortment, genres such as mystery, suspense, adventure, and autobiographies will be included and authors such as Stephen King, John Grisham, Janet Evanovich, Nicholas Sparks, Mitch Albom, and various others will be seen on the shelves.

“This collection is actually a leased collection from Brodart Books, McNaughton division,” said Dubicki. “The leasing program offers great flexibility in building the collection because the books are not permanently purchased for our Library. Instead, we can select titles and monitor the types of books our patrons borrow. We will review the number of check-outs of the books every few months and return those books which have not been used and replace them with other titles.”

As a part of a one-year lease, Dubicki said, the Library was given 100 books to start its holdings. The books were selected from a list provided by the publisher, which consisted of several thousand books published during the last six months to three years.

“The 100 books we selected are currently available on special shelves in the reference area for loans of three weeks. About 10 books a month will be added to the collection monthly during the next year from newly published books. The total collection will grow to about 200 books over the

next year,” said Dubicki.

In order to keep an organized and ever growing collection, the Library will look to see how

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ELEONORA DUBICKI
Associate Librarian

often books are checked out. If the books appear to be popular, the Library will purchase the books for their permanent col-

lection, but the books that are not checked out will be replaced with other titles.

Books are selected through recommendations from library staff and students as well as selections from the *New York Times* best-seller book lists.

“We have tried to combine a wide variety of books, both non-fiction and fiction that will appeal to both students and all Monmouth employees,” said Dubicki. “If students have favorite authors they would like to see in the collection, just let one of

the reference librarians know or submit a note in one of the Library’s suggestion boxes.”

All students and University employees can check books out of the leisure collection for a three-week loan period.

“The primary goal of the Library’s collection development program is to support the University learning goals and objectives as well as the teaching and learning activities,” said Dubicki. “Several years ago, the library started a media collection and we now have several hundred titles which faculty use during classes. The library also has over 150 databases, providing access to thousands of journals and newspapers, as well as videos.”

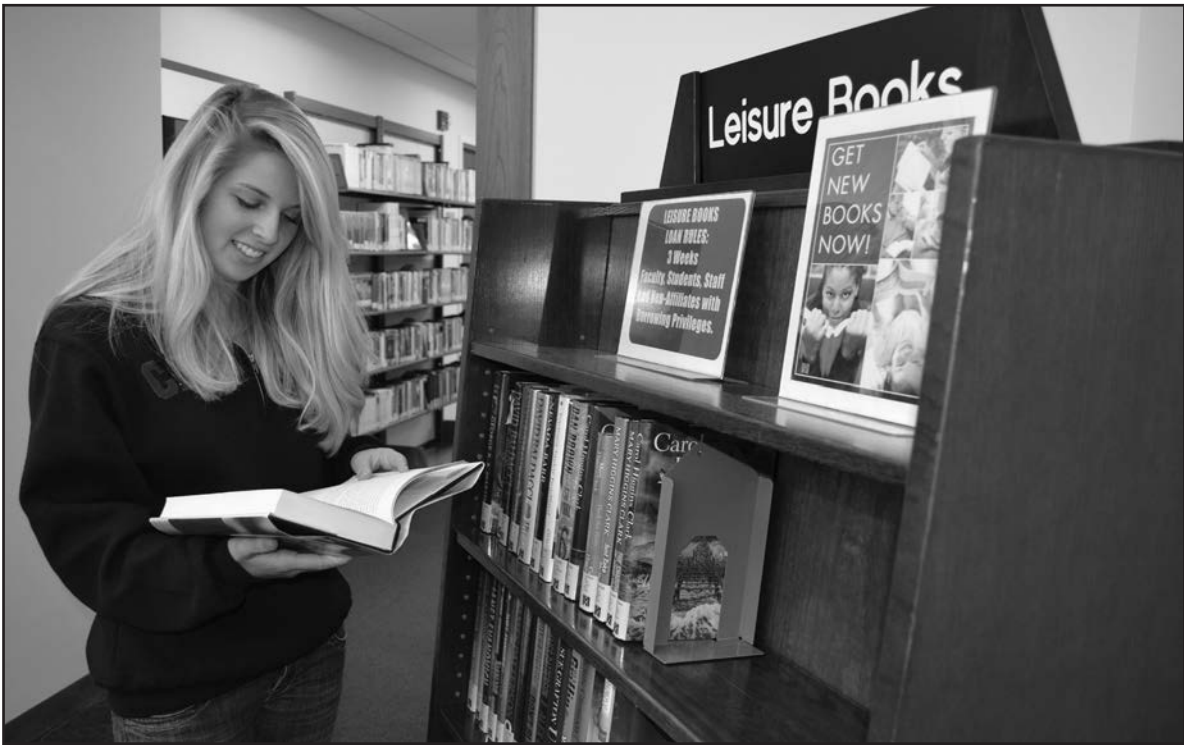


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Students can now visit the Library not just for research and educational books, but also to unwind and read a variety of popular bestsellers.

A Sensible Solution to Student Loan Debt

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MCT CAMPUS

The college class of 2010 now has a dubious distinction. Its graduates who had student loans owed a record-high average of

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\$25,250, up 5.2 percent from the previous year, according to a new report from the Project on Student Debt, a nonprofit advocacy group.

Last month, President Obama announced a plan to make it a little easier for 1.6 million college graduates to repay their government loans, recognizing the drag that \$1 trillion in student debt is placing on the economy.

In the early 1990s, most college students did not need to take out loans. But in 2009-10, 56 percent of full-time undergraduates at public colleges were borrowers. At private nonprofit schools, 65 percent had loans. For the first time in our history, student loan debt has exceeded credit card debt. One reason is that over the last 25 years, tuition has risen four times faster than the Consumer Price Index.

In California, public universities enacted the highest average tuition increase, 21 percent, of any state last year, according to the College Board. With states putting up less money to subsidize higher education, more of the cost burden has shifted to students.

The federal government is trying to accommodate the demand, pouring \$104 billion into loans last year. At the same time, students are becoming less able to repay. The percentage of borrowers defaulting (and thus ruin-

ing their credit) rose 25 percent last year. High debt loads affect career choices and cause many graduates to defer getting married, buying homes and having children.

Starting with next year's graduating class, Obama wants to reduce payments to 10 percent of discretionary income for graduates who apply to the government's income-based repayment plan. That is an immediate reduction from the 15 percent that is in effect today. But that only accelerates the phase-in of repayment terms that would have gone into effect in 2014 anyway. Under Obama's plan, after 20 years of payments, the rest of the loan, if any is still unpaid, would be forgiven. Today, graduates are expected to pay for a maximum of 25 years. The administration also is offering minor changes in repayment terms for those who graduated earlier.

This is welcome, but it doesn't go far enough. The President should be talking about the effect of student loan debt on the economy as he campaigns for his jobs agenda. Even more important, he should take advantage

of the pressure from the Occupy Wall Street protests for relief on this debt and send Congress legislation that offers a much bolder, systemic and long-term solution: income-contingent loan repayment.

Under such a proposal, loans would be offered at a single interest rate for all borrowers; payments would be automatically withheld from the borrowers' paychecks by their employers and would be managed by the IRS, just as income taxes are collected. As in the president's proposal, 10% of a borrower's earnings would go toward their student loans. The more they earn, the faster they would repay their debt. Such a system would not only help graduates manage their student loans, it would save the government money because it would drastically reduce delinquencies and be far easier and less expensive to administer.

Right now when students need to borrow, they and their parents have to navigate a maze of financing options and an alphanumerical soup of loan types, limits, and interest rates. Once students graduate, they face an equally baffling range of repayment options that involve various private sector "servicers" such as Sallie Mae. The income-based repayment option that Obama wants to accelerate was a step in the right direction. But it requires borrowers to apply every year and write one or more checks every month. Only 450,000 of 36 million borrowers take advantage of that program.

In contrast, income-contingent loans would be universal and

automatic. Everyone who took out a student loan would be put into the program and, because their loans would be tied to their Social Security numbers, the repayments would come out of their paychecks, just as their income, Social Security and Medicaid taxes are withheld.

Australia and Britain have had great success with their income-contingent loan programs. In Britain, more than 98 percent of loans are repaid.

This idea is not entirely foreign to the United States. Child support payments are routinely

interested in taking on the new challenge of collecting on student loans. Now, however, the technological barriers are gone and, with the large increases in student debt burden, the political climate for reform is ripe.

There is a moral hazard, however. Income-contingent loans could encourage money-hungry colleges to boost tuition even further, so Congress should also provide incentives to colleges to keep costs down. Loans awarded by colleges that didn't keep tuition hikes within limits could be barred from the income-contin-

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withheld by the IRS. Two decades ago Rep. Tom Petri, R-Wis., remarked in a congressional hearing that an income-contingent loan repayment system would be "far simpler for schools and the government to administer, far simpler for students at application, and more manageable and supremely flexible during repayment, at the same time virtually eliminating the default problem and saving immense amounts of money."

Back then, the IRS was just moving to electronic processing of tax payments and wasn't

gent loan program, which could drive students away.

At a recent congressional hearing, Republicans and Democrats alike expressed great concern over student debt load and default rates. Petri, still a member of the House Education and the Workforce Committee, proposed revisiting his 2-decades-old income-contingent loan idea.

Obama's proposal is certainly a step in the right direction, but we need Congress to go further. With nearly \$1 trillion in student debt on the line, the country can't afford not to act.

Communication Department



**Tuesday November 8th—
Tuesday November 22nd**

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A Major and Minor Deal With New Courses

THE OUTLOOK STAFF OPINION

Imagine opening your textbook to understand what Homeland Security is about and how to apply its concepts or using motion graphics to creating something out of thin air. While these two ideas might seem different, they are actually majors and minors available for students. The School of Humanities and Social Sciences currently offers a graduate certificate in Homeland Security while the Department of Communication has an interactive media minor. Although both of these grasp the ideals of today's society, it remains that more can be done to promote them and expand upon present fields of study.

However, before we go further, one should understand what exactly constitutes a college major and minor. According to collegeboard.com, "A major is simply a specific subject that students can specialize in." As for minors, they allow students to gain more insight into other areas while focusing on their main area of study.

First off, these courses are solid ideas for today's world. Ten or so years ago, homeland security was still an important issue but times have changed. This goes too for the interactive media minor since almost a decade ago, the Internet and technology as a whole was not geared toward creating videos, using motion graphics, creating interactive websites, and more. These two examples are a reflection of how the University realizes that the workforce and career paths are changing and are giving students an opportunity to use this to their advantage.

Overall, areas of study like these and many more make the campus and University distinctive from other institutions. However, the University is not alone is thinking this way. According to mainstreet.com, the University is in line with other education facilities in regards to new majors and minors by reporting, "... as changing technology and social trends create new opportunities in a job-strapped economy, some institutions are beginning to offer programs in everything from social media to homeland security to prepare students for life in the 21st Century."

Now, while these majors and minors offer more diverse classes, the flip side is that some may not be aware of their presence. For the Homeland Security major, it certainly offers a distinct area of study but it could help collect more interest with emails, Facebook posts, or information on the University's website to collect interests in this and other fields. While it is definitely helpful for advisors to inform their students about these classes and such, it's even better when a student sees something new and gets excited themselves. However, if they have sent out emails or posted information in the past and people missed it, friendly messages can act as reminders of these opportunities for those still looking for that right major or minor.

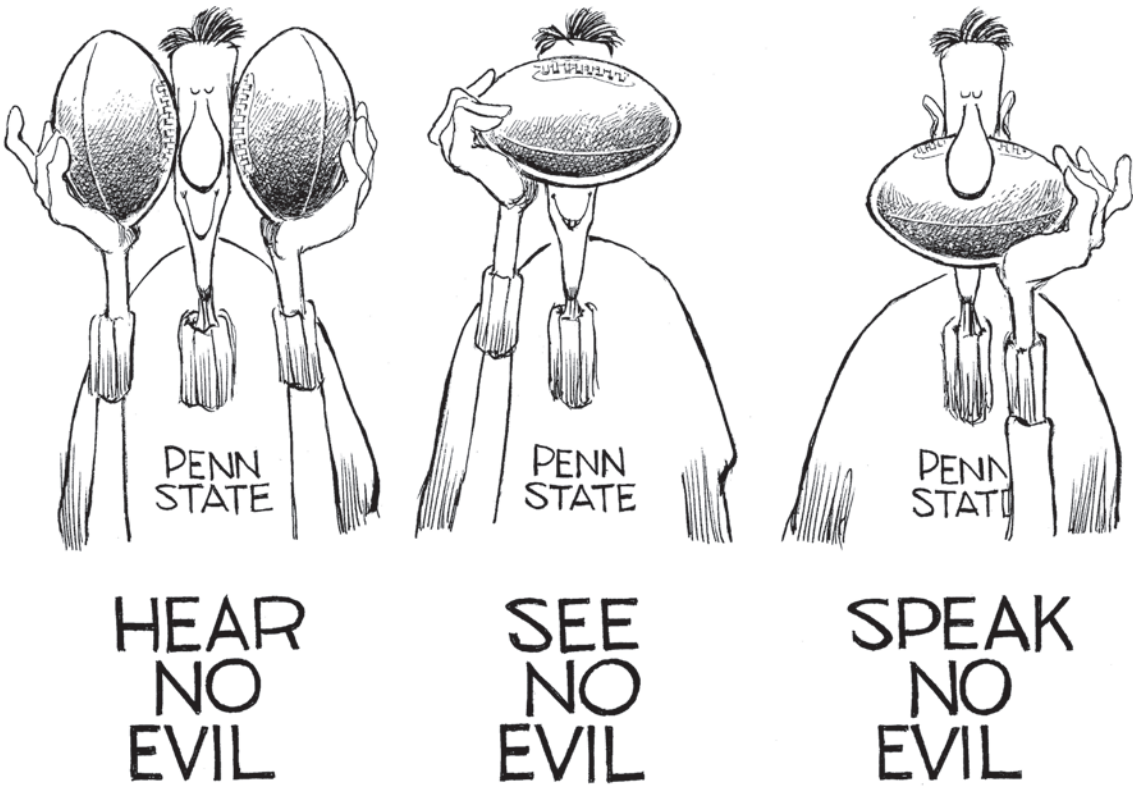
While having new majors/minors is welcoming, the University shouldn't shy away from expanding present courses. For example, journalism is both a major and a minor, but TV productions is only a major. This can be seen as a disadvantage to for those that are studying one area

and would like to understand TV in a minor setting. Opening up majors and minors to new avenues allows students to broaden their horizons and develop more skills in a variety of areas. According to *The New York Times*, "Minors, along with double majors, are increasingly popular as students try to master multiple subjects on the way to flexible careers or future education."

This isn't just for communication majors, but anyone in general. What if there is a business major who one day wants to have a TV show on CNBC? Sure, classes dealing with TV, for example, are a part of other minors but there should be no reason why it remains isolated.

Overall, the question can come down to if majors and minors should include a broad topic or be very specific. On one hand, broad majors offer a wide range of classes allow students to deal with a number of specific and general courses that formulate in building their specific knowledge. On the other hand, specific majors/minors can help students focus mainly on the topics and areas they wish to study in more detail. Rather than having a variety of classes, each one is like a puzzle piece that presents a particular picture.

The University is demonstrating that it can help prepare its students for the future with new courses that match the world outside. However, there should also be ways to further inform students about them and work on expanding the opportunities for those on campus and even the influx of incoming high school students.



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“Modern Family” Has Families Everywhere Laughing

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“Modern Family” trumps all primetime comedies. Tears are springing from your eyes, starting to overflow the bottom lids. Now the tears are streaming down your face. It gets worse: your stomach is cramping up so hard it hurts to do anything. Now, because you’re crying, and your stomach is convulsing, and your nose is getting all stuffy, you can’t breathe. Not even a little bit.

This scenario may sound like a bad day, but, really, it’s the exact opposite. You’re simply watching this week’s new episode of ABC’s “Modern Family,” the best comedy on television right now. The hysterical blend of comedic perfection is literally making you laugh so hard you’re crying (and maybe peeing in your pants a little bit too).

“Modern Family” is a sitcom that has been a part of primetime network television since September 2009. It follows one extended family, the Pritchetts, through their days as parents, children, spouses, siblings, and cousins.

The Pritchett family is comprised of patriarch Jay, his Colombian wife Gloria, and her son Manny. Jay is also father to Mitchell, who lives with his partner Cameron, and their adopted Asian daughter Lily. The show also follows Jay’s daughter Claire’s family which includes her husband Phil Dunphy, their daughters Haley and Alex, and son Luke.

Given the age, racial, and sexual

orientation diversity of these individual families, it is easy to see why creators Steven Levitan and Christopher Lloyd named the show “Modern Family.” This whole, ex-

are one of these people, you’re about half-right. The word “sitcom” actually stands for “situation comedy.” Who knows where Levitan and Lloyd get their inspiration for these

year, using Nielsen ratings, “Modern Family” is the number one show on show on television. It recently beat out the former highest-rated show, “Two and a Half Men,” to so-

recorded show. This means that if home viewers cannot watch “Modern Family” live, they make a conscious effort to record it and watch it at another time.

Simply, “Modern Family” is just an incredibly relatable show. Each character is so defined and so quirky that viewers can’t help but love them all. It is impressive how the writers can create a group of completely bizarre, wacky characters that can come together to make one lovable, realistic, hilarious and eccentric family. The writers must take note from real life: every single person in a family brings something new and individual to the table, and so do all of the Pritchetts and Dunphys.

Definitely a testament to the actors who portray them, the dynamic between the characters is flawless comedic gold. Whether an interaction is funny because of Eric Stonestreet’s (Cameron) flamboyant hand gestures, or because of Ty Burrell’s (Phil) zany facial expressions, or even Nolan Gould’s (Luke) more traditional, slapstick physical comedy, whenever any two characters interact, the outcome will be sure to leave you laughing uncontrollably.

ABC hit a high note with “Modern Family.” Wednesdays have a habit of being draining but with “Modern Family,” there’s a light at the end of the midweek tunnel. It’s something you can look forward to that you know will cheer you up, no matter how your day or the start of your week went.

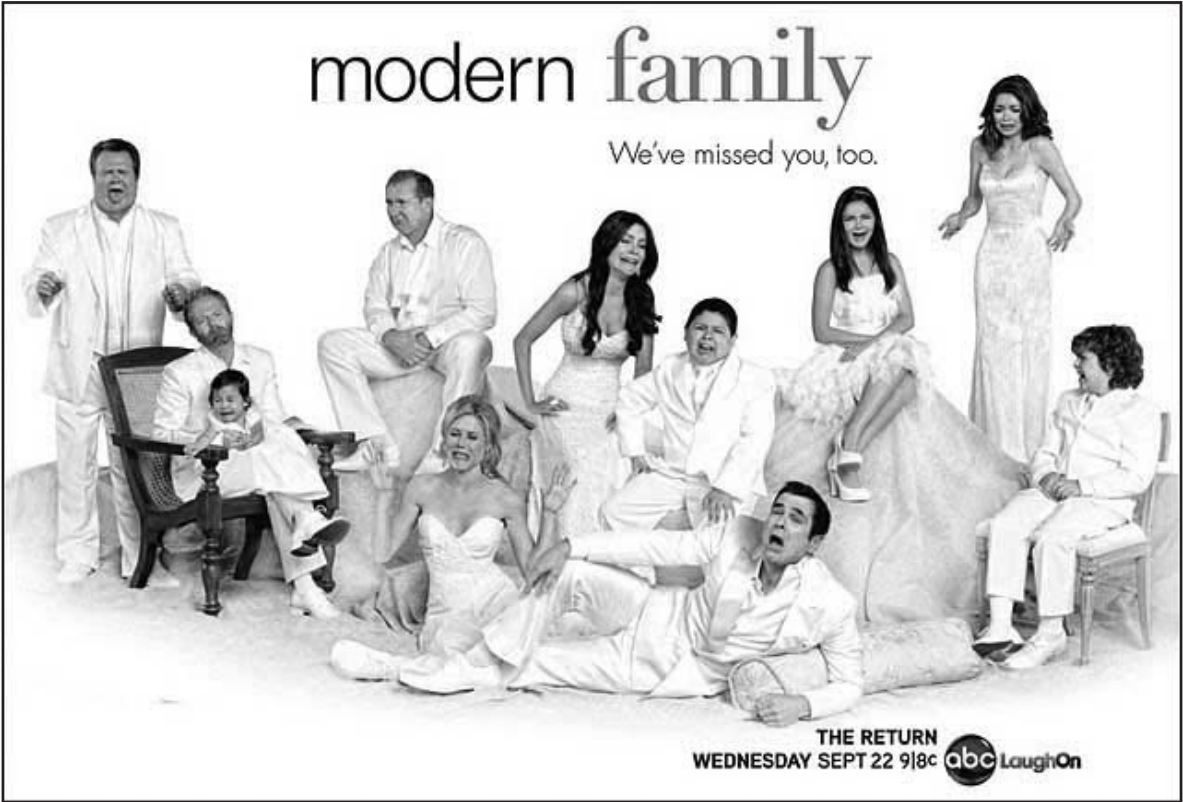


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You can catch “Modern Family” on ABC every Wednesday at 9:00 pm.

tended family paints a pretty literal representation of what a newly-standard American family looks like.

Many might think of a sitcom as a funny, 30-minute TV show. If you

expanded and immediate family situations, but America can agree that they are absolutely comedic.

According to a [broadwayworld.com](#) article from November 7 of this

lidity its spot at the top of the heap.

To further establish “Modern Family” as TV king, the *Boston Globe* reports that “Modern Family” is currently the most digitally

An Internship Horror Story

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We are at a time in our lives when the scariest words to anyone are “internship” and “job.” It is that joyous time of spending countless hours on the computer sending your resume to 20 plus businesses, firms, agencies, or for me, magazines. Glossy magazines have cluttered my room for years. While most young girls were playing teacher and house, I was playing magazine editor.

This is what I wanted and it was this fall when I thought all

hundreds of emails from the printer that sits in between the editor and myself. I’m sorry, is your index finger seriously incapable of clicking print? Oh, and sure I would love to uncap 70 red lipsticks and put them in shade order. Let’s talk about how stressful it is when you are asked why the new Dior eye shadow didn’t come in for the shoot.

“Michelle what do you mean it isn’t in. Do you know what this means? You have ruined the shoot now!” Was this seriously what I have always dreamed of? To be humiliated over glitter that

sweating to death with painful heels in hand, I knew that deep inside I wanted to be my editor.

It has been my dream and sometimes a reality check of how hard the industry is and that it either makes you or breaks you. To be an intern in the high-fashion world is literally subjecting yourself to brand hungry lions, except they are six foot, 90 pound, picture perfect women.

I may have to be locked in a closet full of shampoos and lip-gloss, and I may have to pick up flowers, and alphabetize eyeliner, but sometimes you have to

Jacks or Draft?

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For students that live locally and are of legal age to drink, their social lives depend on two bars. These two bars are called Jack’s Goal Line Stand and Draft House. The dueling sport bars are the first considered stop for college locals.

Jack’s Goal Line Stand and Draft House are conveniently located right down the street from one other. On any given weeknight, it can be promised that Brighton Avenue will be flooded with stumbling students. Cops sit on every side streets surrounding the bars, waiting for the next drunken brawl to break out or to stop a drunk driver.

These aren’t the only two bars in the area, but they might as well be with the lack of attention students give the other bars. Occasionally, a group will go to the Brighton Bar to see a band playing there, or someone will want to go to Otto’s Bar and Grill for Wasted Wednesdays and beer pong tournaments, but these are all rare suggestions. Many other bars are less welcoming to students and are more for adults who live in the area; I like to call them townies.

So which will it be? Draft or Jack’s? Jack’s or Draft? Each bar has their strengths and weaknesses when it comes to the components of what makes a good bar. Deciding which one is for you depends on personal preference.

Draft House is a swanky sports bar, which is sort of an oxymoron. At night, there is sometimes a line of half-clothed girls in heels followed by guys in button down shirts looking freezing while waiting to go inside to dance. Draft has an enforced dress code demanding casual chic, a.k.a. don’t come here looking like a slob. That means no Uggs, black yoga pants, fitted hats, and so on and so forth. With a large bar and attractive bartenders, the bar gives off more of a club feel rather than a sports bar. And that would be great, if they had a real dance floor. Draft’s excuse for a dance floor looks like it

was built for ants.

Draft House is known for the Tuesday night promotion of two-dollar refillable mugs of Miller Lite. Guests may bring whatever size mug they would like to the bar and get delicious cheap beer until close. Many students have been smart enough to bring Big Gulp cups from 7/11 to get more beer for their buck.

On other days, drink prices can get kind of high and the music is played way too loud for any conversation to take place. This can make Draft House get old quick. Down the street, a crowd of smokers stand outside of the little blue shack we call Jack’s, engulfing the entrance in a cloud of smoke. The bouncers are much friendlier looking than the intimidating guys standing outside the Draft House.

Jack’s can have a variety of different vibes when you walk in depending on the day of the week. Thursday is hip-hop night, which is a completely different feel from Saturday when Chris Morrisey and his band plays classic rock tunes.

Jack’s is known to be very busy on Tuesday for karaoke night. Jack’s has taught me that karaoke is only fun once you have consumed enough alcohol to enjoy or partake in bad singing. A few personal rules of karaoke etiquette are to never sing something serious or difficult where showing off could take place. If you are a good singer, that is great but you will be making everybody else look bad. Sing upbeat, happy songs and not songs that will make a bunch of drunks depressed. And lastly, don’t sign up to do multiple songs in a row...that’s just inconsiderate.

Although the Monmouth bar scene lacks variety, we thirsty students keep coming back for more. There is nothing like finishing a busy day of class and work to finally meet your friends for a drink on Brighton Ave to go to one of the University’s two hot spots. When you walk into a morning class to find a bunch of miserable, hung over pouts on fellow classmates faces, you can guarantee someone will have a story from Jack’s or Draft.

I was playing magazine editor. This is what I wanted and it was this fall when I thought all my dreams would come true. Wow, was I wrong.

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We have all heard internship horror stories but I was about to live my own, literally stepping into the vicious world of high fashion at *Harper’s Bazaar* magazine, one of the classiest and reputable publications out there. I was soon going to surround myself with everything I had ever hoped for. September came and I was the new beauty editorial intern.

I knew walking into the Hearst Publications building I had reached heaven. The breathtaking building was filled with marble, posh décor, and high heels clicking away. My beaming geeky intern smile was washed away in just a few short hours.

I had become a lipstick holding, mascara testing, coffee running, and lunch serving slave to my editor. I was now to print

goes on your eyes?

Everyday is a gut-wrenching surprise, never knowing what bi-polar mood my editor will be in. But this pain is a lifetime experience right?

I literally wanted to hide under my cubical and cry my drug-store makeup off, but then I thought to myself that just a few years ago, my editor was getting high off hairspray fumes,

I had become a lipstick holding, mascara testing, coffee running, and lunch serving slave to my editor.

making party favors, and doing lunch runs for her editor.

Being in the world of magazines is like entering a whole world different than what we know. It is fierce, cutthroat, and most of all oddly captivating. Even though each day I left like a child covered in glitter, with my hair on top of my head,

just pay the price to reach your dream. Internships are designed to create assurance in ones professional path. Some experiences are wonderful while others will have you crying the whole commute home.

While picking an internship and interviewing for a position there is no true way to know how your experience will be, but in the end it will be worth it in some way.

Not every industry is as glamorous as it seems and as students, we take that risky non-paid chance to learn even the slightest bit about our professions.

I may be exhausted at the end of the day and mentally drained, but it is all worth the pain to have that name on your resume.

Do it for the name and bite your tongue the whole way. Happy interning. Don’t forget if it’s two sugars or one!

Former Governor Corzine Under Fire

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New Jersey's former Governor, Jon Corzine has stepped down from MF Global, a renowned brokerage firm headquartered in New York City. The company is under investigation for losing \$600 million of client money. MF Global was charged with using client money to make bets on other country's debt and currency.

MF Global was already teetering on bankruptcy when Jon Corzine took over the troubled brokerage firm last year.

Hit by a trading scandal in 2008, the small financial house was seeing revenue dry up as its business of brokering future trades and holding client assets, became increasingly less profitable.

Gary Gensler, Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission has avoided the agency's investigation. According to CNN, he insists that MF Global did not receive preferential treatment because of ties to Corzine, the failed broker's former chairman.

Corzine, who stepped down as MF Global's Chairman and CEO on November 4, worked with Gensler at Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and during his term as Governor, where Gensler served as aide.

Former Co-Chief Executive Office of MF Global, Goldman Sachs, filed for bankruptcy protection on October 31 after making a \$6.3 billion bet with

the firm's money on European sovereign debt. The bankruptcy trustee and regulators are investigating possible missing funds from customer accounts.

According to CNN, Gensler said, "I believe we have to tighten how investor funds can be used," Gensler said. "They're segregated and must be segregated at every minute of every day. And then if they are invested, they should be invested with good collateral with outside parties, not internally."

Dr. Andreas C. Christofi, Chair of the Finance Department, who's primary research interest is assessment and pricing of financial risks associated with investment and financing decisions of financial management, said, "I don't think this default will have any major repercussions on the economy as a whole unless other firms with high leverage ratio start unwinding positions to reduce their leverage ratio and exposure to risk."

By high leverage ratio, Christofi is referring to the total money invested at risk compared to the firm's own money.

"That's a more complicated issue and no one knows how many other firms are in the same boat. Besides, a firm's leverage position can change dramatically in this risky market. I am sure that many firms that employ excessive leverage in their business models, unbeknownst to investors and regulators, cross the line of default several times. We only learn about them when

they get caught," Christofi said.

The rules delayed by the CFTC in July would limit how brokers can invest client money with affiliates or internally.

"This is a repeat, or at least a reminiscence, of the Long-term Capital Management case back in the 1990s and typically, unlike Madoff's case, it does not involve criminal dealing unless if the Prospectus of the Fund (MF Global) explicitly restricts the Fund from engaging in such a highly-levered activity," Christofi said.

According to CNN, Gensler said completing a separate rule governing the segregation of collateral in cleared derivatives is among the agency's highest priorities.

Upon submitting his resignation as Chairman and CEO of MF Global, Corzine issued the following statement:

"I have voluntarily offered my resignation to the Board of

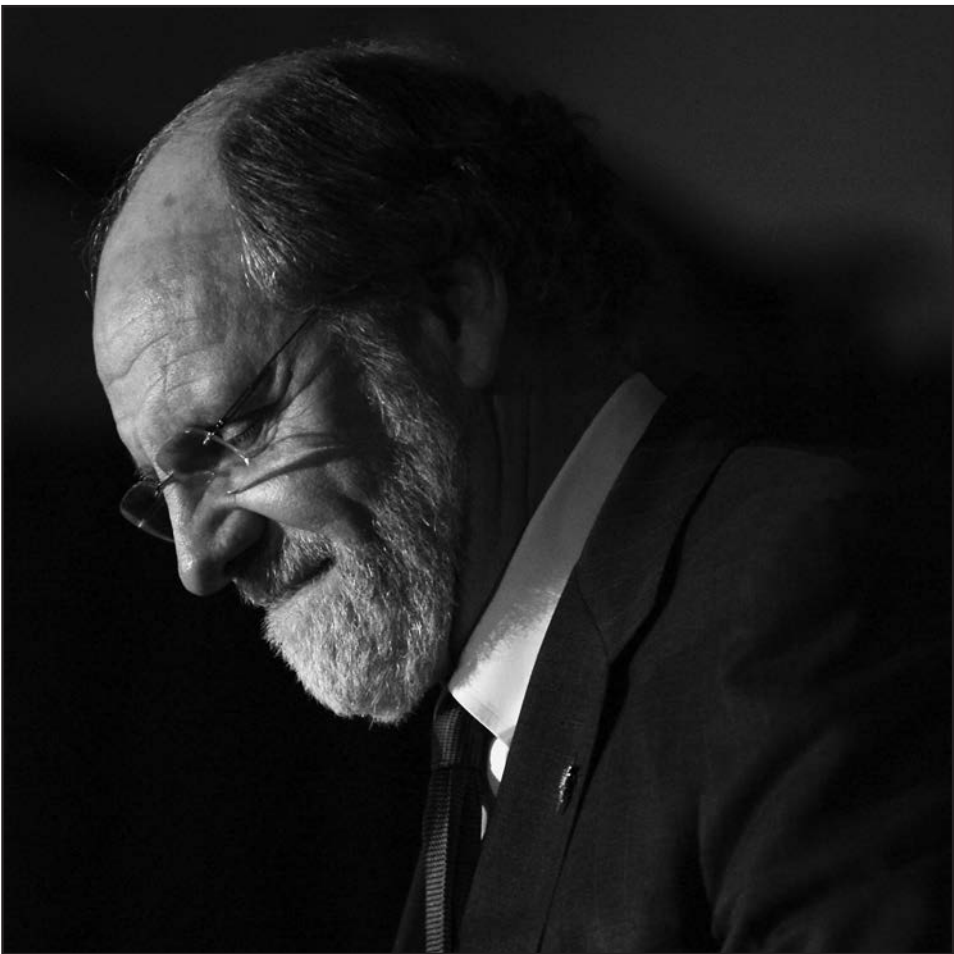


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Former Governor Jon Corzine has been blamed partially responsible for MF Global's financial misdemeanors.

Directors of MF Global. This was a difficult decision, but one that I believe is best for the firm and its stakeholders. I feel great sadness for what has transpired at MF Global and the impact it has had on the firm's clients,

employees and many others. I intend to continue to assist the Company and its Board in their efforts to respond to regulatory inquiries and issues related to the disposition of the firm's assets."

State Elections Result in Republican Sweep

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On November 8 elections for the State Senate seat and two of the State Assembly seats took place.

The State Senate seat was won by Republican Jennifer Beck and the Assembly spots were won by Republicans Mary Pat Angelini and Caroline Casagrande.

The Senate election was very close with Beck winning 57 percent of the votes and challenger Democrat Raymond Santiago bringing in the remaining 43 percent.

In the Assembly, the Democrats challengers were Kathy Horgan and Vin Gopal. There was also Independent, Daniel Jacobson.

Following the recent census, New Jersey was forced to redraw its congressional districts, so now the University is located in District 11.

Another exciting facet of this race was the fact that this was the first time in New Jersey history that a district will have all female representation.

Republican Jennifer Beck was State Senator of District 12 but due to redistricting, ran to represent District 11. Beck is a graduate of Boston College where she majored in mathematics and physics.

She has a degree in government administration from University of Pennsylvania. Beck serves on the Environment and Energy Committee along with the Judiciary Committee.

She believes in reducing government involvement in the private sector and spending on infrastructure projects to put people back to work.

According to her website, Beck believes that the state should help college students

with financial aid.

Her challenger was Democrat Raymond Santiago, a former District Attorney in Nassau. He left this capacity in 2002 and opened his own small law firm. He is a graduate of the City of New York Law School with a Bachelor's in criminal justice.

He is also an active member of the Monmouth County Bar Association.

According to Santiago's website, if he was elected, he would work on changing New Jersey's high property taxes.

Santiago's plan for helping the citizens of District 11 was to restore homestead rebates, shared services and restore school and municipal aid.

He wanted to encourage job creation among small business owners as well.

One of the winners of the State Assembly spots was Republican Mary Pat Angelini who has been the State Assembly woman for District 11 since 2008. She also serves as Executive Director of Prevention First, which provides educational programs and services to schools, businesses, and community organizations to counter the negative effects of substance abuse, violence and bullying.

She was the main sponsor of the "Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights," and the "Lifeline" legislation, which kept minors who summon medical assistance for intoxicated underage people from being prosecuted.

She is a strong believer in a college education stating she supports allowing the state to help with college tuition through financial aid while keeping college tuition at a steady level for state schools. One of her main points was to fight the high property taxes in the state of New Jersey.

The other spot was won by Republican Caroline Casagrande. She is the current sitting Assembly woman for District 12 but, like Beck, is moving over to District 11 due to re-districting.

She is the youngest Assembly member in New Jersey history. She graduated from Red Bank Catholic High School, Penn State University and Rutgers School of Law at Camden, before returning to Monmouth County to practice law.

While at Penn State, she was elected Student Body President. During her time in law school, she was a clerk at the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office in the appellate section, and at the New Jersey Attorney General's Office.

She believes that the state government should be more selective on giving out financial aid but also believes that the tuition of state schools should not go up.

The two representatives of the Democratic Party in this election were Vin Gopal and Kathy Horgan. Gopal earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Penn State University and owns many small business throughout Monmouth County along with his own storefront retail store in Hazlet which works on embroidery and personalized gifts.

Gopal was also elected to a three year term as President of the Hazlet Business Owners Association in January of 2010, an organization which represents over 100 small businesses in Hazlet Township. As far as community service goes, he served as a member on the Board of Trustees for Big Brothers, Big Sister Monmouth County. If elected, Gopal's main goal would have been job creation.

He stated on his website, "As a small business owner with 16 employees, I know how difficult

the economic climate is. I firmly believe that the private sector, not government, creates jobs, but Trenton should work to make it easier for companies like mine to hire new employees."

Furthermore, the Assembly race was incredibly close. This race was between five candidates and Caroline Casagrande led the charge, bringing in 27 percent of the vote.

Her fellow Republican, Mary Pat Angelini followed close behind with 26 percent. Despite his loss, Gopal brought in 22 percent of the vote and Kathy Horgan had 21 percent. Independent, Dan Jacobson rounded out the election with three percent of the vote.

Almost the entire State Assembly was up for election. According to an October 18 poll from the University's Polling Institute, just 33 percent of those polled believed the Assembly was doing a good job.

Meanwhile, 45 percent believe they were not and 22 percent had no opinion on this issue. The party lines are very clear in this election.

Approximately 88 percent of Democrats said they would vote Democrat while 83 percent of Republicans said they would vote for their respective parties. Independent voters however were more likely to vote Republican at 36 percent compared to Democrat at 27.

Alyssa Gray, a freshman and first-time voter, believes these smaller elections can change everything.

"No matter how small the election is and how small you think your voice is, it still counts in the long run. If enough people share your view, then the desired result may become reality," she said.

Despite these low confidence numbers, the Democrats still remained the controlling party in

both the Assembly and Senate.

Governor Chris Christie wanted to try and pick up a majority in Republican favor. He needed two Democratic seats in the Senate to switch to Republican. While Christie campaigned for a hand full of seats in the Assembly, the Democrats actually picked up a seat, making the split 48-32.

Now Christie will have to deal with a majority Democrat legislature as he pushes into the second half of his term in office.

Dr. Joseph Patten of the Political Science Department said, "It is a distinction between divided and unified government and there is no proof that they are any less productive or substantial legislation. There is no evidence to support that they produce any less legislation."

Patten said, "It's ironic that the elections that have the highest probability for change have the lowest turnout even though local elections have a direction impact on things such as school systems and property taxes."

The idea of being able to change your governmental representatives when they do not do a good job is a very unique concept.

Casey Wolfe, a freshman, said "We are the ones who are affected by the results so we might as well have some influence on them. It's especially important for us as young voters because we are setting the stage for our generation. It's our future we're voting for."

Patten said, "Education has a lot to do with whether someone votes. People who vote tend to feel connected to things larger than themselves and that's why voting increases as we get older. An exciting fact is that young people are getting out to the polls in record numbers especially the 2008 Presidential Election."

Who's Who in SGA:

Ravi Shah: Chair of the Committee of Student Affairs

Ravi Shah is a junior majoring in accounting with a minor in information technology. Shah plans to go into the field of public accounting after he graduates. He hopes to enroll in a MBA program as well.

Shah is a Junior Senator for the Student Government Association (SGA). He also serves as a member of the Finance Committee, and Chair of the Student Affairs Committee & Campus Safety. Shah has also held the prior positions of Senator-at-Large and Sophomore Senator.

As a junior class senator, Shah attends regular meetings and University sponsored events. His greatest responsibility as a Senator is to make

sure that the concerns of the student body are heard and addressed. As a Finance Committee member, Shah assists in SGA's budget process for clubs and organizations.

During the end of the spring semester, a team of SGA members review the budgets of University funded clubs and organizations and allocates funds appropriately. Also, as the Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, Shah works with student concerns regarding services on campus are directed to the appropriate directors. This involves working with the Director of Residential Life, Director of Health Services, Directors of Aramark, and Administrative Services.

Shah joined SGA his freshman year. During his orientation session prior to starting his first year at the University, one of his orientation leaders told him about her involvement in SGA.

"Being a leader in my community is something definitely important to me. In order to contribute to my community, and assist my peers, I joined SGA," Shah said.

He described that his proudest moment as a Senator was promoting the development of a Health Services survey, and seeing it now being distributed randomly to students who visit the Health Center.

Shah received the Senator-of-the Year Award for the 2010-2011 academic year.

"By being a part of SGA, I

have been able to become a better leader, which has assisted when it comes to group projects. I am also better able to voice my opinions and ideas," Shah said.

Shah suggests that everyone, especially first-year students get involved.

"Being a part of a club or organization is more than a resume builder. You will learn valuable skills that will make you a better thinker, problem solver, and leader," he said.




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Shah's main responsibility is overseeing the budget review process for all campus clubs and organizations.

Political Debate: Will the Euro Crisis End in Economic Disaster?

Here students debate political issues of the week. Side 1 students make their initial argument followed by side 2 in which they respond to their opponent.

Side 1: The European Union Will Stop Another Global Recession

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The European Commission forecasted on Friday that the Eurozone's Gross Domestic Product will only grow by .5 percent in 2012. This figure is way down from the 1.8 percent predicted in January.

These new figures have raised fears of a new European recession. The European Union however has shown they can work together to stop that from happening.

On October 27, European leaders struck a deal to help bailout Greece, a country whose debt is 160 percent of their GDP according to businessworldonline.com.

Holders of Greek debt agreed to take a 50 percent loss on their bond holdings in order to reduce the countries debt by 100 billion Euros (\$137 billion).

The Eurozone also has agreed to give 30 billion Euros (\$41 billion) in credit enhancements to try to jumpstart the ailing Greek private sector in the hopes of creating more jobs.

The greatest part of the meeting held however was that they didn't stop and just help Greece.

Leaders quickly and easily came up with ideas for the broader Europe economy as a whole.

The European Financial Stability Facility agreed to increase the amount of money they will give to European countries as part of a bailout plan.

Last year, they had structured a deal to give 440 billion Euros (\$605 billion) to help ease the debt on Euro nations, instead they will give 250 billion Euros (\$344 billion) four to five times for a grand total of one trillion Euros (\$1.3 trillion).

This money will be used in various ways.

First, it will be available as insurance for those who will buy up Euro Debt.

Secondly, this money will try to be used to attract countries such as China or Brazil to invest more in European countries. Austerity measure however will also

be taken, such as increases in retirement age for pension workers, government employees paying more into health care and possible cuts in other programs.

Leaders from different countries, backgrounds, and ideologies coming together to solve problems so quickly is something that should give the whole world hope.

Compromise has unfortunately become a dirty word within the politics of the United States, as politicians from the same party can't even seem to agree lately.

This European leadership will hopefully provide a backdrop for all countries around the world to come up new creative ways to solve our global economic situation.

Professor Cotton, adjunct professor of the Political Science Department said, "The parliamentary nature of many EU states has facilitated politicalpragmatism. This will ultimately create better austerity measures for the U.S. as well."

Not only would these deals help the economy, it is the act of compromise which sent stocks skyrocketing. Following news of a European bailout program the Dow Jones industrial, NASDAQ, and S&P 500 all rose by about three percent, as well as Japanese markets.

France and Germany ended the next day five percent higher.

These talks all involving solutions to the many economic problems this world has, is in itself helping to solve a global recession. The global connections between economies are clearly evident.

The Great Recession of 2009 which brought down the entire globe started in the United States.

A European recession could be catastrophic to a still weak American economy.

We should not worry however; according to *The Chicago Tribune*, the European deal will relieve worries about a financial meltdown.

Recently, the United States political environment has been centralized around one main issue, the economy.

It's being debated across the entire country, and everyone feels they have the answer to solve the problems for every American.

Politicians are sticking to their guns unable to give in inch to the other party for a solution in fear of risking their own political futures.

They are missing the point. You cannot solve every problem overnight; no one can fix this economic crisis by enacting only one policy.

European leaders have now set the bar for the entire world to reinvent their own economic and political atmosphere.

The EU gave confidence to the people.

By giving confidence to the people that a deal will happen, and it will help relieve stress, it has boasted the entire economy of the world.

Now hopefully Democratic and Republican leaders can take notes.

Side 2: The Division of Europe is Inevitable

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The European Union's future is looking ever more grim as it scrambles to repair its disastrous financial state.

Earlier this month, the now former Prime Minister of Greece, George Papandreou, was faced with the harsh reality of relinquishing some control of the Greek economy in order to lessen some of the damage done to the Euro.

To turn around the Greek problem, a proposed plan from German President Angela Merkel and French President Nicolas Sarkozy aimed to step in and take a direct role in Greek policy.

As a result, shortly after Papandreou announced there will be a referendum for the Greek voters to decide whether or not the country will remain in the Euro zone.

However, a few days after this announcement, the referendum was called off and Papandreou has since resigned from his post as Prime Minister.

Although the Greek economy being handled by different countries serves as a small step towards a more unified EU, there are still many hurdles to overcome.

The idea of the European Union itself, when examined, is even a bit absurd. European countries, many of whom have had a bitter history of conflict with each other, banded together taking nationalism out of the equation, in order to preserve a unified continent.

In these dire economic times, the strength of European cooperation can truly be tested.

Although the Greeks have allowed liberalism to prevail, the EU has many other countries that are headed down a similar path that may not be willing to cast aside their sovereignty for the good of Europe.

Countries like Spain, Portugal, and Ireland are on the verge of economic distress on the level of Greece.

The question that needs to be answered is: Will these countries so easily abandon their national identity and comply with more

powerful countries in the organization? Also, will they be willing to default and leave the EU? History would most likely say that nationalism is something that is rarely overcome by collective interests.

Ideally, the spirit of the EU would have promoted a German bailout for the Greeks, but as we have seen this did not happen, instead the Germans exerted their power over Greek finances.

The division of Europe is looking more likely.

Statements made by President Sarkozy on November 8 called for a more "confederal" Europe.

This would divide economies so everyone's fate would not be shared.

This concept certainly works against the EU's interconnected nature.

Rather than keeping European states on a level playing field, Sarkozy is suggesting some nations be relegated due to their supposed financial irresponsibility.

This may assist countries like France and Germany, who are being dragged down by Greece

and others, but it reignites a sense of nationalism among nations in Europe. The words of the French President do not suggest a friendly "bailout" for nations suffering economically, but a penalty.

The purpose of the EU was to create a balance between European states so that no one nation would gain a disproportional amount of political power.

This counters that objective by demoting nations with bad economies, thus leaving a select few states to have a more dominant role in European policy.

The tension being felt from this economic disaster puts the success of the EU in question.

Dr. Kenneth Mitchell of the Political Science Department said, "The latest grand German/French initiative to save the Euro focused on Greece and its unsustainable debt service obligations. Perhaps a similar bailout, which included a 50 percent write down of Greek debt, would have been made available to the Irish and Portuguese. Yet, the problem of Italy, an economy larger than the Greek, Portuguese and

Irish combined, is now before Euro policymakers. German and French plans for Greece are inappropriate for Italy. France faces a credit down grade in this week, so it is tough to see a path forward with the Euro in its current form."

With the future structure of the EU being examined by European world leaders, some very unsure times are in store for the organization.

As we have seen, Greece has backed down in the face of pressure from European allies, but will others do the same?

Can nationalism become a benign factor in the world of international politics?

If the EU is organized into a confederal system, than state identity will still remain the driving force behind international politics.

States will preserve their sovereignty at the expense mutual economic interests.

The events that have unfolded and continue to play out make this a truly interesting time for the experimental European Union.

Eating Healthy During the Holidays

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When the holidays arrive, the temptation hits. Your mom’s famous apple pie, your grandmother’s potato latkes. Cakes, cookies, rich entrees and countless side dishes adorn the holiday buffet tables. It can be a healthy eater’s nightmare. But if you prepare yourself with the right tips and tools before you go to a holiday party, you may find that saying “no” to another bite of cheesecake is easier than you thought.

According to the Mayo Clinic, limit yourself to three bites of any dish that you’re desperate for. This way you get the satisfaction of eating something rich and delicious without all of the calories.

When eating rich foods, it is important to take your time. Savor every bite for better enjoyment and to allow that feeling to travel to your brain. It usually takes about 20 minutes for your brain to get the message from your stomach that you are full. By eating slowly, you might be less likely to be tempted by the apple pie.

Christopher Hirschler, PhD, assistant professor of Health Studies says, “Enjoy the food you eat, but consider focusing more on the quality of the food rather than the quantity. A full plate is not always better. Consuming more can lead to physical as well as psychological discomfort as well.”

Emily Hunter, a junior says, “I think the trick to eating healthy is eating smaller portions so that you are able to still enjoy the holiday food, without overdoing

it. Just because it is the holidays, doesn’t mean we should have to change any of our original day-to-day healthy eating habits.”

Erika Kurdyla, a junior, agrees that smaller portions are key. It’s a great way to be mindful of what you are eating along with how much. Kurdyla also recommends using a smaller plate instead of a larger one, this way you are less likely to over eat from the beginning.

As for drinking choices, choose water, flavored water, apple cider or diet soda at any holiday event, according to the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Unfortunately, many holiday gatherings are centered around alcohol, which is usually very high in calories. If you must have a drink, limit yourself to one per hour and drink a glass of water in between to cut your calorie and alcoholic intake over the course of the night.

As for side dishes, not only

are vegetables naturally low-fat, low-cal and chock-full of nutrients, they help you feel satisfied longer than other types of foods. According to healthdiscovery.net, the fiber will cause your stomach to feel fuller, and you will have a greater sense of fulfillment which will help you stay on track. Eating raw veggies as snacks, appetizers, in salads, and side dishes is a



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Angel food cake contains little or no fat and can make a great dessert.

great way to keep your appetite in check.

Eat a light snack before going to holiday parties. It is not a good idea to arrive at a party famished. Not only are you more likely to overeat, but you are also less likely to resist the tempta-

tion of eating the higher fat and higher calorie foods. Try eating a piece of fruit, a small carton of yogurt, or a string cheese before you go.

As for the healthiest choice of meat, turkey is the best choice, according to the Whole Foods website. In addition to being an excellent source of protein, turkey offers the least amount of fat per serving, among all other meats, if you pass on the skin. If you love gravy, use a small dish to put gravy in, and dip the meat instead of pouring it on. As a general rule, white meat is leaner than dark meat - so choose the breast meat of a chicken or turkey rather than the drumstick and be sure to trim the visible fat off of meats.

For vegetarians, there is a healthy alternative to the traditional turkey, tofurkey.

This is a turkey replacement made from a blend of wheat protein and organic tofu. It can be purchased at various supermarkets and health food stores.

Senior Christina Hartel says, “I think eating healthy should be practiced all year, not just during the holiday season, and I feel my best when I eat lots of vegetables. This Thanksgiving, I will be eating a tofurky Vegetarian Roast.”

According to peta.com, leading health experts agree that eating a vegetarian diet is the single best thing you can do for your body.

It’s okay to leave what you don’t want to eat. Despite what your parents may have drilled into you as a child, don’t feel obliged to clear your plate. When you feel full, stop eating. It’s that simple.

As for desserts, try to make wise choices rather than deny yourself. Have a smaller portion and savor every mouthful when you have choices, opt for desserts that are lower in fat and sugar. For example, if faced with a plate of cookies, you may decide to choose the sugar cookies or gingerbread cookies over shortbread cookies as they tend to be lower in fat.

It is important to remember that overeating one day won’t make or break your eating plan. And it certainly won’t make you gain weight!

It takes days and days of overeating to gain weight. If you over-indulge at a holiday meal, put it behind you. Return to your usual eating plan the next day without guilt or despair.

Enjoy the holidays, plan a time for activity, incorporate healthy recipes into your holiday meals, and don’t restrict yourself from enjoying your favorite holiday foods.

In the long run, your mind and body will thank you.

How to Write a Professional Email

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Back in the olden days before cellphones and the Internet, were the days when sending a message to a friend meant sending them a letter and waiting days, sometimes weeks, for a response.

Now talking to anyone is as simple as sending him or her a text message and receiving a response within minutes, making the days of letter sending practically extinct.

Emails have replaced handwritten letters which definitely has its benefits, speed being number one, but it also has its draw-backs. Learning how to write a professional email is a skill every college student would benefit from learning.

Here are some tips for writing a professional letter, that will show your boss, professor, or potential employer that you should be taken seriously as an adult.

First, open your own gmail, or professional email account. School accounts are fine, but they only work until you graduate and jsmith@gmail.com looks better in an inbox than your school student ID number, or worse, using your personal email account, xoxolilbabexoxo@aol.com.

Also, this is beneficial because your professional email account and your school email account will be separate, so the risk of losing an email from a potential employer in the midst of emails from your professors and school

functions is not there.

Start with a professional greeting. According to Prowlpublicrelations.com, “Dear,” “Hello,” “Good Afternoon,” are all acceptable. Always address who you are emailing by their proper name, “Mr. Smith,” “Mrs.

State your purpose and get to the point; make sure you introduce yourself, whether you are sending a thank you email from an interview you went on, or you are a student in one of their classes, don’t forget to address who you are and why you are

and polite. If your message runs longer than two or three short paragraphs, consider (a) reducing the message, or (b) providing an attachment.”

“Spell my name right, have a well worded email, and there’s potential in there from our en-

somebody so it’s easy,” said Simoes.

With the generation of texting, professionalism and grammar seem to have been thrown out the window. People tend to think because you are writing an email it is less formal and should be thought of the same way you email your friends.

Your text messages may be filled with improper grammar, misspelled words and abbreviations but don’t expect your boss or potential employee to know what LOL, LMAO, or ROTFL means.

Remember to include how you can be contacted in the email. Include your full name, return email address and phone number. That way, there is no confusion on how you would like to be contacted back.

Always include a closing statement, and remember to be polite. Courtesy goes a long way, thank whomever you are contacting for their time and reiterate the main point of the email.

For example, “Thank you for your time and consideration” or “Thank you, and I look forward from hearing from you in the future.”

Last but not least, do not forget to proofread your email. And after you look it over once, look it over a second time. Little mistakes like grammar and spelling are not going to be over looked, so once you finish with the first draft look it over again and again until its perfect. Because once you hit the send button there is no turning back!



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Learn how to write a professional email for future employers, internships, or graduate school.

Smith.”

One important part of this step is making sure you spell the name of whoever you’re addressing correctly. A small mistake like this could end up costing you big in the long run.

emailing them within the first few sentences.

The following paragraph should contain the information you are providing, or the request you are making. According to grammarabout.com, “Be brief

counter,” says Professor Simoes, specialist in Public Relations at the University.

“If it has been more than a week don’t even bother, I would say send it within the first three or four days within meeting

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November 30th

November 19th
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Comedy Night
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7pm Java City

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16 th	Global Activism through Sociological and Feminist Practice. <i>Speaker: Dr. Adomako Ampofo 10-11:15am Wilson Aud.</i> "Crimes of the Heart by Beth Henley" 8pm Woods Theatre (runs through the 19th) Comedy Night: Geoff Keith 7pm Java City
17 th	Sandplay Therapy Introduction 6:30-8:30pm Afflitto Thanksgiving Dinner 7pm Catholic Center
18 th	Suitcase Dance 9pm - 1am Anacon
19 th	Grilling with the Greeks 70's Roller Skating Rink 7pm Anacon
21 st	Simple Gifts 7:30pm Woods Theatre
24 th -27 th THANKSGIVING RECESS	
29 th	Pocketbook Monologues TBA "Java Talks" 7:30pm Java City
30 th	Movie w/ Director: Mooz-lum 2:30pm Pollak Theatre - 3:30pm Q&A Pollak Theatre

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Michael Waters Gets Poetic in Visiting Writer's Series

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STAFF WRITER

Michael Waters was the last writer to speak at the University as part of this semester's Visiting Writers Series last Tuesday. However, this poet isn't a stranger to campus since Waters is not only an award winning poet but also an English professor here.

After being introduced by Two River Theater company founder Dr. Robert M. Rechnitzas as "one of the greatest living American poets," Waters read various poems from his upcoming book, "Gospel Night" in Wilson Auditorium.

This will be his 15th collection of poetry published in addition to various other contributions that have been published in journals.

Waters has won numerous awards for his poetry including three Individual Artists Awards and four Pushcart Prizes, as well as fellowships from the Fulbright Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Ocean Township resident read many selections from his latest assortment of poetry as well as some from previously published collections. Waters said, "Writing poems, I guess, is a way to get to know oneself as

well as the world."

Exotic locales seem to inspire Waters, who received his MFA from the University of Iowa and his PhD from Ohio University. He first read "White Stork," a poem set in Costa Rica. "The Bells" was set in Malta, and "Beloved" was set in Romania.

"Beloved" was one of the most interesting poems he read. It is a love poem about his wife who grew up in Romania. The poem is set there in 1979 and tells of how she would journey into an abandoned library with her own light bulb (as all of the ones in the library had gone out) searching for American books like "Ethan Frome."

Waters' wife, Mihaela Moscaliuc, actually read one of her own poems during his reading. Her poem was about how people in her culture spoil the dead. You don't just put someone in the ground and forget about them. You visit the grave, talk to them, and leave gifts.

Waters then read his own poem, "The Visit," in response to his wife's poem, about how it took him years to visit his father's grave.

Waters, who is the faculty advisor for *The Monmouth Review*, often writes about sex and politics. He said he finds it hard to separate the two and wouldn't be able

to choose just one to write about. He read about the awkward experience of a friend turning on porn without warning while Waters and his wife were visiting.

He then followed that with the political poems "Lying Awake" and "Dead Iraqis." The latter was inspired by a trip he took to Iraq in 1986 for a poetry festival. He discovered that many people who were living under the dictatorship of Saddam Hussein were against him but had to die for his cause.

His poems seem to be very focused on specific events, so it was interesting that Waters said, "It's never the poem that I set out to write."

During his question and answer session, the audience got to know Waters a bit better. He grew up with beat poets like Allen Ginsberg and Jack Kerouac, but learned a lot about simile and metaphor from musicians like Elvis Presley and the Beatles.

Sophomore Michelle Melzl said, "I thought it was interesting that he learned about poetry from the Beatles as a kid. I never really thought about the fact that you learn about [simile and metaphor] really early in life from songs."

One student asked about teaching poetry to which Waters said, "Teaching poetry is impossible." After much laughter from the

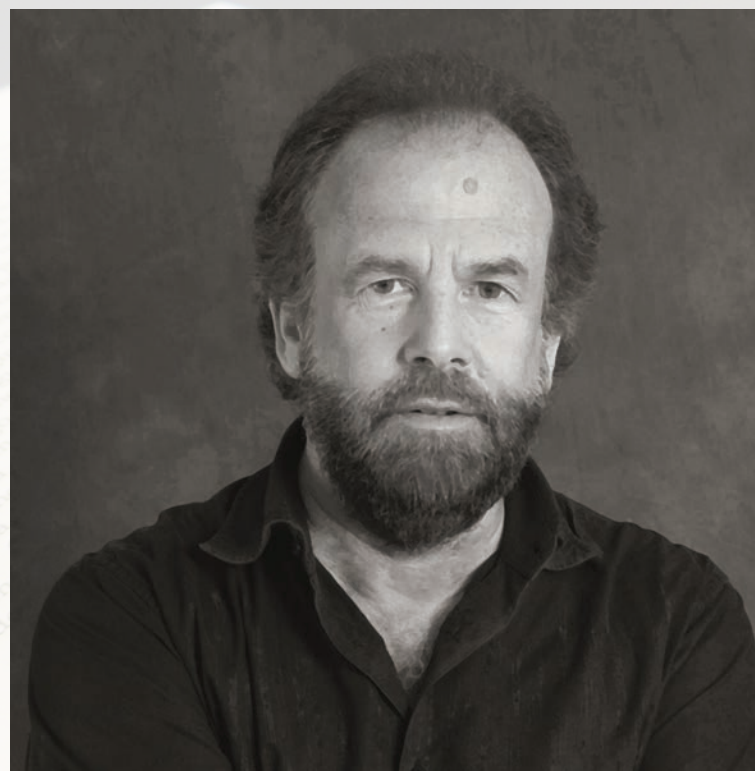


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Poet and University English professor, Michael Waters, read aloud some of his poems and discussed his work as part of the last Visiting Writer's Series for the semester.

audience he added, "I blame that on me, not you." Waters went on to praise the University's creative writing program, something which many other schools lack.

To conclude the evening, Wa-

ters' parting words were "Talent means nothing if you don't have the discipline."

The Visiting Writers Series will return March 22 with Natasha Trethewey in Wilson Auditorium at 4:30 pm.

Audiences Learn the Real Deal on *Miss Representation*

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An engaged crowd gathered in Wilson Auditorium to gain insight on how the media affects female's perceptions of themselves when the documentary, *Miss Representation* was screened and its writer/director/producer, Jennifer Siebel Newsom spoke November 5.

The movie and Q & A was split up with *Miss Representation* screening at 10:00 am and Newsom speaking at 1:00 pm.

The *Miss Representation* screening began with Heather Brown, a board member for Gender Studies at the University, thanking Katherine Parkin, associate professor, Robin Mamma, Dean of the School for Social Work, and acknowledging departments like the School of Social Work. Before the movie started, she simply said, "The film speaks for itself."

Miss Representation examined how the media has taken a hold on society and presented unnecessary arch types for women and even men.

While Newsom uses figures to show media consumption and psychological effects, the film's spark is with its interview subjects. They offered strong insight on how people see, think, or view media afflicting females. Condoleezza Rice, Nancy Pelosi, and Diane Feinstein demonstrated females that are driven and strong when it comes to politics and how they are treated.

Newsom also included entertainers like Geena Davis, Margaret Cho, and *Twilight* director Catherine Hardwicke to sound off on this problem. Cho talked about getting on a TV show only to be told she wasn't skinny enough, and developed an eating disorder.

Newsom added balance at times in *Miss Representation* with a male perspective as people



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Jennifer Siebel Newsom's documentary, *Miss Representation*, is about how media affects females' perceptions of themselves.

like Newark Mayor Cory Booker and California Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom ignore media definitions on women and work to rectify this issue.

The director also talked to those bombarded and influenced most by the media with thoughts from high school students. It was tough to hear girls feel they need to conform to what TV and films show and how it affects them. One girl, Maria, cried as she talked about her sister and how she cuts herself.

Newsom also heard from a few boys who discussed how they view the media as being unfair to women. One boy said his male family members want him to be tough and strong but he doesn't feel the same way. Early on, Newsom talked

about learning she was pregnant with a girl saying, "I want a different world for my daughter and her generation." Hearing these kids speak showed she may have found a way to connect her ideas with them.

Newsom and editor Jessica Congdon compiled a number of montages showing women being negatively portrayed as sex objects or with impossible beauty with TV clips ("The Bad Girls Club") and films (*Sucker Punch*) to give context toward what people were saying. It was interesting to see these clips yet in the context of *Miss Representation*, it showed how the media alters women and men's perception on what they need to aspire to.

"I thought the movie was pretty accurate," said Kyla Kendrick, senior. "The problem is how we socialize women and, how for women in power, it emasculates men."

Newsom also observed how the news plays into the media's gender game by observing female newscasters dressing up more than they should or reporters gossiping about female figures than males.

A good example of focusing on women superfluously was a "Morning Joe" clip where Joe Scarborough wanted to talk about Paris Hilton as his female co-host got annoyed.

Miss Representation peels back the ideal that females in society need to look and act certain ways. Girls and women should be allowed to be themselves based on nothing else but their intelligence, merit, and spirit. The film showed in WWII, women stepped up when men went to war and the time has come to bring that back.

Mike Kulik, a physical education and health major, said, "I think it definitely brought attention that women are oppressed in the media." He also said on his future media intake, "I feel like I'll look at it differently than I have in the past."

At the Q & A presentation, Stanton Green, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Science, introduced Newsom and her past/future work. Newsom began by saying, "I believe America can do better. We haven't had the feminine in leadership. We haven't had the care in leadership. Where did this go wrong?"

Newsom pointed toward four areas, starting with how her son got gifts like a t-shirt that said "Future President" but her daughter didn't.

Next, she discussed Halloween costumes for girls promoting "beauty and sex" and "violence and mastering the environment" for boys. Newsom also said how she was told to lie about her age and erase her MBA from her resume while off in Hollywood. "If you can make a sex tape and party with the best of them, you can be a celebrity our society tells us," Newsom said.

The last thing she mentioned was the individual and how they work toward change. She summarized *Miss Representation* as "a catalyst for culture change one individual at a time."

"Use your power as consumers wisely. Together we can spark small changes and lead to big

changes," she said.

Melissa Glavin, a freshman, said, "I thought what she is doing is a good thing and brought up more issues." She also said men should be included more in this discussion.

During the Q & A, Newsom talked about what one does when their children leave the parental bubble, being a mother, using feminine versus feminists, and much more.

One man asked about makeup and Newsom said, "Kids should never wear make-up. 'Toddler and Tiaras' is extremely scary" when it comes to this.

A male student asked Newsom how media representations affect males. She said, "It's harmful to men. I think the men in this room are healthy role models. I think we need more male mentoring programs like we have female mentoring programs." The writer/director/producer also mentioned how in Hollywood she would be casted as a mistress, sex kitten, or trophy wife.

Newsom also talked about a page on her website missrepresentation.org called Take Action, where they hold a campaign for sexy vs. sexism and that people "will flood network inboxes for why [a film, TV show, etc.] is bad."

Kulik, who was also at the Q & A said, "I feel [Newsom] was really good at expanding some things and bringing in new thoughts."

When *The Outlook* asked Claude Taylor, Communication professor, about the film, he said, "The kind of work this film does is raise awareness, a film can start momentum. It raises awareness and is tied to who is in the audience."

Taylor also said, "There is still a lot of work to be done in gender equality."

For more information on *Miss Representation*, visit missrepresentation.org.

The 'Infinite' Possibilities of Multimedia and Dance

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ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The Hawk TV studio hosted a unique light show when Infinite Light held a presentation on November 7 for students and faculty. This show combined the multimedia capabilities of Brenton-C Bainbridge with the soulful choreography of Brooke Broussard.

The event was the first ARTS NOW: Performance, Art, & Technology Visiting Arts Series for the year.

Michael Richison, specialist professor of Arts and Design, welcomed all and thanked the audience for coming. "It's truly a pleasure to introduce Brenton C-Bainbridge, his collaboration, and Brooke Broussard," he said. He also thanked Staton Green, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences for this programming and students Dan Villanova, Kate Novorski, and Kate Purez for helping out.

Richison explained that Bainbridge and Broussard have worked together for two years with their biggest project being Infinite Light in spring 2011, which began with a Kickstarter fund that brought the show to New York City.

Brooke has done choreography in New York City and danced in X'ian, China while Bainbridge used his multimedia talents as video director for two Beastie Boys Tours and brought his visuals to over five continents.

The first video presented was a new one, which Bainbridge and Broussard completed the previous day in Asbury Park. Bright shapes and lines illuminated off the screen and popped out. It was as if these colorful designs were moving back and forth like someone was adjusting the radio's volume. Unique images started to work in unison with background music to make images feel reminiscent of *2001: A Space Odyssey* with today's technology.

As the colors on screen turned

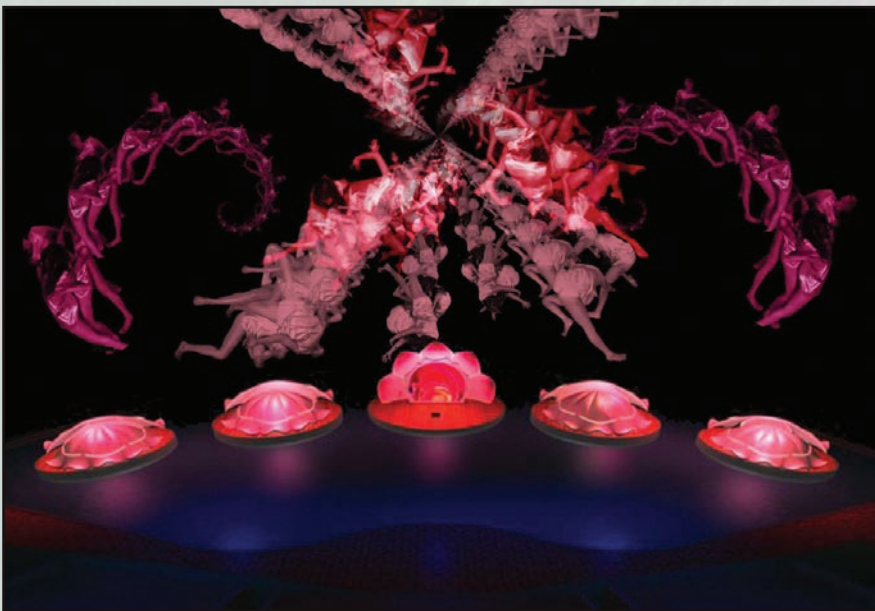


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Extraordinary images like this combined visuals with dancing when Infinite Light held a presentation on November 5.

from yellow to blue, Broussard's body appeared behind the screen, dancing to a steady rhythm alongside the visuals and sounds. Toward the end, the video became surreal as an image of Broussard was on the screen with a skyline projected on her as she took her final dance steps.

In regards to how Infinite Light is reshaping multimedia, Richison told *The Outlook*, "Artists who are able to take media like video and dance and combine them fluidly like Benton and Brooke are able to show the world some very interesting work."

When the lights came on, Bainbridge and Broussard introduced themselves; Bainbridge asked for questions before saying, "Still wondering what the heck you just saw?"

One student asked what Bainbridge was "manipulating" and he answered, "We were adjusting elements." He described VJ software that can alter the speed, direction, and brightness/contrast of clips. He also said the images popping in and out of the screen used a software version of an old analog TV effect. "It's sort of like a TV

losing its mind," he said.

Richison asked how Bainbridge and Broussard pick the images and whether the images or dance comes first. Broussard said, "It's a fluid process with back and forth dialogue. I see a space with water dripping down a building and it looks like a woman in a bathhouse. Benton will get it."

Bainbridge added, "One thing that makes Brooke unique is for the most part dance was open to visuals. Brooke is open to integrate dance into an overall visual state. Usually dancers like to be seen and every subtle movement is open to the audience."

The second video was a montage of Infinite Light's past work with a variety of clips such as three dancers who created spirals as they spun around on the left, center, and right to create a very interesting composition of lights, people, and sound. A bright green tree slowly came to life to appear like a mad scientist.

This was accompanied by scenes of shapes and lines that began to command the screen with blue silhouettes and placid purple backgrounds.

Some clips of Bainbridge's work on the Beastie Boys' tours were also shown. These visuals demonstrated how traditional dance can be combined with new technology to create hypnotizing images.

Broussard then discussed how she "drew movement from abstract images" and Bainbridge said when he met her, "I never met a choreographer that did something so abstract." Broussard continued saying that over the years, she has "developed movement vocabulary, style, movement style, and an overall vision" for her dancing anywhere.

Bainbridge said, "Dancing is how we make abstract means with our body." He described incorporating dancing by saying, "You reverse engineer your approach. You look back at the abstract image and work the background to the image."

One of the more interesting parts of the event was when Bainbridge broke down the first video. Bainbridge first projected the city skyline and Broussard separately. He used his computer to create as well as slow down Broussard's dancing and add layers of color to build the final image that the audience viewed.

John Curcia, a graphic design major, said he liked this because "it was easier to understand what they were talking about after they showed us."

Bainbridge and Broussard also discussed the creative challenges on the videos, "Big Bang." Bainbridge said they shot against a green screen and installed cameras in different locations including the ceiling. He said this was done while both were in separate countries.

The last video shown was what helped Bainbridge and Broussard get Kickstarter funding. It featured a unique collection of natural im-

ages and expressive color schemes. While it is difficult to replicate it in writing, some noteworthy images included a rose bloom that turned into people spiraling and, a green shape that grew into plants, trees, and other life forms.

Relaxing background music added a gentle pace and energy required to add vitality. Other images were abstract like when legs appeared on the edge of the screen and their feet slowly connected to one another.

The video ended with women's faces bursting further with a yellow halo around them and a red color scheme on their heads. It was a proper ending to this nature themed video as if the plants were the seeds needed to make the life we see at the end smiling off the silver screen.

Bainbridge offered the crowd with some advice, saying, "If you want to succeed as an artist, the key thing is to tell the world you are an artist. Keep saying, 'I am an artist.'"

After the event, Bainbridge showed some students how he makes videos further while Broussard discussed her dancing.

When *The Outlook* asked Broussard what inspires her, she said, "I would say what inspires me are nature, changing the human form, and light."

She connected this with the flowers featured in the last video. "Flowers can be seen as a symbol of love," she said. "If you give it, it keeps repeating itself."

Purez, a senior, said she enjoyed the show. "It definitely put the interactive media minor in perspective. I liked the first video the best. I like how they utilized the artist's body with all the layers."

By having Infinite Light come to campus, Richison said, "I hope students and faculty were able to understand that any creative media should break out of its boundaries. Brooke and Brenton overlapped dance and video with astounding results. I hope audience members were able to be inspired."

Hunter S. Thompson Fans Will Breeze Through *The Rum Diary*

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Johnny Depp stars as Paul Kemp, a rum-slinging journalist resembling the young and undeveloped Hunter S. Thompson in the new film, *The Rum Diary*. Depp was a close friend of Thompson and played his character in the 1998 film *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas* with a disturbingly accurate portrayal.

Based on Thompson's original novel, "The Rum Diary," written in the early 1960's, his story remained unpublished until 1998 when he had achieved phenomenal success as a writer and American icon.

Many who are familiar with his work may feel that the film from writer and director Bruce Robinson, based on Thompson's novel, does not do the book complete justice. Regardless, it is a must see for any fan of Thompson's work.

The film is set during the 1950's in San Juan, Puerto Rico where Paul has just taken a job as a journalist at a depressed newspaper. The paper is staffed by eccentric and maniacal characters. While Depp has an ability and knack for playing odd roles, Paul is surprisingly the most normal character in the movie.

Despite his unquenchable thirst for rum shooters and experimentation with mysterious hallucinogens, Paul is out-shadowed at times by the bizarre people that surround around him



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Johnny Depp channels Hunter S. Thompson once more in the adaptation, *The Rum Diary*. Depp plays Paul Kemp, a journalist who encounters wild situations and individuals while reporting in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

in Puerto Rico. In a sea of self-destructing journalists with an abundance of free time and booze, the film is full of laughs and raw entertainment.

The trailers are somewhat misleading and portray *The Rum Diary* as a wild substance-abusing ride similar to *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*. Paul says, "Puerto Rico. I came down here looking for a story, but I found the strangest paradise on Earth. It's where

your secrets come to dance and the voodoo works it's magic. And if the drinking doesn't get you into trouble, the women definitely will. All of this may sound like some crazed hallucination, but it's all true - I think."

Although wild at times, there is far more substance to Robinson's film in terms of what the characters represent alongside the naïve dreams of a young journalist.

At 120 minutes running time,

the movie drags on at times and seems to leave a few things undeveloped along the way. The underdevelopment of Kemp and his love interest Chenault (Amber Heard), the sexy temptress, is slightly frustrating because it never really comes off of the backburner as much as the audience will want it to.

The Rum Diary's plot can be slightly confusing at times because of a side story that involved

Paul's affairs with a crooked business mogul named Sanderson (Aaron Eckhart). With several wild rides associated with Paul's "perks" in working for Sanderson, the film juxtaposes the struggling journalists with Sanderson's rich cohorts who are plotting the commercial launch of a new resort in the Caribbean. Paul is recruited to write for them but the real purpose of his involvement is slightly vague and unclear.

From back alley cockfighting to cruising yachts and a classic red corvette, the film shows the vast differences in the social class of the journalists and the business moguls. While the rich characters are grubbing for more millions, the paper's editor Edward J. Lotterman (Richard Jenkins) is concerned with keeping the paper above water.

As the film progresses, Paul goes from merely wandering around finding himself in strange adventures to finding a purpose for his stay in Puerto Rico. He becomes determined to break a story, bringing justice with his typewriter.

Although there is a definite message behind the vagrant behavior seen throughout the movie, *The Rum Diary* is best enjoyed at its extremely entertaining face value.

This film is guaranteed to leave people running to local liquor stores to pick up bottles of rum. As Thompson once said, "Buy the ticket, take the ride."

The Hidden Finds in the Rare Book Collection

George Germek, Rare Book Collection Administrator Shares its Value

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For those who are interested in classic literature dating back to the eighteenth through twentieth century, George Germek, administrator of the Rare Book Collection in the Guggenheim Library, is a golden resource.

“The Rare Book Collection also has older books, like manuscript leaves from about 1300.” These manuscripts, said Germek, are the most popular books in the collection among students. “Some will say that students aren’t interested. They’re born into the computer age and they wouldn’t really be interested in leaves from the thirteenth or fourteenth centuries, but I find that to be completely untrue,” he said.

“They can’t believe that

they’re touching something that’s 700-years-old that somebody worked on, that’s still existing, that’s still intact.”

The antiquity of these books is what draws many people to them. Beautiful bindings and cover art attract attention and make them more desirable to most collectors.

Many illustrations students see in textbooks today come from originally published editions.

However, it is not only the physical appearance that makes these books rare collector’s items.

“What makes a book rare is really hard to say. Scarcity increases its rarity, as well as how it was produced, like if there were any sorts of problems in production.”

Germek uses *Ulysses* as an

example of value due to difficulty in publishing. Historical impact, how it was sold, and its influence on society also help to determine value. “A rare book is something you don’t see every day,” he said.

Germek collects books for value beyond money. He talks about the scholarly value and its importance when collecting for a university library. “The signed Virginia Woolf book is probably worth \$10,000, but we don’t look at it that way. It’s more like, we have a signed Virginia Woolf, come see it.”

The books he seeks are based on what will be used by professors and students. If a professor expresses an interest, Germek will do all he can to find that book. The chase, he says, is the best part of the job.

The people he communicates

with are exciting as well. “It’s a lot of fun to deal with people from London, Oregon, and Boston and go to the New York Antiquarian Rare Book Fair.”

Some rare books go for tens of thousands of dollars. If these books are so expensive, how does Germek acquire them? Most were simply taken off the shelves in our own library.

One of the books he found in the University Library is a large and worn book, *The Noble Grapes and the Great Wines of France*.

What makes this text significant is the card and stamp inside

reading, “from the estate of Jacquelyn Kennedy.” Another example is a book of laws and documents of the state of New Jersey, which was found just sitting on the shelves and is probably worth 20 or 30 thousand dollars, said Germek.

Some of the books once available to students for circulation through the library have become rare literary treasures.

Technology has made it easier to access to literature through online databases and Kindles available for use in the University Library.

Germek also talks about an iPad application to accompany *The Wasteland* by T.S. Eliot which gives an explanation of the work as well as commentary on it.

However, he believes that books will not be phased out. The physical appeal still fascinates students, professors, and collectors, especially in early editions as displayed in the library. “It’s real. That’s what it is, the real thing,” he said.

Some works that can be found in the Rare Book Collection is the first Johnson’s dictionary, books on colonist Africa, Shakespearean son-



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George Germek said that it is the scholarly value of the rare books in the collection that is important, rather than monetary value.

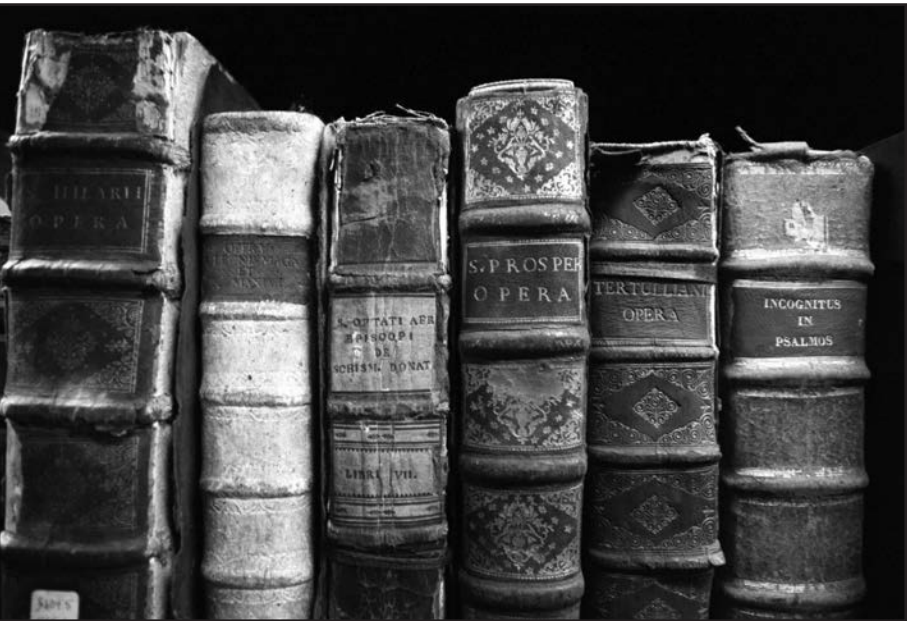


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Rare books in the University’s collection were sometimes found just sitting on the shelves of the Guggenheim Library.

Here Comes the Teenage Bride, All Dressed in White

The Analysis of the Emerging Problems of Teenage Marriage

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There was once a time when a person getting married at a young age was common. According to the *New York Times*, the average age for women to marry in the 1950’s was 19-years-old, and the marriage of people between the ages of 17 to 19 was not referred to as a teenage marriage because it was part of the norm. During those times, marriage between young adults was viewed the same way as marriage between 30-year-olds: a common practice.

Oftentimes, when people are told about a teenage marriage today, they usually suspect a pregnancy. In addition to pregnancy, wanting to get away from one’s parents can also be a contributing factor to teenage marriages, according to marriage.about.com.

“In some cases, teenagers who are without families for numerous reasons, or disconnected from their families may view marriage as a way of creating a family of their own so that they have someone to love and receive love in return,” said Thomas McCarthy, University psychologist.

No matter the circumstances, teenagers should not feel as if marriage is an obligation or something they have to do, nor should they view it as a means to an end. Although marriage may bring a certain level of freedom from one’s parents, it is also accompa-

nied by many complications, expectations, and responsibilities. The pressures of a marriage can also bring about its downfall.

In 2001, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention published a study that discovered that 48 percent of people who marry before the age of 18 are likely to divorce within 10 years. A lack of financial security, as well as a lack of maturity and understanding of what marriage truly is can be major contributing factors to the failure of any marriage. According to McCarthy, one of the root causes of the failure of a marriage may also be the resentment the two individuals may feel toward each other because neither teenager was able to “experience their teenage years like many of their friends.”

On the other hand, the youth perspective compares teenagers who get married to “fools in love.” What these young individuals are not considering is that what they are feeling may only be a crush and not true love.

“Teenagers want to get married because they think they are

in love,” said Elizabeth Regan, junior. “Most teens nowadays rush into marriage, and they think that they will make it, even if the world is against them.”

Much of today’s popular culture also glorifies teenage marriages

are teenagers in high school, yet they all want to be married before graduation, hoping that they will have their happily ever after and live as one big happy family. However, one of the marriages of the show failed as a result of marrying for the wrong reasons and poor communication after realizing the mistake.

Teenage marriages are frowned upon by many who feel that the individuals involved are just too young. Apart from the lack of maturity, teenagers who get married can be robbing themselves of the chance to be teenagers and enjoying everything that makes it great to be young.

“The person may not have had the opportunity to experience what many teenagers who are not married get to experience, such as not being able to go to college or to enjoy a social life without the responsibilities that come with marriage,” McCarthy said.

An unsuccessful and sometimes tumultuous relationship at a young age can affect an individual’s view of relationships for the future.

“Since so many teen marriages end in divorce, it is reason-

able to assume that the teenagers will have future relationships if their marriage ends. However, since their experience with marriage may ultimately be divorce, it may discourage him or her from wanting to get married in the future,” McCarthy added. “Further, if there is a child from the marriage, it will affect the dynamic of any future relationships.”

According to ideas.repec.org, teenage marriages frequently lead to higher poverty rates. The teenagers who marry young sometimes did not get the chance to further their educations and attain decent jobs. Eventually, when the marriage dissolves, there is very little either individual can do to better their economic situations.

“Teens today should realize that they don’t have enough experience at this age to make a life changing decision,” Regan added. “It is something each couple should explore before they commit to each other forever.”

Despite the few teenagers who do get married at young ages, the percentage of teenage marriages is on the decline, and some do not believe the practice will return.

“I do not think getting married young will be the new trend,” Regan said. “Most people today are set on ‘getting their ducks in a row’ first: the career, the finances, and steady income, and marriage usually gets put to the side.”



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Forty-eight percent of people who marry before 18-years-old get divorced within ten years, according to the Center of Disease Control and Prevention.

Giving Back to the University and Beyond

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No community, not even Monmouth County, has a lack of volunteering opportunities. There are many opportunities, both on and off-campus, which students can and should take advantage of.

You can find that some of the best resources for volunteering are right here on campus. Campus resources can take the hassle out of finding opportunities by providing services that can connect you with volunteering programs without you having to step foot off campus.

When it comes to finding volunteer opportunities, Marilyn Ward, Coordinator of Service Learning and Community Programs, is a person to know on campus. She works with individual students as well as clubs and organizations on volunteer opportunities on campus and in the larger community at hand.

She recommends that the first way a student can get involved on campus with volunteering is to join a club that deals specifically with volunteering. At the University, this includes Circle K and the Community Service Club. Other clubs also offer volunteering opportunities, but it may not be their main focus.

If you do not have time to join a club, there are usually many volunteering projects on campus. These include food drives, clothing drives, First-Year Service Project activities,

Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Relay for Life, Project Linus, letter writing for the troops, recycling efforts, and Greek fundraising events. Tess La Fera, sophomore, said that volunteering is a good activity to preoccupy one's time. "I participated in the teach-in and relay for life on campus," said La Fera, "and both were very rewarding experiences."

Ward said, "We're heading into the holiday season so there are many opportunities to help the community, especially through the Student Government Association Giving Tree. If groups would like to work with a family in need we have referrals from several community organizations."

No matter what group you want to work with, whether it is the elderly, children, the homeless, or animals, there are ways to help. "Students are limited only by their imaginations in terms of helping the community," said Ward.

Soup D'Shore is a soup kitchen at St. Luke's Church in Long Branch. This organization was actually started by a group of students led by Professor John Buzza.

The hours of operation are Tuesdays from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Meal at Noon is another soup kitchen which is open from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturdays and is also located in Long Branch.

Students can also mentor high school students through a program called Project BAM or College Bound. Project BAM is sponsored by the Institute

for Global Understanding and College Bound is another mentoring program organized by the Boys and Girls Club of Monmouth County.

No matter if you volunteer on or off-campus, overall, it should be a fun rewarding experience. One thing to remember is that no matter what type of volunteering you participate in, it will help the community.

You should make sure, however, that you enjoy the work or else you will not want to continue. According to "Volunteering and its Surprising Benefits" on helpguide.org, there are many ways that you can be sure that you will enjoy what you are doing.

One is to volunteer with an organization focusing on a topic or population that interests you. Next, you can match up your likes and dislikes with the objectives of your volunteer position. You can then figure out if you want to volunteer by yourself or in a group and whether you would like to volunteer during the day or at night.

Not only does volunteering help people around the community, it also leads to personal growth and many new opportunities. According to the helpguide.org article, it is easy for volunteers to meet new friends and learn important skills that can help students in the future when trying to find a job.

"Students get on board right away and do amazing things," said Ward, "Their creativity and enthusiasm are incredible."

The Lines Await

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Registers ringing, credit cards swiping, wallets whining, and parents sighing are sounds that echo through the stores. This is the joy of holiday shopping. Every year shoppers swarm the department stores and battle it out for the best deals on the items that top their gift list.

Extended hours and sales galore draw shoppers to the stores at all hours. Erin Cunningham, a junior, said, "I went shopping a few times on Black Friday, but it is so out of control. I don't feel like the madness and long lines are worth the discounts. If I do go, it is usually later in the day when all the craziness has settled."

Holiday shopping estimates for the 2011 season project that each person will spend \$403 on gifts for family members, according to National Retail Federation (NRF). The total spending on holiday items is estimated at \$704 per person, which also includes gifts for friends, pets, decorations, and various other items. Last year, shoppers spent a reported \$45 billion on Black Friday, according to a report from the NRF.

Out of the estimated 212 million shoppers, the amount breaks down to \$365 per person this year, some stores are opening even earlier to get shoppers to spend money in their store first. Target, Kohl's, Walmart, and Best Buy will open at 12:00 am before many other stores to get a head start on profits. Other stores, such as Sears and JC Penney, are opening at 4:00 am.

In a *Wall Street Journal* article, some retail employees expressed their unhappiness about the midnight openings. Many will need

to sleep before going to work and the hours will cut into their Thanksgiving holiday time with family.

Black Friday officially got its name in the 1960s and the meaning of the term has changed since it was first used to describe the day after Thanksgiving. Originally, a Philadelphia newspaper used the term Black Friday to describe the overwhelming amount of shoppers kicking off the holiday-shopping season, according to *Time*. Presently, its meaning suggests that retailers begin to show a profit for the first time during the year. Accountants also refer to "black" when a company shows profit as opposed to the red when a company is in the negative. In the past, Black Friday did not have such a positive connotation. On Sept. 24, 1864, gold prices dropped severely causing a panic over the stock market, according to *Time*.

About.com offers tips for shoppers to make the most of their experience. It suggests for shoppers to do their research, compare prices, know the stores policies, and bring the advertisements with them. Hoping to get an early bird special? Be there early or go on Thanksgiving night. There are many sites online that list the store's discount items, store hours, and specials. Prioritizing the most wanted items and going there first is a best bet.

One University student completely avoids shopping on Black Friday. "It's so crowded and hectic," said Lauren Cane, a sophomore. "I can't do my shopping then because you can never get exactly what you want since everyone is trying to fight for the same things."

Livin' it Up in Sin City

Student Spends Her Twenty-First Birthday in Las Vegas

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Las Vegas is one of the greatest destinations on earth. Who doesn't love to go away to Sin City for a weekend where anything and everything is possible? The lights, the hotels, the glamour, the rooftop clubs... What's not to love? They say that "What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas." And whoever "they" may be, they were not messing around with that statement. There's a reason it's so widely recognized, but you can't understand it until you've experienced it.

Las Vegas, Nevada is where I spent my twenty-first birthday this past summer. I was on the plane when midnight struck and that magical birthday fairy granted me permission to drink alcohol (legally).

I ordered a Jose Cuervo from the flight attendant, and sat back, wondering what this vacation would be like. Nothing has ever exceeded my expectations more than Vegas.

When my friends and I landed in Vegas we immediately set our bags down at the hotel and headed out to the strip. It was like New York City's Time Square, but bigger, better, and brighter.

We went into the MGM Grand, New York, New York, and Mandalay Bay. Everything was huge,

everything was colorful and most importantly, everything involved liquor. Everyone was out partying and it was 3:00 pm!

After exploring for what felt like forever, we headed back to our room to prepare for our big night out.

As soon as we finished squeezing into our finest attire, and highest heels, we set out to the rooftop club known as Voodoo Lounge. Have you ever had an out of body experience? That is what partying with bottle service at a rooftop club in Vegas is like.

Our VIP table was on the balcony on the roof, overlooking the Las Vegas Strip and every hot song from the past 10 years was pumping from the DJ's speakers.

cony on the roof, overlooking the Las Vegas Strip and every hot song from the past 10 years was pumping from the DJ's speakers. Throw in a great time with a couple of best friends and British gentlemen, and you've got yourself the perfect evening.

If they don't have it in Vegas, they don't have it anywhere. If there isn't a hot new club opening, there's an exclusive party at the latest hotel. Bottle service, room service, massages service; you name it. Celebrities are everywhere dining at the finest restaurants and partying at the clubs. Pauly D from "Jersey Shore" and Britney Spears were all over Ve-

gas during my stay and I had the opportunity to see each of them twice.

I don't know if it was the alcohol, the atmosphere or my overall jovial mood, but I met some of the craziest and most interesting people in Las Vegas.

One guy was speaking in what can only be described as a complete Borat accent, and a group of people at Voodoo were all dancing completely barefoot in circles, arms raised to the sky. Unfortunately, my friends and I partook in this as well. But, what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas (thankfully).

It is the ultimate vacation spot, because it is impossible to have a bad time. It is safe to say that everyone in Vegas is always having fun.

But the partying in Vegas doesn't stop there. By 11:00 am, the pools are packed with people just pounding shots and mixed drinks, dancing around their cabanas.

Only the best swimsuit apparel is worn and the hippest music is blasting. The party literally never stops. If you aren't walking around with a yard cup filled to the brim with a frothy alcoholic beverage at all times, you are a loser. Now, I cannot stress enough, I am not an alcoholic. But if you met me in Vegas, you might think differently. Hangovers do not exist in Vegas

because you wake up and immediately start drinking again. You deal with your hangover prob-

was the greatest birthday celebration I have ever had. The next time you've got some vacation

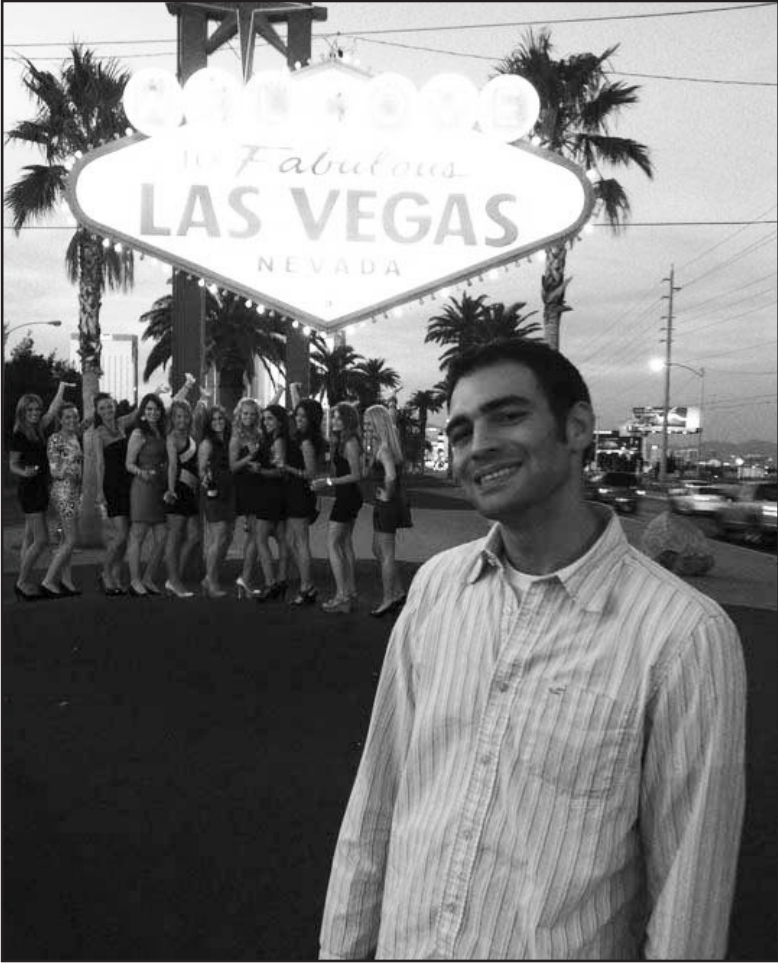


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Las Vegas is "like New York City's Time Square, but bigger, better, and brighter."

lems when you return to boring old New Jersey. I will never forget my Las Vegas experience. It time and some extra cash lying around, book a trip to Vegas, I promise you'll keep going back.

Club Baseball Team “Hits” the University

Students Put Together a Baseball Club Team

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A club baseball team was recently formed at the University by three sophomores looking to continue playing the game at a competitive level in college. Prior to this club, the University only had the main Monmouth team, and anyone else looking to play baseball was forced to look outside the University for a team or settle for intramural softball.

Joe D’Amico, a sophomore majoring in history and secondary education, was one of the founding members of the club team.

“I didn’t ever want to stop playing baseball. My friends and I were very disappointed when we came here and there was no team, so we started one so that we never had to stop playing at the competitive level,” said D’Amico.

D’Amico, along with sophomores Chris Bruno and Justin Morik, split the work in order to get this team started. They had to write up a detailed constitution, find insurance, an advisor, a league to join, equipment to use and enough students to put together a full roster.

Bruno is currently organizing a roster, attendance and dues,

but he said finding an advisor with spare time to devote to a club team such as this was one of the more difficult parts of putting it all together. “We talked to several staff members and many of them were too busy to take on this responsibility, which is understandable. Eventually, we talked to Tom McCarthy and he was very enthusiastic about the team and confirmed that he would be the team’s advisor.”

McCarthy has been with the University for four and a half years as one of the psychological counselors at the Office of Counseling and Psychological Services.

When he discovered the up-and-coming club baseball team, he decided to take on the role of advisor. McCarthy explained how he has always enjoyed baseball and played as kid but never at the college level.

“I wanted to be involved with a club on campus...outside of my primary role on campus as a psychological counselor,” he explained.

One of the other obstacles facing the newly formed team is finding a field to play on. According to D’Amico and Bruno, University Baseball Head Coach Dean Ehehalt was not thrilled



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The Club Baseball Team offers students a chance to play baseball at the competitive level without having to play Division I ball through the University.

with the idea of a club team using the field or equipment in the gym and said the team cannot use it at all.

“It is a nice to see that we have a club baseball team at the University,” said Coach Ehehalt, “Extracurricular activities and involvement are instrumental within the campus community and provide a lifelong experience for the participants. We wish those playing and participating nothing but the best.”

In regards to use of the field, he explained as far as facilities are concerned, that is handled through the Director of Recreation and not up to him.

The team plans on joining the NCBA Division II league for this upcoming spring where they will be facing teams such as Montclair, Rider, La Salle and other schools in the area. The club has already met a few times for practices on a field nearby off campus as well as getting together on campus just to throw in preparation for the upcoming season.

D’Amico estimates the cost to play to be around \$50-\$75 a student. This would cover insurance policy, jerseys, transportation to and from games, two regulation

bats and five dozen baseballs. The club team will be representing the University and currently has about 25 members signed up and 15 players who consistently show up for practices as of right now.

Bruno said, “The team is very excited for the start of the season. We are practicing hard and looking forward to playing against competitive schools. We are pumped to win many games and bring a great name to Monmouth University.”

Brendan Mallon is a junior at the University and jumped at the chance to play as soon as he heard about the team. “I hope to get my feeling on the field back after not playing for a while,” explained Mallon, “I also hope to make some new friends out of it and hopefully make some good memories.”

The club team’s first official game is scheduled for March 31. The team will be having a double header against LaSalle and will be played on a nearby field off-campus.

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JOE D’AMICO
Founding Member of the Club

Professional Marketing and Branding Session Presented at Speaker Series



PRESS RELEASE

WEST LONG BRANCH, NJ - - Specialist marketing and branding professional, Austin Rotter, is set to speak November 16 at 3:00 pm in Plangere, room 234 as part of PRSSA’s Speaker Series. With three years of experience, Rotter has gained knowledge in media relations, corporate communications industries, public relations campaigns and advertising.

Rotter currently serves as an account executive for 5W Public Relations. His clientele include Hanft Partners, Meteor Games, DLB Group and others in the industries of sports and technology. Through his experience he has gained ample contacts resulting in features for his clients in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *Mashable*, *New BusinessWeek*, *CNN* and many more.

Prior to his position with 5W, Rotter held internships with Howard Stern Radio Show on Sirius XM, MGH Inc., and IMRE Communications. Rotter graduated from Towson University with a B.S. in Mass Communications.

The PRSSA bio-monthly Speaker Series was instituted in 2009 to provide networking opportunities for public relations students and professionals. To stay up to date about who is speaking on what dates, follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/speakerseries. For more information about the speaker series or Monmouth’s PRSSA Chapter go to www.monmouth.edu/prssa or contact Amanda Erdmann, Communication Director, at s0756510@monmouth.edu, or Dr. Shelia McAllister-Spooner, Faculty Advisor, at smcallis@monmouth.edu.

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Phi Sigma Sigma Hosts Annual “Monmouth Idol”

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Phi Sigma Sigma raised \$950 for the National Kidney Foundation last Wednesday, November 9 when they sold 180 tickets for their annual “Monmouth Idol” contest which featured eight student acts performing at Pollack Theatre.

Phi Sigma Sigma’s “Monmouth Idol” parallels the hit show, “American Idol.” The performers all sang their heart outs in order to impress the panel of five judges.

The judges of “Monmouth Idol” were Ayla Gudelsky of Alpha Sigma Tau, Will Ryan of Sigma Pi, Kelly DelleDonne of Alpha Xi Delta, Joe Koenig of Theta Xi and Matt Rivera from Phi Sigma Kappa. Chris Spirito, a local DJ and a senior at Monmouth provided the music for the event.

As the show began, the hosts of “Monmouth Idol,” Stefanie Matano, a senior from Phi Sigma Sigma and Cameron Nichols, a senior from Sigma Pi, explained that over 20 million people in the United States have kidney disease. Organizer of the event, junior Gina Orlando, of Phi Sigma Sigma, said, “The sorority’s motive to do the event was to raise awareness of kidney disease and money for the National Kidney Foundation.”

Alicia Leifken, a senior who is currently serving as President of Phi Sigma Sigma at the University, said, ““Monmouth Idol” helps benefit our National philanthropy, The National Kidney Foundation, by donating 100% of the proceeds that we raise to the foundation.”According to the National Kidney Foundation website, in 1954, the first successful Kidney transplant was performed. Since this remarkable milestone, this foundation has been working to help indi-

viduals who suffer from kidney disease.

Elena Pellarin, an active sister of Phi Sigma Sigma, has been personally affected by kidney disease and said, “The National Kidney Foundation is so impor-

ter of a woman who had kidney disease, I know how serious it is and how important the work that we are doing is,” said Pellarin, junior.

The first performance of the night was done by Kristi Hunt

Amy Winehouse.

The hosts of the show, Matano and Nichols, then heard what the judges had to say about the performances that had seen. Will Ryan, a senior, said, “Everyone is doing great!” Koenig later

Jones,” by Michael Buble. Avellino, a junior, said, “Performing is my favorite thing in the world. It’s the moment I feel completely alive and singing has been my outlet since I was young. I had a blast performing.”

Next Jenna Kanaley, who has been singing since age three, sang “Gravity” by Sara Bareilles.

Elyssa Bucceri, a junior and the winner of “Monmouth Idol,” sang “If I Ain’t Got You,” by Alicia Keys. Bucceri claimed the title of “The Monmouth Idol,” and also received \$10 to Surf Taco, \$10 to Juniors and \$10 to Scala’s Pizzeria.

The seventh performance was a duet performed by two Sigma Pi seniors, Paul Gaudio and Tom Murphy. They had the audience laughing with their performance of Jason Derulo’s “It Girl.”

Lastly, a duet of Taylor Swifts “Two Is Better Than One,” was performed by Laura Garcia, a sophomore of Zeta Tau Alpha and Brian Hentz, a senior of Sigma Tau Gamma.

As the judges deliberated who would be named, “the Monmouth Idol,” there was a performance done by sophomores Renee Oleniacz and Giovanna Randazzo of Phi Sigma Sigma who sang and danced to “Super Bass,” by Nicki Minaj.

“I think that what we do in Greek life as far as our philanthropies are concerned is an awesome cause and I don’t think many people realize the extent of our impact,” said Avellino, “We’ve got limited time to give something constructive back to our community and the world and I’m honored to be a part of a community that contributes to a greater good.”

There were several sponsors for the show, including Scala’s, Junior’s, Surf Taco and Jersey Mike’s. The tickets for the show were \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door.



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Phi Sigma Sigma raised \$950 and sold 180 tickets at their “Monmouth Idol” fundraiser for the National Kidney Foundation.

tant not only because it is helping a lot of people, but it also spreads awareness about a disease that not many people know about.” Many people are aware of diseases such as cancer, but many people do not know that kidney disease is a deadly illness. “The foundation helps the families of those affected as well as works towards a cure. Being the daugh-

who performed “Hurt,” by Christina Aguilera.

Next, Kevin Kinsella and Steve Decarlo sang a duet of “Slide,” by the Goo Goo Dolls. Kinsella and Decarlo won third place in the “Monmouth Idol” competition.

Thirdly, Madelyn Mauterer of Zeta Tau Alpha sang a song that was originally performed by

said. “Everyone who participated in this event not only had talent, but I found it cool that we all came together and earned money for a good cause.”

The show continued with a performance by Matt Avellino and Michael Mason of Tau Kappa Epsilon. These two contestants won second place with their performance of “Me and Mrs.

Club and Greek Announcements

Alpha Kappa Alpha

On November 16, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will be conducting a seminar on Distracted Driving in Bey Hall room 130 from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

This event will feature various speakers, including victims of distracted driving and law enforcement officers.

The purpose of this event is to stress to students, faculty, and all who drive the importance of being a focused driver and why not to engage in other activities while driving.

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Outdoors Club

The Outdoors Club will be having a meeting Wednesday, November 16 in Bey Hall room 132 at 3:00 pm.

Economics and Finance Club

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Students can check out our website for further information as well as our calendar of events at muefc.wordpress.com.

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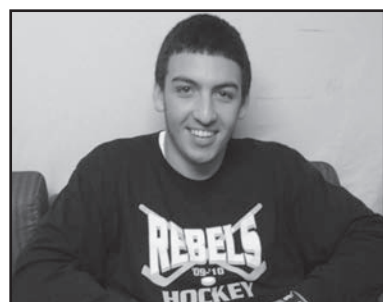
By using PRSSA’s services, a Monmouth University club or organization can reach a greater audience, and, therefore, increase awareness and achieve a greater turnout for events.

For more information, please contact Nicole Fullerton, PRSSA secretary, at s0762529@monmouth.edu or meet with the PRSSA executive board on Mondays at 6:30 pm or Wednesdays at 2:30 pm. For samples of services visit Prssa Services at Monmouth University on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Prssa-Services-at-Monmouth-University/272812139408956>



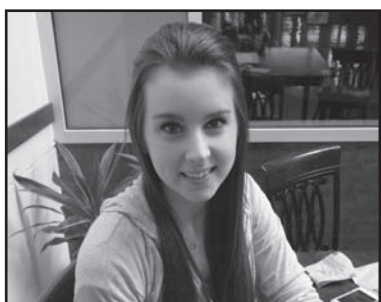
If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?

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Chris
freshman

"Atlantis so I could chill with mermaids."



Tara
senior

"Ireland because that is where my family roots are."



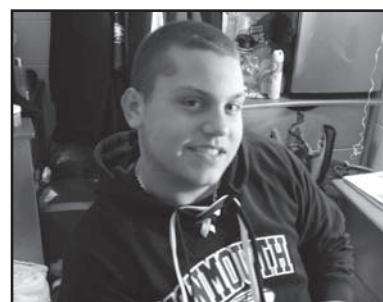
Taylah
junior

"Italy because of the culture."



Lauren
sophomore

"Anywhere because I haven't traveled anywhere."



Corey
sophomore

"The Playboy Mansion because why not?"



Jimmy
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"Bill Gates house because it probably has high tech stuff that hasn't come out yet."



Emily
sophomore

"Africa beacuse I could go on a safari."



Sarah
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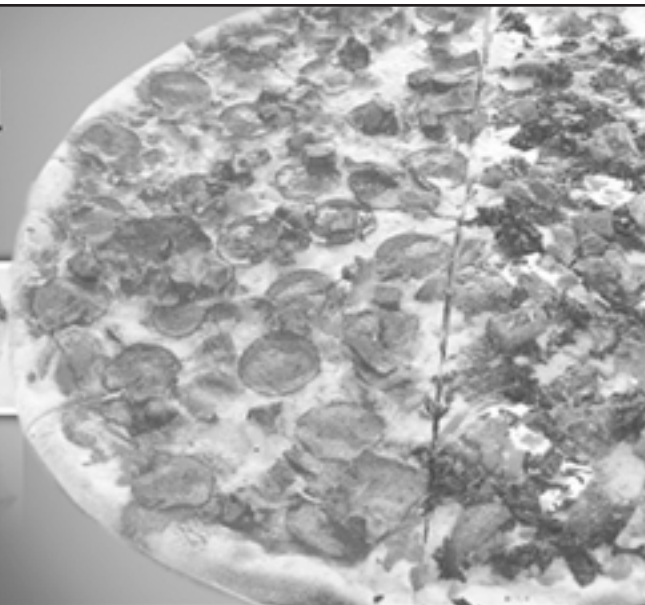
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Comics Team-Up Offers Superhero Combinations

MATTHEW FISHER
COMICS EDITOR

What’s better than one superhero in a comic book? That would be two heroes in a comic, which is where the idea of team-up books thrives. Unlike a team book where heroes work together issue in and out, team-up comics focus on different characters working together for one or two issues max.

Last week, Marvel released their newest team-up book with “Avenging Spider-Man” #1 by writer Zeb Wells and artist Joe Mauderia. The premiere issue focused on Spider-Man and Red Hulk (Rulk) dealing with monsters overrunning New York City. However, superhero team-ups are nothing new for Marvel.

The first “Marvel Team-Up” began in 1972 and featured Spider-Man working with the Human Torch against Sandman. In fact, Spider-Man was featured throughout most of the series alongside heroes like Thor, She-Hulk, and Captain America. Volume One lasted for 150 issues, ending in 1985.

“Marvel Team-Up” Volume Two arrived in 1997 and while Spider-Man was featured in many issues, other characters were presented as well like Namor, the Sub Mariner, Blade, Doctor Strange, and the Thing. Writer Robert Kirkman took over “Marvel Team-Up” Volume Three in 2005 and presented his own unique hero combinations.

Looking back at past “Marvel Team-Up” volumes in preparation for “Avenging Spider-Man” #1, newsarama.com said about Volume Three, “While this MTU wasn’t strictly limited to Spider-Man stories, it started and ended with the character playing a prominent role, and he even teamed up in issue #14 with Kirkman’s Image Comics creation, Invincible.”

The site continued to report

that less familiar characters like Darkhawk and Sleepwalker also returned to the Marvel Universe in this series.

There was also an Ultimate Marvel Team-Up book titled, “Ultimate Marvel Team-Up.”

Now, although “Avenging Spider-Man” #1 does not carry the “Marvel Team-Up” banner on the book, readers should see that it’s a new interpretation of this iconic series.

If anything, the title “Avenging Spider-Man” gives it a hip new sound while continuing to present fans with more heroes for the Wallcrawler to fight evil with and comicbookresources.com explained why it is now a good time for Spider-Man to team up with other heroes.

According to the site, “...Spidey’s membership in two different Avengers team and the Future Foundation has allowed him to interact and establish relationships with an even larger variety of heroes. In the new, ongoing ‘Avenging Spider-Man,’ writer Zeb Wells and artist Joe Madureira will explore the dynamic between Spidey and his numerous teammates.”

Although Marvel is grabbing attention for its new team-up book, it is not the only publisher to bring superheroes together for exciting one-shot or two-issue tales.

DC Comics, for example, has had its own team-up book over the years with “The Brave and the Bold.” The first volume of “The Brave and the Bold” lasted from 1955 until 1983. The first series was notable for featuring the very first appearance of the Justice League in “The Brave and the Bold” #28 (It is worth mentioning that the first Justice League featured neither Superman nor Batman).

The second volume featured two miniseries from 1991-92; one was a serious tale with Green Arrow, the Question, and the Butcher while the other was a light throw-

back to the Silver Age with “Flash and Green Lantern: The Brave and the Bold.”

DC Comics once again returned to “The Brave and the Bold” in 2007 when writer Mark Waid brought heroes together in different circumstances.

However, it was when writer J. Michael Straczynki (JMS) took over that this series moved in an exciting and dramatic direction beginning with issue #27, featuring Batman and Dial H for Hero.

Throughout his time as “Brave and the Bold” writer, Straczynski presented team-ups from Doom Patrol and the Legion of Super-Heroes to Aquaman and the Demon.

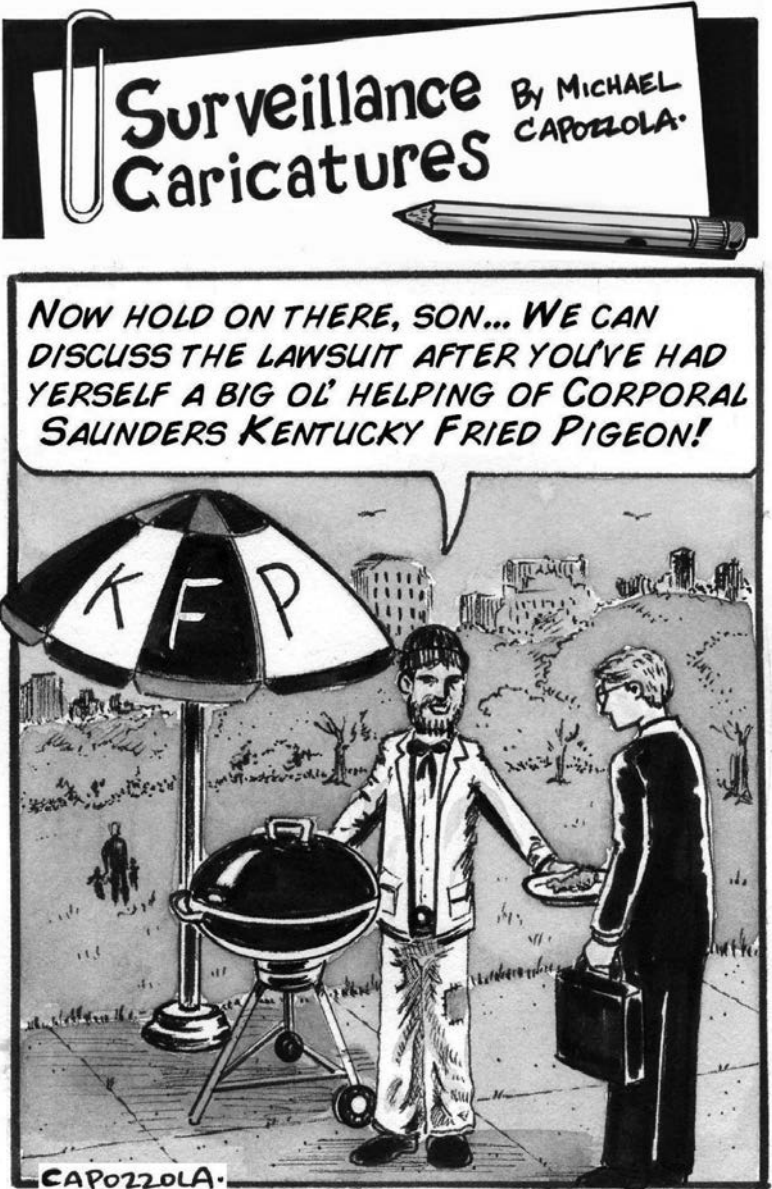
One memorable story was issue #33, where Wonder Woman and Zatana take Barbara Gordon/Batgirl out for a fun, crime fighting night on the town because they knew her life would change forever later when she got shot in the spine by the Joker (i.e. “Batman: The Killing Joke”).

When JMS was working on “Brave and the Bold,” he explained his method to comicbookresources.com about putting two characters together (in regards to a Joker/Atom story).

He said, “When I set out to come up with a game plan for ‘The Brave and the Bold,’ the first questions I asked were: who has been paired and who hasn’t? Who can we bring in from either end of the spectrum that has never played with that character? Granted, you can go a bit far afield on that if you’re not careful...But in general, it leads to interesting combinations.”

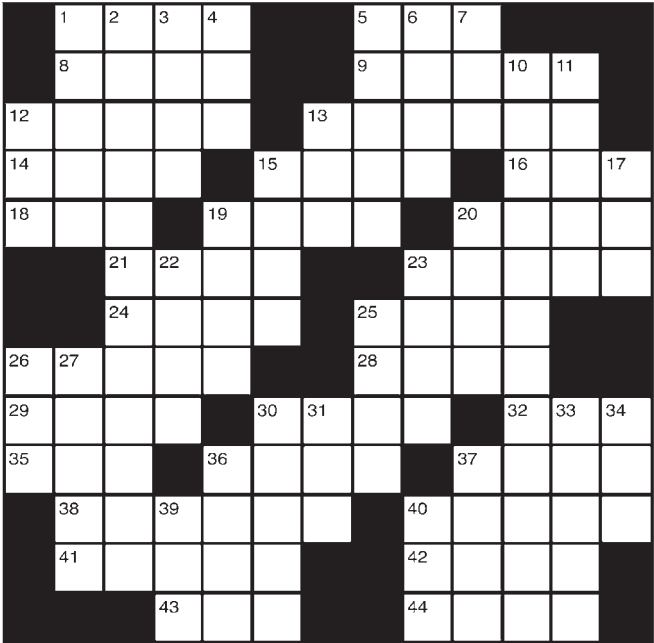
“The Brave and the Bold” Volume Three ended with #35. However, with Marvel bringing a new take to their former “Marvel Team-Up” series, whose to say that DC won’t contemplate paring up their hero again.

“Avenging Spider-Man” #1 is on sale now and costs \$3.99.



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 - 23 Carvey and Delany
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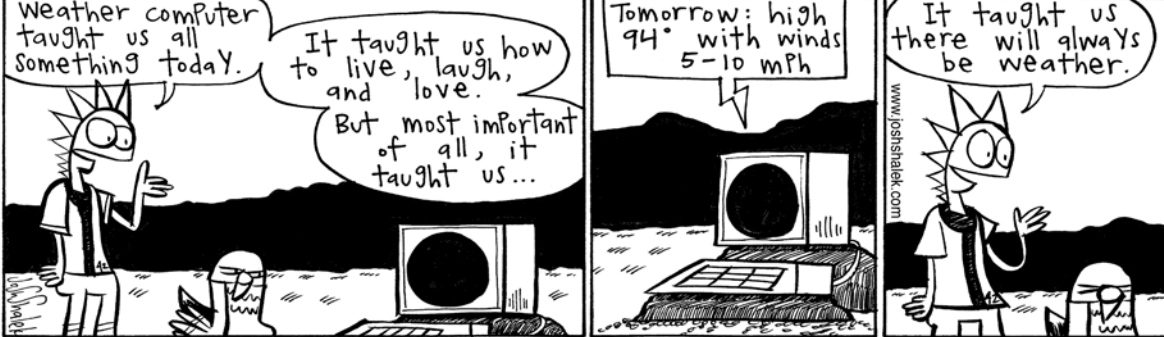
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Men’s Soccer Team Wins NEC Championship for the Third Straight Season

MAGGIE ZELINKA
STAFF WRITER

The men’s soccer team hosted the Northeastern Conference Championship against the Farleigh Dickinson Knights this past Sunday. With weather at 60 degrees and a subtle wind, the turf posed an ideal playing condition. The ideal playing condition led to an ideal game for Monmouth: a win.

Prior to the game, Head Coach Robert McCourt enlightened his players with some advice. “I told the men just to stick with our game which is what we do well and to execute our game plan.” McCourt continued, “I wanted them to stay positive through the good and the bad of the game.” With this in mind, the Hawks began the game in their usual style: aggressively. In the first 20 minutes, the men were able to take three corner kicks, six shots, and made four fouls while FDU had no action whatsoever. Monmouth was able to make the score read

the first half ended, the score read 1-0 Monmouth but Farleigh Dickinson was now ready to put up a battle.

The first 20 minutes of the second half proved just as crucial as the game’s opening twenty minutes. MU was able to get two corner kicks, both taken by sophomore Joseph Schmid, within the first ten minutes. Neither ended up as a goal but they did help keep the pressure on the Knights’ side of the midfield.

The Hawks continued to play aggressively as they took three shots in the next 10 minutes but their aggressiveness did come at a cost; senior Max Hamilton and Kalle Sotka received yellow cards in the process. Directly after Sotka received his yellow card, Farleigh Dickinson scored making the game tied at 1-1. Monmouth retaliated in full force. In the next 15 minutes, the Hawks had four corner kick opportunities, eight shots, and only two fouls. FDU was only able to make one shot during that time period.



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Robert McCourt gets the gatorade shower following the Hawk’s 2-1 overtime victory over FDU in the NEC Championship game.

“I told the men just to stick with our game which is what we do well and to execute our game plan.”

ROBERT MCCOURT
Head Coach

1-0 in their favor due to freshman Kalle Sotka’s shot.

The assist was awarded to freshman Derek Luke. It can be said that the Knights realized the Hawks’ determination because they began to pick up their game after the goal was scored. Within the next minute, FDU carried the ball down the field and took a clean shot which was saved by MU goalie Alex Blackburn. As

When the buzzer sounded to declare the second half over, the scoreboard still read 1-1 sending the game to overtime. In collegiate soccer, each overtime period consists of 10 minutes on the clock and whichever team scores first wins the game. The first overtime period was a toss-up between the two opponents. FDU had two shots while Monmouth had one making the action slim

and therefore, no goals were posted.

The second overtime was a much different case. Farleigh Dickinson was able to send two shots in Blackburn’s direction while Monmouth was only able to shoot one.

But with that one shot taken with 20 seconds left in the period is what ended the game.

Receiving a perfect pass from Schmid, Sotka was able to place the ball in the back of the net to bring the NEC championship back to Monmouth. Saving the team from a third overtime, the freshman’s clutch goal did not go

unnoticed. Sotka was named to the College Soccer New National Team of the Week, a honor that is given to 11 players in the whole nation. Sotka was the only freshman this week awarded with the honor.

As for why he believes his team was so successful in this match-up, Coach McCourt commented, “They were able to keep a level head and remained calm even when the emotions were heightened with the drama.” The men will advance to the NCAA tournament for the third straight year. They will be hosting the American East Conference Champions

Stony Brook in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The Hawks will be looking to build on what they have done the past two seasons and will look to go deeper into the NCAA Tournament.

Last year, the Hawks were eliminated by Dartmouth in the first round, but the previous year they were eliminated until the second round when they fell to Harvard.

The Hawks will be hoping for better results this season, when the game takes place on the Great Lawn Thursday night at 7:00 pm under the lights.

Football Team Remains Winless at Home

ED MORLOCK
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Hawks’ chance at a conference title ended on Saturday with a loss to the Albany Great Danes at Kessler Field. Albany pulled away with 17 fourth quarter points to defeat MU 41-24.

Monmouth fell to 5-5 on the season, 4-3 in the Northeast Conference (NEC). They continue to be winless at home, with a 0-5 record in West Long Branch. Albany remains on top of the NEC with a 7-3 record, 6-1 against conference opponents.

MU was simply outplayed in the fourth quarter and that was the difference. “We have to give them credit, they are a good football team, in all areas,” said Head Coach Kevin Callahan.

The Blue and White’s defense could not limit the big plays in this game and allowed Albany to score from anywhere on the field. The Great Danes had touchdowns of 55, 62, 53 and 44 yards. “Albany demonstrated the ability to make some big plays,” said Callahan. He continued, “I think ultimately the story of the game was our defense giving up some big plays.”

In the fourth quarter, the 53-yard touchdown play took the wind out of the Hawks and put an end to the season. This was a screen pass from quarterback Dan Di Lella to running back Dillon Romain. “We were in the blitz, it was a good call against a blitz,” said Coach Callahan. “We had a blown coverage. We never covered the back who they screened it to.”

Running back Drew Smith ran

through the Monmouth defense in this game. He carried 14 times for 131 yards and two touchdowns. His touchdowns were from one yard away and 62 yards away. “We missed two tackles at the line of scrimmage,” said Callahan about the 62-yard run. “He split the defense between the secondary and a run support player.”

Craig Peterson did not have as good of a game. He completed 32 of 49 passing attempts for 296 yards, two touchdowns, and a very costly interception.

The Hawks appeared to have some momentum before the interception. Albany had just missed a 52-yard field goal attempt allowing Monmouth to take over with great field position and trailing by only seven points. Peterson then faked a handoff to Julian Hayes, bootlegged to his left, and carried the ball for an 18-yard gain to the Great Dane’s 47-yard line. The next play, Leon Saddler intercepted a poorly thrown Peterson pass.

“We actually had him beat on the play. It was a sprint-out. I think we did a good job sealing the edge,” said Peterson about his interception. “One of the linebackers came once he saw I was sprinting out and I just wasn’t able to get it off as clean as I would’ve liked to.”

The Hawks fought tough for three quarters, but couldn’t close it out. “I think we just have to be a little bit better about finishing out what we do,” Peterson said. “We had some success early. They got a little bit of pressure on us, and I had the one mistake with the interception that kind of hurt us.”

Hayes was the featured running back for the Hawks in this contest. He

carried the ball 18 times for 78 yards and a touchdown. In the last five games, Hayes has scored 11 touchdowns.

Mitchell Pollard and Neal Sterling were the top receivers for MU. These two combined for 15 catches and 141 yards. Sterling was able to make some big third down catches while the game was still close. “The corner backs would act like they were pressing. It was more like a press-bail type coverage,” said Sterling. “So a lot of the outside routes were open, like the 10-yard outs and the comebacks. The outside was always wide-open because the corners would keep bailing.”

Mike McLafferty and Tristan Roberts were also apart of the passing attack. McLafferty caught a six-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter to give the Hawks a 10-7 lead. Roberts had five catches for 70 yards, including a 31-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter.

This is the second consecutive week that the Hawks have given up more than 40 points. “We’re struggling in some areas on our defense now,” said Callahan. “There are certain positions that we’re not playing as well as we need to play to be successful.”

While hopes of an NEC championship are gone, the Hawks still want to win their final contest. Sitting at 5-5, they want to make sure 2011 is a winning season and they do not want to go winless on their home field.

The season concludes Saturday when Wagner comes to Kessler Field. This NEC game is set for a 12:00 pm kickoff.

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Study Hall Gets Modified for Student-Athletes

CASSANDRA FIGUEROA
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Student-athletes at the University will now be required to perform their study hours at the Library rather than the athletics office.

In mid-November, the Library will take the place of the athletic office study hall and will become the main area for athletes to perform their study hours. The students who believe that the athletic office is too far and distracting will now have a more convenient, quiet place to work. The new member of the Athletics Department, Claude Taylor, the Athletics Professor-in-Residence, proposed this idea. Taylor said, “I proposed the library because I believe it is where students can do their best work.” The Library is closer to the residence halls and offers students privacy in order to complete their assignments. The plan for the modification of the study hall is to be called, “The Department of Athletic Academic Performance Center,” Taylor said.

Student athletes complain about the study hours they are required to do at the athletics office. Many of them say that the room is distracting to work in. “I honestly hated my study hall hours because I can’t concentrate with other students around, especially ones that I’m friends with,” said Tilah Young, a sophomore track athlete who had to participate in study hours her freshman year. Young said that when surrounded by peers, it is hard to focus on work and instead would rather socialize. “Study hall at night was basically just a time to hang out with friends, although I’m sure

other people got work done, I found it hard to accomplish much of anything then,” said the sophomore tight end on the football team, Benjamin Wallace.

Along with distractions, the athletes said that the walk to the building is out of the way and a waste of time. It takes about 15 minutes to walk from the residence halls to the athletic office, and the students feel that it is unnecessary. “Having to walk 15 minutes from the dorms to the outer reaches of campus just to accomplish homework was disheartening to say the least,” Wallace said. He said that he would rather work in the library since it is closer to the residence halls and offers so many different resources.

The University plans to keep study hours and improve the problems the students have by using the library as a new, alternative study hall. Coaches and other athletic faculty members want these students to succeed and believe that the required study hours will help them do so.

“Over the years, I’ve seen a good majority of the students perform well in high school, only to struggle when they reach college because of the new environment and freedom of no longer having to answer to parents,” said Kevin Callahan, the Head Coach of the football team. Callahan requires his team to take part in study hours so that each teammate will maintain good grades. He does not want his players to fall behind academically due to the fact that they are first-year students at the school and are not used to the new opportunities that college has to offer.

“Without a doubt study hours

helped my grades substantially, they really forced me to concentrate on the tasks at hand,” said Wallace. Although Wallace said the study hours had its problems, he also said they helped him academically as a freshman.

The study hall will be in the lower level of the library. A student must sign in when they arrive and sign out when they leave. The hall will be located in a room on the bottom floor but the athletes will be free to study anywhere in the library. Athletic Administration will also be available for students to speak with while accomplishing their hours. Both the Library and athletics office will be available to the athletes during the transformation stage in mid-November until further notice.

As of now, all athletes must report to the athletics office at the time of their scheduled study hours. If a student-athlete chooses to go to the Library, math, writing or tutoring centers, they may sometimes substitute that time for their study hours, but only as approved by their coach. When a student comes into the study hall, he/she must sign in so that the department can keep track of who is going and who is not.

Punishments for not participating in the study hours can lead to additional hours, loss of practice, loss of competition, or dismissal from the team depending on the policies of each team’s head coach.

The study hours are also required for first-year student-athletes and those athletes who fail to achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.3 prior to their freshman year.

Cross Country Competes at Mid-Atlantic Championships

THE OUTLOOK SPORTS STAFF

The men’s and women’s cross country teams competed at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Championships this past Saturday at the campus of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

The men’s team finished 19th out of 25 schools while the women finished in 16th place out of 29 schools. The meet was made up of 37 different schools coming from New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Delaware, and Washington D.C.

Freshman Khari Bowen impressed everyone with his 56th place finish in the 10k (6.2 mile) course. For the women’s team, senior Jennifer Nelson finished with a school best 41st place on the four mile track.

The men’s 19th place finish is the best for the team since the event in 2008. Senior, Dan Collura finished in 94th place, the second best for the

men with a time of 32:59.6. Bowen finished in 32:02. Sophomore Seth Robbins was the next Hawk to cross the line, with a time of 33:53.5. Seniors Garth DeBlasio and Ryan Mulligan finished at 34:02.1 and 34:02.6, respectively. The sixth and seventh Hawks to cross the line were junior, Jeffery Ascough and sophomore Dakota Dazell, who finished in 35:07.1 and 35:16.9, respectively.

The women’s team finished in 16th place and was the best placement out of any Northeast Conference school competing at the meet.

Nelson’s 41st place finish was good for a time of 23:06.5, which was the best finish for any member of the women’s team in school history for the Mid-Atlantic Championships.

The Hawks will return to action this Saturday at the ECAC and IC4A Championships at Van Courtlandt in the Bronx, New York. The women’s race is set to begin at 11:30 am and the men’s race will begin at 12:15 pm.

Women’s Basketball Falls to UMBC 68-64

THE OUTLOOK SPORTS STAFF

The Women’s basketball team lost their season opener to the University of Maryland-Baltimore County, 68-64 in the MAC. The loss was new head coach Jenny Palmateer’s first game as head coach of the Hawks.

Carly Thibault led the Hawks with a career high 19 points, junior Betsy Gadziala had 13 points, and Abby Martin had 10 points. The Hawks were also missing two of their starters, as Alysha Womack and Adrianna

Allen were both out due to injuries.

The Hawks trailed by three with just under eight minutes left in the game, but UMBC was able to pull away and hold on in the end for the win.

The opposition gets a little tougher for the Hawks in the next game, as they will be facing off against Wake Forrest on Tuesday and then Georgetown next Monday. The Hawks will be on the road for both of the games and will not be home again until December 10.

Men’s Basketball Team Falls to Villanova in Season Opener

PRESS RELEASE

In its 2011-12 season opener, the men’s basketball team fell at Villanova University 106-70 in head coach King Rice’s debut with the Hawks. Monmouth, which surrendered 100 points for the first time since December of 2008, had three players score in double-figures, led by junior Jesse Steele’s 12 points and five assists.

The Hawks (0-1) connected on 45.2% from the floor in the first half, but went 9-of-33 in the second half, while the Wildcats connected on 12 three-pointers.

Dion Nesmith, in his collegiate debut, notched 10 points, four rebounds, two assists, two blocks and two steals, while Phill Wait added 10 points. Ed Waite recorded nine points, five rebounds, three assists, two blocks and a pair of steals as well.

Monmouth grabbed an early lead after five straight points from Steele, as the junior’s pull-up three-pointer gave the Hawks a 5-2 advantage with 18:10 left in the opening half.

After Waite’s lay-in knotted the score at 7-7, Darrun Hilliard’s three-pointer gave the Wildcats a 10-7 edge, and Villanova increased its lead to 17-11.

Will Campbell’s trifecta trimmed the deficit to 19-16 with 11:40 left in the stanza, but the Wildcats used a 13-4 run to grab a 32-20 lead at 7:51.

After falling behind 34-22, three-pointers from Nesmith and Campbell pulled the Blue and White within 36-28 with 4:35 left, but the Wildcats used an 8-4 spurt, including five free throws, to hold a 44-32 edge with 2:22 remaining.

Austin Tillotson’s steal and lay-in trimmed the ‘Nova lead to 44-34, but the Wildcats outscored the Hawks 11-2, paced by a set of



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Will Campbell drives to the net against Villanova in the Hawks’ season opener this past Friday.

three-pointers, over the final 1:31 of the half to take a 55-36 lead at the intermission.

Freshman Andrew Nicholas drilled a trey for the Hawks’ first points of the second half, as Monmouth trailed 57-39 with 19:24 left, and back-to-back post baskets from Waite made the score 60-43 with just under 18 minutes remaining. Waite’s follow-up dunk pulled the Hawks within 60-45, but consecutive treys from Cheek and Wayns started a 16-0 Wildcat run which culminated in a 74-47 lead with 14:25 left.

Nicholas’ second three-pointer stopped the run, but VU pushed the run to 21-4 to take a 79-51 lead, and

the Wildcats took an 89-57 advantage with 9:57 showing.

Mykel Harris’ three-point play made the tally 92-62, however Villanova notched the next 11 points to claim a 103-62 advantage with 5:30 left.

In the game, 10 of Monmouth’s 11 players scored for the Hawks, as Campbell and Nicholas added eight points apiece and Harris notched six.

Monmouth returns to action on Monday night, when the Hawks face host Virginia Tech in the opening round of the 2011 Dick’s Sporting Goods NIT Season Tip-Off in Blacksburg, Virginia. Tip-off is set for 7:02 pm in Cassell Coliseum.



Sandusky Scandal, Paterno Riots, and the Role of Morals

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On November 4, 2011, a scandal that would soon rock the world was unveiled to the public. Former Penn State Defensive Coordinator and a member of Joe Paterno’s staff for 33 years, Jerry Sandusky was indicted on 40 counts of sex crimes against young boys. The indictment came after a three year investigation on the matter, which examined the testimonies of assistant coach and former grad-assistant at the time, Mike McQuery, who reported to have seen Sandusky sexually abusing a minor in 2002.

As the investigation’s content became prevalent, it was uncovered that Sandusky had been charged with numerous sexual counts against minors involving eight different young boys. Some of the instances even occurred on Penn State property. On November 5, Sandusky was promptly arrested and charged with many of the counts that the grand jury investigation revealed.

Effects of the scandal have hit the University very hard, as Athletic Director Tim Curley and Vice President for finance and business Gary Schultz, have been charged with perjury and failure to report a suspected child abuse case. Schultz, who ran the campus police department, is said to have done little on the matter after being informed of Sandusky’s “run-ins” with the victims. The school’s Board of Trustees relieved school President Graham

Spanier and head coach Joe Paterno of their duties.

The only action known to have taken place in response to the abuse was McQuery informing Head Football Coach Joe Paterno on the matter, who promptly told the athletic director. But Curley and Schultz reportedly only made a campus policy on the issue that banned Sandusky from bringing children to campus.

Joe Paterno who had been a member of the Penn State coaching staff since 1949, was controversially let go on the same day he said he would retire after the season. The school fired him, saying they were obligated to for the betterment of their University, but the 84 year old, did (as supporters claim) alert the right people and complete the necessary steps.

Here at Monmouth, Dr. Marilyn McNeil, Vice President and Director of Athletics feels the situation was very tragic and her heart goes out to all the victims. “This was a reminder to all of us on staff to be vigilant and to always do the right thing,” said McNeil.

The issue really boils down to ethics and what is an acceptable route. What Sandusky was alleged to have done is just repulsive, but the actions taken by Penn State higher-ups is an even bigger question mark. With the knowledge we have now, all we know is that the raping of young boys was known to the Penn State higher-ups and no police action was taken. Should this have been different? Should Paterno have been let go? What would you do?



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