

NEW ACADEMIC CALENDAR & FRAMES SCHEDULED FOR FALL



Although students will be in classes five minutes longer as of Fall 2015, the University will be implementing a new academic calendar and framing system that shortens the semester to fourteen weeks, as opposed to the current standard of fifteen, according a document released by the University Task Force that restructured the current scheduling system. Pictured above is Joseph Rapolla, Chair of the Music and Theatre Arts Department, and his class.

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The fourteen week academic calendar and revised framing system generated by the University Task Force has been voted into approval by full-time faculty members in order to facilitate higher learning, scheduling consistency, and scheduling flexibility. This change will be effective as of fall 2015.

The key changes in the restructured academic calendar include: a two-day fall break on the Monday and Tuesday of Columbus Day weekend; a final examination period extending no later than Dec. 22; eightyminute long class periods; classes ending no later than 9 pm;

on Wednesdays; and the dismissal dar and time frames." of all classes the Wednesday before the Thanksgiving holiday.

Laura Moriarty, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, said, "If we did not change the calendar, there would have been years when there would be no fall break and times when the University would still be in session up to Dec. 23. The fall break allows for students to engage in high impact learning experiences that extend beyond the classroom, a hallmark of the new strategic plan. [Additionally] the consistency of the calendar allows for good academic planning."

Moriarty sent out an email to the campus community on Thursday, Nov. 11 to introduce and welcome the upcoming change. She stated, "I an allotted University meeting am happy to report that last Friday develop one or two alternatime held from 2:45 – 4:20 pm the faculty approved the new calentive scenarios to the current

According to Moriarty, the faculty vote was conducted electronically over a two-day period. Out of the 162 full-time faculty members who submitted a vote, a final count of 137 members favored the Task Force and helped move this academic calendar forward.

The idea of crafting a new academic calendar and frame schedule was organized by former Provost Thomas Pearson and Faculty Council Chair Bob Smith. In a meeting on Oct. 10, 2012, the duo recruited a 15-member Task Force of select faculty, administration, and students.

Pearson and Smith instructed the Task Force to identify and

academic calendar and framing structure, list the advantages and disadvantages of each of the formulated scenarios, and identify the consensus favorite of the models.

Meeting in weekly and biweekly sessions between Oct. 10, 2012 to March 13, 2013, with a two-week disruption during Superstorm Sandy and a fiveweek hiatus during winter break, the Task Force researched the calendars and framing systems of the following universities: Bucknell, Butler, Fairfield, Fairleigh Dickinson, Rider, Rutgers, Scranton, Seton Hall, Stockton, The College of New Jersey, and Wagner.

By comparing Monmouth's existing academic calendar to

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Comedy Club **Ticket** Salesman: 'No Joke'

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A young man posing as a University student was selling tickets to the New York Comedy Club in several classrooms on campus two weeks ago. The tickets were determined legitimate and no arrest was made, but MUPD asked the individual to leave campus.

Accounting Professor Douglas Stives witnessed this salesman on Wednesday, Oct. 29. Stives said, "He barged into my 10 am class and asked if he could 'have a minute to tell the class about a special offer from the Student Government.' I was a little put off.'

The young man was selling tickets that were originally priced at \$50 for \$10, which were valid for two people, according to Stives. About eight students in his first class purchased tickets, with both cash and credit cards. The salesman had finished pitching and making purchases within five minutes of walking into the classroom.

"He looked and acted like a student. I asked my class if anyone knew him and they said no," Stives said. The salesman returned to Stives' 1 pm class. Stives confronted the salesman and asked who he was and explained that no one seemed to know him. At this point, the salesman introduced himself as Jeff Adams, a University student majoring in marketing. He pitched to Stives' class, and after no one was interested, left quickly. "I realized I made a bad decision to let him enter my class. I should have told him we do not allow any solicitation in our classes and all selling requires a permit from the Student Government Association (SGA)," said Stives. At 10:45 am on Thursday, Oct. 30, Adams also entered the classroom of Management

Athletics Moves Towards New 'Brand Identity'



CHARLIE BATTIS

Monmouth's transfer from



PHOTO COURTESY of Eddy Occhipinti Members of the Cheerleading Team celebrate the revealing of the Athletic Department's new logo alongside mascot Shadow last spring.

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The University's recent move to the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) and the Big South Conference for football, the announcement of a partnership with ESPN3, and revamped logos and letter marks are several of the actions that are intended to move the Monmouth University Athletic Department towards a new identity.

"I think things are happening for all the right reasons and it's not because there hasn't been a lot of hard work behind the scenes because there has been, but now you're starting to see the fruits of some of that labor. We have a lot more work to do though," said Marilyn McNeil, Vice President and Director of Athletics.

the Northeast Conference to the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) for the 2013-14 academic year was the first move towards an attempt for greater exposure of the University.

"Any time you make those jumps to a new league, you do it to better your visibility and your chances of competition," said Greg Viscomi, Assistant Athletics Director for Communication and New Media.

The added exposure is generated by an increase in televised sporting events, such as four or more broadcastings of the Monmouth men's basketball team on ESPN3 this season. According to Eddy Occhipinti, Assistant Athletics Director, the ESPN3 broadcasts are a major way to boost visibility, as they will reach approximately 95 million homes. "Through our broad-

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University Welcomes Visiting Writer Joyce Carol Oates

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A crowd of about 540 University students and faculty as well as members of the community gathered to listen to a reading by best selling author Joyce Carol Oates as part of the University's Visiting Writers Series in Pollak Theatre on Thursday, Nov. 13.

This was the largest crowd we have ever had," said the Director of the Visiting Writers Series and Associate Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Michael Thomas.

Thomas seemed very happy with the outcome of the event and said that Oates was inspirational and relatable.

Oates opened with explaining that for many writers there is an adrenaline rush present while writing.

"I think that most writers and artists are captivated by their work," Oates said. "There is a neurological satisfaction when we use our language."

The speaker shared with the crowd her personal writing process and what motivates her to write.

"I spend a lot of time meditating before I write. I also walk or run because I find that I develop good ideas when I am physical," Oates explained. "Writing can be a very physical activity.'

"I loved the way she talked about craft," said Thomas. "I've heard hundreds of readings where

people talk about the craft and the process and she was one of the best I've ever heard in terms of articulating her own process and also how she teaches it. She must be an outstanding professor," he continued.

Oates is a professor at Princeton University and spoke about how she feels it is the teacher's job to help the student discover their strengths.

"You have to remember that you are not going to live long enough to care about your weaknesses, so forget about them," Oates explained.

"I attended because I am a lover of fiction and poetry. It's great to see the process of the mind of another writer," said Sara Rimassa, a senior English major.

Oates read a passage from her most recent publication Lovely, Dark, Deep as well as published poetry. "I loved how she read her pros poem, and to me, it shows the talent of a compressed narrative," Thomas expressed.

"The way she presented the poem, as a narrative was extraordinary, I thought it was beautiful," Thomas continued.

The author also offered advice to writers regarding how to choose a genre of writing. She explained that a writer has to write about what excites them and said that a good way for a writer to start is to picture their work as a movie and ask themselves what the first scene of the film would be.

you shouldn't write it," she maintained.

Oates also emphasized the importance of using personal experience when writing, especially when creating characters. 'You have to put yourself in your work because the world is filtered

through your eyes," she explained. "What stood out to me was how personable she was," said Rimassa. "She is such an accomplished author and she was still able to come here and sit with students. She also had very inspirational quotes."

Thomas said that one of the goals of the visiting writers series is to bring a sense of community to the University. "The aesthetic experience of reading or hearing a writer brings people together," he said.

Another goal of the series is to experience the passion within literature. "I think the goal is to enlighten our passions for language, which makes us more human,' Thomas said. "It makes us more compassionate, it makes people feel more alive. It helps them understand others and helps them understand themselves.'

Prior to her reading at Pollak Theatre, Oates also privately met with about 30 students and faculty in the Rechnitz Gallery where a short discussion and Q-and-A was held.

The Monmouth University Library Association sponsored Oates's visit. Thomas emphasized "If you can't envision it, then how he had the support of the as-



Joyce Carol Oates visited the University on Thursday, Nov. 13, drawingin the largest crowd of University students for its Visiting Writer Series.

sociation, which made her visit she said. possible.

"They said we would love to help you bring Joyce Carol Oates to campus, so that's why it happened," Thomas maintained.

Oates closed by speaking about how she has a great visual imagination. "I try to visualize before writing and look forward to describing landscapes and cities,"

Thomas also spoke about the importance of imagination in regards to fiction writing. "We can never really know people unless we read fiction," he said. "Often, fiction is put down as imaginative, so therefore not real, but what's more real than someone's imagination? The writer is putting it out for the world to see."

Leon Hess Business School **Ranked Among Top Programs**

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The Leon Hess Business School has been named "One of the Best 296 Business Schools" by The Princeton Review for the tenth year in a row in its annual business and law school rankings, published on Oct. 7.

The Princeton Review ranks the top 296 institutions in 11 different categories including "Best Administered," "Best Green MBA," and "Toughest To Get Into" by interviewing more than 21,600 students. The Princeton Review's website stated,

"By using our lists in conjunction with the statistics from universities about their academic programs and 'Stuable to identify attributes of business schools that are important to you - and ultimately, generate a list of the schools that can best help you achieve your personal and professional goals." The schools are not ranked numerically, therefore The Princeton Review has not declared an institution as being the "best" in comparison to the remaining 295 universities. The Princeton Review stated, "We do not rank the schools 1 to 296 based on our opinion of their academics nor do any of our 11 categories of ranking lists purport to rank the schools in terms of overall quality.

vey to the school's students. The ternational business, criteria for academic excellence is stated as based on data that The Princeton Review collects in ness School will help you gain administrator surveys. Also taken into account are the opinions of the staff and counselor advisors who were invited to give their input.

'We are honored to be recognized by Princeton Review for the tenth consecutive year," said Dr. Donald Moliver Dean of the Leon Hess Business School in a press release.

"Thanks to the commitment of our dedicated faculty and staff, dents definitely work hard at our MBA program prepares students to thrive and compete in today's global economy."

Not only is Monmouth University ranked on the best business schools list but the school dents Say' sections in our was also ranked as one of the school profiles, you will be 387 schools in *The Princeton* Review's annual best school's list is something many professors last year. Students and professors have both benefited from the university receiving such impressive rankings. Mary Harris, a specialist communication professor, said, "The positive ranking of the Business School is well-deserved, and it is exciting for Monmouth University as a whole. From a public relations perspective, this helps with name recognition of Monmouth on a nation-wide scale and encourages a variety of publics to learn more about our University." Haris said that when students see the University being acknowledged they know they chose a school that offers the best education they can get.

Princeton Review to give a sur- Mahon, a junior studying in-

As stated on the University's website, the Leon Hess Busia competitive edge.

They do this by using small classes to help promote innovation along with helping students to build on their leadership skills.

Anthony Uribe, a junior finance major, said "I think it is really good to be recognized as one of the best business schools.'

"All the professors and stuthe Business School and it is always good to see the hard work pay off," Uribe continued

The Leon Hess Business School is also accredited by the Advance Collegiate Schools of





For a school to be featured on the list it must meet the criteria for academic excellence as well as allow The

"I'm very happy to see that, it made me proud, sometimes I just say I go to the Leon Hess School

Business or the AACSB. This are extremely proud of.

Professor Nahid Aslanbeiqui, a professor of economics, said, "Being ranked as one of the better business schools is very good for the reputation of the school. It will attract quality students and more funding for scholarships. It also makes it easier for the maintenance of our AACSB accreditation."

Every five years the AACSB reviews accredited schools. This is to make sure the schools are complying with the same high standards of educating students that they held when first accredited

Between this AACSB accreditation, having one of the best business schools, and being named one of the best overall schools by The Princeton of Business because its name is *Review*, Monmouth has com-so recognizable," said James Mc-mitted itself to excellence.

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University Adopts New Academic Calendar for Fall 2015

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that of other institutions, Dr. Joseph Patten, Chair of the Political Science and Sociology Department and member of the Task Force, said that particular areas of concern were highlighted: a lack of consistency in the fall calendar from year to year, a lack of flexibility in the fall calendar caused by finals extending to Dec. 23, an many of our students from this atypical Thanksgiving week, the practice of ending classes at 10:05 pm, and the debate as to whether or not there was efficiency in the areas of classroom after Labor Day." space and parking.

was Monmouth's geographical location and its cultural connection to the Jersey Shore. "Because we are near the Jersey shore, we have to start classes after Labor Day. That is a function of the fact that because we are near the shore, there is a two-tier arrangement with winter rental and summer rental," he said. "Summer rentals are particularly expensive. Because area are impacted by the economic renting arrangement, the University is sensitive to students' needs and always starts

Patten noted that most Uni-One main constraint when versities start before Labor Day. considering the new academic "This is a problem," he contin-

calendar, according to Patten, ued, "particularly when Labor Day falls later in September. That then pushes the semester's finals exams to Dec. 23. When that is the case, that leads to a lot of inconsistency."

Another constraint included the federal government imposing requirements on all accredited institutions of higher learning. All universities are required to hold classes that touch at least 15 distinct weeks within each semester calendar. As noted in a release distributed by the Task Force, "An important caveat here is that this does not mean universities are required to have a full fifteenweek calendar, but rather have a semester calendar that touches on 15 weeks."

The new model includes 14 ning of classes and Thanksgivdifferent 80-minute frames held ing break can be challenging. twice a week, as well as four Fall break allows students and different classes held from 6:05 – 9 pm once weekly. According to Patten, most of the graduate classes will be held in this later time frame.

Patten said, "The issue [in creating these frames] was trying to be efficient so that there is enough parking and classroom space. From 8:30 am -4:30 pm, there will be no real difference surrounding this area of concern. There will [however] be a little extra space concern in the evening since we are closing early. This is going to be addressed because some graduate programs are moving to Monmouth Corporate Park."

According to Patten, despite some graduate programs being relocated to Monmouth Corporate Park, the undergraduate program will continue to remain completely on the University's campus.

In order to accommodate for ending classes earlier, the 45 in the existing 3:45 - 4:30 pm system was adjusted.

Jackie Santelle, a freshman business student, said, "I never liked the gap between 3:45 -4:30 pm because it eliminated the ability to finish the day before 5 pm, with the exception of taking night classes... Honestly, I think this is a much more efficient schedule."

University President Paul Brown said, "Having a consistent calendar results in predictability for students and faculty. Without changing the calendar, there would have been some years when the fall break would need to have been removed... For first year students in particular, an unbroken span of 11 or 12 weeks between the begin-

families to reconnect and make any adjustments before the end of the semester."

Brown stated that many colleges and universities across the country have adopted a fall break as part of their academic calendars in recent years, and the University aimed to follow this pattern.

According to Alexandra D'Errico, former co-Chair for the Student Government Association (SGA) Academic Committee and member of the Task Force, the idea of revising the academic calendar was discussed by another Task Force approximately ten years ago, but no resolution had come of it. She said, "It's a very difficult job trying to accommodate a large population's requirements, but we were devoted to doing our best to make a reform that continued to promote Monmouth's success."

SGA President Alexandra minute-long gap that is evident Tuyahov feels that as long as students, faculty, and administration go into the transition with an open mind for the 2015/16 academic school year, the change will create long-term benefits essential to the overall experience at the University. "With any change, major or minor, there is always a learning period. There is always the possibility that there will be minor hiccups in the transition as with any change," she said. "How-ever, often change results in a better process."

"The faculty passed this cal-endar," Tuyahov continued, "and to me that means they are ready and eager to work with the administration and the students to make this transition as smooth as possible."

14 WEEK FRAME WORKSHEET 8:30-9:50 10:05-11:25 4:30 -5:50 6:05-7:25 7:40 - 9:00 11:40-1:00 1:15 - 2:35 2:50- 4:10 or 6:05 - 9:00 once weekly MON DQX TUES PRX WED MEETING PERIOD 145-4:20 QOX THURS RPX FRI IMAGE COMPILED by Nancy Mezey

Pictured above is the unofficial academic calendar and time frames for the upcoming 2015/16 academic year.

Comedy Ticket Salesman Interrupts University Classes

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Professor Dr. Daniel Ball. The salesman wrote "Jeff" and sponded by saying there was no his phone number on the board contact at the University by that for any students that wanted to name. contact him for information. Adams refused to comment, when contacted. Adams quickly pitched and began making his (MUPD) for the safety of evfirst transaction by taking cash eryone involved. One officer versity student. from one student.

"I didn't think too much of it at first, but that's when I started It seemed that his story was sketchy," said Ball. Another student in Ball's class named Aubriann Fox, who is experienced with the New York Comedy Club from previously working there, began to get involved. "What bothered me was that clubs don't usually have people actually selling tickets and accepting money. I asked who he was working for, and he back tracked a bit which made it even more sketchy,' said Fox. The salesman hurried out of the room after vaguely answering Fox's questions. Ball received confirmation was sent to Bey Hall to rectify from the rest of his class that the situation, according to Ball. something was off. He left his classroom and saw Adams in ams to reverse the transaction the same hallway a few yards he completed in his classroom away. He approached him and before the calls were made, and asked him about his contact he complied. Adams was apoloinformation at the University and whom he worked with. Ball then contacted the Help Desk to malice in his words or actions.

find the extension of the Adams' contact, but both the Help Desk and Student Activities re-

Student Activities proceeded to inform the Monmouth University Police Department trouble if he wasn't doing anything out of malice," said Ball.

Although the actions of Adams seemed suspicious, his tickets are legitimate. According to William McElrath, Chief of MUPD, Adams worked for a marketing company out of New York City, and was not a Uni-

"The individual was not charged with a crime and

"I didn't want to get him in cation that any crime has been committed or that anyone's credit card has been compromised," said McElrath, who also noted that this type of situation has never occurred before on campus.

A week after this occurrence, MUPD had contacted two students who purchased tickets from the salesman, and neither

According to McElrath, if the salesman was a student of Monmouth, he could have been written up for Student Misconduct under the Student Code of Conduct for selling tickets without contacting Student Activities or SGA. If the tickets were actually illegitimate, MUPD would have arrested and charged the individual.

Amy Bellina, Director of Student Activities and Student Center Operations said, "We didn't authorize this and our office would not authorize any outside source to walk around campus to sell tickets for anything.' Ball felt that the MUPD officer arrived to the scene quickly to resolve the situation. "Both the Help Desk and Student Activities were also extremely helpful, and every step in the system worked out perfectly. What we thought could have been a disaster, was fortunately not. This is a pat on the back for students, Student Activities, the Help Desk, and MUPD for doing their jobs so efficiently and working together to ensure each other's safety," said Ball. MUPD urges faculty, staff, and students to report any suspicious activities to the Department immediately. In order to continue to maintain and preserve the University's safety, call McElrath with any concerns: (732) 571-4444.

getting a little uncomfortable... It seemed that his story was there is no indication of him doing anything criminally wrong. He was advised that he cannot advertise or sell items on campus without the permission of the University, and he was banned from campus. At this time we have no indication that any crime has been committed or that anyone's credit card has been compromised."

> WILLIAM MCELRATH Chief of the Monmouth University Police Department (MUPD)

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of their credit cards had been compromised, according to McElrath.

McElrath said that if anyone has concerns about the safety of their credit card, to contact your credit card company and report the matter to MUPD if any unusual activity is found on your account.

Uber App: Providing an Alternative to Traditional Taxis

TOM MORFORD CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Uber, an app-based car service, may offer an alternative to traditional taxi cab business for University students.

Director and Associate Professor of Marketing and International Business, said, "It is not that much different than eBay providing a system to sell/buy items, Etsy, or Craig's List. Über col-

lects a fee for use of the service to pay

for the

ate a profit. Uber exists because it is taking advantage of the dissatisfaction customers have with other available option to their transportation needs.'

Founded in 2009 as "Uber-Dr. Susan Forquer Gupta, MBA Cab" by Garrett Camp and Travis Kalanick, Uber has a mission statement of "evolving the way the world moves." According to Uber.com, the simplicity of the service appeals to our fast -paced society, as do the easy sign up, the comfortable rides, and timely reliability.

> Once downloaded, Uber allows sys- customers to create an account. This requires users to surrender

some of their personal information including their credit card number, phone number, and address.

When needed, Uber users can then insert their desired address of pick-up, map out a route, and view the availability and pricing of Uber cars in the area.

William McElrath, Chief of the Monmouth University Police Department (MUPD), said, "I would be concerned about giving

to anyone until I know how it was protected."

Uber drivers are everyday people using their own cars to drive customers around. Once confirmed, users of the app will see a name and picture of their driver, along with the car they will be picked up in.

Uber utilizes easy-to-use GPS technology for the customer and driver. If a customer cancels the ride via the app, the driver is alerted and rerouted to the nearest customer in need of a ride, according to Uber.com.

As of Aug. 14, 2012, Uber was under scrutiny from the Division of Standards of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, claiming "that until the National Institute of Standards and Technology has guidelines in place for GPS location technology, [they] cannot provide the application to the public."

However, Kalanick swiftly retorted, citing their "extensive legal research prior to entering the city of Boston... that the technology and service [they] offer does not violate existing law and regulation."

Additionally, Uber has recently received heavy scrutiny for their surge pricing techniques. During certain heavy traffic times, Uber will greatly increase prices, often ten times the normal cost of a cab

an "F" rating from the Better At the end of the day, Candela be-Business Bureu (BBB) in regards to performance transparency.

Claire Zilenziger, a junior psychology major, said she has never experienced these price surging techniques, though. "I haven't paid for a single Uber ride yet because of their promotional tendollar coupon on signing up, we just keep rotating in my friend group who signs up," she said.

While Uber may infringe on potential cabbie customers, it appeals to the cabbies themselves. Even some of the drivers of the cab companies are considering switching over because of the easy to use interface of the app and no interference from the dispatcher on the radio.

Tom, a driver for Shore Taxi who asked to withhold his last name for job security purposes, said, "I'm considering switching over to work for Uber because they pay their drivers better and there is no hassle to the drivers when doing their job."

"Uber seems to treat their employees with respect and allow the drivers to do their job without interfering," said Tom.

Local cab companies still have a strong clientele despite Uber's presence.

Natalie Candela, a sophomore communication journalism/public relations major who prefers local ride. Following numerous cus- cabs, said, "They arrive on time students.

tem and marketing as well as cre- any of my personal information tomer complaints, Uber received and they seem to be fair priced." lieves it's all about the cheapest safest ride for college kids.

Zilenziger disagrees with Candela, and feels that the simplicity of the phone app and process is much more appealing than waiting around for a local cab.

McElrath said, "Another concern with Uber I have is that I would be interested in knowing what kind of background checks there are for Uber drivers, who inspects the vehicles involved to ensure they are safe, and what kind of insurance coverage are they carrying."

Bradford Crouch, an Uber driver in the Long Branch area, described how the actual inspection process that cabs must go through is completely different for Uber cars and the licensed Shore Taxi cabs. "As long as my vehicle has passed inspection and I provide the paperwork for that to Uber, then I'm good to go," Crouch said.

Considering Shore Taxi is licensed with Monmouth County, the company registers all of their cars and drivers through a safety screening process. Uber is a private company that is independent of those responsibilities.

Despite the controversy of Uber, Zilenziger believes it is hard to ignore the growing popularity of the app, especially among the large targeted audience of college

Berlin Wall

KELLY HUGHES LIFESTYLES AND OPINION EDITOR

PHOTO COURTESY of Kierra Lanni

The former US ambassador to the Federal Republic of Ger-Wall in Wilson Hall on Monday, Nov. 17.

The event was hosted by the Honors School and the non-profit German School of Monmouth County.

As former ambassador to Germany during this historic period, Murphy discussed his first-hand experience and other facts about the era. Murphy praised the efforts by government officials in taking down the wall.

1989 to Oct. 1990 is the greatest eleven months of American diplomacy since World War II's Marshall Plan," Murphy said.

of it. "George H. Bush remains a rope should be," Zibrio added. hero to virtually every German," he said. Murphy guaranteed the audience that if they ask either the Obama or Bush administration most, each administration would say Angela Merkel, Chancellor of Germany. Pat Layton, a senior communication major, attended the event. "It was interesting to hear the changes Germany had went under in 25 years and how their view on America has evolved within that time," he said. The emphasis was that the true heroes responsible for knocking the wall down were actually the every day citizens of East Germany. Their relentless attitude change.

successes as a guide for possible solutions to current problems the world faces today.

Melissa Ziobro, a history and anthropology instructor, believes many, Phillip Murphy, delivered that the specter of the Cold War a speech recognizing the 25th an- remains and looking to history niversary of the fall of the Berlin like this can inform our present and future. "Just look at the headlines these days. The Berlin Wall was probably the most iconic symbol of the Cold War.'

News outlets like the LA Times recently declared, "Russia resuming Cold War-era bomber flights close to US shores." *The Tele-*graph wrote, "David Cameron: Vladimir Putin could plunge world into new Cold War... Putin's actions in Ukraine pose a 'grave' danger to Europe." The Wall "I believe the period from Nov. Street Journal cautioned, "Gorbachev Warns World Is 'On Brink of New Cold War."

"Whether this is somewhat overblown media hype or not is He also examined the role the debated, but one must understand US played in assisting Germany the Cold War period to make that at the time of the Berlin Wall and decision and, further, to decide the high respect between the two what America's role, if any, in nations that developed because ongoing geopolitical events in Eu-"Mr. Murphy taught me a lot about my heritage," said Michelle Gonzales, a junior communication major.

Hate and Bias Presentation

JAMILAH MCMILLAN STAFF WRITER

David D'Amico, a detective from Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office, spoke to students at the University on the severity of hate and bias crimes that continuously transpire in society on Thursday, Nov. 13 in Wilson Hall.

D'Amico explained that in the state of New Jersey, an individual can be persecuted for a bias crime.

The detective started his presentation by introducing his background and credentials. He has been a cop for 25 years, and at the turn of the century he applied and was accepted to Monmouth County's Prosecutors Office. The Prosecutor's Office is made up of specialized units. D'Amico's particular unit deals with bias and criminal acts.

Tom McCarthy, Assistant Director of Counseling and Psyover the past year. chological Services, was the coordinator of this event. "We a learned behavior. According you are hispanic think about have been hosting this event at to him, all humans have a value being asian, if you are Catho-Monmouth for the last seven system that is built from factors lic think about being Muslim, years," said McCarthy. D'Amico also initially repeers. Natalie Ciarocco, an associferred to the audience as heroes. leaders and role models of ate professor of psychology, Monmouth University. thinks that hate and prejudiceness also stems from the need Following his introduction, he shared a video clip of real to feel accepted. "People have a footage broadcasting brutal exstrong desire to bond with othamples of hate and violence that ers. When we are with others we easily feel connected to them. occurred in American history. Some of the scenes referred to The downside is that this leads 9/11, anti-semitism, and the Ku to in-group favoritism. This re-Klux Klan - all cases of hate still fers to the tendency to favor any group we feel connected to over prevalent today. Maryam Srouji, a freshman people in other groups (i.e., the out-group). This tendency is D'Amico. psychology major, was present beginning of prejudice towards during D'Amico's presentation. "I'm a very sensitive person others," she said. and I consider myself a pacifist, The University, with the help so to see just how ruthless and heartless people could be really Department (MUPD), strives to his social media pages. hurt. The images of the lynchtake measures in regards to any ings and the attack on the World examples of hate or bias crimes. Trade Center made me cry," said William McElrath, said, "The personal struggles. Srouji.

one of the nine protected class-2C:16-1 Bias Intimidation. In NJ law enforcement needs three elements to charge someone with a hate crime, first there must compliance with all the manhave been a crime committed. second the victim must have been selected because of one of the nine protected classes, and intimidated by the actions of the perpetrator."

In the state of NJ there is a total of 51 hate groups, according to a study conducted by the Southern Poverty Law Center. D'Amico deduces that NJ might have such a high number in comparison to other states because of its dense and diverse population. The number of hate groups in NJ has increased from 44 to 51 since the 2013. This may coincide with the recent ruling on

D'Amico said, "A hate crime University Police Department is a criminal act motivated by responds to all bias crimes and incidents immediately. A foles in NJ, the criminal statute is low-up investigation is then conducted by our Detective Bureau and Bias Crime Officer," he said.

> "The investigation must be in dates of the Monmouth County Prosecutor Office," continued McElrath.

According to McElrath, the then the victim must have been University has come across three reported bias incidents since January. "All three incidents involves a graffiti comment being written in a public place," he said.

> D'Amico assumes that there are plausible ways of conquering hate in our society. He thinks that to conquer hate and prejudiceness individuals must be willing to walk a day in the in anothers shoes. He requested this of the audience.

D'Amico said, "If you are same sex marriage in the state white I want you to think about being black, if you are black D'Amico believes that hate is think about being hispanic, if such as beliefs, parenting, and if you are Muslim think about being Hindu or Sikh, if you are straight I want you to think about being gay, and if you are gay I want you to think about being straight." According to D'Amico everything has a foundation, including hate, and that is ignorance. We've come a long way but we still have a long way to go because of ignorance. Ignorance grows when people refuse to learn about people who are different than themselves," said At the conclusion of the discussion, Crone took a picture with the crowd of people who atof Monmouth University Police tended, which he later posted to He stayed for an extra hour after the event to speak with stu-The University's Chief of Police, dents individually about their

we can look to these historic went away," Murphy said.

"My dad was born in Germany today which ally they respect the and he reminded me why I'm so proud of my own nationality."

Murphy said that the relevance of the fall of the wall today is that for all great leaders in the world, most of the lasting change comes from the streets. Also, things that appear permanent are not always permanent. Perhaps, according to Murphy, we can apply techniques used in this period of history to issues impending on the world today. He referenced ISIS, Syria, the Middle East, North Korea and even Ebola.

"We stayed at the wall, we was the ultimate tool that drove never gave up. So why give up on any of this today? The Ber-The speech highlighted that lin Wall was once cement, but it





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'Tis the Season of Papers and Exams

THE OUTLOOK STAFF

With just over four weeks remaining in the semester, the season of final examinations and multiple page-long research papers is amongst us.

University resources like the library and the Writing Center to prepare for final assignments?

The Outlook editorial staff was conflicted on the effectiveness of student use of educational services, saying the library, in particular, is not used to its fullest potential, albeit for a myriad of reasons.

One staff member said, "The library is used by off-campus, older students and mandatory classes effectively, but people could use the resources more." Professors often schedule research days, which for some are the only time they are exposed to the library.

Another editor added, "I have only used the library to study or do homework a total of three times, two of them being when my professors required the class to go to learn how to use the online database."

On the contrary, one editor noted that the library "is a quiet place to go when you need to study or write a paper. Everyone around you is working too, which provides a great atmosphere to work in.'

Despite identifying the value in the library, *The Outlook* was

noted that they prefer to "refer back to print materials when typing an essay," while others noted that online resources are more convenient.

Do students effectively utilize noted that using the library is a bit different than using the Writing Center and subject tutors. "I've used all three services, but the library is my second home. Subject tutors and the Writing Center are great for building a foundation, but I prefer the library to really immerse myself in my work."

A major deterrent for students using the library is its location on the residential side of campus. One staffer said, "When I lived on the opposite side of campus in Elmwood and Maplewood I always went to the library because it was closer and more convenient." With limited parking, going to the library can be troublesome for commuters.

The Writing Center also saw mixed reviews from The Outlook staff. Some editors noted that their only use of the Writing Center was if professors offered extra credit for using the service.

The Outlook also recognized that for some, using the Writing Center and subject tutors might require a level of humbleness on the part of the student. "Even smaller libraries, like some pubthough they are there to help me, there have been times when diminish in years to come, es-I've felt self-conscious about indecisive regarding the usage showing my work to one of my is digitalized now."

of print materials. Some editors peers at the writing center," said one staffer.

In comparison to off-campus services, however, The Outlook agreed that students are more likely to frequent on-campus One editorial staff member subject tutors and services. One editor said, "I doubt anyone would go off-campus for such services when they already pay to use these via tuition."

Whether for an assignment, some extra credit, or simply a place to escape, the library and other educational services can be a useful tool for student success. But considering the constant influx of digital technology, will University services like the Writing Center and the library exist 50, even 100 years from now? The Outlook thinks they will.

The University library in particular boasts a variety of unique collections that increases its value for students. According to the Guggenheim Library's website, the Lewis Mumford Collection is the "only one of its kind anywhere" and "contains over 3500 books and artifacts comprising the personal library of Lewis Mumford."

One Outlook member said, "I think our library will be fine as it doubles as an archive for government documents and has a rare books collection, but lic town libraries, will likely pecially since nearly everything







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"I don't know ... there's a small part of me that just wants to erase my childhood."

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Feminism: Much More Than Just the American Girl's Fight

KYLE O'GRADY STAFF WRITER

By an official dictionary definition feminism is the belief that both women, and men, should have equal rights and opportunities. In America, women's fight for equality has been long and hard, but I'd have to say we are almost there.

I understand that there is still a wage inequality gap, and for that I condone women who keep fighting for that equality. There is no reason for women to not make equal pay to men, when they are doing the same exact job and working the same hours.

But when it comes to any other issue on the equality of sexes, we as American women have no argument. According to the Institute for Women's Policy Research, women make up half the workforce and are considered breadwinners in four out of ten families. Not only are most women raising families and working full time jobs, but more women in America receive college degrees than men.

Granted, America is not yet perfect on the issue of equality. People argue that there are not enough women CEO's or women in Con-

gress. Ascending to these high level positions takes a lot of time and experience. In due time, when the numerous amount of women with college degrees start to move up the ranks there will be a definite switch.

One of my marketing and international business professors, Susan Gupta, mentioned how only 20 or 30 years ago it was unheard of that she was going to succeed in business. Now, her class is equally split in gender. As leadership roles switch to younger minded people, equality opens up. It does take time.

But when I see a woman in the Middle East put to death because she refused to marry a man three times her age, I refuse to stand with the women fighting in America because they feel they are treated unfairly or because it has just recently become a trendy topic.

Yes, there are instances of inequality, but it could be so much worse. We, as American women, do not go to sleep scared every night that we may be faced with some instance of abuse the next day simply because I am a woman.

Recently on the Internet, a woman posted a video of herself walking through New York City in a tight black t-shirt and a pair of jeans. People said nothing disrespectful but custody of the children. And if that treme form of gender inequality complimented her the whole time and she called it an argument for feminism. I wonder what the women who are beaten if they chose to leave the house in anything but a burka would say about that video.

Around the world, that is where the true argue for feminism lies. Americans are so privileged and sometimes forget how big the world is. We are awarded so many freedoms on a daily basis it can be easy to forget how large the injustices that happen to women around the world are.

Were you aware that in India and China parents take action if they are not going to give birth to a boy? Yes, parents will end a pregnancy early if they find out they are going to have a girl over a boy. And if they discover too late that they are having a girl, they simply kill the girl upon her birth. How's that for gender inequality?

In some countries it is impossible for women to divorce. If a woman is stuck in a loveless or abusive relationship it could take her an eternity to be seen before a judge, and even if she is granted a divorce she is not granted any type of financial support and the husband is usually granted

isn't enough once they do divorce most woman are deemed worthless often never marrying again.

So Shailene Woodley, a young female actress who recently claimed she was not a feminist because she did not want to hate men, are you still against being a feminist?

I have also heard that woman are unpleased with the media because they sexualize women in American. News anchors may have shorter skirts, or lower cut shirts that are "demeaning". I didn't realize showing off the beautiful female figure was so hurtful

In India, Semi Rao's husband threw acid on her because he was angered at how beautiful she was and how many people admired her for her beauty. The government did not take action against this husband; in fact acid throwing in India is a common practice.

According to Huffington Post, over 1,000 cases are reported every year. These attacks either result in death or extreme disfiguration most times women cannot afford to have fixed. Yet it is considered inequality in this country to celebrate the female figure...right.

The last, and probably most ex-

is the genital mutilation that is still prevalent around the world. The name says it all, and it is no exaggeration of what is actually done to girls throughout Africa, the Middle East and parts of Asia. I read stories about this unfathomable event, something beyond an American woman's wildest nightmares, and yet it is known as a "common practice" in some countries.

Equalitynow.org reports that between 100 and 140 million girls and women have under gone this form of abuse. And I'm expected to hashtag feminism because it's "trendy?" I'm sorry, I'll send my efforts elsewhere.

Yes, feminism is one of the most important words in the English language today. But it is not as important for American woman as it is for all the innocent women around the world who have never even seen a classroom. We American girls should use the equality we have been blessed with in America to help our less fortunate sisters in the world.

Feminism is not a trend for women to just hop on the band wagon with, it is a real issue globally. It is time to stop blindly spewing facts about this issue and start taking real action to help others.

Think Before You Judge Us: Not Your Stereotypical "Sorority Girl"

ALYSSA TRITSCHLER STAFF WRITER

"She pays for her friends. She's so dumb. She parties too much. She only cares about her looks. All she says is 'Oh my god, I have the best Big. Or, 'Little, you're my favorite person in the entire world.'

Sorority girls have been discriminated against since any of us can remember. We're constantly put down for being part of something bigger than ourselves, for wanting to be part of an organization that gives back to the school and the community. But why? What did any of us ever do to be hit with the "sorority girl" stereotype? I can tell you from personal experience, sorority girls are not "sorority girls."

It's time to set the record straight, we don't pay for our friends. Yes, we are a group of women of 55 or more, who pay national and local dues. We pay to be a national member of an organization, to donate to the philanthropies we hold close to our hearts, to network within a group of thousands of other women. Believe me, we do not pay for our friends.

We aren't dumb, either. Seven percent of individuals in the Greek community graduate from college, compared to the 51 percent us who we are, the one's we call

affiliated with an organization. According to Pace University, in the United States, Greek's make up about 350,000 of college undergraduates. And on Monmouth's campus, the average grade point average (GPA) of Greek women is 3.2. That's .7 higher than the required GPA on campus.

Maybe it's truthful that sorority girls party. However, I wouldn't say we party too much. Just like any other college kids, we enjoy going out with our friends and having a good time on the weekends. Who doesn't?

Saying we only care about our looks is an unfair assumption. Every sorority has ideals and values that each member believes in and upholds. We care about being active in the community, being an individual, being ourselves; being trustworthy, and most importantly, we care about each other. As women, we are selfconscious, insecure, and we do care about our looks. That doesn't mean they are our only concern. If we didn't have this "sorority girl" stereotype to worry about, maybe it wouldn't be part of our focus at all.

Okay, so we're all guilty of overly obsessing over our Big and Little. Our Big's are the people who made

of college graduates who were not when we need someone to lean on and someone to celebrate with. They're people who would give anything for us, and we appreciate them more than they could ever understand. Our Little's are the ones that give us the motivation to be a good role model, so the people we love grow up to do good for the sorority, this school, and the community.

> We care about our grades, our philanthropies, and the people around us. All girls in sororities at Monmouth have participated in study hours, solely because we care about our GPA. We each host one or two major events a year, which typically raise about \$2,000 each for a particular cause. Then factor in all the bake sales, ribbon sales, awareness information sessions, and walks we participate in. We don't do it because we have to; we do it because we want to.

> Then there are the 54 other girls in our chapter we would drop anything for. They're the people who made this campus what it means to us. They share the same values as us. They comfort us when we're missing home. So the next time you judge a sorority girl, think of all the good she does, rather than the mistakes we have all made, whether you are affiliated or not.



PHOTO TAKEN by Alyssa Tritschler Alyssa Tritschler (right) and her Big, Katie Cozzi (left) are pictured above.

New Found Glory Gets a Totally Unfair Review by Alternative Press

KATHERINE JAFFE CONTRIBUTING WRITER

ist Chad Gilbert opens up about hav- has inspired others to form bands heart that people actually enjoy lis- he's supposed to do, he would have

Alternative Press, a music magazine for the alternative rock and pop punk music culture, reviewed New Found Glory's personal choices instead of reviewing their new record early last month.

New Found Glory announced on their Facebook page in Dec. 2013 that their guitarist, Steve Klein, would no longer be a part of the band. The band no longer felt they could work with him because of "personal difference," and that despite Klein's absence, the band would still be making music.

On Oct. 7, 2014, New Found Glory released their eighth album, "Resurrection," without Klein. Many of the songs included stories of their hardships with the former guitarist, including the title song "Resurrection," but there were other moments of the band members' lives reflected in some of the song writing as well. In an interview with Fuse, guitar-

ing relationship issues with his girlfriend Hayley Williams, lead singer of Paramore, and how their hardships reflect in some of the songs on the album as well. Gilbert also reveals that bassist Ian Grushka's relationship with his ex-wife is talked about in some of the songs, too.

A day after the album was released, Alternative Press, who has reviewed multiple New Found Glory records in the past, spent the entire first half of "Resurrection"'s critique on Klein's absence.

The first three paragraphs of the review, which typically sets the tone for what any album review or article in general, were all about how Klein was kicked out of New Found Glory. Alternative Press even went as far to say that the band was "kicking him while he's down" with regards to some of the songs on the album.

For a music magazine known for praising bands in this particular music scene, they unnecessarily bashed a well-respected band. A band that on pop punk and how it breaks my

whose names are direct reflections of their appreciation for New Found Glory (i.e. All Time Low and The Story So Far). A band who received a full four-star rating on their previous album, Radiosurgery, only three years ago from Alternative Press. So why now, is this happening?

Is it perhaps that the younger, newer artists, the ones that are inspired by bands like New Found Glory are more musically relevant? Or maybe it's because Alternative Press is simply trying to change its readership and move towards a younger audience. If that's the case, then I fear for the music world.

I fear that veteran artists like New Found Glory are being tossed aside to make way for newer "pop punk" bands that have only released one studio album and maybe two EPs. I'm talking about bands like 5 Seconds of Summer.

But, I shall take the high road and not talk about the band's cheesy take tening. Or that the band thinks they are even considering to be pop punk in the first place with a guitarist that looks like Beetlejuice and a bassist that was completely fine with his nude pictures being leaked. Nope, I will not go down that road at all. Instead I'll just continue to talk about how wrong Alternative Press is.

Aside from suggesting that New Found Glory are jerks for letting go of Klein, who is currently facing "multiple counts of lewd conduct with a minor," according to Alternative Press, the reviewer made it seem that losing Klein was a bigger deal than it should.

The reviewer suggests that Klein was "the primary lyricist" for the band and sneakily hints to why the album received three and a half stars instead of the four or four and half it should have received. Well, no. That is not the case at all.

If the reviewer could have just put his prejudices aside for one minute and actually listen to the music like and make it count, not you.

realized that the album is actually really good.

Their title song, "Resurrection," is one of the best on the album along with "Selfless," which is reminiscent of one of their earlier songs "Something I Call Personality.'

The instrumentals are right where they need to be. The album is filled with sick bass lines, quality guitar riffs and, as always, superb vocals from lead singer Jordan Pundik. 'Resurrection" has every element that makes a fantastic pop punk album.

On a real note, music can only truly be measured by how well it is performed live. Nothing is better than watching your favorite band put on an awesome show because ultimately that's the whole reason why we love music in the first place. The showmanship is what makes us continue to come back for more.

Sorry, Alternative Press, but it's the fans that move the music forward

Midterm Elections in Review: Looking Towards 2016

ERICA BOGERT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The midterm elections took place on Nov. 4, and resulted in an overwhelmingly low voter turnout rate at 36.4 percent of eligible voters, according to Time, marking the lowest turnout rate in 72 years for this type of election.

The party affiliation of participating voters is important to note. In this year's midterm elections, the majority of voters identified with the Republican Party.

Patrick Murray, Director of the Monmouth University Polling Institute, was not surprised by the voter turnout this year due to "a lack of trust in the government today." He also acknowledged Obama's extremely low approval rating of 40 percent according to a November 2014 poll by Gallup. This lack of trust in the government today could signal citizens losing interest in voting in elections.

Dr. Kenneth Mitchell, associate professor of political science, said, "This is the second term, so the current president will not be running in 2016." He added that despite having won two presidential terms, the Democratic Party lacks the support and resources one would expect after eight years of presidency.

two years and as such is not as motivated to vote during the midterm elections. The Republican Party, on the other hand, is in full speed to get the presidency back under Republican power.

"People who say they are connected to the current president are not particularly motivated [to vote], because he's gone," said Mitchell.

Along with the Democratic

for Obama will be over in just Party having little motivation to get to the polls this year for the midterm elections because of the anticipated leave of Obama from the presidency, the youth of America have more impact on voting than they realize.

Caitlyn Bogart, a freshman biology major, said she "did not participate in the 2014 midterm elections." However, she believes "it is important for young people in the United States to become a part of voting."

tend to be primarily Democrat rather than Republican, according to a March 2014 Gallup poll. Sabrina Schreiber, freshman sociology major, agreed stating that she "did not participate in the 2014 elections," as well but that she also was not a registered voter yet. Schreiber and Bogart also agreed that although they did not participate in this year's midterm elections, they would participate in the 2016 presiden-

Young people in America tial election.

This is also influential in the predicting for the 2016 presidential election. If young adults like Schreiber and Bogart plan to take part in the 2016 election. Democrats may have more of a chance than they did with the midterm elections.

Mitchell also speculated that the Republicans could have an advantage in the 2016 presidential elections. He said, "It depends on what they do. Because on the one hand the Democrats took control in 2006 which gave them momentum that lead them to Obama, which helped Obama." If this pattern follows into the 2016 elections, the Republicans have full advantage.

However, holding seats in Congress may not work out in their favor. Mitchell also stated that it is very possible that, "Obama and the Republicans just fight and nothing gets done." Mitchell also noted, "What if the Republicans compromise with Obama? That might anger Republicans or divide Republicans so then the primaries in 2016 will be a bloodbath."

According to Mitchell, holding power in Congress could go either way and it all depends on the moves they make in these two years and whether or not the Republican Party can remain united and continue its momentum into 2016 to gain a promising Republican candidate.



Additionally, the Democratic Presidential elections (top line) have remarkably higher voter turnout than midterm elections Party is aware the second term (bottom line), according to PBS.org.

Let's Talk Politics: The Government's Influence on Daily Life

BRANDON JOHNSON POLITICS EDITOR

Politics is arguably a difficult topic to discuss. While referring to the overarching topic of "governance," politics has become a catch-all term, applicable to any subject matter. The politicization of daily institutions beyond the realm of government is a reality for the individual, who has to determine how he or she will allow organizational politics to impact him.

daily lives? Consider a club or sport ally or not. on campus. Group members have responsibilities that are directly viewed like executives (organiza-

linked to the roles they take. There are leadership roles, subgroups and external actors much like a political institution.

To better understand this perspective, let's look at educational departments. There are distinct levels of service within the group: department chairs, courses and professors, and students, each of which hold a distinct, but integral role to the entirety of the organization. These roles are comparable to that of various positions in America's Is there a political structure to our political system, whether intention-

The department chairs can be

chiefs, anyone who is tasked with being the leader of a larger organization.

Then there are subgroups, the individual course sections and their respective professors each of which can have the same final goal (being offered on the semester schedule), but have varying levels of interest in the way in which that goal is reached. In other words, each course will have different requirements for the students taking them, but all aspire for a place on the University schedule. Such positions resemble that of federal agencies, which constantly jockey for their own causes

tional leaders): governors, police under the scope of the larger, unified the aspiration of influencing it. government.

> Lastly, the students could be viewed as the external actors (activist groups). They have a direct influence on how the department and course offerings are organized. When enough students decide not to take a course, the department might decide to decrease the frequency with which it is offered. Additionally, students have an inherent stake in the success of the departments to which they belong, because of their pursuit of a degree. In this sense, students have similar roles to interest groups, which have a stake in the government or organization with

Look around the groups to which you belong, and eventually their political structure will become apparent. The American political system is noticeable in a variety of fields and practices.

But if we are all entwined in a politicized world, then why is politics so difficult to talk about? Thomas Jefferson said, "I never considered a difference of opinion in politics, in religion, in philosophy, as cause for withdrawing from a friend." This quote is the basis for an article in the next issue, which seeks to uncover what makes politics a difficult topic of discussion.

Two Monmouth Debate Teams Make it to Playoff Round at West Virginia University Mountaineer

West Long Branch, NJ -

Two Monmouth University Debate Teams made it into the playoff round at the West Virginia University (WVU) tournament from Nov. 14 - 16. Dan Roman and Victoria Borges competed in the experienced division, earning victories against teams from James Madison University, New York University and Liberty University and made their way into the playoff round before losing on a 2-1 vote to another team from New York University.

The experienced division includes debaters on debate scholarships. Victoria Borges won an 8th place individual speaking award in the experienced division at the tournament. Sana Rashid and Ryan Kelly also made it into the playoff round in the novice division after going 4-2 before losing in the playoff round to a team from Liberty University.

The tournament included approximately 100 teams of two debaters from 17 universities including Vanderbilt University, University of Washington, James Madison University, New York University, Boston College University of Miami and West Point Military Academy. Each year, a topic is picked to be debated throughout the season.

The topic for this year is "Resolved: The United States should legalize all or nearly all of one or more of the following: marihuana, online gambling, physician-assisted suicide, prostitution, the sale of human organs." The Monmouth team created one case centering around human organ sales and another case focusing on prostitution.

Monmouth entered ten two person teams in the tournament, including: Dan Roman and Victoria Borges; Michelle Grushko and Saliha Younas; Sana Rashid and Ryan Kelly; Mike Kulik and Angela Ryan; Michael Hamilton and Samah Khalifa; Danielle Doud and Monica Santos; and Matt Toto and Mike Butkocy.

Six Monmouth debaters made their debating debut at this tournament including Ryan Henry and Victoria Garbutt, Nick Simonelli and Justin Okun, and Chris Summers and Katharine Dix. Monmouth alumni and former debaters Kelly Craig, Sam Maynard, Jessica Roberts and Dylan Maynard helped coach the teams and served as judges at the tournament. The Monmouth Debate Hawks will host a tournament on campus from Jan. 30 - Feb. 1. Please contact Dr. Joseph Patten, Chair of the Political Science and Sociology Department and Debate Team Coach, at atjpatten@monmouth.edu if you are interested in learning more about the debate team. No debate experience is needed!



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The Debate Hawks pose in scenic West Virginia. Sana Rashid (3rd from right) and Ryan Kelly (2nd from left) made it to the playoff round.





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Ian Anderson & Jethro Tull Fail to Rock the Wellmont Theater

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Anderson, 67, took to the Wellmont Theatre in Montclair, NJ on Monday, Nov. 10, to bring fans back to the early days of his band Jethro Tull and the creatively distinct music they brought to life. However, it seemed the life had to be choked out of the night in order to be seen.

One hour, 60 minutes, 1200 seconds-that's how long Anderson kept his crowd waiting to hear even used the first hour of the show to play an "opening act of sorts" off his new album, Homo Erraticus, young actor/singer/shadow on stage and to take a 20 minute trip to the bathroom. I'm sure all of the middle-aged men with prostate issues were elated to hear of the intermission, but all I could think was, "who takes breaks anymore?"

So, with a fresh bladder back on stage, Anderson mandolin-ed his way into "Thick as a Brick" and brought some energy back into the building. The anticipation that was fizzled out during his opening act was beginning to resurface.

Anderson molded the show into a kind of trip through time, showplayed, and a video of his 1970sself singing the song while he performed. Almost obviously saving his last bullet of the show for "Aqualung," he left the stage with a booming audience. Looking past band's desire to play their new muthat, however, I found some oddi-

ties with the show.

Firstly, the solos. Don't get me wrong, I have no problem with a With his flute by his side, Ian strong Hendrix-like solo for a few minutes in the middle of a song. When I saw Buddy Guy at The Wellmont, he would flourish a guitar-smacking solo on almost every song, taking a few seconds to gauge the audience's reaction, which was almost always overwhelmingly positive. With Anderson, the solos seemed dragged out and tiring. But then again, it's hard to compare the ear piercing electric guitar solo of a one of Jethro Tull's classic hits. He Buddy Guy to Anderson's flute. It just isn't fair.

In addition, Anderson had a with him sharing the spotlight on all of his songs. To anyone that watched, it was more of a reviving than a sharing (although Anderson does and always has done a great job of sharing the spotlight with his band members, exiting the stage when there is a guitar solo). Anderson was glad to pass on the mic when the high notes were soon to come.

This concert, along with the surprisingly disappointing Chrissy Hynde show I had seen the week before, made me uneasy about some ing the year the song came out on a of these aging classic rock greats that giant screen behind him before he are still on tour. In addition, their treatment of the audience with the way they organize the set lists they produce for these shows are sometimes perplexing, and almost rude.

I sympathize completely with the sic and get it on the audience's mind,



Ian Anderson plays a wide variety of instruments, including the flute, keyboards, bass guitar, bouzouki, balalaika, saxophone, harmonica, and a multitude of whistles.

and buy their most recent album. However, starting the show with five new songs in a row like Hynde did, or spending an hour on new tunes like Anderson did, is not the way to go about presenting the material.

When I'm at a classic rock superband concert, I want them to come out of the gates and punch me in the face with some of the greatest songs they've released, ones that I can sing along to. I don't want to be saying to myself, "I don't know any of these

maybe convincing them to go out hell are they doing out there?" within but force the question out of my the first twenty minutes of the show.

An act that devised nearly a perfect set list was Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, whom I had seen at Madison Square Garden in Sept. promoting their newest album, Hypnotic Eye. Petty played 5 or 6 songs from Hypnotic Eye, but they were stretched out in bits and pieces throughout the performance. Let's face it, Petty is no dope—he's an entertainer. He knows what his audiences want to hear. But so are songs," or, in other words, "what the these other artists. Which can't help the years, there is still hope.

mouth past the lump in my throat: are some of these acts losing their touch with age, or do they simply not care?

IMAGE TAKEN from newyorkcitytheatre.com

Overall, I left the Wellmont with the same empty feeling in my gut that had come shortly after the Hynde show. It disappoints to see these great artists and entertainers not able to hold a crowd like they used to. However, with acts like Buddy Guy, Tom Petty and my soon-to-see The Who withstanding

METRO STATION AND THE READY SET HOST DISAPPOINTING CONCERT IN HOWELL

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When I bought my tickets three months ago for The Outsiders Tour, I thought that I had made the best purchase for the approaching fall concert season.

I was very wrong.

On Sunday Nov. 9, I anticipated having an excellent time seeing Metro Station, the band I have been a fan of since I was 14 and spent my hard earned work money to see. I did not get what I expected.

Before I even arrived at the venue, my iPhone GPS took me to a fish market across the street, which should have been where the venue was, and from then on the evening did not improve much. I did end up finding the venue once I pulled into the sketchy looking parking lot, and a man flashing a light in my eyes greeted me ever so kindly. He eventually stopped flashing his light at me when my friend handed him five dollars for parking and we went on our way. When we got out of the car, we couldn't help but notice he was greeting every other patron in the same rude fashion. We waited in line with the rest of the high school kids, who we assumed did not drive there on their own, and mentally prepared what was now turning into a terrible time. Walking into the venue, GameChanger World in Howell, NJ, we did not expect the atmosphere to be what it was. GameChanger World is "a state

realize that every concession art," because that is exactly stand at an ice skating rink is what this place looked like. Al-



ing to have a good time.

I assumed there would only be three bands performing that night (The Downtown Fiction, Metro Station and The Ready Set), but I was very wrong.

The show began with a Brian Dales look-alike singing some sappy love songs that anyone between the ages of 12 and 17 would find fabulous. He sang three of these generic tunes and made his way off stage. Also, for those of you that don't know who Brian Dales is, he's the lead singer of The Summer Set and he is very attractive.

night. Their energy level was sing, Trace Cyrus was changing consistently up throughout their set and their music was enjoyable to listen to. Unfortunately, I cannot say the same for the band that performed next. What I thought was going to be Metro Station was instead a band of teenagers with a lead singer that could Current, wins the award for the worst live performance I have ever endured. I'm almost positive that the girl who sang was in fact lip syncing the entire time, except for when she attempted to perform a cover of Paramore's "Ain't It Fun," because that was by far the worst part of the evening. Having seen Paramore live and watched them perform that song, it was an embarrassment that this girl even attempted to sing it. She clearly did not know the words and was off-pitch for like Taylor Swift.

of the art event space." I didn't considered to be "state of the ready, I knew that I was not go- the entirety of the song. I sat there with my arms crossed because that is how insulted I felt by that performance.

Finally the terrible band went off stage, and after some quick set changes, Metro Station finally went on.

You would think I would have been super excited to watch them because that is who I initially went there to see, but no. As far as I could tell, Metro Station could not have cared less to be playing at the venue that night.

They seemed incredibly bored throughout their whole perfor-Shortly after, The Downtown mance, and while Mason Musso Fiction performed and they was putting in a conscious efwere by far the best band of the fort to play his instrument and his outfit every two songs and mindlessly interacting with the crowd. Even when the lead singer of The Ready Set came on to rap during one of Metro Station's songs, I was so unimpressed to the point that I didn't care. I left immediately after Metnot sing. This band, Against the ro Station performed because I could not justify wanting to stay another minute to watch The Ready Set. (I don't even really like them that much anyway, because their music is saturated with pop and electric beats that I couldn't endure more disappointment.) So for those of you that are fans of this music, don't bother paying to see them live. Go ahead and listen to their songs all you want, but don't waste your money on a concert ticket. You're better off putting that money towards seeing someone

IMAGES TAKEN from instagram.com and purevolume.com According to their website, Metro Station (top) and The Ready Set (bottom) were disengaged and unimpressive while playing for fans on Sunday, Nov. 9.

"OUR TOWN" COMES TO MONMOUTH

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The Department of Music and Theatre Arts at Monmouth recently presented their production of the play Our Town at the Lauren K. Woods Theatre from Nov. 5-9 and 12-15.

The three act play of Our Town was originally written by American playwright Thornton Wilder in 1938. It was first performed as a play at the McCarter Theater in Princeton, NJ, on Jan. 22, 1938, and started its run on Broadway on Feb. 4 of the same year. It enjoyed an incredibly successful run, and Wilder won the Pulitzer Prize in Drama that year for the play. For the past 75 years, it has consistently been one of the most produced plays in the world.

"If you pick six of the greatest American plays, this is one of them," says director of Our Town, Dr. John J. Burke. "There is a performance of Thornton Wilder's Our Town somewhere in the world every day. This alone testifies to the fact that it is one of the best American plays ever written."

The story does not follow a typical plot. Instead, the character of the stage manager, played by junior Stephen Lang, takes on the main role in Our Town, guiding the audience through years and events that happen in the small town of Grover's Corners, NH. With audience interaction, flashbacks, flash-

forwards, little scenery and more, the production is an incomparable, unique theater experience. Despite being written in 1938, Our Town continues to have universal appeal, even today. Much of this has to do with its familiar message and being incredibly relatable to anyone who has ever experienced small town America.

"When the play premiered in 1938," continues Burke, "Wilder's use of little scenery, a stage manager who travels through time to tell the story, and the focus on the seemingly unimportant events of everyday life gave the audience a sense that this could be 'my town,' anywhere in America."

"Everyone resonates with small town America," voiced freshman Molly Hubert, who played the character of Mrs. Soames. "It's universal.'

The loose story does follow two families in the town: the Gibb family and the Webb family, and the story of the eventual relationship between two of their children, George Gibb, double casted and played by juniors T.J. Bent and Michael Qualiano, and Emily Webb, also double casted and played by seniors Zoe Bullitt and Kelly Thomas. It is the ideas of the play that are of true importance in the production. To always appreciate life and making sure not to let it pass by without a thought is the lesson Our Town wants the audience to take away from it.

"I've never done a show as groundbreaking or meaningful as this," explained junior Patrick Hall, who played Simon Stimson, during a talk-back after the Nov. 9 production. "This play is really timeless."

For Monmouth's showing of Our Town, there are certain new creative elements that Burke and the crew took. Double casting for certain characters played a major role in the production of the show.

"Each cast is so different in their interpretation of the words of Thornton Wilder," continues Hubert, "For someone who is a theatre addict like me, it is so interesting to see the different interpretations of the same scene.'

The show was also slightly updated for the 20th century, and was formed into two acts instead of three. This was done to keep the message of Our Town at the forefront, and to keep the production from becoming too sentimental.

"Certainly, the joys of life are present, but sudden, untimely death, alcoholism, and the loss of love and dreams are also in the play," details Burke. "It is through all of these events that Wilder examines the universal experience of being alive."

"The message behind the show is so beautiful, but it can get lost in the hullabaloo of the old fashioned costumes and lengthy acts," explains Hubert. "We are trying to put the show into a modern setting to make the message of the show more clear and lasting.'



hornton Wilder November 5 - 9 and 12 - 15

Lauren K. Woods Theatre

IMAGE TAKEN from facebook.com

Though "Our Town" was written by Thornton Wilder in 1938, it contains many themes relevant to our society today, including both good and bad parts of life that we all deal with. This universal aspect has solidified "Our Town" as a classic piece of American theater.

MIDDLE EARTH: SHADOW OF MORDOR" SETS STANDARD FOR LICENSED GAMES

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Licensed games are typically, to put it delicately, awful. More often than not they're simple cash-ins, next to nothing is spent developing them, and, in the case of Lord of the Rings properties, the publisher knows that the picture of Gandalf on the cover will make back any expenses several times over. Thankfully, Middle Earth: Shadow of Mordor is not your average licensed game. Production values, along with several unique ideas, make it a game worth playing, especially if you're a fan of Tolkien's The Lord of The Rings.

Middle Earth: Shadow of Mordor is a non-canonical entry set in between The Hobbit and The Fellowship of the Ring. The Dark Lord Sauron is slowly waking and gaining power, and Mordor is being overrun by orcs called 'uruks.' There are two player-controlled protagonists, a former ranger captain of Gondor cursed with undeath (Talion) and an elf-wraith (who is actually an important character within The Lord of the *Rings*, having a special relationship with the One Ring). These two actually play as one character, Talion, for unlike the wraith, he has physical form. The wraith provides a number of unique abilities for Talion to use, such as teleportation, a wraith bow, mind control, and enhanced senses.

systems that allows it to do this is the nemesis system.

The nemesis system allows for additional depth among enemy leaders by displaying their strengths and weaknesses, overall power, standing within the uruks, etc. As one would expect, there are unlimited numbers of uruk grunts, none of whom should pose a problem to Talion.

There are three tiers of captains, and they serve as a sort of field leader of the uruks. You will find them scattered amongst the grunts; they can be easily detected with your wraith vision. However, if you don't rely on wraith vision, you'll be in for quite a few surprises. Some of these encounters may be pleasant, in which you receive experience points and a rune that can be used to enhance weapons. Other battles

a mission inside their stronghold to lure them out. Once they come out, they will be followed by their bodyguards, unless you assassinated the bodyguards earlier.

Even if you do wind up having to fight a warchief and several captains, there is still a chance of success. The environment in Shadow of Mordor is excellent, and filled with weapons one can

potentially use against the uruks. The well-executed mounted combat system could also potentially give one an edge.

However, the easiest way to take out a warchief is to brand his bodyguards, thus telling a bodyguard to betray his warchief.

man: Arkham City). One of the game face one you will have to complete only lasted me about 12 hours total. Also, the nemesis system

> stops working at the end. Once all the uruk officers have been branded, there's pretty

expect a postgame, or a particularly long story anyway (it's much more cinematic and short-lived, like a move in some regards). Considering how much depth was offered by the nemesis system while it lasted, I was more than satisfied.

The voice-acting was outstanding, and Gollum's in particular was done so well that I thought the actor was Andy Serkis, who voiced Gollum in the movies.

The music was mostly good, being an orchestral score similar to what one would hear in the movies; although there could have been a few more tracks, and one or two of them sounded a little goofy.

Some have criticized Shadow of Mordor for its ending, but I'm divided on the

The two set out to use Sauron's own armies against him, and stop him from returning to Middle Earth with his former strength. This quest brings them into conflict with the uruk of Mordor.

In terms of gameplay, Middle Earth: Shadow of Mordor should be immediately familiar to anyone who's played a title from the Batman: Arkham series or Assassins Creed. Shadow of Mordor surpasses the last Batman game I played (Batcan involve enemy captains getting promoted and gaining strength, like in one instance when I lost a battle to my nemesis, who I later hunted down for the boosted reward.

You might run into captains while you cross the map, or perhaps in a side-mission. Encounters like these make Shadow of Mordor a much more unique and enjoyable experience. The relationships among captains are also worth mentioning for being both dynamic and complex. There are all sorts of power struggles amongst them: hunts for beasts, executions of other captains, clashes between captains, and others. As Talion, you can interfere in these clashes for your own gain.

The next tier of the nemesis systems is occupied by the warchiefs, and these encounters are on a tier of their own. At different parts of the game, you may need to either brand the warchiefs so that you can control them, or simply assassinate them. Warchiefs aren't roaming around the map like captains, so if you want to

This creates a mission where the warchief is lured out, and your follower stabs him in the back, starting the warchief off at a disadvantage If you successful, either the chief a n d

warwill die o u r branduruk will е d succeed him, or you will manage to brand the warchief during the battle, which will result in no officer deaths.

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Another aspect of Shadow of *Mordor* that sets it apart from other similar titles is how it told its story, specifically how dark it got in doing so. More often than not, I thought the plot was very well done, although it

of overall content, I ending was the

matter

In terms

outstanding (the best I've seen in a long time). However, the execution seemed to be lacking (they did in much 8 minutes what should have taken nothing do. a half-hour, and it didn't contain nearly enough gameplay). That said, Howwhile Shadow of Mordor isn't quite ever, for as precious as the One Ring, it's set a game for a sequel, and after playing it, I like want one. In terms of score, I think this, one wouldn't Shadow of Mordor deserves a 9/10.

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Craft Brews to Try Before They 'Fall' Out of Season

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So many times when we think of beer, we forget all the time and effort that is put into crafting a perfect brew. Beer is an artful crafting of different hops, malt and yeast. Craft beers that differ by season have become trendy. Here are some of the best brews of the fall.

Each season specializes in a type of beer. Summer is a time of pale ales and citrus notes. Summer ales are refreshing after being in the sun all day long. Fall beers tend to be darker and warmer. Fall is home to pumpkin flavored brews, darker ales, and best of all, fresh hops. Autumn is harvest season for hops so these brews only come out once a year while the hops are still fresh.

Matt Harmon, a communication instructor, said, "Craft beers are exploding right now. There are people that love to experiment and check out the different beers the industry is offering right now. Culture is becoming larger by the day because customers are learning that they can really find something that fits their taste and enjoy having a beer now more than ever.'

For those of the legal drinking age, to enjoy these craft beers it is important to know how to correctly taste a beer. It is easy to assume all beers the same unless they say there is an added flavor twist but that is not the case. Every type has its own unique color, scent and taste.

yeast in the beer. Malt aromas in a lager smell more like grains and corn while stouts tend to have more dark roasted coffee or dark chocolate accents. Hops give fall beers that citrusy, floral or grassy smell/ Yeast smells fruity or sulfurous.

As important as smell is to your beer tasting so is it's appearance the lighter the beer the more it is like a lager and the darker it gets it is more like a stout. The head of the beer is also just as important, ranging in color and density.

Once you have looked at the colors it is time to taste. Give the beer a few sips to really taste all the flavors. Consider the malt (sweet) and hop (bitter) while taking into account the level of acidity. As you debate these flavors try to put names to them. No word is too obscure. Coffee, molasses, biscuits, cloves, pumpkin...it's all fair game.

The finishing touches to your tasting is the mouth feel and after taste. Swish the beer around in your mouth to really immerse yourself in the flavor and texture of it. Is it thick, chewy, light, airy, fizzy? Whatever word comes to mind first, say that one. After you swallow take a minute to revel in the after taste. Is it bitter? Sweet? Disappointing? Or the best thing you've ever tasted?

Now that you know how to taste these unique autumn brews you are ready. One of the top rated fall beers is Founders Brewing Co.'s Harvest Ale. Based out of Michigan this Ale averages 195 calories per bottle and When smelling a beer you are 6.5 percent alcohol. With it's superblooking for notes of malt, hops and ly fresh, sweet hop taste and added



Craft Beers like Dogfish Head's Punkin Ale are popular for their fall flavors, and give just the right amount of kick without being too strong, according to a poll conducted for avid craft beer drinkers.

hint of tangerine and light grass notes this is a unique brew not to be missed in the fall months.

If pumpkin flavored anything makes you cringe Founders Harvest Ale might be a good option to try.

Mike Kulik, a senior political science major, said, "I dislike fall beers because I dislike anything pumpkin. I stick with Boston Lagers all year round." Although it may seem that anything fall edition must have a pumpkin flavor, this is not the case. Most focus on the fresh hops over pumpkin flavors.

Another option for non-pumpkin lovers is Maryland's Heavy Sea's Märzen Beer. Märzen is German for March, when this particular beer is brewed. It is then aged until the fall.

Brewed with crystal malt, there is a hint of sweetness in the beer with a somewhat summer taste to it. At 172 calories in a bottle and 5.25 percent alcohol, this beer is one of a kind.

Another classic fall brew is Sam

forgo any pumpkin flavor it is a staple in any best fall beers list. This beer blends five roasts of malt to give it sweetness with a hint of caramel and toffee. It is darker in color than other fall brews and the bitterness comes from the Noble Bavarian hops used to make it.

Nicole Rubino, a health sciences and physical education major, said, "My favorite fall beer is Defiant's Oktoberfest. Defiant is a brewery located in upstate New York, so I like it because it is a local brewery and it is so different from the generic Sam Adam's Oktoberfest. It is also super affordable!'

If you are looking for those pumpkin flavors in your beer, look no further than Elysian Brewing Company's The Great Pumpkin Ale. Colored a deep copper, it is brewed with an intense pumpkin sugar and spice blend that does not taste artificial.

Adams Oktoberfest. Choosing to a slight pumpkin kick is Dogfish responsibly.

Head's Punkin Ale. Based out of Delaware, "Dogfish does not try to cram as much "fall" into the bottle as possible," said Peter Chace, a senior chemistry major.

"Punkin Ale doesn't try terribly hard to be what it is, a brown ale with a round sweetness and light tones of pumpkin that don't overpower the pallet with excessive spice, but don't leave one unsatisfied. The beer's rounded out with malt undertones. While most people laugh at pumpkin beers, Punkin Ale manages to prove them wrong," Chace said

With so many different varieties out there, it may seem like there is not enough time to try all the great varieties. However, these will only be here for a limited time, so taste them before the next seasons' beers come out.

Go grab a fall beer before they Another great fall beer that adds run out. And remember, drink

Gen-Y: Can We Really be Considered the Blackout Generation?

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We are referred to as the Millennials, and even Generation Y. Now people are beginning to refer to us as something not so positive: The Blackout Generation. Blackout Generation is classified as college aged students who try to get drunk as fast as possible. This longing to be drunk quickly resulting in quickly consuming alcohol, is also known as binge drinking. Being a college student, this is seen as being normal. In actuality, we know it is not safe and poses harm to our bodies.

is present on all college campuses around the country. Like Schaad stated, this activity is not just present at Monmouth University. The National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alchoholism identified problems that go along with college drinking. The institute's website said, "College drinking is extremely widespread. About four out of five college students drink. About half of college students who drink, also consume alcohol through binge drinking. Each year, drinking affects college students, as well as college communities and families."

Chelsea McFeeley, a junior com-Binge drinking is not some- munication student, had a different thing that only college aged stu- opinion regarding students our age dents take part in. However, the being referred to as the blackout "Blacking out is in the media,

students. This term, and activity, University freshman died from alcohol. According to MTV, the WVU student tweeted before the incident, "It's about to be a very eventful night to say the least."

Unfortunately, when it comes to tragedies like this one, there is a fine line between if these black outs are intentional or if this behavior is accidental

"As a non drinker, I do not know what it is like to black out. However, I do know people who do. I think it could be the way kids were raised or even the mindset these days. The party culture has turned into something where it is seen as normal to black out," Rebecca Zidik, a senior communication major said. She continued,

Tips to Stay Away from Turkey Day Stress

KELLY COFFEY STAFF WRITER

The start of the holiday season is always the most stressful and chaotic time of the year. We are supposed to have fun, make memories, and enjoy the time with family, not worry and stress the entire time. There are different tips to keep in mind when trying to have a stress free Thanksgiving.

Tip #1: Plan ahead. Brianna Graham, a junior communication major, said, "To have a stress free Thanksgiving, you need to be prepared ahead of time. This holiday is about coming together with loved ones, so why not all pitch in and show what dish you can make?"

Prepare ingredients ahead of time and then cook in the kitchen together as a family. This will deter stress so you are not trying to prepare an entire meal by yourself. You and family can spend time together in the kitchen while you all pitch in.

This helps you not have as much on your plate when the big day comes. Stuffing, cranberry sauce, brownies, cakes, etc. can be made ahead of time and stored on the counter in containers or in the refrigerator until Thanksgiving Day. Not only will preparing certain menu items ahead of time cut stress down the day of, but it will force you to go to the food store early, before the crowds. Tip #2: Thaw the turkey ahead of time. Don't wait until last minute to thaw the turkey, especially if you have a big bird. Thawing the turkey last minute can throw off your whole day. The best way to defrost a turkey is in the refrigerator, even though this takes a little longer. Another way is to submerge the turkey in cold water, which tends to speed the process. We all want to have that perfect turkey turkey which can cause stress to this holiday, but if you remember to thaw the turkey ahead of time, you won't have a problem. Tip #3: Don't overload your spent with your loved ones.

guests with food. Everyone wants to make sure there will be enough food. You don't need to make 10 different sides, plus salads, plus appetizers, plus desserts. Cut down your menu. People get stressed over making sure everything will be cooked on time. One stove and ten different food items has panic written all over it. Just cook the essentials. Your family can only eat so much.

Tip #4: Take a breather. The holidays aren't meant to be stressful, we just make it that way. Have some down time during your Thanksgiving week, especially on the big day. Don't feel obligated to spend the ENTIRE morning in the kitchen. Go put your feet up, watch the Thanksgiving Day parade, read the newspaper.

Dr. Franca Mancini, Director of The Department of Counseling and Psychological Services, said, "Thanksgiving will be joyful for some and less so for others. The Holidays can often be bittersweet. Plus, desserts and side dishes can While no formula will enable you be made a day or two ahead of time. to be totally stress free, my suggestion if you are feeling some stress is to quiet yourself for a moment and close your eyes... take a very deep breath, then another, then one more. Open your eyes and appreciate what vou have even if it isn't perfect. Repeat as often as necessary." Tip #5: Put down the phone. Thanksgiving is about family, not about posting your turkey on Instagram or updating your status on Facebook. Lauren DeSantis, a senior business management major, said, 'My family is big on technology. We're all glued to our phones, checking the scores to our favorite teams or updating our status. But, put down the phone on Thanksgiving. That way, you'll be more connected with your family and less stressed out about what's going on outside the dinner table." If you want to have a stress free Thanksgiving, follow these tips. Remember: this holiday is about being thankful and enjoying the moments

"The blackout generation simply describes the generation of wanting to get drunk fast with this sole intent in mind."

> SUANNE SCHAAD Health Services Substance Awareness Coordinator

regular binge drinking done by young people our age is the reason we are known as the Blackout Generation.

Substance Awareness Coordinator for Health Services, Suanne Schaad, described her thoughts on binge drinking. "We know that all negative consequences from binge drinking are results of binge drinking. The definition of binge drinking is when drink more than five drinks and women drink more than four drinks. These consequences include sexual assaults, accidents, overdoses, and low GPAs. The blackout generation simply describes the generation of wanting to get drunk fast with this sole intent in mind. This University, but with all colleges and universities." Schaad said.

The term "blacking out" has becoming a common term and definition among college aged

generation. McFeeley said, "I think that it's depressing that our generation is has such a bad reputation but I don't necessarily think it's true. My dad always tells me stories about him and his friends getting drunk and doing stupid things when they were younger so I feel like it's not just our generation. Drinking has become a social aspect of our culture and some people choose to embrace

it more than others, I suppose." The facts that both Schaad and The National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alchoholism (NIAAA) completely identify why collegeaged students are becoming known as the Blackout Generation.

The NIAAA also noted, "1, 825 college students between the ages problem is not just at Monmouth of 18 and 24 die each year from alcohol-related unintentional drinking injuries. More than 690,000 students 18 and 24 are assaulted by another student who has been drinking." Just last week, a West Virginia

songs, and peer pressure. I know some people who don't want to drink without blacking out, they cannot casually drink.'

If you think your behavior sounds like it falls under The Blackout Generation category, there is help available.

'We continue to offer free and confidential counseling services at the Office of Substance Awareness and provide programs and events on campus to increase awareness. It is difficult to change the culture as it is seen as some as a rite of passage. The fact is that not all college students binge drink, and that is the perception," Schaad said.

Whether you deem this generation as the Blackout Generation or not, understanding the negative consequences of binge drinking can be helpful to either yourself or someone you know.

Thanksgiving Traditions: How the Times Have Changed

MAGGIE ZELINKA SPORTS EDITOR

holiday celebrated every fourth create a sauce. We can thank Thursday of November. However, the meaning of this holiday has transformed over time.

The tradition dates back to 1621 when the Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony had a feast with the Wampanoag tribe. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proposed making Thanksgiving a national holiday, but it was not until 1941 when Thanksgiving Day was made an official holiday by Congress.

Since the original Thanksgiving feast, much has changed.

For example, the indulgence of turkey does not trace back to the Pilgrims and Wampanoag tribe. The original Thanksgiving meal incorporated small fowl and five deer, not turkey. Most of the food was not provided by the Pilgrims but instead was brought by the Wampanoag tribe.

The traditional Thanksgiving dinner we cherish today was created by a woman named Sarah Josepha Hale. Often referred to as "The Godmother of Thanksgiving," Hale climbed the ranks to become editor of *Bodey's* Lady's Book, the 19th century's most successful woman's magazine in America. She used her leverage to publish Thanksgiving dinner recipes, including those for turkey and pumpkin pies.

According to CNN, 253.5 million turkeys were raised for Thanksgiving in 2012 and 242 million were raised in 2013. The numbers for this year, although they cannot be solidified until after Thanksgiving, are expected to increase five percent from 2013's total.

Another element Americans expect to see on their Thanks-

ful in the Plymouth region, the Native American tradition was Thanksgiving is an American to dry out the fruit rather than General Ulysses S. Grant for cranberry sauce, as it became a popular Thanksgiving side dish after he ordered it for his Civil War troops' holiday meal. With this said, cranberry sauce was not easy to come until 1930 when Ocean Spray began their business.

> As mentioned before, traditions change over periods of time. New elements are brought into play that shape Thanksgiving day and these elements are not limited to the Thanksgiving feast.

> One of these elements is the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. In 1924, Macy's began this holiday tradition. However, there were two major differences. Instead of referring to the parade as the Thanksgiving Day Parade, it was a Christmas Parade, and instead of using floats, Macy's used live animals from Central Park Zoo.

> In 1927, Macy's deemed floats as the best venue for their parade and America has had the tradition ever since. According to Macy's, 3.5 million people attend the parade each year while an average of 50 million watch from the television sets.

> "I think Thanksgiving has been commercialized, but some of these commercialized elements have become a part of the Thanksgiving tradition," said Nicole Comito, a senior art major.

Another well admired Thanksgiving tradition is football. Families and friends crowd around the television stuffing their faces and yelling at coaches, players and refrees through a screen. Algiving table is cranberry sauce. though this may seem like an an-

While cranberries were plenti- nual Sunday event, senior English and education major, Rachel Fox, believes otherwise.

> "My family is very big into football. My dad played in college and now my brother plays at Widener. The difference between a Thanksgiving football game and an ordinary Sunday game is monumental. There are so many more people around Thanksgiving which creates a crazy atmosphere," Fox said.

> The Thanksgiving Day football tradition began during the 1934 season when the Detroit Lions decided to play against the Chicago Bears. These games have provided countless memorable moments in the NFL. The 1993 game comes to most football fans' minds as it created one of the most bizarre NFL stories in the league's history.

> On a 32-degree afternoon in Dallas Texas, the Cowboys took the field against the Miami Dolphins. The Dallas Stadium resembled a white blanket rather than a field and this caused for many unusual plays and plenty of fumbles.

> Another Thanksgiving tradition the Pilgrims and even Hale never would have imagined is travelling. It is estimated by the American Automobile Association (AAA) that 42.2 million Americans voyage 50 miles or more during the holiday weekend. Thus, the day after Thanksgiving has been referred to as "Busiest Travel Day of the Year."

Others find themselves at malls across the nation following Thanksgiving Day. Consumers are often enticed by the deals and by the overwhelming list of presents they need to purchase. The tradition is called Black Friday. This annual event occurs the Friday after Thanksgiving. However, many



The 1993 Thanksgiving Day Game involved a strange turn of events, as most people were unable to see the actual field.

stores are beginning to open sen to stand in line for consumer on Thanksgiving Day. Among these are Target, Walmart, and Macy's while other stores such as Costco and Marshall's refuse to cut the holiday short.

What was seen as a great way to save money has now put a damper on many people's Thanksgiving plans. "I believe thanksgiving gets overshadowed by Black Friday Christmas shopping. Some stores are beginning to open on Thanksgiving, adding pressure to shoppers and taking away time from families,' Fox said.

Professor Brian Merry of the history department agrees that Black Friday has taken over what was a supposed to be a day of thanks. "I am disappointed that Christmas shopping has invaded Thanksgiving. I didn't have a problem with Black Friday, but the Thanksgiving sales really defeat the purpose of the holiday. It really has been the choice of Americans though. Instead of spending time with family and on all you are thankful for and giving thanks, people have cho-

products," he said.

While some of these new traditions can be looked at as upsetting and others as enjoyable, the one fact that has not changed about Thanksgiving itself is the notion of being thankful.

"On Thanksgiving day, my family comes over to my house and we have dinner. It's a good time for us all to hangout and catch up since we are busy throughout the school year," Comito said.

Merry agreed as he said, "I spend Thanksgiving with my family and close family friends. To me, Thanksgiving means the smell of cooking turkey, the Macy's parade, football, eating excessive amounts of food and family. It really is a big holiday for our family, and we always point out how thankful we are all to be together.'

Even though these new traditions are taking hold of Thanksgiving, do not forget to recollect appreciate what you have.

The Black Friday Blues: What is Worth Standing Outside at 12 am for?

NICOLETTE ACCARDI STAFF WRITER

Oh, Black Friday, the day when you shop till you drop, literally. This chaotic day is toxic to our bank accounts, even though almost everything is on sale. Un- desire. Riots often break out due fortunately, it adds up. Although to chaotic crowds swarming in it is the biggest day of the year to blow money, most of us still participate. Hey, what's not fun about be worth an injury? shopping at three in the morning,

right?

Black Friday has been a day after Thanksgiving tradition for ages. People are known to lineup outside of stores as early as the night of Thanksgiving in order to achieve the Christmas gifts they right when the clock strikes 12. Who knew new electronics could

My family and I go Black Fri-

day shopping almost every year. We scout out some good sales, but we do not do anything excessive. We definitely do not sit outside of a store for hours in order to obtain an item. I am not even going to try to persuade my parents to do that this year; I already know the answer would be no.

It would be quite interesting to sit outside of a store at midnightthough. I'll try it when I'm older ... maybe.

The best item I have ever bought ipate in Cyber-Monday. It is more at a Black Friday sale was probably a two-dollar scarf. I know, not too exciting. Maybe this year I will switch it up and get a nice pair of shoes or something.

I am sure students and faculty on campus have gotten more interesting items on sale than me. Someone on campus must have camped out outside of Walmart in order to buy an Xbox, but then again, maybe not. Some University students might surprise you

convenient, but I am only going to participate if I have money, which I definitely do not right now."

Marasia Laster, a freshman communication major, is a student who enjoys the thrill of shopping at odd hours of the morning and night.

"I participated in Black Friday last year. I went to Walmart because they have a huge variety of stuff. "

Laster continued, "I also went and some might have some clever to Staples to get a laptop because Walmart started Black Friday too soon last time."



IMAGE TAKEN from chscourier.com

Black Friday shoppers stand outside in the early morning hours and wait for stores to open. Then, they can rush in and grab Christmas presents for great deals.

alternatives.

Nicolette Pezza, a freshman communication major, said, "I actually do not participate in Black Friday. I am more of a Cyber-Monday kind of girl. I do not really like the idea of getting up to go to a store after midnight; it just seems stressful, honestly."

Pezza continued, "I really like being able to shop at home from my computer. I am just too lazy to make the trip and deal with the chaos on Black Friday."

Lexi Morrison, a junior communication major, takes a similar approach to Pezza when it comes to catching a good sale.

"I actually do not participate in Black Friday. It has never been a big thing in my family. Typically, we put up our Christmas decorations as a family that day. I know for some of my friends, it is big deal waking up early and what not, but I have never gotten into it. If anything, I might start to partic-

Lauren Payne, an adjunct professor of communication agreed that she will not be shopping on Black Friday either.

"No way! I hate shopping and I hate crowds even more. If anything, I'll shop online that day," she said.

Black Friday will always be known as the craziest day of the year to shop. Whether you go at midnight or as early as three in the morning, you will be sure to catch a sale. I cannot wait to go on my Black Friday excursion and hunt down all of my favorite stores. I will for sure not be camping outside of any stores though, at least for this year. Hopefully, this time around I will find something better than a two-dollar scarf (fingers crossed). Maybe you will be one of those lucky ones and find a television for \$20. Hey, you never know.

Home Sweet Home: Why Students Can't Wait to Go Back

CLARE MAURER STAFF WRITER

For many students, Thanksgiving is one of the best times of the year to spend at home. There's all that delicious home cooked food and endless pumpkin pie. While this semester is flying by, many students cannot believe it's already November. Before we know it, this semester will have concluded and the winter season will be upon us. As the dropping temperatures warn us of frosty months to come, students are eager to get a break from the grueling schoolwork and approaching cold walks to class.

Thanksgiving is the holiday known for being appreciative. As a kid, you grow used to having your parents do certain things for you, and you don't give them as much thanks as they deserve. But after spending almost three months at school, eating questionable dining hall food and paying to do your own laundry, most students are pumped to head back to their households.

Most students are eagerly awaiting the upcoming break. Malcolm that statement. She also looks for-Chavis, a sophomore theater major, is looking forward to many things, including "home cooking, not having to do laundry, using my car and seeing friends."

When he is home, Chavis appreciates the time he gets to spend with his family since he doesn't get to see them much during school. The big thing Chavis truly appreciates while being home is his beloved means of transportation. "I really enjoy my car; it makes me happy to sit in it." Others are also looking forward

to the time spent with family. Alexandra Stambaugh, a sophomore music education major, is looking forward to being home because she appreciates her parents and everything they do for her.

Stambaugh added, "I definitely appreciate my pets more [when I'm home]; I miss them welcoming me home every day!" Stambaugh's plans for break include a lot of laundry, painting and going to church with her family.

One thing each and every student in college can agree on is the wonderful feeling of being home and showering without flip flops on. The basic comforts of home life are something we don't think about much until we get to a dorm setting.

Danielle Romanowski, a sophomore business finance major, is really looking forward to "Homemade meals, even though my mom can't cook, and showering without flip flops.'

Natorye Miller, a sophomore political science major, can attest to ward to "showering without shoes! I appreciate not having to shower without shoes, and nothing is better than a home cooked meal." Good food and clean showers: the little things in life that all college students treasure.

Does it really take moving away to a university setting to get students to appreciate things? Professor Claude Taylor, an athletics professor-in-residence and a first year

advisor, meets about 50-60 first year students each fall.

Taylor notes the comparison between school and home life, and explained that, "There are so many new ideas, experiences and people during the first semester, sometimes students take comfort in the retreat back to what they have known at home. It's predictable and safe, while college can be disorienting and scary to adjust too."

For many first year students, these first few fall months are full of stress. What better way to relax these students than a few days to relax at home?

So, is it necessary for students to go away to school in order to appreciate the comforts of home? Taylor said the answer is not black and white, "if students challenge themselves and expand their horizons, it can help one to appreciate home live and family of origin. If you play it safe at college and only socialize with people most like the people you know at home, it may be harder to notice a difference."

The beauty of college is meeting different kinds of people and Taylor points out that by creating all these new friendships, we appreciate our families and friends from home because they are different.

Since Taylor meets so many new faces each year, he has seen how students adapt to college life. His advice to first year students who may be desperately awaiting the upcoming break is this: "Take it slow and develop a routine. By take it slow, I mean don't rush to fit in or



IMAGE TAKEN from collegechoice.net

College students appreciate coming home for Thanksgiving for many reasons, mainly because they want to spend time with their families and eat home-cooked meals.

re-make yourself. It can be a pretty significant transition for some students. By develop a routine, I mean students should focus on their daily and weekly schedule and get accustomed to the routine of the semester. Eventually, students start to develop their individual routine which helps to break away from what school was like back at home."

Before students know it, college life is the part of their lives that seems normal. For some stu-

dents, home life feels very far away whilst at the University. While we all go home for a few days to eat some turkey, we will appreciate the family and friends that surround us and look forward to coming back to our college routines. It's important that each and every one of us remembers to be appreciative not only of our lives at home, but also the one we are lucky to have here at college.

Students Give Thanks to Change: How Have Freshmen Grown While Away From Home?

ROBERT ZADOTTI STAFF WRITER

Many students, particularly freshman, have changed and grown in their time here at college. Freshman arrived two and a half months ago and have since fully experienced a portion of the college experience. Living on your own, being responsible for all your work, with no one to tell you to do your homework or study for a test, living in a dorm allows students to be in charge of their own academic career.

For some, this has been their first extended experience away from home, so for these people and all other students heading home for Thanksgiving, what has changed? What growth and maturation can occur in a stu-



dent in just a few months' time?

"I think that the independence that students experience would make it a little strange going back to a place with less an instructor of psychology.

most attractive aspect of the college experience is the lack of restrictions and increased freedoms that come with living away from home. Going back to visit family is a wonderful thing, but it will be a testament to a student's growth as an in- person I was when I got here," dividual to see how they react said Ian McGuinness, a freshin returning to that situation. As Goodwin said, students have become used to their own independence and better-rounded as town feels bigger somehow adults in their time away.

Homecoming is an act that dreaded and discussed in evfeeling of returning home can

freedom," said Jamie Goodwin, College freshmen often realize once they come home for Thanksgiving break the ways they've evolved while away at school.

Students often find that the be felt by anyone, regardless of town or city can remind one of dents feel homesickness, some home is a special kind of feeling, location or following events. It is one of the oldest feelings in the world and, especially for students that didn't go home for fall break, it's perfectly normal to feel a little strange.

> "I'm still kind of the same man. "But I feel like I can do more, remind myself to work and stuff like that. My homewhen I visit home.'

McGuinness makes a good

how they've been living in the months past, among their peers and fellow students. Some seclusion takes place at a university, and stepping back into the 'real world" can make oneself look at it through new, matured eves.

"I think I've grown because I've learned to live on my own away from my family," said Tia Gabriel, a freshman communication major.

The saddest fact about living away from home is just that: the has been written about, praised, point: this campus has been our separation from family. That home since September, but it metaphorical cutting of the ery other way imaginable. The is just a campus. Stepping out- cord creates more growth than maturation to see someone reside of the University and into a almost anything else. Some stu-

grieve, and some revel in their newfound freedom. Some students, like Gabriel, can find themselves at college, with a close-knit friend group to forge new bonds and connections with.

"It's really given me a chance to become independent," continued Gabriel. "I get to make my own decisions and my own choices." She and other students like her are stronger for it.

The greatest part of returning to home and family is the sharing of experiences. It creates a warm feeling of change and turn home stronger. Hearth and the table a little bit taller.

and it doesn't matter how much or how little you've changed, the act of coming home in itself is what makes it special.

College is a unique experience in the independence and freedom it begets to the student. A person grows while being away from home and it takes a holiday like Thanksgiving to remind us how much we've grown and matured in our time away, and how much of home we didn't even know we missed. Despite our differences in growth and background, there's something we all love about returning home to our family and taking a seat at

Panhellenic Council Passes "Limited Frills" Recruitment

ALYSSA TRITSCHLER STAFF WRITER

Sorority recruitment will be taking place this spring, leading unaffiliated University women into the Greek community. However, the Panhellenic Council, formal sorority recruitment, is the formal recruitment process this spring. The council voted to instate "limited frills" recruitment, and passed the motion.

In previous years, sororities were given the opportunity to finance their recruitment budget independently. They were also ness marketing major and Vice given the chance to decorate their recruitment rooms with an unlimited amount of whatever themes, crafts, t-shirts, letters, and decorations of their choice. This led the Panhellenic Council to believe that potential new members were choosing their sorority based on superficial items, such as the decorations, rather day long process. Potential new than the values of the sororities and the sisters themselves.

The new approach limits sororities' ability to sway potential new members through the use of superficial items, giving the ity confidential; in order to help potential new members the opportunity to focus more on the the right sorority for them withconversations they are having out being bias.

with Greek women. It makes the formal recruitment process more ment, each potential new memmeaningful for not only the potential new members, but also the sisters of each sorority who plan on extending bids into their sisterhood.

"By limiting the frills within the governing body that oversees recruitment, chapters will better be able to recruit girls who taking a different approach to fit right for them, rather than what they seem to be through the decorations in the rooms." said Kendall Bohannon, a senior homeland security major and the Vice President of Recruitment of the Panhellenic Council.

Colette Mitola, a senior busi-President of Recruitment for Delta Phi Epsilon, believes the "limited frills" will be beneficial. "The 'limited frills' is an improvement in the right direction. It will help each sorority to know potential new members on a more personal level," Mitola said.

Formal recruitment is a threemembers sign-up prior, and are placed into groups with other women looking to join a sorority. They are also given recruitment counselors, who keep their sororthe potential new members find

On the first day of recruitber spends a 30-minute time block per round with each organization. At the end of the day, each potential new member ranks the organizations from first choice to last choice. The sorority women do the same, and are matched up with new members who wanted to return to their organization.

The same process follows the next two days, with the exception that the second day is a 45-minute time block per round, and the third day is a 60-minute time block per round.

The first day of recruitment is based on the idea of learning about the sisters and the personality of an organization. The second day is philanthropy-based. This teaches the new members about each organization's values and community service efforts. The third day, which is also known as preference night, invites potential new members to participate in a ritual by each sorority.

After all three days of formal sorority recruitment are completed, potential new members are extended bids, which they can choose to accept or decline.

'Recruitment for our Panhellenic sororities has continued to cess, women must maintain a 2.5



Carly Pane and Stephanie Leo, sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha, tabling at an event they held this fall.

we have more women participating in the formal recruitment process," said Jon Buchalski, Assistant Director of Student Activities for Fraternity and Sorority Life.

In order to participate in the formal sorority recruitment pro-

grow at rapid rate, year after year cumulative GPA, as well as have completed at least 12 Monmouth credits. The average Greek women's GPA at the University for the spring of 2014 was a 3.2. Sorority recruitment will be taking place Jan. 30 through Feb. 1. Required registration begins Wednesday, Nov. 19.

Sorority Bingo Night Gives Girls Closer Look at Greek Life

ERIN ALLY CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Panhellenic Council The hosted Bingo Night Friday, Nov. 14, in Anacon Hall to give students an opportunity to get to know each different sorority organization the University has to offer.

"The purpose of the Bingo event is to have a fun, involved setting for girls to come and learn about each organization on campus, along with meeting sisters from each," said Kendall Bohannon, Panhellenic Council Vice President of Recruitment. "This allows for potential new members to get a better sense of the Panhellenic Community and the chapters within.'

'Panhellenic Council required ten members from each sorority to be present and encouraged girls interested in joining Greek life to attend as well," said Ariana Tepedino, Panhellenic Council President and senior English major.

prizes for winners, and it plays an important role in the recruitment process for both sororities and students interested in Greek life," said Bohannon. "It is a fun, relaxed event that allows for easy socialization between girls interested and members of the Panhellenic Community."

Bingo Night gives the potential new members of Greek life an opportunity to form connections prior to formal recruitment.

"Often times, students make great connections at these events and it helps them feel more comfortable when going through the formal recruitment process and serves as a means of comfort due to the fact that they know a handful of girls they will see during recruitment," said Tepedino.

According to Jon Buchalski, Assistant Director of Student Activities for Fraternity and Sorority Life, Bingo Night allows for the sororities to market

"Bingo Night has a variety of themselves as well, giving them new members and chapters. a chance to present their organization between each round of bingo. This is the second year the Panhellenic Council hosted Bingo Night, yielding a successful turnout.

> "This year we had a turnout of about 100 students, last year we had the same," said Tepedino. "It has been very consistent."

> In order to achieve this turnout, the Panhellenic Council made sure students were aware of the importance of getting to know the organizations prior to recruitment. They used multiple outlets to promote the event, such as various social media pages, word of mouth, the University calendar. They noted that the event would be a fun, carefree environment great for learning about the organizations, according to Bohannon.

For the future, Tepedino said marketing for the Bingo Night more in advance to reach a wider audience would be beneficial for everyone, both potential

"Making the event more 'open' to chapter members

would improve the event," said Bohannon. The purpose of Bingo Night

is to aid in the recruitment process, helping potential new members and active sisters in the Greek community get more acquainted, according to Tepedino.

"The best advice I would give to any student would be to make an informed decision about the organizations you are interested in joining," said Buchalski. "The more you know, the easier it will be to commit yourself to the fraternity or sorority."

Bingo Night was for Panhellenic sorority chapters, including only the women of Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Xi Delta, Alpha Sigma Tau, Delta Phi Epsilon, Zeta Tau Alpha, and Phi Sigma Sigma; the Interfraternity Council, consisting of only males, and the Multicul- ski, or Tepedino.

tural Greek Council were not represented at this event, said Tepedino.

The six Panhellenic chapters we have are composed of inspiring, determined, and intelligent young women who seek to make the most of their college experience by joining these organizations," said Tepedino. "We preach making connections, following your gut, and not joining an organization just because a friend or roommate is."

"As for chapters looking to gain new members," Buchalski said, "the best advice I would give to the organizations of the community would be to evaluate who they are, what makes them different, and what benefits they provide to members."

Students can stay up to date on recruitment and Greek life events by joining the Facebook group, 'Monmouth University Women Go Greek,' as well as reaching out to a recruitment counselor, Bohannon, Buchal-

CLUB AND GREEK **ANNOUNCEMEN'I'S**

MONMOUTH PEP BAND

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

TRACK & FIELD/ CROSS COUNTRY CLUB

The Running Club is now meeting several times a week, both for recreational runners and for those interested in competeing in cross country, road races, or track & field. Wed. and Fri. at 4:30 pm. Practices for distance runners are Mon. at 2:30 pm, Tues Thurs. and Fri. at 4 pm, and Wed. at 4:30. pm Contact Coach Joe or Alexis Knowles for more information.

PRSSA

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



Did you know public speaking is the #1 fear? Fight the fear with the help of the Monmouth Oral Communication Center. Contact lschmidt@monmouth.edu to make an appointment



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



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

LEISURE





TOP LEFT:

HOWARD BROWN OF FARM KIND, SPOKE AT THE SECOND ANNUAL MONMOUTH AREA VEGAN SOCIETY (MAVS) "THANKSLIVING" VEGAN POTLUCK EVENT THIS PAST SUNDAY AT MAGILL COMMONS. (PHOTO COURTESY OF ALYSSA GRAY)

CENTER RIGHT:

ANGELA CIROALO, MONMOUTH ALUMNI CLASS OF 2014, ENJOYS THE MAVS EVENT THAT SHE HELPED PUT TOGETHER WITH PROFESSOR MARY HARRIS OF THE COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT. (PHOTO COURTESY OF ALYSSA GRAY)

BOTTOM RIGHT:

SEVERAL MAMMOGRAPHY VANS WERE ON-CAMPUS THIS PAST WEEK OFFERING FREE MAMMOGRAM CHECK-UP SERVICES TO MONMOUTH STUDENTS AND STAFF. (PHOTO COURTESY OF ALYSSA GRAY)







"MISGUIDED UNDERSTANDINGS" BY ALYSSA GRAY



What are you thankful for this

Thanksgiving? COMPILED BY: KIERA LANNI



Cristina Freshman

"For my friends and family."



Zoe Senior

"I'm thankful for my family and friends being so supportive of me."



Christopher Freshman

"Friends, family, and health."





Moyi Jia Lecturer- Dept. of Communication

"I'm am thankful for all the hard-times and difficulties that help me grow and learn."

Field Hockey Falls in NCAA Play-In Game

CARLY LONG STAFF WRITER

The University's field hockey team concluded their season after the first round of the NCAA Field Hockey Tournament Play-In game, falling 4-3 to the Princeton University Tigers on Wednesday, Nov. 12. at So Sweet A Cat Field.

Head coach Carli Figlio said that a great challenge of this game was prepping the team mentally to play an NCAA game, especially because they only had two days to do so.

Making it to the next level by winning the MAAC, we've never done that before. I think the biggest thing was being able to move the ball through the midfield, that would have helped us a lot," said Figlio. "But throughout the season the girls have been just absolutely brilliant. They're a tough, great group and it's sad that it's over because you can't replicate the same group that you have, but it was a really special year for us.'

Within the first ten minutes of the game, Princeton worked for three corner opportunities, capitalizing on the final corner with a goal. The goal was a rebound after freshman goalkeeper Christen Piersanti, deflected the first shot.

MU persisted, holding Princeton at midfield and advancing into their half towards the goal. The Hawks tied up the game in the 21st minute when senior forward, Trish O'Dwyer, crossed a ball from the back line to the front of the goal where freshman forward Meg Donahue was able to shoot it past the Princeton goalkeeper, earning her 11th goal of the season.

MU obtained a penalty cor-



Senior Amanda Schoenfeld was named ECAC Offensive Player of the Week for her performance Sunday in the MAAC Championship and on Wednesday against Princeton in the NCAA Play-In game.

passed the ball to freshman defender Julie Laszlo, who secured another goal for the Hawks with an outside shot and brought them to a 2-1 advantage.

ner eight minutes later. O'Dwyer the half, Princeton received another Princeton, the ball speed, definitely

penalty corner and capitalized it with a goal from an outside shot.

Figlio said, "It's been a focus all year, the defensive quarter unit and they're [Princeton] really strong. With less than two minutes left in I think the ball movement from

got a step on us. I think we knew that one of Princeton's strengths was their attacking corners, so we were trying to be really mindful to eliminate their attacking corner opportunities. They're very good putting the ball in the back of the net."

The second half began tied up 2-2 with movement between both teams pushing towards goal. Momentum shifted towards the end of the half, as Princeton scored with eight minutes left and again with six minutes left off another corner.

Following the goals, MU did not let up, with two close penalty corner opportunities that almost resulted in a tie.

In the last 13 seconds of the game, junior midfielder, Cori Allen, scored off a penalty stroke, bringing the Hawks up a goal 4-3. "It's a little nerve-wracking when you go up there. There's a million fans and your team's counting on you to do it, but I just stuck to my game plan and what I usually do and it worked," said Allen.

Unfortunately for MU, they were not able to strike again and concluded their season at 13-8 with the defeat. Piersanti had two saves in the game. Each team had nine shots throughout the game, though the Hawks edged the Tigers in penalty corner opportunities, 6-5.

O'Dwyer ended her career as MU's all-time points leader, totaling 143 points after her two assists in this game. She finished second all-time with 53 goals and first in program history with 37 assists. Senior forward Amanda Schoenfeld had a career-best of 40 points this year, with 16 goals and eight assists. In total, she finished her career as sixth all-time with 75 points from 29 goals and 17 assists.

Ending the game and the season, Allen said, "I couldn't be more proud of the team. We went further than we ever thought and we're making history for our program, so I think we can use that for next year and be even better."

Football Loses Fourth Straight

ALFRED TILLERSON STAFF WRITER

The Hawks' football team fell victim of defeat by the hands of the Chanticleers of Coastal Carolina, the newly-crowned top team of FCS play in the country, by a score of 52-21. MU's record is now even at 5-5, 0-4 in Big South play, while Coastal Carolina improves to 11-0.

We knew coming into the game that we were going to have to play mistake free and execute at a high level," said MU head coach Kevin Callahan. "Early on we had some breakdowns on the defensive side and spotted them a lead. That's a situation that we knew we did not want to get in, playing from behind. I thought our kids played hard and battled to get back in it but in the ty's football program's history. Sterend, they were able to make a lot ling, who finished the contest with 3-catches), sophomore wide re-

more plays than we were."

Coastal Carolina's explosive offense was on display after the opening kickoff, as the Chanticleers jumped out to a comfortable 14-0 lead at the end of the first quarter. It wasn't until early in the second quarter, after the Chanticleers added another score, that the Hawks showed any life. Fifth year senior Greg DePugh made his first collegiate start at quarterback since first string quarterback, senior Brandon Hill, was sidelined due to turf toe. DePugh tossed a deep strike to senior wide receiver Neal Sterling who outran a Coastal defender en route of a 73-yard touchdown. With that touchdown grab, Sterling surpassed Adam San Miguel as the all-time leader in receptions in the Universi-

eight receptions for 136-yards and two touchdowns, needs 302-yards to pass Miles Austin as the all-time leader in receiving yardage.

Facing a 28-7 deficit at halftime, the Hawks managed to march down the field on the opening second half possession when sophomore running back Lavon Chaney rumbled into the end zone for a two yard score. Chaney would finish the contest with 60-yards on 12-carries while adding 43-yards on 4-receptions. Despite throwing three interceptions, DePugh finished the day completing 22-of-38 pass attempts for 258-yards and 2-touchdowns, ending with a 7-yard throw to Sterling in the fourth quarter. The Hawks' offense also received contributions from senior tight end Hakeem Valles (24-yards on ceiver Darren Ambush (20-yards on 3-catches), sophomore running back Zach Welch (2-catches for 17-yards), sophomore wide receiver Romeo Harris (a catch for 11-yards), and fifth year wide receiver Thaddeus Richards (a catch for 7-yards).

"I thought Greg did a good job for his first full collegiate football game stepping in for Brandon," Callahan said. "Coastal is a good defensive unit that comes with a lot of pressure and has a lot of speed. I thought he performed at a pretty good level, I was happy with his play but we weren't able to do a lot of things around him, enough to help him out.'

Despite what the score may indicate, the Hawks' defense held its own against Coastal's balanced, high octane offense attack. Junior back Joe Johnson managed to pick Kickoff is set for 12 at Kessler Field.

off Alex Ross's first half pass and Payton Minnich, who contributed with seven tackles, almost pulled down his fourth interception of the season. Freshman back Mike Basile led the way with 8-tackles, including a hellacious tackle on a screen play in the first quarter of the contest. Fifth year linebacker Dan Sullivan tallied four tackles and managed to accumulate two sacks while also adding three tackles-for-loss.

The Hawks will wrap up their inaugural Big South season on Saturday, Nov. 21, as they host the Runnin' Bulldogs of Gardner-Webb (4-7, 0-4 in Big South play), who are coming off of 14-7 loss to Presbyterian. This will be the last home game for several Hawks and could be a chance to make history by winning their first Big South contest.

ТТ Future of the University Soars: Athletics New Identity

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cast, we'll be able to publicize all of our teams and all of our student athletes and different things on campus too. The ESPN3 deal is definitely the most tangible way that we've expanded our brand and our identity across the country," said Occhipinti.

The ESPN3 programming will be produced by a collaboration of staff from the Department of Communication, Athletics Department staff, alumni, and students. Todd Myers, Director of Programming and Acquisitions at ESPN, said, "ESPN3 is excited to have Monmouth University join the school production initiative. Monmouth will be the first school from the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference to produce and deliver live events on their own for distribution on ESPN3. It's a tremendous opportunity to showcase Mon-

mouth's athletic programs to college sports fans across the country."

Additionally, the transfer to the Big South Conference for football garners visibility from conference games aired on American Sports Network, one of the largest and most diversified TV broadcasting companies in the country.

The Big South is rated the second or third conference in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) and the top ranked team in the FCS, Coastal Carolina University, is a competitor of the Big South. These standings increase the populations that Monmouth can reach. Viscomi said, "Joining a new league, you would hope that increases recruiting and makes you more attractive to better recruits, which leads to better on-field play."

To complement the changes in Monmouth athletics, a primary athletic logo, two secondary logos, a Monmouth." primary wordmark and letter mark, and sport-specific logos for each team and many athletics department support areas were introduced in May.

The previous logo had been used since 2003; however, it became a source of inspiration for the new design, establishing a sense of history. According to McNeil, the new hawk on the logo is intended to symbolize action and movement, representative of the student athletes and students on campus.

The original idea was to change the "MU" logo to a different design, yet the new President, Paul R. Brown, and upper administration believed that one letter "M" would better represent the University. McNeil said that the single letter is a statement piece, showing confidence in the ability to say, "We are

Due to the new logos, the Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC) floor was repainted for the upcoming men's and women's basketball seasons. Other facilities, such as Kessler Field, the football stadium, still require renovations.

The stadium has not been altered since it was originally built in 1993. "It's a facility that doesn't work for anybody, and most particularly the students. They have no place to sit, there's no identification for them there. It's not a very prideful piece and people walk by it quickly, so that's absolutely a number one priority," said McNeil.

Gracie Williams, a captain on the women's lacrosse team, feels as though the Monmouth Athletics program has progressed. "I think moving to the MAAC is tremendous for Monmouth Athletics. The competition is better and it's great exposure for the school," explained Williams. "I love the new logos as well. They are unique and strong which is perfect for building an identity in the MAAC and the rest of the NCAA. It's a great time to be a Hawk."

While these efforts all aim to gain recognition and exposure for the University, they must be communicated so that individuals are aware of the changes that have been made. In addition to a redesigned website, communications staff is focusing on reaching audiences through all media channels, including television, Internet, and live web streaming.

Steve Feitl, Regional Sports Editor for the Asbury Park Press, said, "Everything Monmouth is doing will raise the profile and exposure of the athletics program...far more people will have awareness of Monmouth University moving forward."

Men's Soccer Win First MAAC Championship

KYLE WALTER ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The men's soccer team won the MAAC Championship in comeback fashion this past Sunday, Nov. 16, with a 2-1 victory in a double-overtime thriller against Fairfield. It is the Hawks remaining that would be the last first MAAC Championship in chance for Iona to get the equalonly their second year as members of the conference after falling to Quinnipiac in last year's title game.

head coach Robert McCourt af-ter the game. "We talked all year about sticking with the game plan and getting through these tough moments with the injuries we had, especially today. No matter who has to step in a get the job done for us, they will."

Before the final against Fairfield, MU still had to get by Iona in the tournaments semifinal, and they did just that. The Hawks came away with a 2-1 victory in a fast-paced contest where the two teams combined for 40 total shots.

After a scoreless first half, the blue and white finally pushed across the game's first goal off of a corner kick in the 47th minute of play. Junior defender Derek Luke took the corner for the Hawks, and delivered a beautiful ball into the box just about ten yards from the net. Fellow defender, and senior, Matt Jeffery found himself on the receiving end of the cross, and headed the ball just inside the post and past the Iona keeper to put the Hawks on top 1-0.

Over the next 20 minutes both teams saw legitimate scoring opportunities, but it was MU who again capitalized on one of these chances when freshman midfielder Andrew Gee took pass from senior midfielder Bryant Avalos and found the back of the net to increase the Hawks lead to two in the 65th minute.

Gee's goal ultimately proved to be the game winner, as the Gaels finally got on the scoreboard in the 78th minute when Iona's Teddy Forson rocketed a shot past MU sophomore goalie Eric Klenofsky. Things only got tougher for the Hawks from that

pay off just seven minutes later when Forson had an open net after controlling the rebound from a Klenofsky save, but luck was on the Hawks side as Forson's shot sailed high over the crossbar. With just five minutes izer, and the blue and white held on to advance to the championship final.

The championship matchup "It's absolutely special," said may have come as a surprise to some, as the Hawks were seeded fourth in the bracket while Fairfield was the sixth and final seed. The Stags upset third seeded Rider in the tournament's first round with a 1-0 victory, and then took down top seed, and defending champion, Quinnipiac on penalty kicks in their semifinal contest. However, the two teams meeting to decide the MAAC Championship was no surprise to coach McCourt. "Fairfield is a very good team," said McCourt. And we've talked all year about how we feel we're the best team in the league and we feel were an NCAA Tournament team."

In the teams' lone regular season meeting neither could gain the upper-hand, as the game went into two overtimes, and eventually ended in a scoreless tie. It was evident from the

would be no different than the first.

MU saw the game's first scoring threat after just ten minutes of play when senior defender Emmanuel Senyah Agyemang controlled the ball and put a shot on net. Unfortunately, for the Hawks, the Fairfield keeper, Matt Turner, stayed under control and made the save. Goalkeeping would prove to be the story for the rest of the first half, as each keeper made two saves to keep the game scoreless heading into halftime.

As the second period began, the Hawks managed to gain a slight advantage in time of possession, and it appeared the blue and white had the upper hand. However, despite MU holding a 9-3 advantage in shots during the second half, it was Fairfield who was able to break through first.

After Miller made a diving save on a header from Gee, the Stags were able to gain possession and push the ball into the Hawks end of the field. Then, in the 72nd minute, Stag forward Jordan Ayris ripped a shot from outside of the box that beat Klenofsky to the upper right hand corner, and gave Fairfield a 1-0 lead with less than 18 minutes remaining in regulation.

Things seemed bleak for the



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point as Iona continued to put Team Captains David Acuna Camacho (left) and Matt Jefferv (right) pressure on MU's defense. It ap- accept the MAAC Championship trophy after the teams 2-1 win.

peared the Gaels pressure would starting whistle that this contest Hawks as time crept all the way into the 80th minute with the team still down a goal. Momentum then abruptly changed when Fairfield player Angus Hastings was called for a foul that resulted in a penalty kick for MU, and Agyemang stayed cool under pressure to beat Turner on the PK and tie the game at one.

Hastings foul was a doublewhammy for the Stags, as it also resulted in a red card which gave the Hawks a man advantage for the rest of the contest. MU nearly capitalized on the advantage right away, but Turner saved two shot attempts from sophomore forward Dave Nigro in the final three minutes, and the game headed into overtime.

Having an extra man proved extremely beneficial for MU in the first overtime period. The blue and white completely dominated the ball, but Turner again came up big for Fairfield with a key save on a Luke shot in the 99th minute to send the game into a second overtime.

Nigro's efforts at the end of regulation seemed to foreshadow how the game would end. Just over three minutes into the second overtime, Nigro gained control of the ball near the top of the box off another Turner save. and found the back of the net in the lower right corner to give MU the win, and the MAAC Championship title.

"I knew as soon as I hit it that that game was over," explained Nigro. "Once I saw it fly into the net I couldn't even describe it. It feels amazing, there's nothing better to be honest."

Klenofsky was brilliant once again during the two contests, making nine total saves and giving his team the chance to win both contests. Agyemang was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, and Nigro, Jeffery, and Luke were all named to the All-MAAC Tournament Team.

With the MAAC Championship now in their rear-view mirror, the Hawks look forward to the upcoming NCAA Tournament for the fifth time in the past nine seasons. The team will travel to Cincinnati for a matchup with Xavier University in the first round of the tournament this Thursday, November 20.





ed Lehigh University in the MAC. Playing with home court advantage, the Hawks were unable to secure their first victory as they fell to Lehigh, 82-70.

Despite the score, many individual efforts were noteworthy. Junior guard Sarah Olson had a game-high of 18 points and made six three-pointers in the process. Sophomore forward Christina Mitchell matched her career high had eigh rebounds and 14 points, junior guard Jasmine Walker had nine points, junior guard Jamiyah Bethune had a team-high nine rebounds and contributed six points, and sophomore Jenny Horvatinovic scored 11 points and made three steals. The team will next travel to Brooklyn. NY to play against LIU Brooklyn on Thursday, Nov. 20.



day courtesy of West Virginia University. Although the Hawks led most of the second hald, they were unable to hault WVU's late run and the final score was 64-54.

Junior guard Deon Jones tallied 14 points for the Hawks while senior guard Andrew Nicholas also posted a double digit game with 10 points. Sophomore guard Justin Robinson had nine points on the night and three steals.

Collectively, the Hawks went 18-for-22 from the free three line while their opponent went 22-for-34.

The Hawks look for redemption as they prepare for the CBE Hall of Fame Classic, a three game stint held at the MAC this weekend.

UPCOMING GAMES

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

Friday, November 21 Bowling at Track Kat Klash Houston, TX 10:00 am

MBB vs Bethune-Cookman W. Long Branch, NJ 7:30 pm CBE Hall of Fame Classic

Surf Club Introduced to University Campus

RYAN GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

recognized a new club on cam- involved.

course of action for the new Surf everyone joined in on the excite- colleges on the list have either a Club.

The club plans on making sure The University has recently anyone who is interested can get got approved I was so happy. We

Basically anyone with an interest in surfing can join. We will hold meetings, surf sessions, and beach clean-ups." Sankey continued. "For the future, I really want a core group of people who share the same passion as we do to be able to come together and use our skills. Whether it be surfing, photography, media, anything is good."

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"When I heard the Surf Club have a good group of guys here be able to join the ranks of oth-

prime location for surfing, a surf team, or both.

The Surf Club would like to

pus — Surf Club. On Wednesday, Nov. 5, Monmouth's SGA approved the club after one final presentation given by Surf Club President, sophomore Tyler Sankey and Surf Club Vice President, sophomore Connor Perzelv.

MU's location on the Jersey shore makes it a destination school for many surfers and beach people across the United States. Jersey surfers especially flock to MU's campus as they begin their college search. As a result. the community of surfers at the University is on the rise.

Many people may think that this would be a seasonal club, but that thought hasn't crossed the minds of anyone involved. The club is scheduled to get rolling as soon as possible.

"Our first point of action as a club will be a beach clean-up next week. Anvone who is interested in helping out and joining is more than welcome," said Sankey, when asked about the first

So it is apparent that while Surf Club will be about surfing, the guys in charge want as many people involved as possible.

A clear example of the diversity in the club comes straight from the people in charge, from a president who is an avid surfer to a vice president who bodyboards.

"I bodyboard. I love the beach and the ocean, which is all that counts. Surfer or bodyboarder, I'll be out riding with them regardless so it doesn't really mat-

ter much to me," Perzely said. The news of Surf Club's ap-

to get this thing rolling, I really think we can make something big out of this opportunity," said freshman Paul Kelly.

While the guys were quite stoked with the approval, everyone knew that the work they had been putting into the club could not stop.

"Expect big things in the future. The entire SGA had to approve it, and they did. I think they really

liked us. We are a club right now but our goal in the future is to become a team and compete against colleges all along the east coast." said Sankey.

The possibilities for a club like this are endless, and this is just the beginning for Surf Club. For the club to get where it wants to be, those in charge are looking at other schools who have surfing programs as well.

According to Transworld Surf, Monmouth University is number eight on its top ten list of surfing proval spread quickly and soon, colleges in America. Many of the surfers.

er schools on the east coast like University of North Carolina in Wilmington, NC or Salve Regina University in Newport, RI.

The guys that make up the club so far are young, ambitious and totally love to rip. They draw inspiration from the rich NJ surf culture around them and are taking strides to blow Surf Club into the stratosphere.

"We are going to hang up flyers around campus. We live 2 minutes from the beach, why don't we already have a surf club or a surf team? Who knows what's in store for us? We're going to go big! Go big or go home!" said Sankey.

The club's reach is small as of now but the guys are working to expand it. If you are interested, contact Sankey or Perzely. Surf Club members heavily urge all those that froth to join a movement that will make the University a destination school for all

Saturday, November 22 WCC at ECAC Championships Bronx, NY 11:30 am Van Cortlandt Park

MCC at IC4A Championships Bronx, NY 12:00 pm Van Cortlandt Park

FB vs Gardner Webb* W. Long Branch, NJ 12:00 pm Kessler Field

MBB vs CCSU W. Long Branch, NJ 7:30 pm CBE Hall of Fame Classic

Sunday, November 23 MBB vs Towson W. Long Branch, NJ 4:30 pm CBE Hall of Fame Classic

Tuesday, November 25 WBB vs Farleigh Dickinson W. Long Branch, NJ 7:00 pm

*conference games



The men's soccer team avoided falling in the MAAC Championship game for the second year in a row with a 2-1 come from behind victory over Fairfield. It is the team's first title in only their second year as members of the conference.

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