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## Employers Recruit Students at Annual Career Day

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Gaining experience by meeting with employers in person, networking and making career connections, and learning how to answer basic interview questions were just a few of the activities that students engaged in during the annual Fall Career Day two weeks ago. Students or alumni looking for an internship, and part-time or full-time jobs were encouraged to attend.

The event was organized by William Hill, Assistant Dean of Career Services. "Over 300 students, staff and faculty attended the event," he said. "There were 74 organizations there. We were expecting 77, but had three cancellations at the last minute. Still, with 74 organizations present, we increased our employer attendance by two and I am happy about any increase in employer participation during this challenging job market."

The various company representatives all had different thoughts and approaches as to what they were looking for in a future employee. Some were concerned with qualifications while others stressed importance on attitude and professionalism.

Phil Errico, a representative of Bonnie Brae, was looking for a mix of students, generally people that are interested in working with kids. Bonnie Brae is a therapeutic learning environment for troubled adolescent boys who have been neglected, abused, or abandoned. "You want to make a good first impression on someone within the first seven seconds, because that is how long it takes for you to decide if you like someone or not," Errico said.

Amanda Ficara, a representative of The Marketing Professionals, Inc., said she was "looking for someone goal-orientated, professional, and with sales experience."

Matt Noto, a Navy recruiter, said "the job market is rough

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## No Need to Pardon CRIMES OF THE HEART

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I'm usually not one who goes to see plays, or other styles of theatrical performance. Despite this, I still enjoy a good play, and "Crimes of the Heart" delivered. I was also happy that this wasn't a musical. Seriously, so many TV programs nowadays are about singing and dancing that it sort of produced a stereotype that all shows were happy-go-lucky musicals (at least for me). Thankfully "Crimes of the Heart" broke this self-induced mold for me and showed me a serious, yet darkly humorous dilemma.

It was easy to see that the crew wanted to put on a play that would entertain as many as possible. The stage set alone was enough to give this impression. The amount of detail set designer Ferdinando DelGuerio put into it is impressive to say the least. It legitimately looked like a house in the late 1970s, with an old refrigerator, matches instead of lighters, and one of those phones with the



PHOTO COURTESY of John Burke

"Crimes of the Heart" is a dramatic comedy about three sisters who come together after their grandfather falls ill.

extremely long cord.

Not much was done lighting wise, save for cuing up the next scene. The only time a different technique was used was with the ending, which I'll cover later.

The acting itself was phenomenal. Keep in mind that these are students just like you and me, and

they had to put up with class before this. Some also had to act in another play right before this one as well. As such, you have to admire them for remembering their cues, lines, and even keeping their Southern accents. Since I'm a lifelong resident of New Jersey, I can't say whether

the accents were accurate or not, but the actors convinced me that these were characters from the South.

The stars of the show were the three sisters. Lenny is the oldest

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## New Graduate Certificate Brings "Security" to MU Hawks

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A new online Homeland Security graduate certificate has been added to University graduate programs this fall. According to the University website, "The curriculum is built from CHDS [Center for Homeland Defense and Security] course offerings, ensuring course material to be relevant and of the highest standards."

Stan Supinski, director of the Center for Homeland Defense and Security University and Agency Partnership (UAPI), states, "There is a huge demand for professionals with homeland security education.

The interagency nature of how we conduct homeland security includes the law enforcement

especially those that build on professional knowledge, are essential to help meet this de-

"I am very excited that we now have this program. I have always planned on pursuing Homeland Security and now I do not have to leave Monmouth to complete my education."

JAKE FEINMAN  
Senior

community, the fire community, public health, and all levels of government, just to name a few. Graduate degree programs,

mand."

According to Professor John Comiskey, a specialist professor in the criminal justice de-

partment, "Homeland Security is a way of life post-September 11, 2001. The program at Monmouth and other universities educate students and future homeland security practitioners to the 21st century threat environment. Our Nation's threats include intentional (terrorism, crime), natural (storms, hurricanes, others), and accidental (e.g. Deepwater Horizon). Homeland Security prepares students to prevent, mitigate, communicate, respond, and recover from those events."

The 12-credit online certificate includes, Introduction to

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# TV Psychic John Edward, Among Others, to Visit University in December

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John Edward, a well-known psychic medium, will be a guest at the University along with two other internationally acclaimed psychics, Char Margolis and Jonathan Louis, on Wednesday, December 7 at 8:00 pm in Pollak Theatre.

Tickets are being sold through ticketmaster.com and some are currently available for purchase, at prices ranging from \$74 to \$319, although the show itself is sold out on Edward's website.

"I don't think it's expensive for him, but I think it's expensive for us," said Amanda O'Malley, a graduate student. "But that's how much he charges I think regardless of where he is, so it's not really surprising."

"I wouldn't go," said Katelyn Kuzma, junior. "I know who he is and it would be interesting, but I wouldn't go for that price."

The doors will open at 7:30 pm to prepare for the performances. However, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm there will be a reception that includes a "meet and greet" book signing with Edward and Margolis, as well as appetizers and refreshments.

Edward was born in Long Island and, according to his website at JohnEdward.net, he "exhibited psychic abilities from an extremely early age, and was deemed 'special' by

many in his family." He knew many unusual family facts that had taken place long before his birth, however, there was never any fuss made over these odd occurrences; Edward managed to live a rather normal childhood, which helped developed his psychic abilities later in his life.

Edward was influenced by Lydia Clar who, unlike Edward, repressed her abilities as a child, according to her website at LydiaClar.blogspot.com. She described to him what his abilities were and that his "life's work would be teaching people about it."

Edward is an internationally renowned psychic who is well known for the work he has done with his abilities to help people reconnect with deceased loved ones. He has two talk shows, including "Crossing Over with John Edward" and "John Edward Cross Country." These two shows have helped him gain most of his following as he "uses his unique abilities to connect people with loved ones who have passed on," according to his website.

He has also released several books, such as *One Last Time, What if God Were the Sun*, *Crossing Over: The Stories Behind the Stories*, *After Life: Answers from the Other Side*, *Final Beginnings*, *Practical Praying: Using the Rosary to Enhance Your Life* and his latest, *Infinite Quest*.

Margolis and Louis will serve as

the side-show to Edward. Unlike Edward, Margolis is an intuitive medium. Margolis, who claims to see spirits, reads thoughts and foresees events, believes that intuition should be developed so that "we can attain our goals in our lives and stay out of harm's way," according to her website at char.net.

Margolis not only communicates with the spirit world, but also relies on intuition and sees it as a necessary development that people should turn to in order to protect themselves and grow. Margolis also has written several books and will be available before the show for signings.

As for Louis, he was 31-years-old when he discovered his psychic abilities and was already established in life. According to his website, jonathan-louis.com, it was not until he met with Edward that he became open to this new path in his life.

As a child, Louis was able to comprehend the problems of others and offer them advice that no child his age would otherwise have been able to give. His gift was repressed when he went to high school, however, and would not resurface until years later. On his website, Louis describes himself as "a psychic tool" used to build communication between people and their deceased loved ones.

Pollak Theatre has been rented out to hold the John Edward event which is not being run by the University.

## Letter from the President

Dear MU Student Fans,

I want to tell you how proud I was of you and your enthusiastic support for our Men's Soccer team as it won the opening round game of the NCAA Tournament on the Great Lawn on Thursday night. Great atmosphere. You looked terrific on TV, too.

Thank you. Well done.

Paul G. Gaffney II  
President



## Chi Alpha Epsilon Inducts 26 Members

PRESS RELEASE

There were 26 Educational Opportunity Fund Program (EOF) students inducted into the national Chi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society in an evening ceremony on Tuesday, November 8.

Chi Alpha Epsilon was founded to recognize the academic achievements of students in support programs like EOF and Federal Trio programs across the nation. Specific academic criteria includes cumulative grade point averages of 3.0 or above for two consecutive semesters.

Provost/Vice President Thomas Pearson addressed the audience by recognizing the 26 outstanding students. He praised the students being inducted and the EOF staff for their commitment to academic excellence.

The induction ceremony included several initiation components. The candle lighting ceremony symbolized the enlightenment which enables the students to help one another. The students signed their name in the national membership ledger thereby confirming their honor society membership.

Blue and white honor cords were placed on each student symbolizing their academic achievements. Every student received a pin thereby finalizing their membership.

This year's honorary student group included: Daniella Acevedo, Jorge Branco, Eileen Connair, Megan Conrad, Danielle Corrao, Zach Crawford, Jessica Curbelo, Christina Dock, Lisangi Fernandez, Cassandra Figueroa, Marilyn Garcia, Amanda Gruber, Aubrey Loglisci, Lixanya Lucas, Gary Mejia, Adit Patel, Belinda Rao, Miguel Rios, Lauren Rohling, Michael Rosas, Malka Saba, Klaudia Szabat, Sara Tomas, Jasmine Walker, Tilah Young and Rosa Zayas.

Campus officials that were present were Dr. Mercy Azeke, Dean of the Center for Student Success; Robert Hennessey, Assistant Director of Financial Aid; Mark Holfelder, Associate Director of Residential Life along with the EOF staff Program Director Colleen Johnson, Assistant Director/Counselor Lupita Yonker, Freshman Coordinator/Counselor Nicole Martinez and Sophomore Counselor Tyrone Smith.

## Employers and Students Meet at Career Day

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right now, so it's good for students to have a lot of employers to talk too and at colleges you get quality people."

Vince Tozzi has been a Career Day Coach for the past four years. He said his job is to speak with students as they come in and answer any vital questions they have, such as what they are planning on doing. "Getting information never hurts, only a fool will refuse help," Tozzi said.

Demanuel Edmonson, a senior majoring in psychology, said he is looking to see what will best complement his situation. "I'm testing it right now because I want to get my Master's, but I still want to see what I can get with a Bachelor's degree,"

he said. "I want a job that will work with me, while I get my Master's."

Thomas Acerra, a junior majoring in accounting, was looking for a summer internship. "I'm glad the University does this; I felt very prepared for this with the 10 questions," Acerra said.

Melissa Faulkner, a Career Counselor for Career Services, said that they have been holding events like this for almost 20 years. "The most important thing someone should do prior to the event is research the company," Faulkner said. "People need to know themselves and how their skills are going to get them a job."

Megan Johnston attended the event as a representative of ING Inc. "Meeting face-to-face will get you tagged in a resume pile," she said. "When you submit online and you're very charismatic, employers aren't going to know that."


There were generally one or two representatives per organization who were stationed at a table. The representatives offered pamphlets and fliers about their organization.

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MELISSA FAULKNER  
Career Counselor for Career Services

The "10 questions" Acerra was referring too was an e-mail from Career Services entitled, "Top Ten tips for making the most of the event." It offered advice such as researching the organizations beforehand, dressing formally and bringing extra resumes.

# CRIME BLOTTER



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# University Wins Five Jasper Awards

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On October 14, the University was honored with five JASPER awards given out by the Jersey Shore Public Relations & Advertising Association. Monmouth received four gold awards and one silver award recognizing the various outstanding works done in the University’s Communication Department. This year’s event was held at the PNC Bank Arts Center where Monmouth proudly received its awards from JSPRAA.

The JSPRAA first got its start in 1965 and over the years has grown into one of the largest communication associations in

the area. The association contains almost 200 members from the various communication fields including advertising, graphic design, marketing and public relations. Their main goals as an association include: establishing and improving the standards and quality of communication activities, encourage and promote fraternal relationships, foster the exchange of ideas for the benefits of members, increase the visibility and awareness of the public relations and advertising professions and to encourage education in the communications fields through a scholarship, internship, and student membership program (jspraa.com). JSPRAA brings all of these aspects to-

gether each year by honoring the organizations and people who exemplify all that they stand for at the JASPER awards.

The JASPER awards first began in 1974 as a way of recognizing all of the outstanding work done in the communications industry. This includes everything from radio to print and digital campaigns and even event planning. Since then, the JASPER awards are presented each year to recognize excellence in the fields of advertising, public relations and design.

This year, the University was recognized for five different awards. The annual Honor Roll of donors received the first gold award for “Excellence in Writ-

ing.” *Monmouth Magazine* also received a gold award in the “Print Material” category. The next category to win a gold award was Enrollment Publications for the calendar that they created for the Social Work Department.

The fourth gold award was given to honor a television commercial for the University that was made by Thomas Parr, a alumni and the Vice President and Creative Director with McCann-Erickson. University students were also involved in making this commercial and took home an award themselves. This video can be viewed at <http://tiny.cc/MUdiscover> for anyone who would like to see this award-winning piece.

Last, but not least a piece en-

titled, “Excuses,” which is a radio spot airing in local markets won a silver JASPER award at the event.

The JASPER awards not only recognize great work being done in the communications field in the area, but give people and student something to strive for.

“Producing something worthy of winning a JASPER award at next years event would definitely be something to look forward to and work hard for,” said Ryan Arcaini, a University senior. “The University can be proud of all of the awards that its students and faculty have worked hard to receive and can look forward to even more recognition and awards next year.”

# Geoff Keith Performs at SAB’s Comedy Night

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STAFF WRITER

Java City was roaring with laughter from the talents of Geoff Keith during Comedy Night hosted by the Student Activities Board (SAB) on Wednesday November 16.

Born and raised in California, Keith has been traveling nationwide in recent months to visit college campuses. He has been voted Hot Comic 2011 by *Campus Activities Magazine*, according to [officialsite.geoffkeith.com](http://officialsite.geoffkeith.com).

Keith’s performance at the University consisted of embellished stories and jokes, as well as interaction with the audience. Although some of his material was inappropriate for print, the following is some of what occurred.

Keith was intent on giving advice for both men and women, while taking note of the fact that the Uni-

versity is compromised of all girls and five dudes. His suggestion for girls who are tired of waiting to be proposed to is to insert a ring in a homemade dinner or dessert, and then act surprised when it is found.

Concerning guys, Keith asserts

she replied philosophy. According to Keith, taking a philosophy course is like hanging out with a pothead, especially when the professor or friend asks, “Can anybody prove that the tables are in the room?” Keith himself, is a college

but did so one night while pretending to be asleep as a cover. Keith said that he exclaimed “I know you farted, my socks are on fire!”

On top of his humor, Geoff is charitable and participates in the Big Brother Big Sister Program.

bothered by this, but when some people hear this joke, Keith says they say, “I thought you were Jewish, not Catholic!”

Carolyn Walker, Vice President of Marketing for SAB, saw the show as a success. “More than our usual comedians, Geoff played off the audience,” she said. “I think this was really successful and kept us engaged throughout the show. Although there were some instances of going too far, which I am sorry to those particular individuals, I thought he was hilarious. I have gotten a lot of praising feedback from students saying he was, hands down, SAB’s best comedian.”

“Geoff was our last comedian for the fall semester, but SABs Comedy Chair, Joe Pagnotta, has plenty of comedians in store for students during the spring semester,” Walker added. “These names will be leaked in January in the spring calendar.”

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Vice President of Marketing for SAB

that the most difficult time to approach a girl is at the gym, so to counteract that, one should ask for exercise tips for a little sister, that will be e-mailed to said address.

Keith then asked a girl in the audience what she studies, to which

dropout, but referenced back to his days in academia quite a few times.

Keith asked a male student sitting next to his girlfriend, “Has she ever broken wind in front of you?” as a lead to his next joke. An ex-girlfriend of his claimed to never fart,

His ‘little brother’ is a 7-year-old African American child. One day, Keith took the boy to the park to play basketball, but the boy soon got tired of that. Keith lifted him in the air and accidentally pantsed him. Luckily, the child was not too

# Empowering the Tormented

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The parents of Tyler Clementi said, on November 14, that they want to "raise awareness of Internet cyberbullying" through a foundation formed to honor their late son.

Jane and Joseph Clementi came to Rutgers University, where Tyler was a student for just three weeks before he committed suicide, to attend a symposium on the use and misuse of social media. The event, on the Busch campus in Piscataway, N.J., was co-sponsored by the foundation.

Tyler Clementi jumped from the George Washington Bridge in September 2010, shortly after his new roommate at the university streamed video images of him kissing a man in their dorm room. The roommate, Dharun Ravi, is awaiting trial on charges of invasion of privacy and bias intimidation.

Joseph Clementi, with his wife standing next to him, read a statement saying the past year has been the most difficult of their lives.

"But in the days and months following Tyler's death, the nationwide outpouring of compassion from a wide range of people and organizations has been truly humbling and comforting," he said.

The death of the Ridgewood, N.J., freshman became a focal point in a nationwide conversation about bullying, gay rights and teen suicide. The Clementis have reserved the right to sue Rutgers but have not done so.

Joseph Clementi said more details about the foundation and its work will be announced in the coming weeks. He said it will be a "not-for-profit organization designed to empower those who are tormented

because of the way they look, their sexual orientation, or just for being different."

About 250 people attended the Nov. 14 symposium, the university said. After their brief statement, Tyler's parents stayed to listen to the panel discussions.

"We did not come to Rutgers today to speak but rather to listen and to learn," Joseph Clementi said. "We think that events like this are an excellent first step in helping everyone to understand the importance of their words and actions."

Scholars and researchers attending the symposium said they are exploring the effects of new digital media on the psychology and sociology of adolescents and young adults. They outlined its pervasive use, with Rutgers Professor James Katz, a noted researcher on use of mobile phones and social media, saying the line between online and off-line worlds had begun to disappear for teens and young adults.

He noted a survey of Rutgers students that found that Facebook was a daily activity for most, and that many spent an hour or more each day on the social networking site.

The symposium also tackled the meaning of identity, privacy and freedom in a world of instant communication, the influence of peers and adults on how young people use social media, and ways of preventing online bullying.

Cyberbullying affects 15 percent to 17 percent of youth each year, said Michele Ybarra, who teaches at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health in Baltimore. Young people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender or those who are questioning their sexuality seem espe-

cially prone to the negative effects of cyberbullying, particularly thoughts of suicide, said Ybarra, who also is director of a group called Internet Solutions for Kids.

Lisa Townsend of the Rutgers School of Social Work warned about

a crop of websites that promote self-injury in the guise of helping people with depression and other disorders.

"There are very few standards out there for helping people evaluate the content of sites," she said.

Dean Richard Edwards said the

university hopes to find and share practical advice to stem cyberbullying.

Joseph Clementi called the symposium "important," and said the issue was "deserving of further study and discussion."

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# Move For Hunger Moves Toward a \$1,000,000 Grant

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In 2009, Move For Hunger was just a passing idea in Adam Lowy’s head. Working for his family’s moving company, he found that when people move they just throw food away instead of taking it with them. He called up his friend and pitched a simple idea: use the family business to move the food from the pantry to the local food bank. His friend, Ashley George, quickly jumped on board, and soon the two pitched their plan to Lowy’s Moving Service. With Lowy’s, they had a pilot run, and the turnout was so good, they began building a network. The two would meet daily in the conference room of Lowy’s Moving to create and strategize their plans. In the

fall of 2009, they received the status of a nonprofit organization and developed their first partnership with Wheaton Moving and Storage, a nationwide company. This opportunity led from one to the other, and within just two short years, Move For Hunger had over 150 movers in 35 states. The organization grew rapidly, and rather than Lowy and George reaching out and urging participation, people were coming to them. “When we started to get a little more attention, we had to really begin to organize our infrastructure, and get ourselves buttoned up. We developed our board of directors, which I am a member of, hired our first employee almost a year ago, and started to win more grants to fund our organization,” said George. The company continues to see op-

portunities rising every day. In August 2011, they became associated with DoSomething.org, a company started in 1993 with the goals of social change and making community service as popular as watching TV. With this came their involvement in the VH1 DoSomething Awards, where they were up for a \$100,000 prize. Unfortunately, they didn’t win, but were given another chance with Chase Banks. Over the past few months, they became involved in Chase Community Giving. In the contest, Chase divided organizations into five categories by what they are based on. If a company became the top contender in their category by having the most Facebook votes, they became eligible for round two. Nicole Pfeifer, a senior interning for Move for Hunger, has been help-

ing to promote the organization on campus. “We have concentrated a lot of our efforts on engaging students in the fight against hunger through events such as food drives and can castle competitions, as well as increasing overall hunger awareness. We also recently worked with Monmouth students in conjunction with the Big Event, which was a really big success,” Pfeifer said. “With just a week of voting, we killed our category, beating the closest competitor by 10,000 votes. It was pretty crazy,” said George. Getting through round one got them a small amount of money from Chase, while round two has become the American Giving Awards. For these, Chase picked 25 of their past winners from Chase Community Giving to apply for a chance to be-

come a contestant in the top five. Move For Hunger has been picked and given the chance to share \$2,000,000 in prize money with four other charities. The first place prize is \$1,000,000, second place is \$500,000, third place is \$250,000, and fourth place is \$125,000. Voting for The American Giving Awards begins on December 1, and ends on December 8. The voting process takes place on Facebook, and individuals can vote for their favorite charity once a day, every day of the voting week. The awards ceremony airs live on NBC on December 10, where the winners will be revealed. Details on how you can vote can be found at [moveforhunger.org/vote](http://moveforhunger.org/vote), or by simply typing in ‘Chase Community Giving’ on any search engine.

## Melt Away Stress at De-Stress Fest

CASSANDRA FIGUEROA  
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Counseling and Psychological Services is hosting the De-Stress Fest on December 15 from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm in Anacon Hall for students who feel overwhelmed with upcoming finals. The program offers hand and back massages as well as puppies to pet in order to provide students with an outlet to “de-stress.” Counseling and Psychological services asked massage therapists and rescue/seeing-eye dog trainers to come in and help the students. Last year, the animal trainers brought in Labradors, Golden Retrievers, and German Shepherd puppies that seemed to be a big hit on campus, according to the outcome of students, said psychological counselor, Tom McCarthy. Finals are a very stressful time for students because they must study for tests, write papers, do projects, or accomplish whatever else each class requires of them. “Finals are stressful because instead of getting ready for Christmas and spending time with family, I’m busy with all of the work I’m assigned,” said James Carney, sophomore. Students need to do well on their exams because in most classes, the final is a very important grade. Sasha Mihaela, sophomore, said, “Finals are the one time I dread the most because a student needs to do well on an exam that weighs on their grade so heavily.” Last year, close to 300 students

participated in the program. McCarthy said there has been an increase in the number of students involved each year. “I went to relax for an hour or two, get a massage, and spend a little ‘me time’ while checking out what the school offers during a stressful time,” Mihaela said. Instead of stressing about finals, Mihaela was able to relax and have some time for herself at this event. “It was a great experience; not only did it distract me, I got a free massage!” According to McCarthy, the idea is to give the students “a little breather” away from their work. “This is an event we hold every semester that all the students are invited to come to that will hopefully provide a couple of ways to de-stress around exam time,” McCarthy said. Some of the other things the program has to offer are snacks, desk-top sandboxes, movies, door prizes and much more. “It’s a really good program and we hope to get a lot of students to come to it,” McCarthy said. He said he wants the students to say, “Wow, I really did get a chance to relax and refresh.” McCarthy also wants the students to feel free to come by the Counseling and Psychological Services office, located on the third floor of the Student Center, if they are feeling stressed or need any extra support. A student may stop by and make an appointment Monday through Friday 8:45 am to 5:00 pm. All information confided in the counselors is kept confidential.

## New Certificate Program Introduced at University

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Homeland Security, Terrorism: Causes and Consequences, Intelligence for Homeland Security, and Multi-disciplinary Approaches to Homeland Security. Students are required to complete their undergraduate degree with a minimum 3.0 GPA, obtain two letters of recommendation, and write an essay describing personal objectives for higher education in Homeland Security. While Cromiskey admits, “The program is a work in progress,” he adds, “as the threat changes so will the program. Homeland Security is about resilience and adapting to the threat.” Jake Feinman, a senior criminal justice major commented on the new program, stating, “I am very excited that we [Monmouth University] now have this program. I have always planned on pursuing Homeland Security and now I do not have to leave Monmouth to complete my education.” On the other hand, Joe Drum,

also a senior criminal justice major, had no plans to pursue a career in Homeland Security. However, once he was informed that Monmouth offers the graduate certificate, it quickly became an option. “I am glad Monmouth is offering something different and providing students with the ability to become involved in such a study is new, does not mean that it should not be studied.” “I think it is a very interesting program to have because the Department of HLS has only been around for about 10 years. It is something that is still growing and provides a lot of opportunities for students,” adds Feinman. Additionally, Lynn Lytham, a criminal justice major, highlights how beneficial the online certificate is for commuter students. “As a commuter working two jobs, attending class is not always the easiest task,” says Lytham, “However, the ability to further my education without even leaving my house is a huge help. It is really encouraging me to pursue this [program].” “Giving students the ability to learn and develop as the knowledge of Homeland Security develops is truly beneficial. This allows students to stay on the cutting-edge of [Homeland Security] ‘trends’ and receive the most up-to-date educations available.”


LYNN LYTHAM  
Criminal Justice Student

vital career. I am definitely intrigued,” says Drum. Although Cromiskey described the program as a “work in progress,” Dr. Jason Barr, Associate Professor in the School of Education, does not believe that should deter students from pursuing this path. “I believe the area [of Homeland Security] is beneficial for students to study,” says Dr. Barr, “just because the area of

my house is a huge help. It is really encouraging me to pursue this [program].” “Giving students the ability to learn and develop as the knowledge of Homeland Security develops is truly beneficial. This allows students to stay on the cutting-edge of [Homeland Security] ‘trends’ and receive the most up-to-date educations available,” concludes Lytham.

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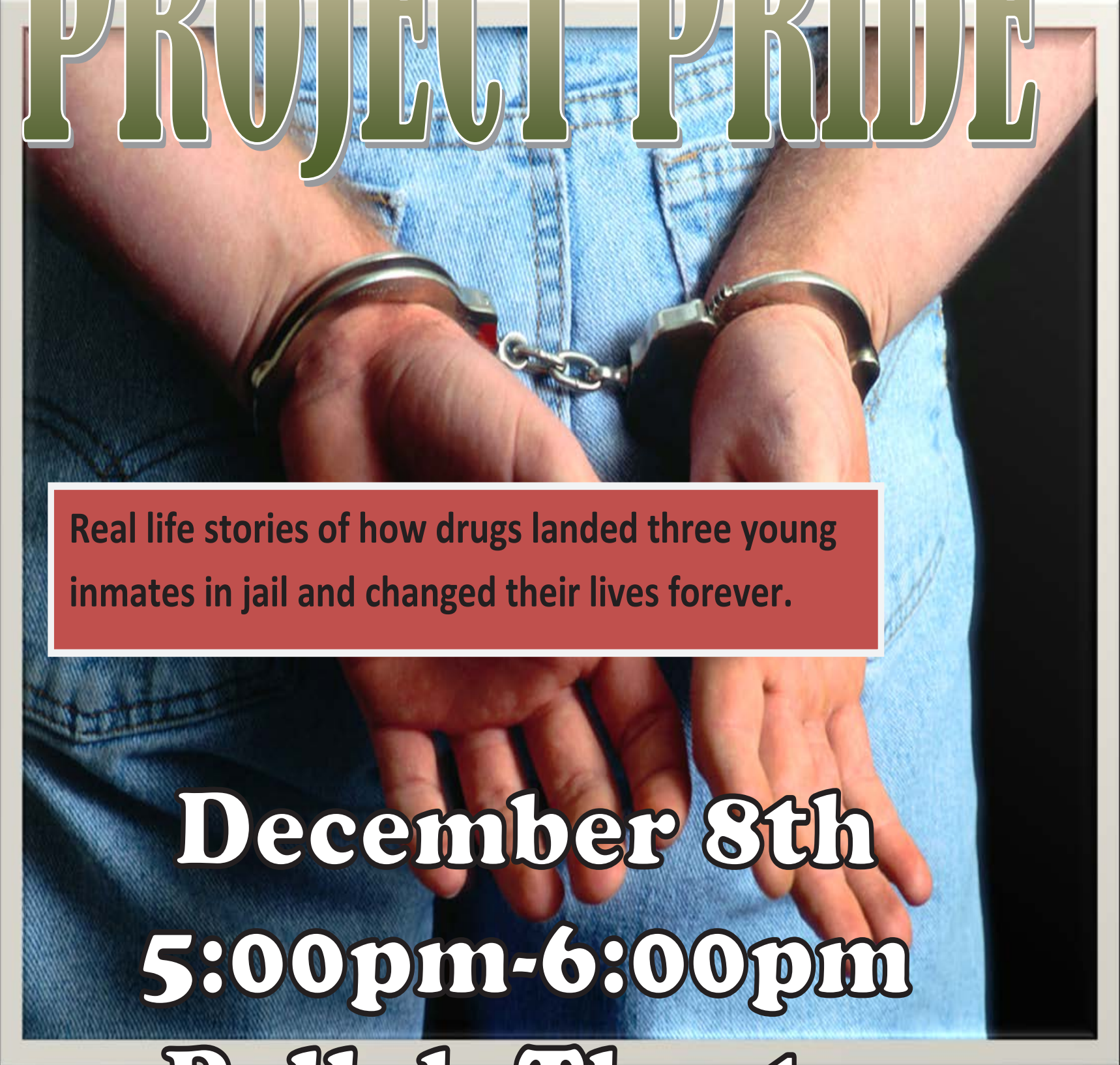
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To Build or Not to Build? That is the Question

THE OUTLOOK STAFF OPINION

Sometimes, it becomes hard to enjoy the quaint, homey beauty of the campus of our University when all we can hear are hammers through the walls of our classrooms. Some of us also have to spend our classtimes in trailers, and we wake up to the sound of drills.

Many University students can't even remember a time when Monmouth was not working on some sort of construction. The most recent construction projects include the Edison Science Building addition, Multipurpose Activity Center, the tennis courts, and the detention basin. Right behind these projects were the Jules Plangere Building, McAllan Hall, and the renovation of Redwood and Oakwood Halls. Since 1994, \$175 million of construction have been done.

It brings forth the question of whether or not the inconveniences of construction to the students are worth the modernized buildings that are being built. For some students, this construction can seriously disrupt their own learning experience that they, in all fairness, paid tuition for. How can we be expected to do science experiments in a trailer, when we signed up for a science classroom in the Edison Science Building? How can we listen to a lecture when we can barely hear what our professor is saying through the sounds of a drill?

Many of the current students will not get a chance to even enjoy the

renovations that they sit through classes in trailers in order to receive, as many of our recent alumni have not even gotten the opportunity to enjoy our new residence halls and academic buildings. This especially makes all of the disruptions and irritations not worth it to current students who had to endure it.

Some students, although understanding of the University's need to grow and improve, do not see the point of *constant* construction projects. One possibility is to halt construction every few years to just give students a little break from the constant change and awkward middle ground of going to a school that really isn't quite finished yet. This way, we could really have a chance to enjoy our campus and just be students who don't have to worry about avoiding yet *another* construction detour.

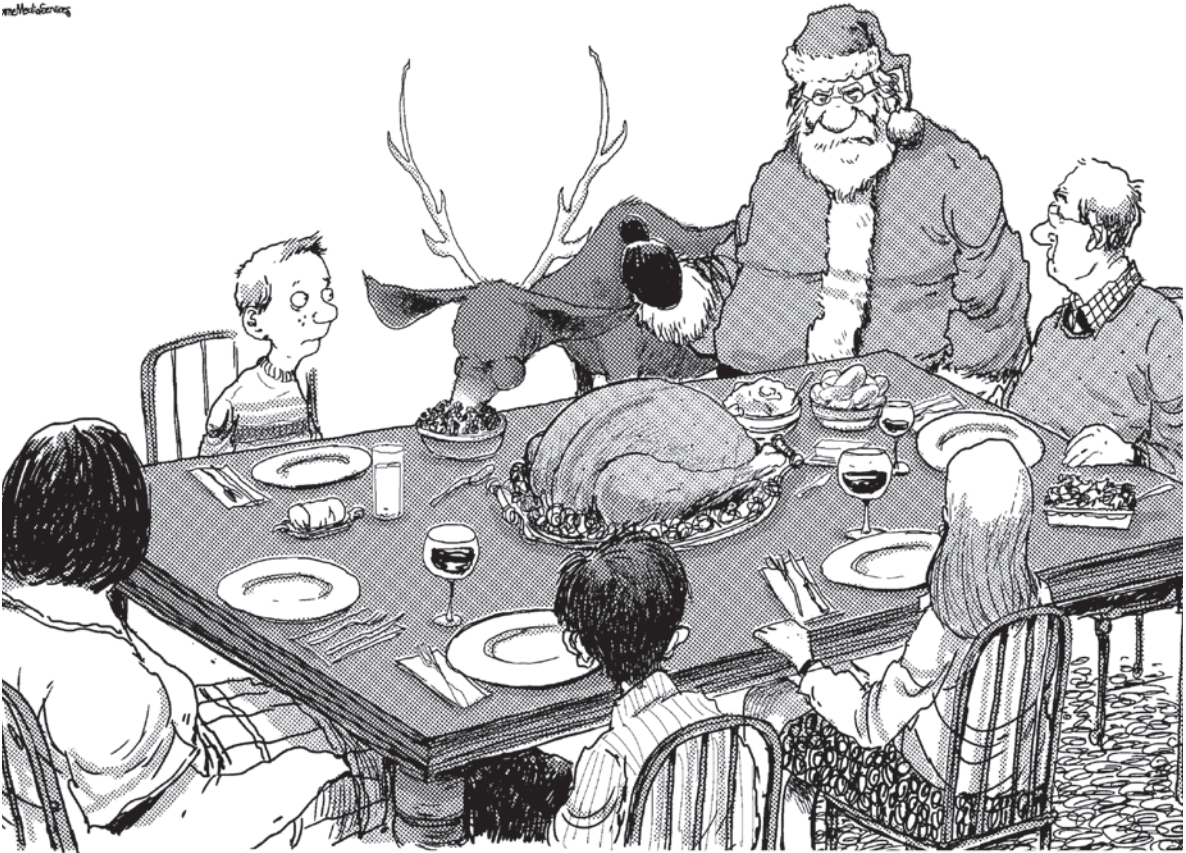
Others see this idea of halting construction as very troubling. What if there was some renovation or construction that desperately needed to be done, but the "no construction" policy made that impossible and students were thus forced to suffer as a result? The fact remains that construction will always be necessary when a renovation is needed, even if it does get annoying.

Another possibility is to reserve large construction projects for the summer months, which seems to already be the general plan, as this was what was done for the parking lot. This way, far less students would be affected by the constant construc-

tion. However, as we saw with Hurricane Irene and the construction of the parking lot, many times construction carries into the new school year. To be fair, these are natural occurrences and the University tries to complete construction projects in a timely manner. Even with this, students were disrupted less than they would have been if the construction took place once the school year began.

However, at the same time, the modernization of our campus makes our own degrees increase in value for the years to come. The better our University becomes, then the better our resumes will look to potential employers. The fact remains that college is a business, and Monmouth University must keep up with other colleges to continue to enroll students. No one wants to enroll their child to a campus that is dilapidated and outdated. When parents visit our campus with their prospective students, the fact that they see a campus that is continuously updating itself and keeping up with the times is a positive factor and could even be the deciding factor, in some cases.

Sometimes, the construction can be loud, irritating, and cause changes that we may not all agree with. However, this is a part of keeping the University up-to-date and ensuring its life in the years to come so that all prospective students can enjoy it like we have. We should want Monmouth University to be a better place for students, where leaders look forward.



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# Lavish Weddings Breaking the Bank

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STAFF WRITER

On the heels of the Kim Kardashian divorce, many wondered what could have caused the breakup of a couple that seemed enamored with each other at their \$10 million wedding, a mere 72 days prior to the divorce announcement.

Weeks after filing for the divorce, Kardashian said that she got too “caught up” in the planning of the wedding, and by the time she realized that she had made a mistake, it was too late and she did not want to let her fans down. Her statement led me to question the meaning behind the American obsession with lavish weddings and extravagance. What first appeared to be part of the celebrity culture, the desire to have over-the-top weddings has become a part of mainstream lifestyles.

Ordinary people have always been influenced by Hollywood and the trends set forth by their favorite celebrities, and the habit of imitation is finding its way into the weddings of many people. With televisions shows such as “Platinum Weddings,” “Brides of Beverly Hills,” and “Rich Bride, Poor Bride,” ordinary people strive to have extraordinary weddings that they often cannot afford.

Long gone are the days of people planning weddings with the main intention of celebrating the eternal bond they are about to form with the love of their lives. These days, weddings have become a chance for brides and grooms to bury themselves in debt for the sake of putting

on a show for their guests. Weddings are now all about which designer made the dress, how extravagant the cake is, and how expensive the venue looks.

What we, as a society, fail to realize is that celebrities are in the financial position to have weddings of a certain magnitude because they have the financial resources, or in Kim Kardashian’s case, they are willing to sell themselves and the right to their privacy for \$18 million in order to profit from their wedding and completely cover their expenses.

However, ordinary brides striving to have what celebrity brides have is outrageous and naïve. Those who work in the wedding industry are there to make a profit, so just because bridal salons now carry replicas of Kim Kardashian’s three

Vera Wang wedding dresses or Kate Middleton’s Sara Burton gown, does not mean that the bride should plan a wedding beyond her budget in an ef-

fort to feel like a celebrity or a princess on her wedding day. It should be that the expense of your wedding does not solidify the length of your marriage. If anything, it is only more humiliating to have to explain to your hundreds of guests that the wedding you are still paying off two years later resulted in a failed marriage.

Take for instance, the numerous failed celebrity marriages. In 1993, Mariah Carey wed Tommy Motola in a fashion similar to that of a royal wedding. In front of 300 guests, Carey walked down the aisle after 50 flower girls, in a dress with a 27 foot train, and a tiara reminiscent of Princess Diana’s. Despite their lavish \$500,000 wedding, the couple’s rocky marriage ended five years later. Over time, the wedding industry

has become a multi-billion dollar business at the expense of people who are gullible enough to flush away tens of thousands of dollars on a few hours of their lives, only to end up struggling with themselves to pay the bills later. On the other hand, if the financial means are there, there is nothing wrong with spending the money and planning a beautiful day to remember, but it does not make sense for couples to start their lives off saddled with debt, especially when credit cards are involved, only to regret the money they spent that they knew they did not have and can never get back.

According to smartmoney.com, the average cost of a wedding in the United States is between \$21,000 and \$24,000, but those numbers can reach \$40,000 to \$50,000 in metropolitan areas such as New York and Long Island.

Ironically, finance is among the top ten reasons for divorce in the United States. Often times, after the honeymoon period, the couple realizes the mistake the made and take their frustrations out on each other.

Living beyond one’s means is not a new concept to society, but it is reaching extreme magnitudes with couples striving to have weddings they cannot afford.

What they fail to realize is that no matter the cost of their wedding, in today’s society there is no guarantee that there will be a happily ever after, so there is no need to enter into a marriage burdened with debt. Marriage is complicated enough without adding unnecessary financial strain.



Kim Kardashian is the most recent celebrity to have splurged on a wedding.

## Put This in Your Coffee Cup

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If there is one thing about college that makes me cringe at the very sound of its utterance, it’s the sound of my 7:30 am alarm screeching, trying to wake my drowsy college butt up from bed. For some college students, that sound makes us take our pillows and throw them over our heads.

We mumble a conjuncture of words that are supposed to come out as, “I don’t want to get up” but really come out as “ughlksaglkjaegh.” Somehow we miraculously manage to wake up and start to get ready. But there are always mishaps that occur when college students (who are barely awake) try to get ready for an early morning class, that groggy feeling is never desired. Well here’s something for the early birds to read as they sip their morning cup o’ joe.

It all starts with the night before, when you’re getting all ready for bed. You first go and brush your teeth until your breath has the smell of a Scope commercial and then you have some quality time with your alarm clock.

You click through the buttons to set the alarm to 7:30 am and of course mess up the numbers in the process, therefore you have to scroll through another time to set it for the right time. After your thumbs get a work out from constantly pressing the buttons for what seems like a million years, you crawl into bed and begin to dream.

Suddenly, it’s like your mind just went “jk lol” because your alarm is yelling and it sounds 10 times louder than what you originally thought it would’ve sounded like. I call this the “what the flot-sam is going on” moment.

The worst part is, when your alarm begins to go off, it’s as if you have no idea where the sound is even coming from; looking around the room like it’s an alien abduction or something. And when you finally realize that it’s the alarm that is going off, you hustle out of bed and shut it off, only to massage your head seconds later.

Now it’s a matter of making good use of those befuddled motor skills. After you’re done stretching like it’s the Olympics, you somehow walk into the bathroom and brush your teeth. You come back to your room, and now it’s time to get dressed but oh wait, here’s another “jk rofl” mo-

ment, the room is pitch black. over to the Dining Hall and socialize? No way. Although for some, they are able to do this, but I for one cannot. But in generalized speaking, having an 8:30 am class means you’ll need food to fuel your noodle (PB&J Otter reference intended). You’ll either be going to the Dining Hall, or be munching on a granola while walking to class ,but the noodle must be filled!

Then it gets to the point where you have to walk to class, and sit in class for an hour and fifteen minutes. You become so bored you begin to count the freckles on your right arm (or maybe that’s just me).

Your mind still continues to play “lol I’m yanking your chain” games with you. You look at the clock, cool it’s 9:00 am, you look again (thinking it’s been like a half hour) and then it’s “haha just kidding!” it’s

only 9:03 am and you’re nearly about to lose your mind.

Now this is the point where you have to look at the clock every five seconds because mind games are taking over, making the class seem even longer. What a hard knock life us college kids have to endure. Tsk tsk.

Wait folks, here’s the best part: class is over. You pack up your books and jet out of the class and you roll like a speed demon to either your next class (sorry) or your bed (congratulations).

But the objective that I’m driving at here is that 8:30 am classes are no fun. Despite all of these horrible instances, some of us still have 8:30 am classes, and endure this routine at least twice a week. And for those that have to go through this routine more than twice a week, to infinity and beyond my friends, God speed.

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So let’s play the game of “getting dressed in the dark” and you’re the first contestant. I can’t tell you how many times I’ve put a shirt on backwards or put two different pairs of shoes on; you’d think I’d know better but I definitely do not. Yet you scramble for your clothes, feeling around through your closet and your drawers.

Still barely awake, but you manage to put some type of coherent outfit on. Oh wait, let’s not forget about the most important (and personal favorite) part of this 8:30 am class fiasco: breakfast.

I absolutely love food, I could honestly eat all day long. However in the morning, the last thing I want to do is walk over to the Dining Hall like a zombie and eat.

Forming legitimate sentences is a problem and I’m supposed to walk

## An ‘Absent’ Issue on Campus

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The University is home to over 4,500 undergraduate students and about 2,000 graduate students that are all susceptible to the standard attendance policy. Each department at the University has its own attendance policy. On average, each policy allows two class absences per semester.

In contrast, Rutgers University is home to over 40,000 undergraduate students and about 15,000 graduate students. The large amount of students enrolled at Rutgers creates complications when professors attempt to enforce attendance policies. The students of Rutgers are rarely penalized for their lack of attendance, which has sometimes proven to be successful, but also detrimental to their grades.

Considering our fellow New Jersey school, Rutgers, lacks in the implementation of repercussions for lack of attendance, students at the University are left wondering why our policy is extremely strict?

Most classes at Monmouth follow the two-absence limit rule, which is reasonable, but if you miss three days instead of the allotted two, you may be subjected to a loss in a letter grade. What if it’s an excused absence you say? Well an excused absence is harder to come by than a free ride.

Many professors require a written excuse for absences to be considered excused, but as students we all know things come up such as car trouble, unexpected deaths, and sickness. Unfortunately, all these real-life instances occur all the time and may not come with a professional note to excuse the individual from class. These absences may cause a drop in a letter grade for the class you missed and will ultimately hinder your ability to excel in class.

These instances have students wondering why the University care sif we show up to class when we each pay a hefty tuition? Shouldn’t the professors be happy with their paycheck and not be concerned whether or not a student chooses to utilize their tuition

and show up?

When faced with the question of whether or not I support the University’s attendance policy, I am indifferent. The policy is not as lenient as other schools that are larger than the University for the sheer fact of numbers. If the University housed over 50,000 students, keeping track of who shows up to class would be compromised.

The University boasts that its average class size is 21.8 students. On the other hand, seven percent of Rutgers University classes have more than 100 students. In a class of over 100 students, does a professor even know the names or faces of the students? I doubt it. It is realistic for schools of this size to kick attendance policies to the curb because keeping track of its students is near impossible.

Though the University’s attendance policy is definitely necessary, I still believe it is extremely strict given the fact that there are many unpredictable scenarios that can occur throughout any given day. Whenever writing an e-mail to a professor because of an absence due to illness, they almost always ask for an official note to excuse yourself.

However, the Health Center, which is the only place students can go on campus to receive aide for their ailments, is forbidden to hand out excuses for absences. Many of my visits to the Health Center have resulted in a diagnoses and a recommendation to stay home from class for the day.

When I proceeded to ask for a note to confirm the diagnoses, I was told they are not allowed to provide students with these notes. How is a student, who has no other option but the health center, supposed to provide a professor with an excuse for an absence? It is clear that our system is flawed in some ways because of the lack of trust among professors towards students.

The bottom line is our attendance policy could use a little updating, but it gets the job done. The University is able to enforce its attendance policy without students taking advantage of it like larger schools.



# Debate Hawk Alumni Visit for Pre-Law Club Roundtable

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Throughout the month of November, the University’s new Pre-Law Club has been holding information sessions to help students prepare for and excel in law school. So far, there have been three sessions held every Thursday.

The first meeting included a guest speaker from Rutgers Law School in Camden, along with an admissions representative from Villanova Law School. The second session featured an admissions representative from Seton Hall Law School. The following week, Professor Gregory Bordelon arranged to have four former University alumni and Debate Hawks, now in law school, join the Pre-Law Club for a student insight into the pressures of getting into law school.

The former Debate Hawks who joined the Pre-Law Club’s roundtable discussion included Brian Tiscia, an 1L at Seton Hall Law School, Liana Nobile, a 2L at Seton Hall, Lindsey Melody, a 2L at Catholic University Law School, and Dan Wisniewski, a 3L at George Mason University Law School. Discussion topics varied from the preparation for the LSAT, a required test included with law school applications, to the joys of receiving letters of acceptance and how to deal with the stress and workload of law school. They also explained

case briefings they worked on in their classes. Sophomore Joanna Barc said, “I feel that that having the roundtable was very beneficial. They answered many great questions making me feel more comfortable.”

Each alumnus was extremely helpful and answered all the questions posed by the members of the Pre-Law Club and the professors who participated.

Bordelon said, “All in attendance seemed to be very engaged and attentive, wanting to know about not only the law school workload but also the practical realities and cultural dynamics of being a law student.”

Nobile, a 2009 graduate of the University and 2L at Seton Hall, offered advice to prospective law school students. She said, “Take a business class so you understand business terms and don’t get discouraged once you get to law school.” Nobile was also impressed how the University has changed since she graduated.

Bordelon and Dr. Joseph Patten were the facilitators of the discussion. About 20 students were in attendance. Bordelon said, “I think that having our student alumni return makes more of a connection to law school for current University students. If they see our own succeed, that instills an ‘I can do it’ spirit in them.” Nobile said that the toughest challenge for her was not being number one anymore. “Everyone’s trying to be the best,” she

said. Barc said she feels the biggest concern among students is preparing for the LSAT.

Bordelon told students not to get discouraged or overwhelmed during the application process. He is currently an advisor for those interested in law school. Students who have goals of continuing their schooling are encouraged to make an appointment with him. Bordelon said, “Law school has become more competitive in the admissions realm over the years. However, the work ethics I’ve seen from our students show me that they’re right up there with the best of them, when applying.”

He also said he is interested by what is expected of 3L students. Bordelon said, “There is a movement afoot to have a more ‘clinical’ training element in the third year in order to be adequately prepared. With the economic downturn of 2008, more firms want new hires to be practice ready, and law schools are beginning to respond with interesting curricular changes.”

The Pre-Law Club will be working on a movie night with a law theme to it before the semester is over. In the spring, Bordelon and members of the club will be planning workshops such as, “How to Succeed the First Year” as well as a “Careers in Law” panel. The Pre-Law Club encourages those interested to join a meeting and speak with Bordelon.

# White House Says No to Marijuana

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The Obama administration has been giving responses to We The People petitions, including a decision to not take legal discourse to decriminalize marijuana and apply the same laws as alcohol.

We The People is a new platform that started in September “that gives all Americans a way to create and sign petitions,” according to a press release on the White House website. The petition needed 5000 signatures within 30 days of its original posting before it “will be reviewed by policy experts” with “an official response,” but now has been changed to 25,000 signatures due to the response of American citizens.

There have been nine other responses by the White House to other petitions started by citizens, such as “Taking Action to Reduce the Student Loan Debt” or “Repealing the Discriminatory Defense of Marriage Act.” One petition wanting the administration to acknowledge the existence of aliens was replied under the title “Searching for ET, But No Evidence Yet.”

The first day, We the People was open to the public, a petition to make marijuana legal and regulate similar to alcohol was posted on the White House website. The appeal was created by the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, a nonprofit based in Washington D.C., who said “marijuana prohibition has resulted” in countless arrests and “tax dollars squandered” without “lowering use rates, limiting the drug’s access, or creating safer communities.”

University student Ryan Feldman said, “I thought the petition was an awesome idea.” Feldman has been an avid supporter of le-

galizing marijuana.

"Smoking has been a part of the American culture for decades, emulated in movies like *Pineapple Express*," said Feldman. "There are smoke shops in Red Bank that openly sells pipes made for smoking marijuana, why can't they openly sell marijuana and make some money off of it?"

By October 28, six days after the deadline, the petition started by NORML had received over 74,000 signatures. There were seven other petitions proposed concerning marijuana, addressing both state laws and the medical use of cannabis. The eight petitions received over 151,400 signatures in total, although citizens could sign multiple petitions.

The official White House response to the different marijuana petitions was posted online October 29, labeled “What We Have To Say About Legalizing Marijuana” by Gil Kerikowske, Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy. Those that signed the petition received the response through email.

Kerikowske said the White House response was based on scientific research from the National Institutes of Health and the Food and Drug Administration, who concluded “marijuana use is associated with addiction...significant source for voluntary drug treatment.” The administration admits to doing research in the medical benefits of marijuana and its components but have not found “the modern standard for safe or effective medicine for any condition.”

Some argue that if the FDA approves tobacco products and prescription drugs which are equally abused with detrimental outcomes, why is marijuana stopped from being sold? Susan St. Germaine, the interim Substance Awareness Co-

ordinator at the University, says the cost benefit of “using cannabis is very subjective” but sees the issue “from a treatment perspective.”

“There are many legal substances that can be abused. This will never change,” said St. Germaine. “Some people become psychologically and physically dependent on a substance which prevents them from progressing with a healthy life. Just as alcohol is legal but there are huge negatives associated with the abuse and dependence on alcohol.”

Feldman was disappointed with the White House's reaction to the petition. “I still believe marijuana will be legal one day,” he said.

"New York and California have decriminalized marijuana, and I'm sure more states will follow," said Feldman. "I've become a Ron Paul supporter because he's one of the few politicians that is adamant of legalizing pot."

Kerikowske also stated in the response that the administration is “not going to arrest our way of the problem,” through the President’s National Drug Control Strategy by “expanding access to drug treatment for addicts” and “improving our criminal justice system to divert non-violent offenders into treatment.”

“I would always opt for treatment versus prison, or maybe a combination of both. Enter treatment and if the person fails out they can return to jail, although, people can clean up in either environment,” said St. Germaine.

“Unfortunately some people do need to face dire circumstances before they admit that their life is out of control, unmanageable and they need to change. I imagine that the White House is wary of being viewed as the president who legalized or justified the use of cannabis.”

# Roll Call: Words from the SGA Senate

Next semester’s E-board has been voted on. Kelly Craig will be the new SGA Historian, Soraya Quezada as Treasurer, and Becca Baier as Parliamentarian.

**Pre-Law Club-** Reinstatement- SGA approved to reinstate the Pre-Law Club on campus. It was previously an active club in 2008 but became inactive due to leadership issues. There are currently over 30 interested members. They also have members who are willing to take on this club after we graduate so we do not become inactive again.

Chief Justice of SGA Rob Acerra and Amy Bellina discussed ideas of how to communicate with clubs better and help them remain active.

Historian Melanie Rowbotham contacted Kelly Boozan’s sister-in-law last week regarding fundraising money for her and her family. SGA will be ordering bracelets and t-shirts to sell. A blood drive will also be coming to the University soon.

Advisor Mary Anne Nagy said, “I’m happy to see that you all are focused on helping Kelly and her family during this difficult time. This is a great reflection on the notion of helping one another, which the University and President Gaffney feel strongly about.”

**Aramark-** Nagy met with Aramark last week to discuss different menu options and changes from food services on campus. “I think there has definitely been improvement and I hope you all agree. If not please let me know. I’ll also be meeting with student athletes tomorrow about Aramark as well,” Nagy said. Nagy said that there will be more chick-

en, less omelets, and more Italian cuisine. There will a new executive chef and a new director of catering soon.

**Soraya Quezada,** Academics Chair, met with Dr. Sarsar, Associate Vice President for Global Initiative last week. Sarsar discussed recruiting international students. He works on bridging the gap between current University students and international University students. There will be an email going out soon to host an international student at a student’s home for the holidays. During the meeting, Sarsar also stressed how students should take advantage of the study abroad programs the University offers.

**Institute of Global Understanding (IGU) -** Meetings are held 9:00 am Tuesdays side office of Bey Hall.

**Spirit Initiatives Committee-** Chair, Sofia Mandia, said she has been meeting with the Athletics Department concerning hosting pregame parties in the MAC before the basketball games like how we had at the 6:00 a.m. game in order to attract more students.

**The Holiday Bazaar-** SGA currently has 14 vendors but are looking into six or eight more. There might be a door prize to help encourage students to come. NBS will be doing pictures with Santa.

**The Giving Trees** are now up throughout campus.

Each ornament on the tree holds the name of a local community member and an item on their wish list.

Wireless Internet access on the residential side of campus has been getting significantly worse and will be addressed as soon as possible.

# Who’s Who in SGA: Alexandra Tuyahov: Freshman Senator

Alexandra Tuyahov, is a first-year Marketing major. She joined SGA as soon as she arrived at the University as a Freshman Senator in order to become more involved on campus. “I knew SGA would be the perfect opportunity to be the voice of my peers, plan campus events, and make a difference at the University,” Tuyahov said.

She described that her involvement in the Student Government Association has connected her to great people and gave her the opportunity to take on responsibility on campus.

Tuyahov’s favorite part of being involved in the Student Government Associate is planning the second Annual Holiday Bazaar.

She is also involved in the Community Service Club.

SGA has helped Tuyahov throughout her college experience thus far by giving her a purpose at the University besides going to class. “It keeps me busy and has helped with my time management skills,” she said.

Her advice for fellow first-year students is to get involved. She described that getting involved early on makes the college experience more meaning-

ful and rewarding. Tuyahov’s advice is to not hesitate and to show up to a meeting to see what it’s all about.

“I hope I continue to gain friendships and memories with the other senators who are truly inspiring people. I also hope to gain a better sense of leadership, fulfillment, and responsibility. I hope to leave behind campus that is better than when I arrived. I want to make a difference in any way I can,” Tuyahov said.



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Tuyahov is a Freshman Senator in SGA and hopes to become more involved as she advances in her college career.



Political Debate: How Will Egypt Affect American Interests?

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

Side 1: Democracy Building in Egypt is Crucial to American Interests

DAN ROMAN  
STAFF WRITER

As Egyptians went to polls on Monday to begin to elect a new government, the world was left to watch and see who will take over the embattled nation.

It was the first stage of three rounds of voting to elect 498 members of the People’s Assembly, the Lower House of Parliament.

The Upper House will be voted in by March.

By June, the Egyptian people will have a new President, Parliament, and Constitution.

After 30 years of governing, Hosni Mubarak was ousted as President of Egypt in January after the Arab Spring movement came to the North African country.

The military quickly assumed power to control the country which

was swept up in protests. The military was supposed to stabilize the country and ease the transition of a newly elected government, then give the power back to the people.

However things are not going as planned. In October members of a military council ruling the country announced they would retain total control of the Egyptian government.

Protests quickly broke out as the people demanded for the military to allow a peaceful transition of power.

This has many doubting whether the new elections will be able to be run democratically. According to *The Huffington Post*, many inside Egypt don’t know how the votes will be tallied, where the ballots will be stored, or even how registered people will be allowed to vote, possibly leaving the door open for the military to assume the head of

the elections.

America and the whole world need to pay careful attention to the mounting problems in Egypt. Due to its position in the Middle East and North Africa, it is seen as an important area to have a budding new democracy.

Residing in a region where terrorists feel they can flourish, a new working democracy will help stomp out all of the root causes of extremism.

The Arab Spring swept up these countries and will now bring about a new leadership. If Egypt can create a new government that can allow for rights to be expanded to all people and be a stable legitimate group, then countries in this region will likely follow.

The Christmas Day bomber who tried to blow up a flight bound for Detroit on December 25, 2009

learned his trade in Yemen.

In Yemen Al-Qaeda has been taking over small towns in the south because of the protests against the government.

President Saleh has had trouble fighting against them because of the resources going to fighting against the uprising.

Saleh recently gave power over to his Vice President who vowed to form a new government with Saleh’s party giving away some power. If the Yemeni people see Egyptians voting for their future in a free and open freedom, this will allow them to fight for a democracy they give power to, not one a single person forms. Violent extremism cannot prosper in a stable country.

Rob Malley, Program Director for the Middle East and North Africa with the International Crisis Group, believes that Egypt’s influ-

ence outweighs that of any other country in the region.

He said, “ The reason why is because of its size, population, and historical role it’s played in influencing Arab public opinion and of course, from the U.S. point of view its peace treaty with Israel.”

There is growing concern that if the Military were to maintain its power the very fragile treaty with Israel may soon become questionable.

If Egypt were to ignore a peace treaty and Israel feels threatened then the peace in the Middle East will be very short-lived.

The U.S will be obligated to support Israel, and a new world war may be upon us.

Many do not realize the full potential of Egypt. Democracies are the greatest friends to the United States.

Side 2: American Interference with Egypt May Harm Relations

SAM MAYNARD  
STAFF WRITER

Since the historic revolution in Egypt last spring, the Obama administration has been firm on transferring power from the Egyptian military to a new and capable civilian regime.

Early on Thanksgiving morning, an official statement came from the White House that once again urged the Egyptian military to quickly hand-off power through democratic means.

Although this transition is essential to ensuring a more stable and peaceful Middle East, a question that must be addressed is exactly how will this power shift affect U.S. interests in the region?

The Egyptian military has historically been a close ally to the United States.

Since the 1978 Camp David Accords under the Carter adminis-

tration, Egypt’s military has been upholding peaceful relations with Israel and support democratic principles that the U.S. promotes.

Also, the United States has worked closely with ousted President Hosni Mubarak before switching their stance to support the protestors.

As we have seen in Tunisia in its democratic elections last month, Islamist parties have gained a majority of support in the newly reorganized Parliament.

If fundamentalist parties gain a sizeable amount of support in Egypt ,it could actually work against American interests rather than back them.

With groups like the Muslim Brotherhood who wish to instill Islamist principles in all spheres of life, they will most likely be reluctant to make any progressive steps to uphold the peace treaty with Israel or any other western democratic ideals.

The Muslim Brotherhood also

tends to favor the idea of generally restricting women’s rights in the country.

The party is against the candidacy of women for the presidency of Egypt. This could work against the progress of Egypt as a freethinking and democratically active nation.

The revolution was sparked to change an outdated and ineffective regime.

The elections could result in steps backwards restricting the rights of citizens if they do not comply with strict Islamist principles.

Although democracy is important for the stability of the region, there is not guarantee that the outcome of unrestricted elections will ensure co-operative ties with the United States and open, peaceful relations with allies.

The Egyptian military has been an important vehicle in ensuring close relations with Israel.

With the recent strain on the

American and Israeli relationship, this will be a crucial factor for the United States.

If a party is swept into power that does not share the military’s support for American policies, then they could present even more of a problem that will force attention from Washington.

In addition, they could face backlash from prominent members of the Egyptian military that have been consistent in support for American democracy and stable relations with Israel. If this is the case, then Egypt could end up divided more deeply than it is currently, leading to more violence and civil unrest.

The military also receives an annual amount of about \$1.3 billion dollars in American aid.

This is a strong tie because America is relying on foreign militaries to assist in the war on terror.

The new elections will determine the nature of American and Egyp-

tian relations, whether they remain cooperative, or they become more burdensome in the future.

The White House response admirably comes down on the side of democracy, and reminds the Egyptian military that a junta is unacceptable and a hindrance to true democratic progress.

Essentially, the Obama administration is positioning itself in an advantageous spot regardless of the election results.

However, the United States may be in store for a harsh relationship if fundamentalist Islam is injected into the new democracy.

This will affect past collaborative efforts, and the overall opinion of the west throughout the state of Egypt.

Democracy in the Middle East is fundamental to regional stability and the progress of its citizens, though it must be brought about with extreme caution to ensure the interests of the United States at home and abroad.

Monmouth Debate Hawks Make it to Final Four at Rutgers University

PRESS RELEASE

The Monmouth University Debate Team, the Debate Hawks, received five trophies at the Rutgers University Tournament held November 18 to 20.

The tournament included 70 teams from 14 universities including NYU, West Point, Boston College, and Fordham University.

Monmouth University debaters Alexandria Todd and Dan Roman made it to the final four semifinal rounds after making it through three playoff rounds against teams from Liberty University (VA) and West Virginia University.

Todd also took a third place individual speaking award in a division that included over 80 individual debaters.

Monmouth University debaters Brandon Karkovice and Alexandria Matz, and Jennifer Sime and Vincent DeTommaso scored playoff victories against teams from NYU and the New School. Andrew Bell and Mark Cosentino also made it to the playoff rounds, losing on a close 2-1 ballot to a team from Liberty University.

The Debate Hawks brought back five trophies from the tournament. Arielle Giordano and Miriam Peguero, Kelly Craig, and Jordan Di Giovanni, Olivia Mills and Tyler

Breder, Samuel Maynor and Joe Delera, Lianne Kulik and Parker Ritzdorf, Angela Lucas and Brad Landau, and Andrew Bell and Shawna Sullivan also won awards at the tournament.

Each year, a topic is picked to be debated at every tournament.

The topic for this year was should the United States federal government substantially increase its democracy assistance for one or more of the following: Bahrain, Egypt, Libya, Syria, Tunisia, Yemen.

The Debate Hawks organized and wrote a case on how best to improve democratic assistance for Yemen and debate it when on the affirmative.

There were six preliminary rounds, each lasting approximately two hours, and each team argued on the affirmative in three rounds and on the negative for three rounds.

Teams that compiled a winning record in the preliminary rounds went on to the playoff rounds on Sunday.

The Debate Hawks would like to thank former debaters and Monmouth alum Richard Moriarty, Grant Lucking, and Arielle Bavarsky for helping to coach the team and for judging at Rutgers this weekend.

For more information, contact Dr. Joseph Patten at jpatten@monmouth.edu or visit his office in Bey Hall 246.

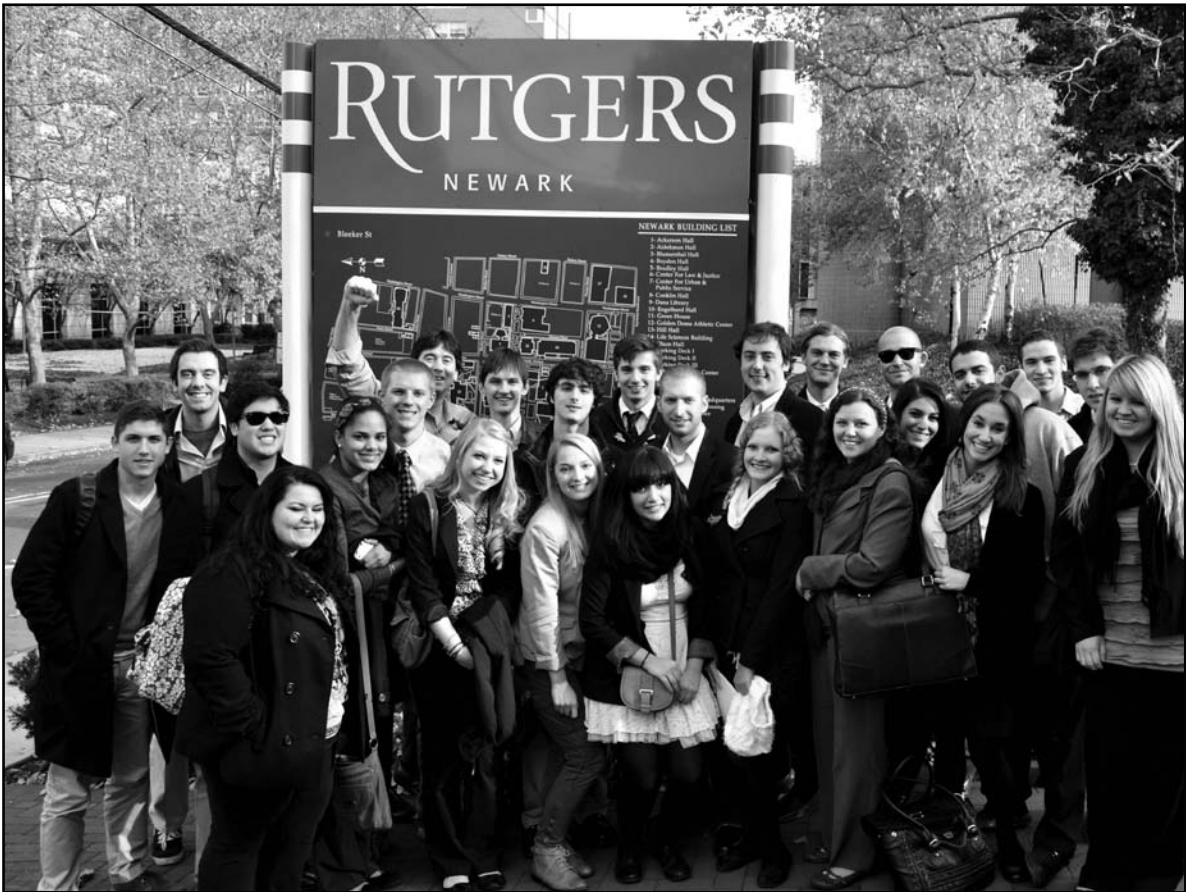


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The Debate Hawks won several speaker awards and brought home five trophies from the tournament at Rutgers University in Newark last week.



# Finding Fun Off Campus

JILL BENANTI  
STAFF WRITER

For those of you who live in Long Branch but are not from Monmouth County, the activities you may want to do seem limited. The West End is filled with different places to go out to eat, or grab a drink, but after the first few times it could get repetitive.

The great thing about West Long Branch and Long Branch is that both towns are surrounded by numerous fun and different activities that will keep you entertained and always finding something new to do.

Red Bank is definitely a town you should check out if you want to get out of the West End for a day. They have numerous great restaurants of all different varieties, so whatever you are in the mood for, there is something for you.

For example, there is Juanito's, a Mexican restaurant, Siam Garden for those of you who love Thai food, and Front Street Trattoria, an Italian restaurant. Red Bank also offers a diverse bar scene.

If you are looking to dress up for a night out on the town, check out Red, The Downtown, or Taste. For a more casual low key night, stop in The Globe or Branigan's. The shopping is great in

Red Bank as well. According to [onlyoneredbank.com](http://onlyoneredbank.com), the stores include, Urban Outfitters, Dor La Dor, and Hi-Def.

which is a quirky little store that offers different trinkets and books that will keep you entertained for days.

thing from vintage records to posters, to vintage rock tees. The best part about all these places in Red Bank is everything is walk-

love holiday lights, every holiday season they have a holiday light show you can drive through with your friends.

Most know that Monmouth is only an hour and a half train ride to New York City, so why not take advantage of it?

At any given time there are different festivals, concerts, and activities that are fun to take part in. NYCGO.com has a full list of events and concerts and shopping for the entire year. You can even plan your day trip with them to maximize your fun and activities.

Senior Alana Silva says, "I like to take advantage of my surroundings, I am also from Monmouth County, so I know a lot of different places to go and things to do that are not just in the West End. My friends and I like to take advantage of the fact that Long Branch is so close to New York City, so we are always looking up different festivals and restaurants we can go to online."

Now that it is getting colder and deeper into wintertime, going to the beach is not such a great option of things to do.

Instead of going to the beach, why not go to a mountain? New Jersey is lucky enough to have Mount Creek, the Poconos, and Camelback.

They are only a few hours' drive away so take the day and go snowboarding or skiing with your friends.

If you don't know how, take a lesson, or hang out in the lodge. It's important to take full advantage of your surroundings so when it's time to graduate and you have to move back home, you know you have fully taken advantage of everything Monmouth has to offer.



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The shops of Red Bank have a lot to offer and are just a short drive away.

Red Bank is definitely a town you should check out if you want to get out of the West End for a day. They have numerous great restaurants of all different varieties, so whatever you are in the mood for, there is something for you.

One store to check out is Funk Also stop in Backwards Glance and Standard Variety Store, es, a thrift store that has every-

ing distance from one another.

However, Red Bank is not the only place filled with things to do. For example, if you are feeling like you need a change of scenery one fun option could be to check out a concert. PNC Bank Arts Center is only about a half hour away, and according to [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com), they have new shows monthly, all of which are reasonably priced.

Also, for those of you who

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## NEW M83 ALBUM GETS FANS TO 'HURRY UP' AND LISTEN AGAIN AND AGAIN

NICK ANDREW  
STAFF WRITER

M83's highly anticipated sixth studio album, *Hurry Up, We're Dreaming*, was released October 18 gracing fans with a double album featuring 22 tracks.

For those unfamiliar with M83, the French band can be described best as synth-heavy indie-pop with heavy influences from classical music composition.

Having toured with bands such as Kings of Leon and The Killers, it would be a stretch to describe them as similar artists in terms of sounds, where in fact M83's is easily one of the most unique bands in today's indie-music scene alongside similar artists like The Knife, Animal Collective, and Empire of the Sun.

With prior albums such as *Dead Cities*, *Red Seas*, *Lost Ghosts*, and *Before the Dawn Heals Us*, conveying a very dark and almost orchestra-like sound, the 2008 album *Saturdays=Youth* had more an 80's style tone to it, with a general theme of the loss of innocence we experience in our teenage years.

*Hurry Up, We're Dreaming* is "mainly about dreams, how every one is different, how you dream differently when you're a kid, a teenager, or an adult. I'm really proud of it. If you're doing a very long album, all the songs need to be different and I think I've done that with this one," M83 front man Anthony Gonzalez said in a recent interview for *SPIN* Magazine.

The first thing fans will appreciate with this new album is its



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M83's new album, *Hurry Up, We're Dreaming*, is a unique journey of sound that leaves listeners feeling like they've traveled through their own subconscious.

general length. Where many artists are releasing shorter length albums, M83 makes fans feel that theirs is worth every penny, or worth every second of illegal download time.

On top of producing an album at epic length, Gonzalez raises his

already sky-high bar of various sounds, from synth-heavy pop to blues saxophone, and every vocal range from screaming chants to eerie whispers.

This very vast array of sounds can be a bit distracting at times, causing listeners to potentially

question what the general point of the album is. Gonzalez safely titled the album to allow him to experiment to such a degree that the ambiguous and surreal nature of dreams can explain the sound accordingly.

Despite several tracks on

the album not leaving a lasting impression, upon full listen the album feels much like a dream. With parts that can be easily forgotten and parts that seem to haunt us after awaking. Gonzalez's ambition with this album is undeniable.

My favorite albums from M83 are *Dead Cities*, *Red Seas*, and *Lost Ghosts* for its raw simplicity and the very dark mood that it sets with what seems to be little effort. Like most bands' later albums, the desire for experimentation and progression can often ruin the original sound that fans came to admire, but this is definitely not the case with M83.

The sophistication of their sound requires several listens through this album. Each listen will let fans notice more and more of the complexity of the tracks. Absolutely massive sounds juxtaposed with delicate and dreamy sound effects let the album act as a journey through a mystical world of auditory eccentricity.

With such a great amount of hype given by indie-music blogs awaiting the album's release, overall it doesn't quite live up to the epic expectations many of the fans will expect to hear. However, one thing is for certain, if you're an avid fan of modern indie-rock or a disbeliever in the genre's talent, M83's *Hurry Up We're Dreaming* is worth a listen.

Ultimately, it's best indulged with an open mind, and an appreciation that the vague and inexplicable nature of dreaming carries over through the massive sounds of the album.

## "Crimes of the Heart" Didn't Rob Audiences of Drama

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sister, a quiet woman looking after their sick grandfather. Meg is the middle sister, who left for Hollywood to be a singer but found minimal work and wound up working in a dog food factory. Babe, the youngest sister, is married to an abusive husband. The story starts with Babe shooting her husband in an attempt to kill him.

The actresses did a very good job as the sisters. They were able to act out the scenes in a way that seemed very natural, like this was a real life event unfolding before us. Melanie Miller, an attendant of the show, said that "the three sisters have a very good chemistry together. It's like they really are sisters."

Allie Miller did a great job as the quiet yet envious Lenny. Liz Anderson convinced me that Meg was a careless woman with little concern for those besides her. Alex Appolonia was an excellent Babe. Not only did she look considerably younger than the other two, but she also acted the part of a young woman collapsing from the pressure.

The rest of the supporting cast

was also good. Barnette Lloyd, Babe's lawyer, is a shy character and there is an implied budding romance between him and Babe. Michael Rosas did a very good as the stuttering and embarrassed lawyer taking on his first case.

Lauren Lambert did a great job as Chick, the sisters' cousin, being a control freak, not to mention the obvious conflict to the three sisters. Henry O. Siebecker was a great Doc Porter, even though his stage time was the shortest. Diego Alessandro, 27, was also impressed with the acting. He thought it was "thoroughly enjoyable and a good example of the talent we have at Monmouth."

Keep in mind that I only saw one show, so I can't say how the other cast did. This is a double cast show, meaning that two different casts act on alternate nights. The only actor who did play their character in both casts was Siebecker. I have to applaud him for being able to keep up with the play for the two weeks worth of shows he had to act in.

I'm certain that the other cast was just as great. Amanda Grubr, a sophomore, had the pleasure to see each cast and enjoyed both of them.

As far as the content itself, the



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The Department of Music and Theatre's production of "Crimes of the Heart" featured a double cast where different actors portrayed each character on various nights. Henry O. Siebecker (left) was the only cast member to play Doc Porter each night.

play, directed by John Burke, Associate Professor and Director of Theatre Arts, is a dark comedy about a serious situation. Babe is facing the very real possibility of going to jail for shooting her husband. The three sisters themselves have conflicting personalities and hidden bitterness toward each others. Even so, there are points where the audience was laughing even though they really shouldn't have.

One example is when one character tries to hang themselves on a chandelier. This is a serious situation, but turns to laughter when we hear the light crash and the character walks back on set with a rope

around their neck carrying the broken light. It isn't something that you should find funny, but you can't help but chuckle at it.

The only gripe I had with the play was the ending. Unfortunately, we don't get to see what becomes of the family, whether they overcome this obstacle or not. Instead, all we see are the three sisters hugging around a birthday cake.

This is quite a letdown of an ending, but it isn't something to be blamed on the production. This is the ending of the original play, so if you have a problem, write a complaint to the original

author, Beth Hanely.

Not everyone was disappointed with the ending however. Margaret Del Guercio, English professor, said that she "liked the ending very much" because it had an optimistic tone.

Unfortunately, this play is no longer in production. What it did do, however, was convince me that the Theatre department is capable of producing very enjoyable and entertaining works worth watching and supporting. I can't rate a play, so I'll instead encourage anyone reading this to check out what the Theatre department has in store and support them any way you can.

Keep in mind that these are students just like you and me, and they had to put up with class before this... As such, you have to admire them for remembering their cues, lines, and even keeping their Southern accents.



# Does *Breaking Dawn-Part 1* Shine With Audiences?

## FAN REVIEW: Taking a Huge Bite of the *Twilight* Craze

GINA COLUMBUS  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

I remember the first time I heard about *Twilight*. As a senior in high school, I listened to my two friends as they gossiped over Bella's unconditional love for Edward, a century-old vampire, and her undying attraction for Jacob, a werewolf.

"Who in the world would ever read something like this, much less lose sleep over the film?" I asked them. Alas, I spoke way too soon.

Call me Team Edward, a Twi-hard, a wannabe vampire, etc. As an addictive fan of the books, I've grown to love the films, or saga, just as much with every anticipated theatrical release.

I think many will agree with me that the first movie, *Twilight*, was a painful adaptation of the first novel, but with the new release of *The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn- Part 1*, I found myself reliving every word on every page of that incredible bestseller.

Varying from *The Outlook's* Entertainment Editor, I gave the newest segment of the saga a rating of 4.7 out of 5 stars. With a significant improvement in acting, the use of music and a suspenseful, emotional and thrilling storyline, *Breaking Dawn- Part 1* shines through as one of this year's most successful films.

Within the first few minutes, I was already caught off guard. Not a fan of the always awkward, on or off-camera Kristen Stewart, I was

undoubtedly surprised by her acting in this film. She actually talks and shows emotion – look at that! Finally four movies later, Stewart embodies the Bella I read about and loved in Stephanie Meyer's books.

And sigh, my Edward. I know I know, he's not real, and yes, I agree with the majority of the male population who believes that Edward, the romantic-can-do-no-wrong-even-if-you-kill-me-by-accident vampire sets an unrealistic perception of love.

Regardless, Robert Pattinson's acting is dead-on in this film. Those golden eyes, auburn-colored hair and rest of his physical and emotional perfection captivated me and every other woman in the theater that night.

I won't ruin any significant plot points for you, but we see a real range of emotions cross Pattinson's face as him and Stewart play out the newly married couple's horrific adventure throughout the film.

For anyone who has seen *Twilight*, do you recall that entire movie having a blue/green tint to it? Do you remember everything appearing dull, dark and dreary? Not in the latest film, where the people, the sets, and the colors are so vibrant and jump out at you, pulling you into the vampire/werewolf realm.

Moreover, there were a few not so dry eyes in the house during Bella's goodbye scenes (again, not trying to spoil anything), as well as some other heartbreaking scenes towards the end. For the record, the final 15 minutes of the film are the

most intense to sit through.

I also noticed an increase in the use of music in *Breaking Dawn-Part 1*. Whether it was Bruno Mars' "It Will Rain" or Christina Perri's "A Thousand Years," the film had a handful of musical variations playing through, especially at pivotal moments in the story. It made the film that much more suspenseful and kept all of us on the edge of our seats, just like we had frantically flipped through the pages of our

"Breaking Dawn" novels in the past couple of years.

Never have I had the urge to go see a movie in the theaters for a second time, but I think *Breaking Dawn: Part 1* has broken that tradition for me.

Hands down, *Breaking Dawn-Part 1* is the best of the *Twilight* saga to date. It's a shame that it has taken this long for the actors to truly, I don't know – *act*, but it's made me yearn for the second part

of the film to get released as soon as possible.

Not until November 16, 2012 will our excitement be met with the final film, a moment that will be bittersweet, not nearly as replica to the ending of the *Harry Potter* series, but pretty close.

So don't be afraid to risk getting bitten by *Breaking Dawn*. It won't change you into a vampire, but it will change your perception on the series for the better.



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*Twilight* fans will see *Breaking Dawn-Part 1* as a more faithful adaptation than past films as Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) and vampire Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson) take their love to the next step.

## NON-FAN REVIEW: *Breaking Dawn-Part 1* Sees Some Sunshine

MATTHEW FISHER  
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Can you feel the love *Twilight*? Yes. There is more passion between vampire Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson) and human Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) in *The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn- Part 1* than the other films combined. Sure, affection was established but never fully grasped.

In *Breaking Dawn-Part 1*, this absentee love surfaces to bring the gothic romance to life with a wedding, honeymoon, PG-13 sex, and a baby (yet it's still no "True Blood").

Melissa Rosenberg's script adapts the first half of Stephanie Meyer's "Breaking Dawn" with spicier material (a montage of Bella and Edward having sex or standing naked silently in the ocean at night) and gets serious about life, moving from teen melodrama to adulthood. A sub-theme about pro-life mentality also gives the film a slight political edge.

Despite all this, *Breaking Dawn-Part 1* still lacks the bite of a strong romantic narrative.

*Breaking Dawn-Part 1* begins with Bella and Edward's wedding, but not all are happy, especially werewolf Jacob (Taylor Lautner) when he learns Bella will soon become a vampire and contemplates his future with her.

Soon, the married couple travels to Rio Di Janiero (because where would a vampire go but one of the sunniest places on Earth), and they finally consummate their love.

However, the honeymoon ends when Bella discovers she's pregnant and learns the fetus is killing her. Back in Forks, WA, the Cullens attempt to save Bella as

the werewolves see this baby as a threat, and are determined to kill it while Jacob's stuck in the middle. As the vampire/wolf truce breaks down, Bella struggles to save her child while Edward works to save

into old habits.

Stewart doesn't flesh out her role as much as she could and occasionally touches upon Bella's frustrations and fears. However, Stewart does well when Bella gets pregnant

by speaking in a monotone voice and appearing exhausted like Bella is fading away.

Pattinson continues to have the 107-year-old Edward be dull, hiding true emotions behind blank stares and a quiet voice. Following the birth scene, Edward is mad but Pattinson holds back expressions, displaying an eyebrow strain once.

While Lautner as Jacob offers emotions, he needs to bring them out more whether reaching an ultimatum with Edward in the silent woods or talking with the Cullens about the wolf pack's plans.

Director Bill Condon makes *Breaking Dawn-Part 1* the best film in the series so far, understanding the dramatic elements of the film, yet it still has issues.

There are times when the picture makes fun of itself without noticing like during the wedding recep-

tion toast, which turns into a roast with Bella's father saying how he can hunt down Edward since he's a cop, one of Edward's "brothers" telling Bella to rest up, or Bella's mom singing.

Condon tries to make some other scenes serious that get overly dramatic as when Jacob talks to the Cullens and continues to stare back and forth out in the distance while discussing their dilemma.

The film has a nice soundtrack featuring artists like Bruno Mars and The Joy Formidable, but the inclusion of so many songs makes scenes appear as music videos than segments of the story. This included scenes such as before Bella has sex and she is shaving her legs, brushing her teeth, and looking for lingerie or the Cullens researching literature to save Bella.

Carter Burwell's orchestrated music is fine on its own to emotionalize scenes by allowing the music instead of lyrics to express inner emotions like when Bella and Edward kiss at their wedding as if they were alone.

Condon shined with an after credit scene featuring the Voltaire by capturing the right gothic atmosphere of horror in a gray, shadowy castle basement with a creepy performance by Michael Sheen as Aro. Maybe *Breaking Dawn-Part 2* will share this quality.

Condon also makes the birthing scene tense and erratic to build tension with a tight angle on the entire ordeal.

Rosenberg's script works like a supernatural fairytale with horrors about growing up rather than the undead themselves. She builds up the vampire and supersized werewolf tales fine although the climactic fight isn't outstanding.

As for the story, it seemed like there was more left to tell about

Bella and Edward's honeymoon and would have been nice to see them travel more than to just Rio (like Transylvania).

Also, Rosenberg never utilizes the entire Cullen family, focusing primarily on Alice (Ashley Greene), Dr. Carlisle Cullen (a better than usually Peter Facinelli), and Rosalie Hale (Nikki Reed).

At least the writer presents a quick snippet of Edward's past with a flashback of him hunting criminals to feed (Marvel Comics' living vampire Morbius also did the same). This was a nice, dark corner of *Twilight* that should be explored further.

Regardless, there are aspects to enjoy within these 117 minutes. The make-up department excels in showing Bella's deterioration with gray skin, baggy eyes, and dry hair to look skeletal. Art direction by Lorin Flemming and Troy Sizemore bring the sets to life and appeared like rooms from a catalogue as with the slick design of the Cullen's house.

Finally, the cinematographer, Guillermo Navarro, nicely photographs the film so that even when the story becomes sluggish, it's nice to look at from the beautiful wedding ceremony, the tropical beaches of Rio, and the dense, green forests of Forks (substituted by Canada).

Although I didn't read the books, I am aware of the conclusion. Thanks, Google. Still, when it comes to seeing *Breaking Dawn-Part 2*, Jacob summed up my feelings, talking about Bella's pregnancy, with, "I know how this ends, and I'm not sticking around to watch." I couldn't have said it better myself.

*Breaking Dawn-Part 1* earns itself a rating of 2.5 out of 5 stars.



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While the adaptation of *Breaking Dawn-Part 1* isn't completely solid, the marriage of Bella to Edward is one of the brighter parts in the latest installment by director Bill Condon.

her.

At first, Stewart and Pattinson instill life into Bella and Edward with smiles at the wedding and dancing in Rio, but later they fall



# From Typist to Vice President

## Administrator Profile on Patti Swannack

MICHELLE CALLAS  
STAFF WRITER

In 1975, the University hired a young woman as a clerk typ-

ist in the personnel department at a time when women were not even permitted to wear slacks to work.

Working her way up to Vice

President of Administrative Services, Patti Swannack spent the past 36 years pursuing a business career she is passionate about.

"I love what I do," Swannack said. "I was provided with a lot of great opportunities." When Swannack started working at the University, she said there was only one woman working in administration at the time.

When bosses left their position, she seized the opportunity to move higher up the ladder. Eventually, she became the Executive Director of Human Resources until 1994, when Swannack moved into the vice president position.

Responsible for campus planning and construction, summer is the busiest time of year for her. Many renovation and construction projects take place while the students are home on break.

Most recently, the new parking lot was completed last summer and ready for students when they returned.

"We've done \$175 million in construction since I was Vice President," Swannack said. We built the Jules Plangere building, McAllan Hall, re-roofed Wilson Hall, renovated Oakwood Hall, Mullaney Hall and Redwood Hall."

The construction of the Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC) several years ago proved to be a challenge. The \$50 million project was much more than a summer renovation. Swannack said they

could not take the parking lots offline for students and Boylan Gym needed to be maintained for basketball and other activities.

The project had to be contained to the actual space where the MAC would be constructed. After 18 months of construction, the MAC opened its doors. "It's a great sense of accomplishment when you're done," Swannack said.

Planning and supervising construction is only one part of Swannack's responsibility. She is also in charge of Facilities Management, Human Resources, and the Police Department. "We have great employees," she said. "I think our employees make Monmouth what it is, from our custodians right through our faculty and our vice presidents."

The employees at the University have a tremendous sense of commitment, Swannack said. "Their whole goal is to help people get ahead and succeed in what they want to do."

Working in Human Resources allowed Swannack to help students and faculty overcome obstacles. She said it gave her the opportunity to help people turn their lives around.

"People have challenges every single day and when we can help our employees or their families face those challenges and overcome them, that's a

great thing, that's what it's all about," Swannack said.

"I think Monmouth is a phenomenal school," she said. "It's probably the best kept secret and that needs to change, so we can increase our diversity and hopefully increase enrollment."

She is a firm believer that teamwork and a strong sense of community will bring success to Monmouth.

In all her years at the University, she also knows what it is like to be on the other side of the desk. Swannack completed a bachelor of science degree in business in 2002 and was the first person in her family to hold a degree. "It's not just about going to school to get a degree, it's about going to school and learning from people that have so much to share," she said. "It just opens up your whole world." Sharing about her attendance as a non-traditional student she added, "I think you're more interested and I think you might appreciate the opportunity more."

Working at the University is not the only thing she is passionate about. Swannack loves reading and traveling to warm climates. She said she loves to go to Aruba and has traveled there with her husband over 10 times. Traveling on cruise ships is also something she enjoys and has made over 13 journeys on the sea.



PHOTO COURTESY of Patti Swannack

Patti Swannack is responsible for campus planning and construction.

# The Simplest Way to Land a Job

## Tips on How to Make Your Resume Shine

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STAFF WRITER

As any job applicant knows, one of the most important keys to obtaining a job, or even an interview, is an impressive resume. According to nriplacement.com, "The average employer spends only 10 seconds looking at a resume, yet it is the only contact an applicant has with the potential employer."

In life, people never get a second chance to make a first impression, and a resume is a person's first impression to an employer. A resume that is anything shy of flawless can impact job prospects. Unfortunately, when it comes to a job search, there is no room for mistakes.

William Hill, Assistant Dean of Career Services, said, "A good resume clearly communicates the candidate's career objective, skills, education, experience, and other information relevant to the job for which he or she is applying. Desired qualifications depend upon the employer, but most employers also look at GPAs and the general tone of the resume."

As the job market becomes more competitive, a resume is all an applicant has to stand out among the many job seekers applying for the same position, according to nriplacement.com.

Years of hard work go into a resume, so applicants should put effort into ensuring that this document reflects years of life experiences.

"Students should start a resume as soon as they can, even as freshmen," said Kathleen Kennedy, Director of Cooperative Education. "They should update it every semester." It is important to have one on-hand for career fairs or other events.

Hill also recommends the beginning of a search for an internship as a good time for students to begin putting a resume together.

Putting together an effective resume and communicating all of one's skills can be a daunting task, and people are encouraged to seek help when composing resumes in order to avoid excluding pertinent information.

It is not uncommon for applicants and candidates to overlook specific information or details of their qualifications that could aid in their job search.

Typically, extracurricular ac-

portant to list study abroad on a resume, since only a small number of students get to do it, and it shows the student is open to new cultures."

However, apart from the information listed on the resume, applicants must also keep in mind the importance of formatting and the avoidance of typographical errors.

"The most common mistake students make are spelling and grammar errors; they also write information that is vague or ambiguous," Hill said. "Students should be aware that the proper formatting contains simple,

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Assistant Dean of Career Services

tivities are viewed as the type of information that belongs on the resume of a high school student, but college students are encouraged to show their involvement to demonstrate how well-rounded they are. According to Hill, employers view extracurricular activities as evidence of community involvement and good people skills, and clubs and Greek organizations are good examples of that.

"Extracurricular activities that show responsibility and experience are great to put on a resume," Kennedy said.

Internships, as well as unique academic opportunities can also take center stage on a resume. According to Hill, "it is also im-

straight margins and a basic font such as Arial or Times New Roman."

Another mistake students may make when putting together a resume is listing inappropriate information. Applicants should never list personal information such as age, religion, marital status, race, hobbies, or anything negative about a former employer.

Nriplacement.com tells applicants to refrain from including in their resumes the reasons why they may have left their previous jobs. Whether the company was sold or the previous employer was an incompetent leader, people should avoid disclosing their reasons for leaving their previous places of employment.

A useful tool for those in search of some guidance about resumes, nriplacement.com also lists 11 important points every applicant should check their resumes for before sending them, and above everything is honesty. Applicants should avoid changing dates of employment to cover up a period of unemployment. Once a background check is conducted, it will become clear to the employer that the applicant lied, wiping away any chance of being called in for an interview.

The website cites appearance as the first thing to look

also recommends including the most recent information and current experiences.

Applicants are encouraged to elaborate on their accomplishments and qualifications. Listing relevant information such as significant contributions to a previous company or employer, especially awards won, is an effective way to impress a potential employer.

On the other hand, if an applicant is applying for a position with little to no experience in that particular field, nriplacement.com suggests using a "functional or skills-oriented format" instead of a chronological format for his or her resume. A skills-oriented format highlights an applicant's strength and allows him or her to present relevant experiences and skills at the beginning of the resume.

When putting together a resume, there are many keys to creating an effective document that applicants should keep in mind.

The most important thing to note is that getting help and seeking the advice of a professional is the best way to avoid common resume mistakes that employers see all of the time, and there are many resources out there waiting to be explored by job seekers, many of which are available right at the University in the Office of Career Services.

By planning a meeting with Hill or one of the other administrators in the office, students can have their resumes personally looked over and all adjustments can be made to their resume accordingly.

This way, students can see exactly what employers will be looking for when they step into their next job interview, resume in hand.

for. Printing a resume on cheap and flimsy paper does not give a good impression.

Job applicants should also be flexible in regards to the size of their resumes. If an applicant's resume is worth going on to two pages, they should feel free to extend their resume to a second page. The common practice of reducing font size to such a small, unreadable font in order to fit everything on one page is unacceptable. On the other hand, a two page resume should not contain every job the applicant has ever had. Job seekers should stick to information and experiences most relevant to the specific job to which they are applying. Nriplacement.com



# Senior Spotlight: Dharm Patel

## New Inductee of Sigma Xi, Scientific Research Society

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Dharm Patel came from Colonia High School in Colonia, NJ to the University as a Monmouth Medical Scholar in the combined 8 year B.S./M.D. program with Drexel University School of Medicine. In the summer of his sophomore year, he began research with Dean Michael Palladino of the School of Science by participating in the MU School of Science’s Summer Research Program (SRP) in 2009.

“Dean Palladino’s lab seemed the best fit for me,” Patel said, “because his lab had a very successful track record for understanding the fundamentals of basic science research in the field of reproductive biology. There needs to be a solid understanding of how the fundamentals work because you can manipulate that understanding to solve a problem through various techniques and experiments.”

In addition to being the PI (mentor) for Patel’s research, Dean Palladino is also the Chief Advisor for Patel’s Honors Thesis.

Patel’s current research project is entitled “Effects of Lipopolysaccharide-induced Inflammation on Hypoxia-inducible factor-1 Expression in the Rat Testis.” His research in immunology and reproductive biology is aimed primarily at identifying the molecular changes following inflammation of the human male reproductive tract from bacterial and viral infections.

His work explores the crosstalk

and signaling pathways between NF-kB and HIF-1, two major transcription factors for inflammation. From his abstract submitted to Sigma Xi, “This relationship may be useful in studying disease states at the molecular level in which hypoxia, [deprivation of an adequate oxygen supply], and inflammation are a feature of the microenvironment.”

Patel views his research, which was funded through the School of Science’s SRP by Bristol-Myers Squibb, as “an important topic in immunology and combating male infertility, though it is not as applied as it is fundamental. We are focused on doing research to understand the problem so that someone can utilize our understanding to solve it. The ‘big picture’ problem is male infertility as a result of infection and inflammation, which primarily occurs in third world countries. What we are trying to understand in the lab is what happens at the molecular level.”

“I love my project now.” By gaining exposure through upper-level biology classes and lab experience, Patel gained an even better understanding of his project through his Honors Thesis, a requirement of all students of the Honors School.

“The scientific writing process helped me understand what is known and what is not known in my area of research, which allowed me to become a better critical thinker. Dean Palladino gave me wonderful guidance and helped me see that research is a scientific process, not something that hap-

pens quickly.”

One major advantage Patel sees the University has in terms of research is the ability to engage its undergraduates in conducting high quality research. The School of Science provides exceptional mentorship to those who are involved in conducting research.

On October 29, he presented his research at the Metropolitan Association of College and University Biologists (MACUB) Regional Research Conference at Seton Hall University. Two weeks later, he presented his research at the 2011 Sigma Xi Annual Meeting and International Research Conference in Raleigh, North Carolina, lasting from November 10 to November 13. Bringing recognition to the University, Patel won best poster presented in the four-year-student category in Microbiology and Immunology at MACUB. Placing again at Sigma Xi, Patel won the award for Best Undergraduate Poster Presentation in Cell and Molecular Biology.

The Sigma Xi Conference hosted over 300 presentations from an international pool of both graduate and undergraduate students. Patel presented under Cell and Molecular Biology, the largest category with 66 presentations from students from top-notch institutions with state of the art facilities such as Harvard, Stanford, Johns Hopkins, UC Berkeley, and UNC-Chapel Hill among others.

Former members of Sigma Xi include Albert Einstein, Al Gore, and Kary Mullis, who was invited by Dean Palladino to speak at the Uni-

versity’s School of Science Dean’s Seminar in Spring 2010.

“I was quite intimidated,” Patel admitted, “but I knew I had a major advantage as a student coming from Monmouth. Because of the excellent mentorship I received in the lab, I knew the peculiars of my project and I was able to communicate effectively the act of going from an idea to the analyzing literature and statistics, to going out in the lab and conducting experiments, and ultimately writing about it. Everyone likes a story. My presentation was pretty much a story of my work. I guess the judges liked that!”

The three judges for Patel’s presentation were all experts in their respective fields. The first was an immunologist, the second a molecular biologist, and the third was the chairman of Sigma Xi.

The conference proved a “wonderful experience for networking with distinguished scholars and receiving feedback for communicating this new understanding of my work. Receiving the award for first place was just the icing on the cake.” As part of his award, Dharm has been invited to apply for associate membership into Sigma Xi, a membership-by-invitation only society.

Dharm’s award was presented by Dr. Kathryn D. Sullivan, the first American woman to walk in space. She is currently the deputy administrator at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

“It was dramatic and I really didn’t expect it because I was com-

peting against all these kids from all these top schools. It just goes to show that Monmouth has a one-up against all these top institutions because of the one on one mentorship available.”

Patel attributes his success not only to the School of Science, but also to the Honors School as he believes that it provides a network of people that allows honors students to become more well-rounded individuals. “It fosters an inquisitive learning environment with more discussion based classes, as opposed to lecture-based ones, that focus on enhancing the critical thinking skills of its students.”

In order for us to be competitive with other regional and national schools in the future, Dharm believes that the University needs to invest more money in research faculty and research facilities in order for Monmouth to become a regional competitor and leader in all the sciences – from anthropology to psychology to molecular biology.

Research, as Patel views it, is a “way of studying where I understand what is already known, ask questions about what is not known, and ultimately go out to answer questions I, myself, have asked. You don’t get that in other fields. This creative freedom to pursue your own questions is what is truly alluring about research in all disciplines.”

In terms of his career goals, Patel said, “Because of my amazing research experience at Monmouth, I am now applying to Ph.D. programs in molecular biology.”

# Christmas on a College Budget

## Unique Gift Ideas for Everyone on Your List

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Now that the annual Thanksgiving madness has come to an end, Christmas is just around the corner. As college students, most of us are short on time and money to shop for everyone on our lists.

Alyssa Gray, first-year student, said, “I do in fact tend to make most of my gifts, not only because I am on a college budget, but because I believe that it means more to make a gift instead of buying one.”

One past present included sneakers that were painted and personalized.

Everyone has that one person on their Christmas list that seems to stump them. There may be no knowledge of their hobbies, no new ideas, or no help from the gift receiver.

Gray said, “For me, it’s definitely Dad. Every year he says he wants ‘nothing’ and I am quite honestly beginning to run out of various socks, ties, and sports memorabilia to give him.”

It’s easy to run out of gift ideas for parents after so many years of Christmas shopping. But the first thing to remember about parents is that they take pride in their kids. Which means, students, get them a college sweatshirt or maybe a mug with the name of the University on it. These are original and easily accessible. This also supports the idea of Bonnie Spain,

journalist for *Rapid City Journal*, that shoppers should buy locally as much as possible rather than online.

The second thing to remember about parents is that “do it yourself” gifts are the most sentimental family artifacts. If you can knit, make scarves and hats; if not, you can never go wrong with decorated photos. Find a nice frame for a family photo, or make a scrapbook. Grandparents adore these gifts as well.

If you do plan on making gifts yourself, there are many stores which sell the needed components. “Since I make most of my gifts I usually go to Barnes and Noble or Michael’s for supplies,” said Gray.

Sales can be found on the websites of many stores or shopping websites such as Amazon.com. One is more likely to find better deals online than in stores. Beware, however, of factors such as timing and condition of the gifts you order.

“Just be prepared for any complications that might accompany the convenience,” said Gray.

Spain suggests some tips to help Christmas shoppers. She advises that everyone make a list of who to buy for and their budget and keep it with them at all times. She also says that researching ideas and sales ahead of time.

Jewelry and scented body lotions or sprays cannot fail when it comes to gifts for girls. Bath and Body Works often have excellent holiday sales to fit the college student budget.

Gift cards are always an option, but can sometimes be an

insult around Christmas. They don’t require much time or thought, which may be easy on the buyer, but a little disappointing to the receiver.

“Even though they are an easy gift that anyone could use, they just scream last-minute-gift to me,” said Gray. However, it does depend on who you are buying for. Some people prefer gift cards over hand wrapped gifts.

For those acquaintances who you can’t afford to buy for, candy and baked goods is the way to go. If you have access to a kitchen, homemade cookies, cakes, brownies, and breads are always a well received gift. Maybe it’s for the neighbors across the street or your friends across the hall, but whoever it’s for will most likely appreciate the goodies. “Who doesn’t like cookies and candy? I prefer them to the gift cards!” said Gray.

One last option for Christmas shopping as a full-time student is a practice that has been saving people money for years: secret Santa. Get a group together, put everyone’s name in a hat, and each person draws one name. They then buy this person, and only this person, a gift. Everyone will buy and receive a Christmas gift without worrying about shopping for everyone or leaving anyone out.

Lastly, do not stress over finding the perfect gift for friends and family as defined by TV and radio advertisements. As Spain said, “In reality, you are the only one who can determine what the perfect gifts are for loved ones on your gift list.”

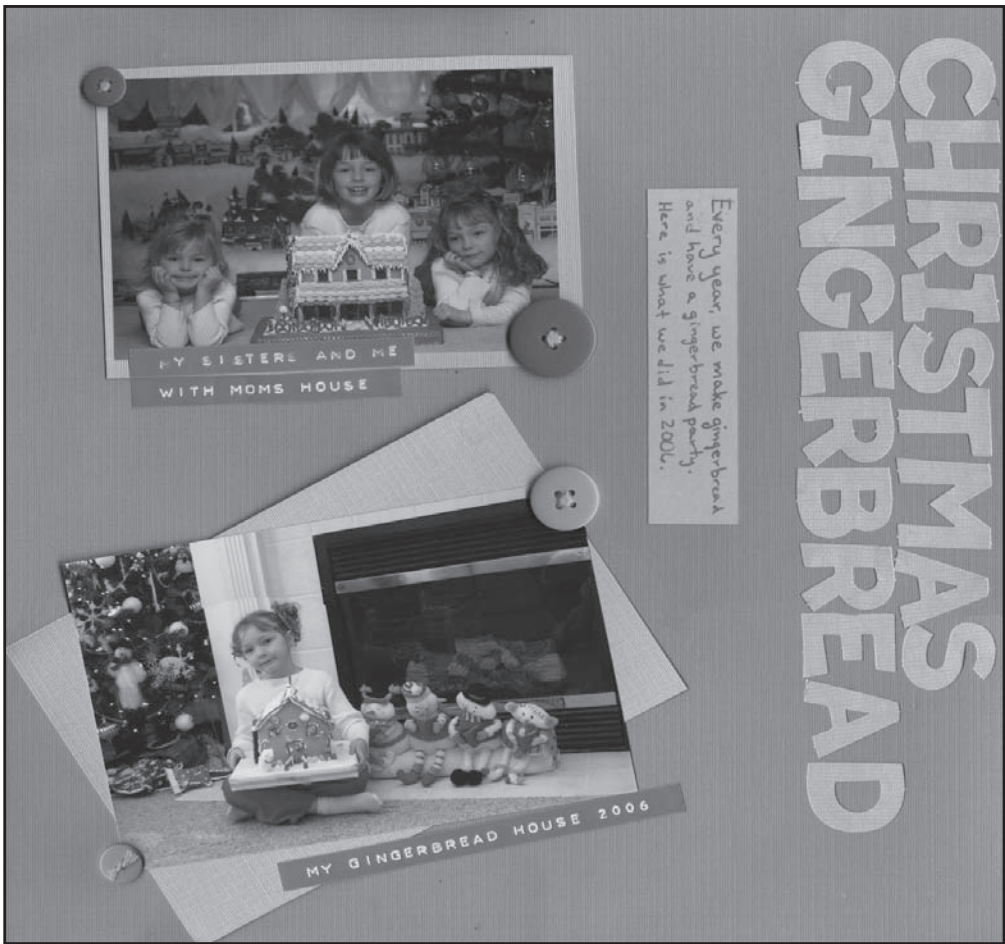


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Scrapbooks are cheap, fun, and easy gifts that are perfect for everyone that is on your list this year.



# Danger: Do Not Read While Driving

## Alpha Kappa Alpha Hosts Hazardous Driving Seminar

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The sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha hosted a seminar on distracted driving on Wednesday, November 16, in Bey Hall with the help of two Monmouth University Police Officers.

The seminar was supposed to be an hour long and include a presentation by two Monmouth University Police Officers and various speakers that would share their distracted driving experiences.

The seminar only showcased the PowerPoint presentation by the two Officers, as there were no other speakers present. In addition the seminar was let out 30 minutes earlier than scheduled.

“The sorority chose to host a seminar on distracted driving because it is required of us by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated. Since distracted driving is the number one killer of teens today, we are spreading the word and raising awareness,” said Jessica Curbelo, Vice President of the Tau Eta Chapter. “We already knew of two detectives who work with Monmouth so we just told them about our program and they were more than willing to help out.”

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated is an international service organization that focuses on improving the life quality of citizens world wide and promoting peace.

Detective Sergeant Ken Kennedy gave a presentation on distracted driving and Detective Corporal Jeff Layton was there to help with any questions the

students had after the seminar. “This is important because there are so many accidents, so many people injured, and it can really be avoided,” said Detective Corporal Jeff Layton.

This event was publicized through e-mail. “I saw the e-mail and I remember in high school they had these types of seminars and I thought they were always interesting,” said Marissa Peloro, Junior.

First, Kennedy took a poll and asked everyone in the room if they had ever been a distracted driver; everyone in the room raised their hands.

The presentation opened with a video that showcased some statistics on car accidents caused by distracted driving. The presentation cited some information from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, that revealed that distracted drivers are involved in 80 percent of car accidents.

“The best way to stop this problem of distracted driving is to educate the public,” said Kennedy.

The seminar stressed the dangers of distracted driving but highlighted on one important aspect, texting and driving. There are three kinds of distracted driving: visual, manual, and cognitive. Visual distraction involves taking eyes off of the road; manual distraction includes any activity that involved taking hands off of the steering wheel. Cognitive distraction is thinking about something other than driving. Text messaging involved all three types of distractions.



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Texting while driving falls under all three aspects of distracted driving: visual, manual and cognitive.

“It’s the two seconds you can’t take back,” said Layton referring to the final video, which showcased a scenario; three girls in a car discussing their plans for that night. The female who was driving the car was text messaging and not paying attention to the road. She crashed into an oncoming car; the video showed the head trauma that the three

girls suffered. There were about four other cars involved in the accident and the video showed their injuries as well. After the cops arrived, they needed the jaws of life to open the door of the young woman’s car. The third passenger in the back seat died during the accident, as well as the parents of two young children in another

car. “I thought this seminar was effective. The slideshow was basically just information and statistics, but the last video really struck a chord,” said Peloro. “This was Alpha Kappa Alpha’s first seminar but not their last. They’ll be doing this event at least once a year,” said Curbelo.

# Latin American Student Organization



### PRESS RELEASE

WEST LONG BRANCH N.J. - The Latin American Student Organization (LASO) is collecting gently worn coats to benefit the Hispanic Affairs and Resource Center of Monmouth County. Please donate and help LASO collect 300 coats for local families by December 9.

The Hispanic Affairs and Resource Center of Monmouth County is a non-profit social service organization that was established in 1980. Hispanic Affairs provides social services to educate and empower the community. Services are offered to economically disadvantaged individuals and families throughout Monmouth County.

Please place your donations in the box located in the Student Center or outside of the Shadow PR office located in Plangere. You can also give your donation to any LASO or Public Relations Student Society of America member.

The Latin American Student Organization encourages and initiates relationships between Hispanic and non-Hispanic students through multicultural awareness. In addition LASO promotes the need for pursuing a higher education within minority communities, and allows a forum in which potential members can work toward common goals. The organization’s goals are to be recognized as fundamental leaders in the University community, serve in numerous ways, and reach out to members of all communities, especially to those of Latin and minority backgrounds, advocating that there is strength in numbers.

For more information about LASO, or coat pickup, please contact LASO president, Alexandra Casares, at s0747579@monmouth.edu, or LASO secretary, Tess La Fera, at s0779102@monmouth.edu.

# Club and Greek Announcements

### Alpha Xi Delta

Alpha Xi Delta would like to extend a congratulations to all the new initiated Greek members and a special congratulations to our 11 new sisters:  
Dana Hochstaedter  
Danielle Puma  
Danielle Romano  
Gab LaRosa  
Jackie Nathan  
Jackie Waller  
Jill Pelletier  
Kelly Chapman  
Lauren Mlinar  
Leslie Carcarno  
Morgan McKellar

### LASO

The Latin American Student Organization will be holding a meeting Thursday, Decemeber 1 at 4:30 pm in the Student Center room 202A.

### Outdoors Club

The Outdoors Club will be having a meeting 3:30 pm Wednesday, in Bey Hall Room 132. Future trips and events will be discussed for the following semester.

### Circle K

Circle K will be having a meeting Thursday, Decemeber 1 at 7:30 pm in the Student Center room 202B.

### Economics and Finance Club

The Economics and Finance Club will be meeting every Wednesday at 2:30 pm in Bey Hall, room 231. Students can check out our website for further information as well as our calendar of events at muefc.wordpress.com.

### Pep Band

Now that we are into basketball season, the Pep Band is looking for a few more instrumentalists to join us for the season. We especially are in need of saxophone and trumpet players, but all instrumentalists will be considered. Please contact Professor Bryan Jenner at bjenner@monmouth.edu Also, coming soon will be our brand new website! Stay tuned for more information.

### WMCX

Join WMCX for a special showing of ‘National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation’ in Pollak Theatre on December 5. Free admission! The movie starts at 8:00 pm. Spread some holiday cheer with this classic Christmas comedy.



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# Hungry? So is the Rest of the World

PRESS RELEASE

WEST LONG BRANCH, NJ - Ready, set, click! Join the movement and put an end to hunger around the nation. Go to [Facebook.com/ChaseCommunityGiving](http://Facebook.com/ChaseCommunityGiving) once a day from December 1-8 and vote for Move For Hunger to help them win a grant for \$1 million in the American Giving Awards, presented by Chase Bank.

Executive Director, Adam Lowy states, “In just two years, Move for Hunger has grown to work with over 200 moving companies in 36 states. We have done this on a shoestring budget and a full-time staff of two. A million dollars would be a game-changer for us. We could triple the size of our mover network to deliver 1,000,000 pounds of food every year, all while spreading hunger awareness and reducing transportation costs to food banks at the same time.”

Chase Community Giving is holding the Facebook voting contest to determine which charity will receive the grand prize of a \$1 million grant. From December 1 to the 8 every person with a Facebook and Chase account is eligible to vote once a day for one of the top five charities. First place will receive the \$1 million grant while second place will receive \$500,000, third will receive \$250,000 and fourth and fifth will receive \$125,000. The more votes, the more money for your favorite charity!

One in six Americans are struggling to find their next meal and one in seven American relocate every year. Move for Hunger is a non-profit organization that uses these statistics to help those in need. They are based in Neptune, N.J. and Lowy first started the organization in 2009. Since then, they have grown to network with 200 different moving companies in 36 states to provide more than 360,000 pounds of food for families in need each year.

For more information about Move for Hunger or Chase Community Giving go to [facebook.com/moveforhunger](http://facebook.com/moveforhunger), [facebook.com/chasecommunitygiving](http://facebook.com/chasecommunitygiving), or [moveforhunger.org](http://moveforhunger.org).

# “Health Night Out” to be Hosted by Center for Human and Community Wellness

PRESS RELEASE

WEST LONG BRANCH, NJ – The Center for Human and Community Wellness will host the first “Health Night Out: World AIDS Day Awareness.” The event will be held on Thursday, December 1 from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm in the Varsity Club on the third floor of the MAC.

The event is designed to bring attention to students’ health as well as promoting AIDS and its local effects. Interactive presentations on AIDS and health and audience-engaging activities will be important contributing factors of the night. “Healthy Heart” packages will be distributed to the first 100 guests. Alcohol is strictly prohibited.

RSVP to this event by liking the Monmouth University Center for Human and Community Wellness facebook page.

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# The International Business Network Becomes New Club on Campus

PRESS RELEASE

West Long Branch, NJ—The International Business Network was recently approved by the Student Government Association to become the newest student organization at the University. Founded by senior Brian Lo, the club seeks to establish international networks for students and future alumni while creating an environment that will broaden the horizons of University students.

“I began the International Business Network in order to help every student at Monmouth develop meaningful business relationships that will provide them with potential internship and job opportunities,” said club president Brain Lo. “It is my hope that the International Business Network will serve not only as a useful job market tool but also as a meeting ground for students of all majors who will inspire each other to attain greater heights.”

The club features guest speakers from international corporations who can provide insight about working in the global marketplace. Bill Campbell, vice president of McGraw Hill Publishing Company will speak on Wednesday, November 30 at 4:00 pm in the Turrel Boardroom in Bey Hall and Thomas Mottley from the U.S. Department of Commerce will speak in December.

Students will also have the opportunity to attend charity events allowing them to network with notable leaders in the international business world.

The International Business Network is open to all University students.

For more information about the International Business Network or to learn how to get involved, contact academic adviser Susan Gupta at [sgupta@monmouth.edu](mailto:sgupta@monmouth.edu) or call (732) 571-3639, club president Brain Lo at [s0782816@monmouth.edu](mailto:s0782816@monmouth.edu), or find them on Facebook by searching International Business at Monmouth University.





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# Comic Books That Enter the Third Dimension

MATTHEW FISHER  
COMICS EDITOR

Nowadays, 3-D has been and continues to make waves in movie theaters across the country as shown with last week's new releases, *Arthur Christmas*, *Hugo*, and *Immortals*.

Now, while 3-D is slowly coming to home theaters with the advent of 3-D TV's and Blu-Rays, one might be surprised to learn that comics have also taken the venture into 3-D technology.

Although not as sophisticated as RealD 3-D or IMAX 3-D by using the old red and blue shaded glasses, comics have and continue to use this unique angle to have characters and dialogue bubbles pop out of the page.

The genesis of the 3-D comic book began in the 1950's when 3-D was first being used in movie theaters to attract audiences.

According to tvtropes.org, "The first 3-D comic book was *Three Dimension Comics* and starred Mighty Mouse. After that, many different comics came out, but they only lasted one or a few issues; the comics were expensive (25 cents when others were 10 cents) and sold mostly as novelties, which got old quickly. By the end of the year, the fad was dead."

However, just because this trend ended early didn't mean it left comic books altogether. Much like the death and return of heroes like Superman, Batman, Captain America, to name some, 3-D comics would find its way back to readers at different times.

In the 1980's, 3-D returned to comic books via Eclipse Comics, now defunct, which experimented with 3-D by using it in certain series like "Miracleman" and "DNAgents."

Today, comic book publishers don't print as many 3-D adventures as movies do, but they still like to play around with this unique aspect occasionally.

Although the continuation of Alan Moore and Kevin O'Neil's "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen: Black Dossier," only featured selected pages that brought the 2-D artwork toward the reader, it showed how this technique is being utilized by the comic industry.

a higher level of perception and being as a result of the 3D."

Another comic book to experiment with 3-D was "Clive Barker's Sleuth 3-D" from IDW about a man whose encounter with a diamond takes his life in a sinister direction.

Barker's name is synonymous with his movie monster creation Pinhead from *Hellraiser*, but some of his other stories have been adapted as well to the comic book format such as "The Great and Secret" for IDW. However, one of the hooks of "Sleuth" was the 3-D element.

The most recent comic book publisher to try out 3-D was Image Comics with last January's "Captain Wonder 3-D" one-shot tale.

The book, written and illustrated by Brian Haberlin and Philip Tan, was about how superhero Captain Wonder suddenly disappeared and a kid who decides to search for him.

While it is interesting to check out these rare types of comics, it is more fascinating to learn how artists create such visuals.

Haberlin described the process he takes to create 3-D comic book pages to comicbookresources.com, in a separate article, by saying, "I've built a method using Photoshop

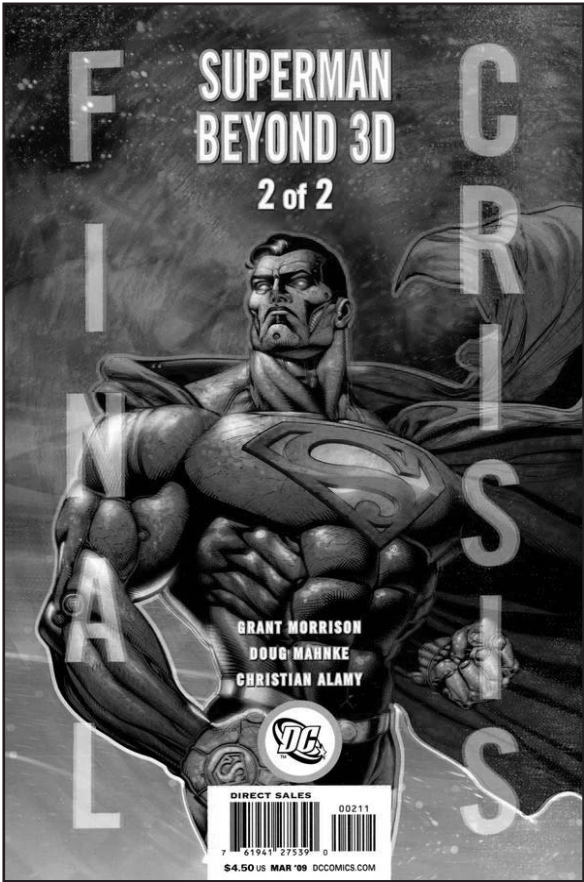


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"Final Crisis: Superman Beyond 3-D" is one of the more recent examples of comics that show 3-D technology doesn't stop with movies and TV.

Yet, one of the more prominent 3-D comics was the two-part miniseries, "Final Crisis: Superman Beyond," written by Grant Morrison and drawn by Doug Mahnke. Not all of the pages were in 3-D but it sure was an interesting reading experience to see Superman fly out of the pages through red/blue lenses.

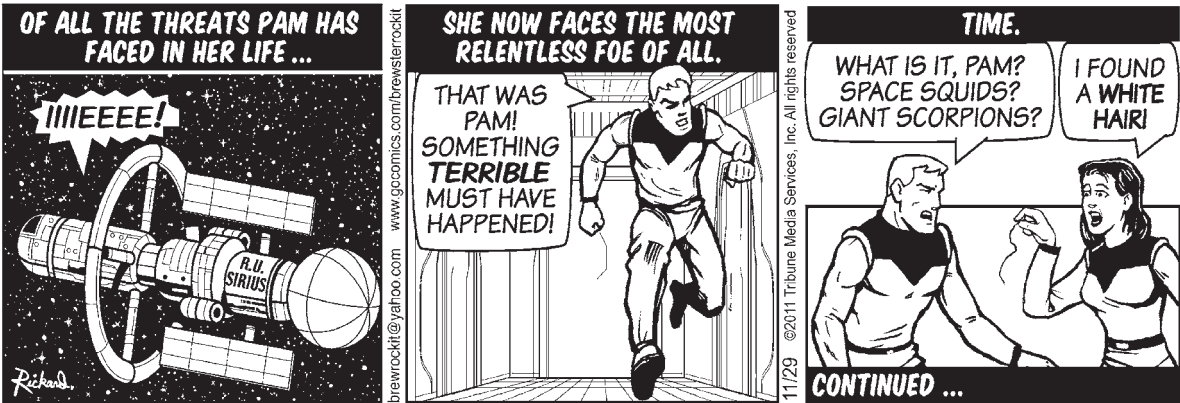
The limited series featured Superman saving the world from a returning threat as "Final Crisis" loomed in the distance.

Reviewing "Final Crisis: Superman Beyond 3-D" #2 for comicbookresources.com, Chad Nevett wrote, "While [3-D] felt arbitrary at times in the first issue, it's used much more consistently here. The Monitors' reality comes across as

that is totally interactive, meaning that as you're making a page 3-D, you can actually see the effect live and see what's better to push back or pull forward and to what degree you want to do it."

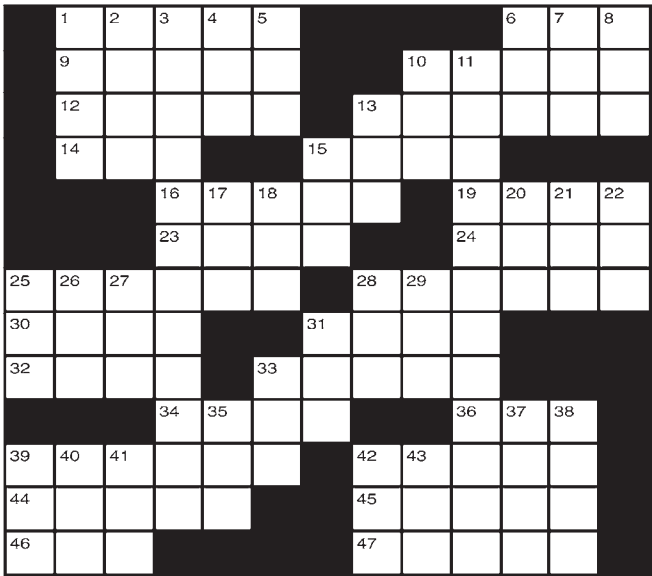
The fact that comics like "Captain Wonder 3-D" was playing around with this technology on the comic book pages shows that even this industry is trying to find new ways to use 3-D as much as movies and television. Who knows what this technology might lead to in the future?

While too many 3-D comics could get exhausting and lose its meaning, it would still be exciting to pick up issues or one-shots that bring these larger than life heroes right to the reader.



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24 "The Longest \_\_\_"; film for Adam Sandler and Burt Reynolds  
25 "My \_\_\_ Flicka"; movie about a boy and a horse  
28 Jim \_\_\_; voice of Mr. Magoo  
30 Schwimmer's role on "Friends"  
31 Singer Vikki  
32 \_\_\_ the kill; present for the moment of triumph  
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36 "\_\_\_ the Dog"; movie for Dustin Hoffman and Robert De Niro  
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8 "\_\_\_ a Wonderful Life"  
10 Mrs. in Mexico  
11 Chief Political Correspondent for CNN  
13 "Beverly Hills \_\_\_"; Eddie Murphy film  
15 Actor Mantegna  
17 Galloped  
18 "The New Adventures of \_\_\_ Christine"  
20 Shade tree  
21 Actress Joanne  
22 Drug tragedies, for short  
25 Day of the week; abbr.  
26 \_\_\_ Howard  
27 "There \_\_\_ tavern in the town..."  
28 Cheers, for one  
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31 Machine wheel  
33 "\_\_\_ Vegas"  
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# Men’s Soccer Team Knocks off Stony Brook, but Season Comes to an End at UConn

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STAFF WRITER

After a Northeast Conference (NEC) championship, 14 wins, and making it to the NCAA tournament, the men’s soccer team threw in their towels on November 20 after facing University of Connecticut.

Although the men were unable to get passed the second round of the tournament, many view their season as successful. “The season was great, we won the NEC regular season for the seventh year in a row, the NEC championship for the third year in a row and defeated Stony Brook in the NCAA’s,” sophomore Miguel Rios continues, “We lost to UConn which is one of the top teams in the country but it was a great season.” A major reason the Hawks were able to succeed this year was due to junior stand-out, goalie Alex Blackburn. Behind Blackburn, the team was able to record 13 shutouts this season. The team was also able to notch Head Coach Robert McCourt’s 100th win this season while versing Mount St. Mary. As for the playoffs, the Hawks went up against Stony Brook Seawolves in the first round and University of Connecticut Huskies in the second round. The Hawks played the first game at home while the second was hosted by Connecticut.

Before the game against the Seawolves, the Hawks seemed to be nonchalant and in control. During the first half against Stony Brook, MU did not immediately take

charge like the usually do. Instead, the Hawks were strictly on defense mode meaning that they were not trying their hardest to push the ball towards the Seawolves net. By doing so, the Hawks were able to wear down Stony Brook and take control during the second half of the game. Senior Max Hamilton had the most important and difficult job of the night. His role was to mark Stony Brook’s midfielder, Fernandes, who was often the Seawolves ‘go to’ guy. By successfully doing so, the Hawks was able to shut down their opponents’ offense completely in the first half.

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MIGUEL RIOS  
Midfielder

The second half of the game was mostly a goalie duel featuring Blackburn and Stony Brook’s Stefan Manz. Blackburn finished the game with seven saves. With both goalies playing one of their best games thus far, the score remained tied at 0-0 when the buzzer sounded declaring the second half over. The game was then pushed into double overtime followed by a shoot-out.

The Hawk’s participated in a shoot-out earlier this season while facing CCSU coming out victorious therefore making them somewhat used to this pressure. Stony Brook started the shoot out by placing the ball in the corner out of Blackburn’s reach.

Taking the first shot for MU was senior RJ Allen; he was able

to score easily by putting the ball in the corner. Stony Brook was up next and scored once again on Blackburn. MU sent freshmen Derek Luke up for their second kick and he also scored.

Fortunately for MU, Stony Brook was unable to score on their third opportunity since the shot too high. McCourt sent up sophomore Joseph Schmid for Monmouth’s third shot and ended up scoring fairly easily. Then came Stony Brook’s fourth shot and their player faked out Blackburn. Monmouth sent senior Erkkio Puranen (forward who has sat out most of the season due to injuries) and he put the ball in the back of the net. Stony Brook sent their last player to take a shot and he was able to score.

The Hawk’s sent up senior Anthony Vazquez to score the final goal and send MU further in the playoffs. Vazquez scored sending Monmouth to take on third seed University of Connecticut.

UConn has a winning tradition in the playoffs unlike MU who is fairly new to the postseason. The Hawks were outshot 16-3 and only had one corner to UConn’s six. Although the box score makes the Hawks look as if they were beaten badly, the team did exceptionally well for playing a team nationally ranked in fifth place for men’s soccer.

The men got to an early start in the game when freshmen Matt Jeffrey was able to score with an assist from freshmen teammate Kalle Sotka. Unfortunately, the men were unable to control UConn’s forward, Mamadou Diouf, who



PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reme  
Kalle Sotka fires a shot on net, in the Hawks 5-4 shoot-out victory over Stony Brook on November 17.

ended up scoring two goals propelling his team into the third round of the finals. The Hawks played very well considering the conditions they had to compete under during the second half. They were forced to play a man down for over 40 minutes because Vazquez had a foul called on him and was sent off the field with a red card.

The Hawks finished their season with a 14-6-2 record. The team will be losing eight seniors, six of them who started on a regular basis. Amongst them include defender RJ Allen, midfielder Cesar Blacido, midfielder George Caiella, midfielder Max Hamilton, defender Christian Nogueira, forward Erkkio Puranen, forward George Quintano, and defender Anthony Vazquez.

# Home Sick: Football Team Completes Season Without a Home Victory

ED MORLOCK  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Hawks ended the season with a loss to the Wagner Seahawks, 44-29. The Blue and White finish the season 5-6, 4-4 in the Northeast Conference (NEC), placing them fourth in the final standings.

MU performed the rare feat of going 5-0 on the road and 0-6 at home in the 2011 season. This is their first winless season at home since 1999.

Mistakes cost the Hawks a victory in this one. Wagner scored 24 points off of mistakes. A blocked punt was returned for a touchdown. An interception led to a field goal. A fumble at Wagner’s one-yard line led to a Seahawk touchdown. An interception in the fourth quarter was returned for a touchdown.

“We knew going into the game that Wagner was a very opportunistic team,” said Head Coach Kevin Callahan. “They have a knack for scoring points and creating turnovers with their defense. I think that’s what we saw today.”

There were, however, a couple of bright spots for the Hawks. Wide receiver Tristan Roberts and defensive end Ian Simon had fantastic games.

Roberts was the game’s leading receiver. He tallied 12 receptions for 165 yards and three touchdowns. It was his first career 100-yard game. This made Roberts the first player since 2007 to record multiple receiving touchdowns in a game. He was the first to record three receiving touchdowns in a game

since Miles Austin did it in 2005. “My name shouldn’t be in the same sentence as his right now,” said Roberts of the comparison to Austin.

Simon, in his final game as a Hawk, created havoc for the Seahawks offense. On Senior Day, he accounted for eight tackles, 5.5 for loss, and three sacks. “I just went out there and played my heart out,” said Simon. “I knew it was my last game.” He was really able to get after the quarterback today and apply pressure. “I knew the quarterback was a mobile quarterback and my history against quarterbacks like that has been good,” he said. “I like flushing them out of the pocket and I know I can chase down most quarterbacks.”

A tide-turning play took place with under six minutes remaining in the second quarter. In a 14-14 game, the Blue and White lined up to punt the ball away. The punt was blocked, however, and returned 22 yards for a touchdown by Wagner’s Jeremiah Brown. This was the first punt blocked and returned for a touchdown against the Hawks since it happened against Wagner last year.

The play of the game came in the fourth quarter. The Hawks trailed by the score of 24-14 and were looking to get within a field goal. Quarterback Craig Peterson made an amazing run to pickup a first down inside the Seahawks’ 10-yard line. As he tried to fall into the end zone, Sal Gigante forced a fumble inside the one-yard line. Wagner recovered the ball and raced 68 yards to the MU 28-yard

line, setting up a Wagner touchdown a few plays later.

Another big play came later in the fourth. After a Peterson touchdown pass to Neal Sterling, the Hawks trailed 31-21 with 7:45 remaining. Monmouth perfectly executed an on-sides kick. However, two flags were thrown against them on the play. An offsides was called on a player on the opposite side of the field. The second penalty was on Sterling, who jumped to recover the kick and landed out of bounds. This was essentially the end of the Hawks’ chance at a winning season.

Peterson did have some good numbers, to go along with a few crucial mistakes. He completed 26 of 44 passes for 313 yards and four touchdowns. The three turnovers, however, will outshine the good performance.

Julian Hayes ended his freshman season as the team’s leading rusher in the game. He carried the ball 18 times for 73 yards.

Jose Gumbs ended his outstanding Monmouth career with six tackles and a blocked extra point, which was returned for two points by Austin Kugler.

Wagner’s star running back Dominique Williams lived up to the hype against Monmouth. He carried the ball 18 times for 116 yards and a couple touchdowns, including a 76-yard score. He also threw a 28-yard touchdown on a trick play.

The Hawks head into the offseason with a lot to figure out to try and come back better in 2012.

THE OUTLOOK’S WEEKLY NFL PICKS

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# THE GUN SHOW

## MU vs. The World: The Hawks Open Season Against NCAA Powerhouses

**DAN GUNDERMAN**  
STAFF WRITER

The first six games of the 2011-2012 season for the Men’s Basketball team has been all but easy, facing a brutal out-of-conference schedule the team has fared well against top-notch, mainstream talent. Along the way, the squad, now led by former UNC point guard King Rice, has further put itself on the map. As they have continued to put up valiant fights against teams who could be advancing in March’s tournament, Monmouth earns recognition from big-name coaches and respect from the staffs which have to deal with the triple scoring threats of Jesse Steele, Ed Waite and freshman Andrew Nicholas.

The top tier talent the Hawks have been stacked up against in the opening section of the season has left the team winless but instilled with the pride of knowing they came off a trip in tournaments in Pennsylvania, Virginia and Tennessee where they gained big time playing experience and valuable “dos” and “don’ts” for the remainder of the season. Had they not been faced with such a difficult season-opening road trip, it’s in my personal opinion that the team would be somewhat “gun-shy” going into the season’s NEC gameplay.

An outing against Villanova on the 11th led to a 106-70 loss but valuable trends to learn from as the ‘Nova program has appeared in the NCAA tournament

30 times with four final four appearances and a national title. Any Nova team led by Jay Wright can prove to be a tough match, but the Hawks, coming from a lesser powerhouse NEC, still managed to put 70 points on the board and learn from the high pressure defense of a Big East opponent.

There would be no smooth sailing from there for the Hawks in the first few weeks, on November 14, the Hawks began the Dick’s Sporting Goods NIT Season Tip-Off and faced the Virginia Tech Hokies. The Seth Greenberg led Hokies play in the ACC and have beaten a number one ranked teams four times since 2006. The team has appeared in the NCAA tournament, and the NIT and proves to be a nightmare for ranked programs. The result for Monmouth was a 91-46 loss but any ACC gameplay will surely intrigue the Hawk squad.

The next day the Hawks would be granted a similar feat, matched up against the George Mason Patriots, the most well-known “Cinderella” team in the modern history and frequent guest to the NCAA tournament. The team has a Final Four appearance under its belt and although they are under the leadership of a new coach, the Patriots continue the strong, tournament-like style of play which was then exposed to the Hawks. Although dreadful for the season standings, all of these matchups have provided a beneficial experience beyond compare for MU.

After suffering tough defeats from Albany University and

Brown University, both of which have highly respectable, division-1 athletics, the Hawks got the ultimate gig. At Memorial Gym in Nashville, Tennessee, the Hawks were put up against a coaching great (in Kevin Stallings) and the Vanderbilt tradition. Following multiple articles trending online about the Commodores and Hawks, the news of the 95-73 defeat spread. This game put the season’s record at 0-6 but the numbers can’t do a justice of the difficulty in schedule MU has faced and overall atmosphere of the games so far.

From here the Hawks begin their NEC gameplay, but along the way will face number one ranked North Carolina and respectable New Jersey program Rutgers University. The Hawks will continue to get media coverage as they prepare and take on the NCAA powerhouses throughout the season. Some say there can be no form of optimism after starting the season 0-6, but once the schedule is looked-over, respectable battles against these programs has proven to be quality learning sessions for the young MU players and valuable experiences for the veteran leaders and coaching staff. Maybe after picking up on a helpful hint or two from the way Jay Wright attacks a press, or Kevin Stallings runs his offense, the team will continue to strive to dominate the NEC matchups in the tensely exciting 2011-2012 men’s basketball season.

# Women’s Basketball Team Wins Consecutive Games in Thanksgiving Challenge

## THE OUTLOOK SPORTS STAFF

After kicking off the season with three consecutive losses to three consecutive opponents (UMBC, Wake Forrest, and Georgetown), the Hawks were finally able to break through and pick up some wins this past weekend in the Thanksgiving Classic.

After losing their previous two games by over 20 points, the Hawks were able to knock off Lehigh in a 75-73 victory on Friday evening at Lafayette College’s Kirby Sports Center. Abby Martin led the way for the Hawks with a game high 23 points. Martin also knocked down the game winning shot with just 25 seconds left on the clock. Carly Thibault also had a strong game with 16 points, including going four for six from the three point range.

The game came down to the wire as both teams were tied at 73 with just 37 seconds remaining in the game. Twelve seconds later Martin was able to grab a rebound and put the ball into the net to give the Hawks the lead. The Hawks made a defensive stand with 13 seconds remaining and Lehigh’s three point attempt at the buzzer did not fall.

The Hawks were able to out-

shoot Lehigh 46 percent to 33, while forcing Lehigh to turn the ball over 17 times. Lehigh had the Hawks beat in rebounds and free throws. The game featured five lead changes and nine ties.

The victory was head coach Jenny Palmateer’s first with the Hawks. In a press release on the MU athletics website, Palmateer said the win was an awesome feeling.

“I’m just really most excited for our team because we’ve had some really tough games early on. We’ve been playing so hard and tough and I’m so happy for them to see their hard work pay off and be able to pull this one out,” said Palmateer.

The following game was played Sunday and it was the unofficial championship game of the Thanksgiving Classic. The Hawks squared off against Lafayette at Wagner College’s Spiro Sports Center.

Junior forward Betsy Gadziala had a career high 14 points for the game, all of which came in the first half of the game. Behind Gadziala’s effort, the Hawks were able to build up a 17 point lead in the first half, but Lafayette was able to battle back in the second half by going on a 24-8 run in the final 11:17 of the game. However, Lafayette ran out of time towards the end when they cut the lead to

four with just over eight seconds remaining in the game.

The Hawks were outshot and outrebounded by Lafayette, but they were able to edge them out in three point shots, shots from the free throw line, and on the scoreboard.

Fortunately for the Hawks, they were able to hang on and come out with a 58-54 victory. The win marked their second straight.

Alexis Canady also had a strong game against Lafayette with 11 points, eight rebounds, and seven assists.

So far this season, Thibault leads the team in points with 59, Canady leads in assists with 27 and rebounds with 29, Martin leads in blocks with five and shooting percentage with a rating of .538

Next up, the Hawks will look to continue their winning ways when they take on East Carolina tonight at 7 pm in Greenville, NC. Following this game, the Hawks will open up NEC play when they take on Robert Morris on Sunday and Saint Francis (Pa.) on Monday evening. All of these games take place on the road. The Hawks will not be playing at home until December 10 when they face off against Saint Peter’s.

# Cross Country Teams Post Top Finishes

**PRESS RELEASE**

The men’s and women’s cross country teams earned two of the best team finishes in school history, as well as three All-East honors today at the ECAC Division I/IC4A Cross Country Championships at Van Cortlandt Park.

On the men’s side, the Hawks claimed fourth place overall, their best finish at the IC4A’s in 11 years, while the women claimed sixth position.

The Hawks’ men’s squad finished fourth of 21 schools, its best finish at the IC4A’s since taking third place in 2000. Led by freshman Khari Bowen (Monroe, N.J./Monroe Township), who finished ninth overall in 26:16 for the five-mile course, Monmouth compiled a score of 167, which was the top Northeast Conference team score.

Bowen, who recorded the second-best time in school history for a Monmouth freshman at Van Cortlandt Park, is one of only two freshmen in school history to earn All-East honors in cross country. Also earning All-East honors was senior captain Dan Collura (Jackson, N.J./Jackson Memorial), who finished 25th overall in 26:47.

Monmouth’s third finisher was senior Garth DeBlasio (Millstone, N.J./Allentown), who finished 35th overall, with his best effort of the year in a time of 27:04. Junior Sean Hartnett (Marlton, N.J./Cherokee) finished 43rd for the Hawks, in 27:18, while senior captain Ryan Mulligan (Hazlet N.J./Raritan) was 55th, running 27:41. Senior J.J. Caffarelli (Lauren Springs, N.J./Highland Regional), carded a time of 27:46 to finish 57th, while sophomore Seth Robbins (Mechanicsburg, Pa./Cumberland Valley) claimed 64th position in a time of 27:58.

MU’s team score of 167 left the Hawks behind only Binghamton, which finished first overall, Ford-

ham (2nd) and Fairfield (3rd).

“This was absolutely the best race of the season for the men’s team,” said head coach Joe Compagni. “The entire team showed a lot of heart and toughness to earn this finish.”

The women’s side was led by senior captain Jennifer Nelson (Barnegat N.J./Barnegat), who finished fourth overall in 18:26 for the 5K course, to set a new Monmouth course record and earning her second straight All-East honor.

Amanda Eller (Delmont, N.J./Millville) was Monmouth’s second finisher on the day, claiming 16th place overall in 18:43, missing All-East status by less than a second, while posting the seventh-best time in school history on the course.

Kelsey Maher (Jackson, N.J./Jackson Memorial) ran 19:00 to finish 22nd overall, while junior Emily MacEwen (South Glastonbury, Conn./Glastonbury) ran 19:24 to finish 51st. Senior captain Juliet Smith (Freedom, Pa./Freedom Area) [20:10], sophomore Marissa Felicetti (Old Bridge N.J./Old Bridge) [20:15] and junior Stacey Lepes (Branchville, N.J./High Point Regional) [20:29] rounded out the Hawks competitors.

The MU women, who finished second at the event a year ago, finished sixth out of 26 schools with 197 points, equalling their second-best finish in school history. The women finished behind team champion Albany, Marist (2nd), Towson (3rd), Sacred Heart (4th) and Delaware (5th).

“Our top four women went out with the leaders and raced very aggressively,” Compagni said. “They were a tough and together team all fall.”

Monmouth’s men and women have earned 35 All-East honors in cross country in the past 15 years, including seven in the last two seasons.

With the 2011 Cross Country season now in the books, the Hawks will open their Indoor Track & Field season at home with the 3rd Annual MAC Classic, on December 3rd.

# Neal Sterling Named NEC Offensive Rookie of the Year

**PRESS RELEASE**

MU wide receiver Neal Sterling (Belmar, N.J./Manasquan) was named Northeast Conference Rookie of the Year, league officials announced on Wednesday.

Sterling, who was also named Second Team All-NEC, was joined by four other Hawks on all-league teams. Senior safety Jose Gumbs (Queens, N.Y./Mt. Hebron) and senior defensive end Ian Simon (West Windsor, N.J./West Windsor Plainsboro/Howard) were named First Team All-Northeast Conference while red-shirt junior offensive tackles Dino Molina (Damascus, Md./Damascus) and Mike Murphy (Toms River, N.J./Toms River East) were named to the conference’s second team.

“Neal had a great first year,” said Head Coach Kevin Callahan. “He is very deserving of this recognition. I am happy that a number of our players were rewarded for their excellent play this season. Having five players named to the All-NEC team is a testament to the hard work that these players put in.”

Sterling becomes the third Monmouth player to earn NEC Offensive Rookie of the Year (Joe Migliore, David Sinisi). The 6’ 4” wideout led the team in receptions with 57, which is the third most in school history. Sterling was recently named a finalist for the Jerry Rice Award, given to the nation’s top FCS freshman. He

amassed 677 yards, which was second among all FCS freshman, and had five touchdowns.

Gumbs was named First Team All-NEC for the third straight season after finishing first on the team in tackles for the fourth straight year (75). Gumbs led the NEC in forced fumbles with four, had nine pass breakups, two interceptions and blocked three kicks.

Simon earns his first all-league nod after finishing first in the league in sacks with nine and third in the league in tackles-for-a-loss with 13.5. The senior had 35 tackles, three forced fumbles and a pair of fumble recoveries in his final season in West Long Branch. His nine sacks were the most for a Monmouth player since the 2003 season.

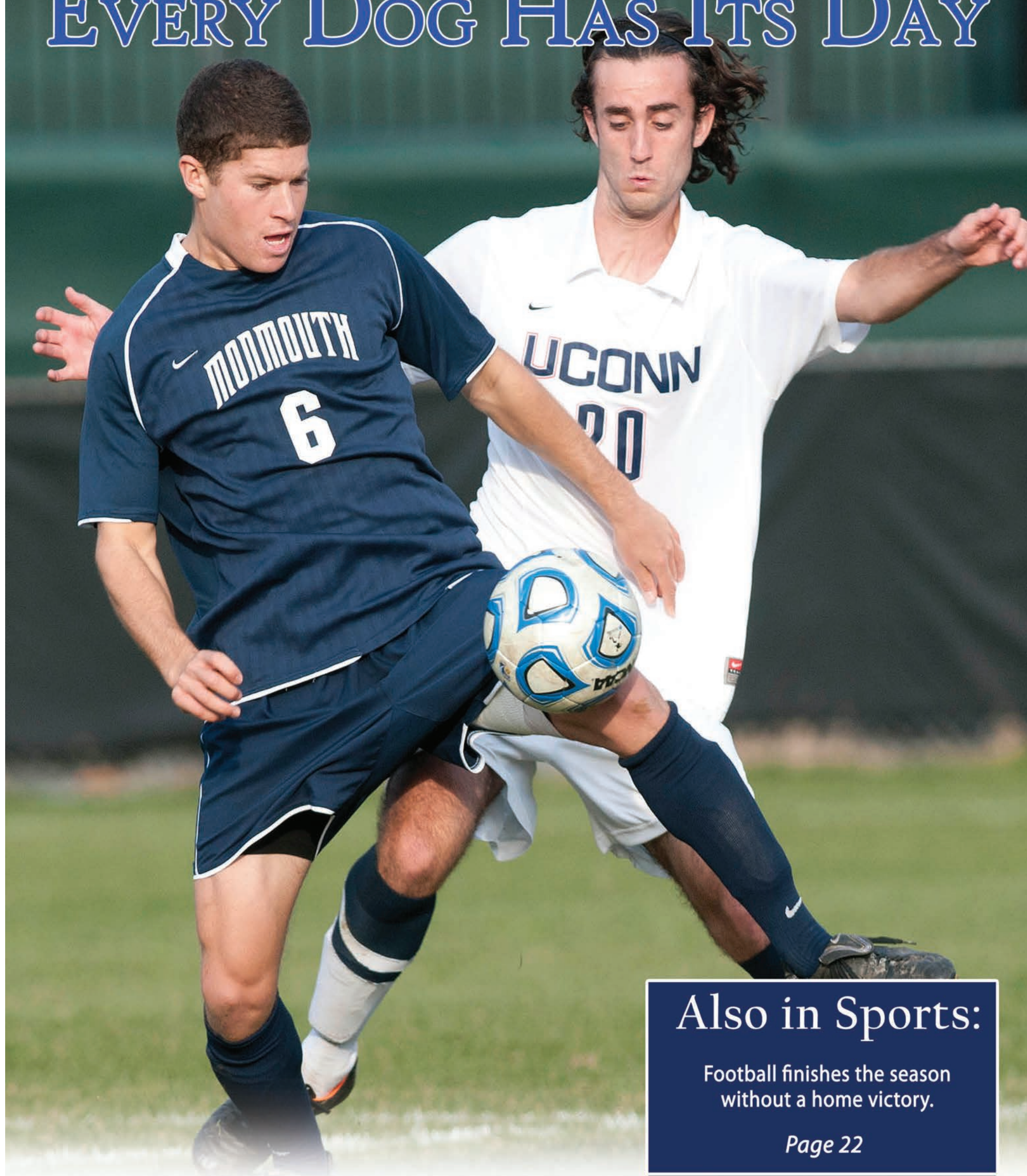
Murphy and Molina, Monmouth’s two starting offensive tackles earn the first All-NEC recognition of their careers. The duo led the way for a team that averaged almost 25 points per game and owned the league’s third ranked pass offense. Murphy started every game at left tackle while Molina missed just the final game of the season due to injury. Monmouth has had at least one offensive lineman represented on one of the two teams for nine straight years, dating back to the 2003 season.

Bryant’s Jordan Brown was Offensive Player of the Year, Duquesne’s Serge Kona was Defensive Player of the Year, Albany’s Bob Ford took home Coach of the Year honors.





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