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## International Students Increase at MU



The University experienced a rise in the past year from 103 internationals students in fall of 2012 to 121 students in fall of 2013.

"Monmouth University currently has 121 international students from 32 countries, including India, China, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, and Israel,' President Paul R. Brown said.

The number of international stu-America is on the rise due to the country's "higher value" on educa-

According to an Open Doors Re-

port on International Educational Ex- more international business major, very hard to get accepted in his change, the number of international said, "An American education is students enrolled in American uni- more valued than most ... I came to versities has increased by seven per-school in America because the edu-

cent during the 2012-2013 academic cation over here is way better than

#### "Monmouth University currently has 121 international students from 32 countries ..."

PRESIDENT PAUL R. BROWN

dents pursuing college degrees in year. This percentage represents back home and because of soccer." nearly 820,000 international students, setting a record high and a 40 percent Camacho knew he would always increase from the prior decade.

David Acuna Camacho, a sopho- even admitted that he did not try

A native of Costa Rica, Acuna attend an American university and home country's colleges.

"If I go back with a degree from an American school, I would get a job over someone [in Costa Rica]," Acuna Camacho said.

Brown added validity to Acuna Camacho's statement, "Other parts of the world have excellent educational institutions, such as Cambridge and Oxford in the United Kingdom, Tokyo and Kyoto in Japan, and Toronto in Canada, but the U.S. remains a special destination. Many educational institutions abroad emulate American institutions not only in terms of the

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#### Death of a Liberator: Nelson Mandela



JESSICA ROBERTS

Nelson Mandela, South Africa's first democratically elected President, passed away on Thursday Dec. 5. Mandela is remembered by much more than his Presidency, including his lifelong dedication to peaceful political movements against racial oppression and the fight for freedom in his na-

Mandela's health has been faltering for the past couple of years, with reoccurring lung infections that hospitalized him on numerous occasions. These health issues have kept him out of the political activist spotlight over these past couple of years, however he never left the spotlight through his many messages and historical acts.

According to NelsonMandela.org, Rolihlahla Mandela was born in Madiba clan in Mvezo Transkei on July 18, 1918. His father was a principal counselor to Jongintaba, the Acting King of the Thembu people. His father, Nkosi Mphakanyiswa Gadla Mandela passed away when he was just a boy, leaving him to become a ward of Jongintaba, which is how he first heard the stories of his people and their struggle for freedom.

In attendance to a primary school in Qunu, his teacher gave Mandela the 'Christian" name of Nelson. He went on to complete his junior certificate at Clarkebury Boarding Institute,

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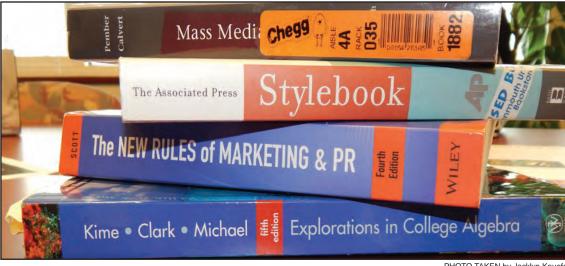
## Affordable Textbook Bill Looks to Utilize Internet via "Open Educational Resources"

CHRISTOPHER ORLANDO MANAGING EDITOR

The Affordable College Textbook Act would allow universities to offer free textbooks via "Open educational resources" which would also make textbooks available to the public, according to bill sponsor Senator Richard Durbin.

According to the bill, S1704, Congress seeks to reduce the cost of college textbooks for students. William Rainey, manager of the University's book store, said the main issue with the program would be the expense of it. "A typical textbook is multiple years of writing, editing and the important credibility with its users." Rainey said there have been success open source programs at some universities and states but it was very limited. Another issue Rainey mentioned is where the funding will

The bill states that the average student budget for college books



reviewing process which gives it College textbook prices vary in price depending on the topic. "The Affordable College Textbook Act" would look to curb textbook costs by using "Open Educational Resources" which would make college textbooks free if the bill passes.

> to The College Board. The Government Accountability Office said tional resource that is licensed that textbook prices have increased 82 percent over the past ten years.

The bill cites the need for the lic.'

and supplies was \$1,200, according "Open Educational Resource which is defined as "An educaunder an open license and made freely available online to the pub-

Rainey said, "My expectation is you will see open sourcing grow slowly but with it there will be a

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## Student Employees' Time Sheets Go High-Tech

**CASEY WOLFE** 

ALYSSA GRAY COMICS EDITOR

Student employment time sheets will be converted to an electronic time keeping system in the spring of 2014, according to Aimee Parks, Assistant Director of Human Resources for Student Employment.

trained to use the new system prior cords."

to the implentation in 2014. with many efficiencies that come with an electronic system," said Parks. "It will allow us to more accurately calculate pay with fewer the electronic time keeping syserrors occurring due to student em- tem. "It was brought to my attenployees with multiple jobs on cam-tion earlier this week, but I like pus ...or simply from human error due to the manual calculations. It instances of employees falsifying will also allow us to be more ef- their times on their sheets and it Students and faculty will be ficient in maintaining payroll re- cost them their jobs, so this new

Alfred Tillerson, a senior com-"A new system will provide us munication major and information technology lab assistant in Howard Hall, said he has not heard many details concerning the idea. There have been a few

software will bring more accu-

racv According to Parks, the University has been talking about implementing an electronic time keeping system for students for over 12 years. This system will be more environmentally friendly, saving over 1,000 paper time sheets per pay period. It will also

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#### Blue Hawk Records Announces Second CD Release

MARISSA CORNFORD CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Blue Hawk Records held an event in the Jules L. Plangere EP. Holmes performed backup Center to celebrate the release of their second compilation CD on Dec. 4. The CD was also released on iTunes on Nov. 25.

Blue Hawk Records is an independent, student-run record label that provides students with hands-on experience that will prepare them for professional because she believes they are work in the music industry.

The fall 2013 album, a follow up to their original extended cially liked how my friends play (EP) from the spring semester earlier this year, includes six tracks. The CD also features returning artists Natalie Zeller, Guy Battaglia, and Sarah Gublin, as well as new artists Kristi Hunt and James Porricelli.

Bryan Haring, member of the Blue Hawk Records band, not limited to a University audimade his debut as a solo artist accompanied by Conner Healey and Guy Battaglia of 99 Regrets. The EP features rock and acoustic music, but also intro- the Music Industry Program, anduced a new genre to the label, nounced at the event that record who clapped, cheered, and

rap. Erin Holmes, a junior music industry major, said the tracks came out extremely well on the for James Porricelli on his rap track titled "Know Me."

"It's so great that Lakehouse Studios is working with us, enabling us to produce such great music," Holmes said. She found it "extremely hard" to decide whose music was her favorite all talented.

"I had a good time. I espewere promoting for the Artists Against Arthritis show on Friday, Dec. 6 by having people tie shoes with mittens," Holmes said. Holmes joined in at the release party and performed the track she helped record with Porricelli.

Blue Hawk Records' artists are ence; the new EP has reached international listeners. Joe Rapolla, the label's advisor and the department chair and director of in England, Italy and Japan following its release. The label and its artists are working to recieve more recognition and sell more records.

The lobby in Plangere had balloons and posters advertising Blue Hawk Records' other upcoming events, such as their Artists Against Arthritis fundraiser. Tables were set up and the label was selling copies of their latest record, as well as giving away free candy and other Blue Hawk Records merchandise. The event was set up at 2:30 pm and the artists featured on the record performed for the audience and those passing by, entertaining the crowd for two hours before completing

There were a few technical difficulties throughout some of the performances, but the musicians worked through them. The microphone suddenly shut off during Zeller's set however she continued to play and perform her song. The music was received well by the students,

sales have already been reported sang along - fully engaged in the performances in support of their classmates and peers.

"I would love to see a greater variety of artists and also have some new talents discovered and showcased," Holmes expressed.

The "Blue Hawk Records Fall 2013 Compilation Album" is available for \$5.94 on iTunes, or listeners can purchase individual tracks for \$0.99 each. The "Blue Hawk Spring 2013 Sampler" is also available on iTunes for \$3.96.



PHOTO TAKEN by Marissa Cornford

Natalie Zeller and Kristi Hunt performed songs from the new Blue Hawk Records CD, including a cover of Lorde's "Royals."

## Anthropology Class Appeals to Zombie Enthusiasts

PAUL WILLIAMS

A class titled Zombies: Social Anxiety and Pop Culture was offered at the University for the second year in a row during this Fall semester. The class is a three credit First Year Seminar class for undergraduate students with fewer than 18 credits completed.

Dr. Edward Gonzalez-Tenant, assistant professor of anthropology, taught the class the last two years and appreciates the way the unorthodox curriculum compels students to view the world in a different manner.

"There are multiple reasons that we treat zombies as an introductory

study into a historical premise and structured around learning about context of something larger," Gonzalez-Tenant said. "Zombies can be a good metaphor to symbolize some of the critiques of capitalism, such as how it has turned some people into mindless forms dependent on technology, among many other things."

Gonzalez-Tenant said that the class examines various historical and ethical contexts of zombie culture from several anthropological perspectives. They also study their growth around the world through several disciplines.

The University's decision to offer the zombie class reflects a growing national trend of colleges and universities that also have courses

zombies. According to Forbes.com, dozens of higher education classes now offered across the nation, although not all allow students to obtain college credit for taking them.

Gonzalez-Tenant's actual curriculum differs from what most of his student's expected it to be. Alexander Moylan, an undeclared freshman enrolled in the class, said "I signed up for the class because it was about zombies. I'm pretty hardcore when it comes to, what I guess you would call, nerdy stuff, so I jumped at the chance to learn more about zombies. I figured we would watch zombie films and read books. I did not expect to actually read scholarly articles on the zombies.'

The perceived difference about what students expect to learn and what they actually learn is one of the main reasons Gonzalez-Tenant has enjoyed teaching the course the last two years. "Most students come in thinking we'll be watching zombie movies. But there are more reasons to examine them than just entertainment," Gonzalez-Tenant said.

Zombies: Social Anxietyand Pop Culture is designed to "sharpen higher-level academic skills, enhance awareness of ethical issues, and make a successful transition to university life," according to the course's description on WebAdvisor. Gonzalez-Tenant believes that the zombies are more of a fad. When cal issues in a much broader sense," course accomplishes those serious I was playing Resident Evil and he said.

objectives, despite the course's per- House of Dead in the 90s, zombies ceived amusing title.

"Zom-Gonzalez-Tenant said, bies destroy the dichotomy through which we view the world as containing things that are either alive or dead. Zombies exist in both. Studying the numerous cultural and religious contexts and origins of them gives students a greater understanding of the way the rest of the world views and approaches life and death." He indicated he has received positive feedback from most of his students regarding the class.

Moylan said that he particularly enjoyed his project that explored how the University would tackle a zombie invasion. "It's awesome to be able to write a paper based on how you would prepare the school for the Zombie Apocalypse. This is one of the coolest classes ever," Moylan said.

TJ Nicastro, a sophomore animation major, would have jumped at the chance to take the zombie class, or any course about zombies, if the opportunity was brought to his attention. "I would because I'm a geek. I've been killing zombies [in video games] for 20 years," he said.

Despite his enthusiasm for the content of a zombie course, Nicastro has long-term doubts about the relevance of college-level courses that revolve around zombies. "I feel like

were nowhere near as popular as they are now," Nicastro said. "Their popularity will fade just like any other fad.

A college course's curriculum that invokes a revolutionary study or invocation of a pop-culture reference might predictably be met with mixed reactions from the University's students. However, Moylan said his dad thought the course was "pretty awesome," and one of his friends said told Moylan the course 'sounds kinda sweet.'

Instead of focusing on any of the mixed external reactions to the course, Gonzalez-Tenant has chosen to view the class' internal success as a positive for the University's incoming first year students. "As a professor, if I can't talk about the world in a way that makes sense to my students, then I'm not doing my job. One thing this course does is it helps translate some academic theories and puts them into concrete terms that the students can understand."

Gonzalez-Tenant said he will not be teaching Zombies: Social Anxiety and Pop Culture next year and is unsure if it will be offered again during the 2014-15 school year. "If it is offered again, I'm sure students will find it engaging. It really helps them look at ethical, societal and histori-



PHOTO TAKEN from blogs.ft.com

Zombie popularity has recently been growing with more and more television shows, games and events directed at zombie themes.



## University Exposed to Student "Streaker"

ANGELA CIROALO

The men's basketball white-out game received an unexpected interruption during a time-out when a University sophomore ran across the court wearing only boxers on Thursday, Dec. 5.

Due to Monmouth University Police Department (MUPD) protocol, William McElrath, Chief of MUPD, said that the name of the University sophomore that committed the act cannot be released.

To the University's knowledge, there is no recollection of a similar previous act of misconduct that occurred during a University-sponsored event. "I have to say, I've been here for 28 years, I don't know if I can recall another instance [of the act]," Mary Anne Nagy, Vice President of Student and Community Services, said. "Although there may have been one or two but I don't recall them."

The act was a surprise and left students and faculty unsure of what was happening as the sophomore made his way across the court.

The student's act was visible for an average of five seconds as he made his way from one end of the court to the other. As he reached

the opposite end, the student was followed by Rich Carragher, the Assistant Athletics Director.

Once the sophomore was apprehended, he was turned over to the MUPD for them to take the necessary actions. "One of the athletics staff members yelled at the individual to stop and he did. He was then led to a side office by University police," said McElrath.

Nagy said the student will be penalized according to the University Student Code of Conduct. "It's the same process that we would follow when dealing with a situation following student misconduct," said

Nagy explained that when a student commits an act of misconduct, the act is followed by the MUPD creating an incident report. The Dan Pizzimenti, a sophomore.

The University student will face underwear, and the crowd seemed formal charges in the West Long Branch courts and disciplinary actions from the University.

Students believe that the sophomore coordinated the act in advance. "It seemed like he had planned this because he went straight through the tunnel to try and make a quick escape,"

to like it," said Sam Marin, a senior.

"I never saw a streaker before, but I'm glad I finally got to see it," said Rebecca Zidik, a junior.

"He didn't harm anyone so I don't think he should really get in trouble," Priali Abah, a sophomore, said. "...He did it purely for attention and humor."

Numerous tweets and Facebook statuses filled social media, and a video was posted on Instagram by a student who recorded the act.

Michael Udayakumar, a senior communication student, tweeted on Dec. 5 at 8:56 pm, "Never in my 4 years here at Monmouth University did I think I'd ever see a streaker at our basketball game lmfaooo how's that for TV #ESPN?" Udayakumar's tweet was favorited four times and retweeted by University students five times.

"If I could say one thing to the streaker it would be, keep your shoes on so that way your feet had grip on the floor in order to get away clean," said Pizzimenti.
"Also, I would say congratulations [streaker] on placing yourself in the history books of Monmouth and becoming a legend."

Additional reporting done by Alyssa Gray and Maggie Zelinka.

#### "It is my recollection ... that University police did catch him, did identify who the student is, and we will be filing formal charges under the [Student] Code of Conduct."

MARY ANNE NAGY Vice President of Student and Community Services

In the process of catching the sophomore, the MUPD found that the student was intoxicated, thus in violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

According to the Student Code of Conduct, students are prohibited from, "The use, possession, distribution, or being in the presence of alcoholic beverages except as expressly permitted by the law and University regulations, or intoxicareport is then sent to University Judicial Affairs who determines whether the act violates the University Student Code of Conduct. The severity and details of the action will then determine the charges the student will receive.

'It is my recollection ... that University police did catch him, did identify who the student is, and we will be filing formal charges under the [Student] Code of Conduct," said Nagy.

Nagy explained that the student's consequences will be determined in a fair and equitable manner. Nagy said, "...like anything there are consequences for our actions, both good and bad." She continued to explain that she believes the student "perhaps was overzealous in their enthusiasm for the game and made this decision."

Students said that they were surprised by the act. "The guy ran across the court in nothing but his

## MU Shadow PR Firm Hosted First Celebrity Publicist

MAGGIE ZELINKA SPORTS EDITOR

KELLY BROCKETT

Monmouth University Shadow PR Firm and Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) Chapter hosted guest speaker, Johnny Donovan, on Wednesday, Dec. 4, as a part of their Speaker Series.

Donovan, an American reality TV booking agent and casting director, was the third guest speaker for PRSSA this semester, and the first professional from the entertainment industry to speak at the university.

Over 50 students attended Donovan's speech about his work in reality television. Donovon has worked with Logo, Oxygen, MTV and VH1 networks.

Donovan began his presentation by providing an overview of his career path. Donovan explained that he went from waiting tables at a restaurant in Times Square, NY to owning his own company, JDonovan Productions, a media events and talent productions com-

with many of the customers, which press takes pictures of her. landed him an opportunity to audition for a reality television show. He auditioned for *MTV*'s "A

Shot at Love with Tila Tequila," but did not make the final cut. Donovan saw this as a chance to keep networking and seek additional opportunities. The experience led him to become a casting director, he explained.

Donovan has casted several reality televison stars, including Angelina Pivarnick for MTV's "The Jersey Shore."

After casting for "The Jersey Shore," Donovan worked for the "Mob Wives" as a publicist.

To add to his credentials, Donovan called Angela, "Big Ang' Raiola from Mob Wives during his presentation. When "Big Ang" answered the call, Donovan put her on speaker phone to speak to the audience.

Donovan has also worked with clients such as "The Real Housewives" Melissa Gorga, Teresa Giudice and Jacqueline Laurita.

Donovon currently represents Farrah Abraham, the 22 year-old from MTV's "16 & Pregnant" and "Teen Mom." His job responsibilithe restaurant in NYC, he mingled events and making sure that the account executive, hopes to have

Donovan went on to stress the importance of contacting the media for every event a public relations representative will host. "Wired Images, Buzz Photo, Getty Images, Amp Images, and Film Magic. If they show up at your media event, you are getting proper press photographers," Donovan said.

Some advice Donovan offered to the students included, "be prepared for long hours, be patient, realize that the client is not a friend, and in order to get far in the industry, be willing to do what it takes."

Donovan later continued to give the students general media tips, "Do not act like a super fan and always present yourself as a professional."

Tara Ackaway, a senior communication major, said Donovan confirmed the notion that public relations is more than a typical nine to five job. "When working at celebrity events, there is never a really set time your night will end. It could be 10 pm or it could be 5 am. It just depends," Acka-

Jessica Rinaldi, senior public repany. He said that while working at ties include escorting Abraham to lations major and Shadow PR Firm



PHOTO TAKEN by Dallas Lewis-Bryan

Johnny Donovan (fifth from the left) poses for a picture with Shadow PR Firm and PRSSA executive board members

Donovan come to the University and offer a seminar on Celebrity PR as a follow up to this event. "Several of us, even in [PRSSA], had never seen anything like some of the work he does to pitch to media clients, to set up an event and just odds and ends that go beyond your basics like a press release and campaign that we learn in many of our classes here," Rinaldi said.

Co-President of the Univer- room," Silver said.

sity's Shadow PR Firm and PRSSA Chapter, Kristi Silver agreed with Rinaldi's statement and plans on inviting Donovan to come back to the University next semester. "There is so much we can learn from him and I think it's so important for us to reach out to people like this who work in a field that we do not necessarily get to learn about in the class-

#### International Student Enrollment Rises

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curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular environments," President stability."

Brown continued. "Moreover, an American degree, as opposed to a physical environment, but also the local degree, is usually more marketable and provides more financial



PHOTO TAKEN by Jim Reme

**David Acuna Camacho,** international student, (second from the right) warms up with his teammates before a September soccer game.

Danica Dragicevic, a junior international business major, agrees that an American degree poses more opportunities, not just after graduation, but also while in school.

"This is a great opportunity to earn a valuable degree and play basketball at the same time. In Europe there are no opportunities like that," Dragicevic said.

As a native of Serbia, Dragicevic said if it were not for athletics, she would not have been able to study in the United States. "My parents would not be able to pay for me to go to school in USA and live by myself," Dragicevic said. "I don't think that I would be willing to sacrifice so much as I am sacrificing now just to go to school. I love my family too much."

Both Acuna Camacho and Dragicevic are members of a certain trend, the rise of international student athletes in America. The

National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) posted in November 2010 that the number of international student athletes in collegiate sports has risen more than 1,000 percent in the last decade.

"For the Fall 2013 semester, there are 121 international students registered, this includes both undergraduate and graduate students. Of these 121, 18 or approximately 15 percent are student athletes," Claire Alasio, Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management, said. "Now, if you were to consider only undergraduate students, then yes, it is a large number – there are 40 international undergraduates, and 18 of them are athletes."

While there are many international student athletes at the undergraduate level, there are more international students at the graduate level. Maria Kukhareva, a graduate student in the communication department, Brown concluded.

originally received her undergraduate degree from St. Petersburg State University in Russia.

Kukhareva believes that an American degree is more credible than degrees from other countries. Kukhareva said, "Yes, [it is] valuable all over the world."

Brown hopes to increase the number of international students enrolled in both the undergraduate and graduate programs at the University. "The University has a number of partnership agreements with institutions in China and India that have helped to increase our number of international students," said Brown. He added that the University works hard to serve international students educationally, programmatically, and culturally well. A global emphasis is central to our future, and will be fully examined in the upcoming strategic planning process,

#### Monmouth Shapes Up with More Fitness Classes

ASHLEY ANTON CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This fall semester, the Fitness Center started offering several new fitness classes for students and faculty to attend during the week. From fat burning Pilates, to the 'Biggest Loser' club, the University is taking a turn into the fit and healthy lifestyle.

Jon Cascone, the Director of Intramurals and Recreation, added five new fitness classes, held in Boylan Gym and the Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC). There is now 'Power Yoga,' 'Military Style Workout,' 'Toning for Pilates,' 'Fat Burning Pilates,' and 'Yoga, Ballet, Pilates Fusion.' Due to the increase in classes, more available times for each session are now offered. Typically, classes are held any time from 10 am to 12 pm and 5:30 pm to 9 pm.

The wider range of classes and available times has also allowed many more students to attend the fitness classes. "Previously, the Zumba classes were only held on Tuesday nights at around 5:30 pm, but I could never go because I had class," said Amanda Friedman, a communication major. "Now that they are offering more classes and more times, I've finally been able to actually get there, and can now choose whether I want to go before or after classes."

According to Cascone, just having a fitness center did not seem to be enough for students or faculty that were looking to get into shape and pursue a healthy lifestyle. 'Monmouth is trying to adapt to the growing trends in fitness by offering a different approach to exercise," Cascone said. "[The classes] are more appealing to most people because it's fun, it's safe, and it doesn't drag on like sitting on a bike or treadmill."

Walking into a gym can be intimidating for some, but hosting free fitness classes also allows people the opportunity to feel 'involved' in something, and help them live a healthier lifestyle.

students and faculty in weight-loss and healthy-living. Meetings are held once a week, usually in the MAC. There are two programs, one for students and one for faculty. Each meeting offers measurements to help participants track their success. At the end of each semester, those who attended the most events and meetings, created and kept up with food logs, and lost inches will have the chance to win a \$125 gift card to the University store.

'The Biggest Loser' club members feel the club is a success due to the nutritionists and psychiatrists that have hosted meetings to help discuss the dangers of emotional eating and eating disorders. With the help and motivation from professionals, students and faculty are able to learn new tips and advice that can be associated with their eating and exercising habits. The meetings also offer a formula that calculates daily calorie intake for each participant.

Aside from these new classes, the Universtiy also offers 'Boot Camp,' 'Zumba,' 'Yoga for Toning,' and 'Abs, Legs, & Butt.' These sessions have been offered at the University over the last couple of years, but

added by Cascone to help motivate were only held during limited times of the day. Now with five new classes, students and faculty have more choices which allows more participants per class.

"Any opportunity for faculty, staff and students to be able to increase the amount of physical activity they get is positive," says Andrea Hope, an assistant professor of health and physical education. "Physical activity reduces the risk for a variety of lifestyle and chronic health conditions and fosters physical, cognitive and emotional well-being. The more accessible these exercise programs are, the better."

Along with the fitness classes and 'Biggest Loser' club, Cascone is hoping to also incorporate a spin class on campus. But in order to do so, the Fitness Center will need to invest in either bikes or portable bike stands that can be used for the classes. In time, Cascone also hopes to open the classes to those with fitness center memberships. Additionally, Cascone is looking to begin a University-based fitness blog, or sort of 'social network' that students and faculty can actively participate in for motivation and helpful advice to get healthy and in-shape.



PHOTO TAKEN from merchantcircle.com

'Power Yoga' is one of the new fitness classes now available for The new 'Biggest Loser' club was University students and faculty interested in leading a healthy lifestyle.

## Students to Clock-in this Spring

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save time in the Student Employment office and allow for more training on student employees' career development.

In order to continue working next semester, student employstaff member This will ensure that students' jobs are loaded correctly in the system. Training times will be available for students and supervisors in the spring, or this Thursday, Dec. 12 in the Student Employment office. The process will take about ten minutes.

Junior Kevin Holton, an English major and Writing Center assistant, has gone through the training offered by Student Employment and said it was very simple to complete, though he did have some concerns. "What bothered me about training is that they're extremely strict about where you punch in and out. They made it very clear that [Student Employment] not only can, but will trace our punches and that we may face repercussions if we do," said Holton.

Parks said that students must punch in and out at the beginning and end of each shift on and the department can continue

the end of each pay period, students must approve their time card by logging on to the Internet. The information will be pulled directly into the payroll system for approval.

Students' work schedules will not be affected by the electronic ees must activate their Ultipro time keeping system. However, account with a Student Employ- students still cannot work during ment or a Human Resources their scheduled class time, ac-

> "I think they should keep it the way it is. It sounds convenient but very complicated."

> > REBECCA ZIDIK Junior

cording to Parks. Responsibilities for students and employers remain the same as well. The biggest difference is that overrides and signatures will be done electronically.

Federal Work Study students to see if we use a mobile device and Student Help employees will follow the same process for electronic time keeping according to Parks. "If a student earns all of their Federal Work Study award

electronic punch pads. Before to pay them out of Student Help wages, they will just punch in as Student Help as opposed to Federal Work Study. Right now they just switch the color of their time sheet," Parks said.

Holton thinks that the electronic system would be more efficient if thumb scanners, like the other employees have, were used instead. He also believes that more issues may arise from the new routine

"I think it'll be more problematic for us. Admittedly, it's much more efficient for the accounts and billings offices, and can save them a lot of time and effort. I appreciate and understand that, but my boss is already spending hours a day fixing incorrect time sheets because the online system doesn't let us fix our own hours," said Holton. "In short, I don't think this will function effectively unless we can correct our own timesheets and punch in from mobile devices or dedicated servers," he added.

Rebecca Zidik, a junior communication major and Peer Learning Advisor for a freshman first year seminar, also worries about the complexities that the new electronic system might bring. "I feel like I'll forget to do it even more. I think they should keep it the way it is. It sounds convenient but very complicated," said Zidik.

### Brockriede Common Built to Honor Local Family

An addition, consisting of three benches and a sign, was added to the Brockriede Common, the area in front of the Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC), this summer in honor of John A. Brockriede and his family to acknowledge their philanthropic efforts to the University and the Long Branch area.

Although the main purpose of the addition is to serve as a dedication to the Brockriede family, Patricia Swannack, Vice President for Administrative Services, said it also intends as a gathering spot where people are more than welcome to sit while waiting for an athletic event or

Brockriede, known as "Mr. Long Branch," was honored with a Maurice Pollak Award for Distinguished Long Branch as a gift. The gift to the

Monmouth University for a long time," said Swannack. "In recognition of their commitment to Monmouth, the University wanted to acknowledge their unwavering support with a prominent naming opportunity, thus Brockriede Com-

The Brockriede Common was constructed at minimal cost and is displayed to honor the history of the Brockriede family's generous donations and contributions to the University. J. Brockriede, Jr. and his wife, Kenna, have served as co-chairs of the 2011 University Holiday Ball, a black-tie event that helped raise scholarship funds for

In addition to their monetary support to the University, the family has also donated the home of the late J. Brockriede on Van Court Avenue in

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Community Service in 2007. Brockriede owned multiple local businesses and worked in the area for more than 50 years. Brockriede was 77 years-old when he died in his home on April 15, 2012.

His son, John Brockriede, Jr., a University alumus, is a 20 year veteran of the Wall Township Police Department and Vice President of the Senior Officers Association; his grandson, Brockriede, also a University graduate, served as a U.S. Marine from 2004-2007. As a student, H. Brockriede was active in the Monmouth University Veterans Association, serving as a Vice President and President of the organization, and has been recently sworn in as a police officer in Wall Township.

"The Brockriede family have been very generous supporters of

University was announced at former President Paul Gaffney's Roast on April 28.

Brockriede Jr. was quoted in the Monmouth University Magazine saying, "My father was a passionate man. He loved his family, he was passionate about business, and he was passionate about giving back. I think it is only fitting to honor him with our gift to the University – his home on Van Court Avenue...He would have loved this tonight - he would have loved being here."

Another generous donation made by the family, Linda Brockriede, John Brockriede Sr.'s widow, made a \$50,000 Distinguished Endowed Scholarship at the most recent event to honor her late husband for all of his generous and charitable efforts.



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#### Study Time Cut Short

THE OUTLOOK STAFF OPINION

How can the students who study in the Murry and Leonie Guggenheim Memorial Library get their work done when library hours are not the most accessible? We, as students, all have different studying habits; some can study in loud environments undisturbed, while others need the quietness of the library in order to keep their focus. Some Outlook editors like listening to music when studying while others need silence.

We acknowledge that the library extended its hours for finals, and we are thankful to the library staff for putting in the extra effort to make these accommodations for the students. library The during hours finals are as fol-Monday

through Thursday 8 am - 2 am, Friday 8 am - 1 am, Saturday 9 midnight, Sunday 11 am - 2 am.

The standard library hours are Monday through Thursday 8 am - midnight, Friday 8 am - 6 pm, Saturday 9 am - 5 pm and Sunday noon - midnight. We find that these hours clash with our already very busy schedules. Because of this, even early morning hours can be seen as a hassle to go to the library. At The Outlook we all agree that Friday and weekend hours need to be changed, by being extended another hour, at least.

Having the library close at 6 pm on Friday night is an inconvenience. Not everyone has the op-

night or dedicate the weekend to their studies.

One editor said, "Fridays and Saturdays are homework nights for me. Closing so early on weekends makes me feel like such a loser for even trying to do my work then."

The Howard Hall 24-hour lab is a long distance from the residential side of campus; it is what "creepy" and long walk late at fect place to bring procrastination

"Having the library close at 6 pm on Friday night is an inconvenience. Not everyone has the option to start the weekend early and some students like to study late at night or dedicate the weekend to their studies."

> night. Even if you do not live on- closes. One member of The Outcampus, the 24-hour lab is not always a guaranteed quiet place to hit the books.

The 24-hour lab does not have all of the resources that the library offers, such as a color printer, books or a copier. Considering that everyone gets kicked out of the library at a particular time, and there are not many options as to where to go, many people end up in the 24-hour lab where there are not a ton of computers to choose from.

Students try to find other places to work where they will not get 'kicked out' so that they can remain working uninterrupted and their work can be completed. viduals who would.

tion to start the weekend early and One Outlook editor says having some students like to study late at to leave the library by midnight to run over to the 24-hour lab all while in the middle of a project is a huge interruption.

It is not as if students go into school planning to procrastinate, but sometimes it unfortunately happens. More than half of the editors at The Outlook, along with many other students, admit to procrastinating. Waiting until the last minute may lead to late some of The Outlook staff call a nights, and the library is the per-

to a halt.

Some dents have classes, work or other commitments during the day, and when nighttime rolls around, the library may not be the place to go when only a couple hours can be spent there until it

look does not even want to go to the library because she knows that her time will be limited, and she will have to leave in the middle of completing an assign-

Of course The Outlook is not trying to say the normal library hours are inaccessible. We just feel as though our study schedules would be better off with extended hours or having the hours during finals week become the standard library hours instead. The Outlook understands that the whole student body would not be taking advantage of these new hours, but we know a large handful of indi-



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### Contemporary News Programs: A Ćritique

SHREEJA KADAKIA

increasing competition amongst various television networks has led to the emergence of programs that discuss more soft news, which is defined as lifetyle and appealing gossip stories instead of legitimate societal problems.

The increased prevalence of soft news shows is an alarming feature of the modern news telecasts, which tend to be slightly informative and

Topics such as the latest fashion trends and celebrities' personal lives are discussed on popular news netoworks such as ABC and NBC. to further reel the viewers in.

I have noticed that typically morning news shows, such as "Good Morning America" and "The Today Show" have become more focused on entertaining the audience rather than informing them of important issues across the globe.

from discussion about Congress members' controversial personal lives, dressing styles, and even how their facial expressions may reveal their political inclinations.

Also, many news programs now have exclusive Twitter or Facebook pages where viewers can post comments and ask questions.

The tweets of a few extremely fortunate individuals will then be broadcasted during the program to be commented on.

This is clearly an effective participation technique meant to attract a variety of issues, which in turn viewers. To me, this is analogous to a lottery system where one buys a ticket in the form of a tweet, and then follows the program for the sake of a reward—the recitation of on "E! News" for your dose of soft

Apparently, CNN.com deems it appropriate (and frankly, necessary) to post the following "top stories" on their main page, "World's Ugliest Dog Dies," "Mom: Get 'yes' text before sex," and "Hunter nabs 772 lb. bear."

While these stories may be humorous, they do not inform the American public of any kind of legitimate domestic or international occurrences that can affect our lives significantly.

Not only does this discourage political participation amongst young adults, but it also bears negative consequences for the national intelligence level.

In other words, such news stories make us stupider. Ironically enough, there is a major competition going on right now regarding the intellect of the American youth where the U.S. is competing with major world powers to make its young adults more knowledgeable.

One way to do this is standard-This entertainment is derived ized tests (or so thinks the federal government). Another possibility is to feature legitimate news stories.

In order to truly remain well informed, Americans must sort through the enormous amounts of information that they are surrounded by and discover the reality behind every piece of so-called news.

Rather than always following one particular news channel, viewers should try and receive news from various media outlets that have dif-

This approach may even present will help viewers decipher between the bias and the facts of a particular perspective.

Go read a gossip magazine or turn news. Hear that ABC?

## Why do People Take Such Pride in a Team?

MAGGIE ZELINKA

We cry, we cheer, we invest so much interest and receive nothing in return but a mixture of pride or disappointment. Why do we, as fans, put so much effort into a team that may never even notice us?

This can be explained for many reasons, but in summary, it is because we need to be a part of a greater element which in most opinions, is intangible by all means.

This thought first came to me while watching "Fever Pitch," a movie based off a novel written about a die hard baseball fan. In the movie, Jimmy Fallon's character says, "I like being part of something that's bigger than me. It's good for your soul to invest in something you can't control." To which his leading lady, Drew Barrymoore, replies, "You're a romantic.'

Barrymoore does not realize that Fallon's character is not a romantic; he is, plainly put, just a fan. To those who are fans, their team is untouchable; nothing, and I mean nothing, can ruin your love for that team. This is reflected in Fallon's character as he explains that no matter what, they are there for you every day.

I believe strongly that this is one of the main reasons fans take such pride in their teams. I consider myself a die hard Phillies fan and big time baseball fan. Knowing that they will be there for me every night, I feel the need to watch them play from April through September.

As corny as it sounds, friends

the element of youth that sports bring to the table.

If you are a fan and look back on your life, you can say that you still have the same interest you had when you were 10 years old, maybe even five years old. In some sense, loving a team is a way to keep you young.

"To those who are fans, their team is untouchable; nothing, and I mean nothing, can ruin your love for that team."

In this life, the years go by quicker and quicker with age. When I was younger, my junior year in high school felt like a century and now my junior year in college is already slipping away. Sports in a sense can keep us young and make sure those raw emotions we discovered as a kid never fade.

When I think of that notion, my grandfather comes to mind. He grew up as a Red Sox fan living in Richmond, VA.

Fortunately, he was able to see Ted Williams' last at bat in which he hit a home run in the usual Splendid Splinter style.

come and go, but baseball is al- To this day, when you mention ways there. Then there is also that game, his face lights up and you can find the child lying within.

> For others, it may be a distraction from their every day life. As said by senior Kelly Brockett, 'When I'm watching a game, I'm usually fully engaged and too busy worrying about rooting for my team or analyzing the other for me to be worried about the small stuff in life.'

> While it acts as a distraction, it also serves as a replacement for lying around and just watching television. "It's a form of entertainment," sophomore Tomas Penfold said.

> While these reasons are all very true, if you were to ask fans why they love to watch sports, they would be baffled. Fans never expect to have to explain their passion, they just assume everyone else can understand; and when they do encounter another fan, the bond is already made with the first high

> For instance, I was in Florida and happened to see an elderly man wearing a Phillies hat. I walked right up to him and began a conversation about the common thread we shared. Being able to connect with a complete stranger is definitely the best aspect of being a fan.

> For all these reasons, fans are unique people and a unique crowd. They connect emotions to teams and players. They can befriend a stranger, they always have something to rely on and they can be involved in something greater than themselves. If you are a fan, cheer hard and

## Struggle and Sacrifice in the Land of Opportunity

#### A Call to Arms to Prevent Veteran Homelessness in the U.S.

**BRITTANY HARDAKER** 

As fall transitions into winter, the mornings start to grow colder. The once verdant green leaves dwindle away and the light of day quickly descends into darkness. For thousands of people living on the east coast, nature's most beautiful moments are captured during this season.

For former Private Lenny Johnson, however, winter means comba heavier sleeping bag or blanket to ing and Urban Development (HUD). the problem has unfortunately sleep with and a safer, quieter place to rest his head

While we find the first frost to be quite the inconvenience when we go to start our cars on early December mornings, Johnson sees frost as a vivid reminder of winters spent shivering under the Route 80 overpass in Paterson, NJ, a place he has called home for over 12 years.

Instead of waking up in a warm, comfortable bed each morning, Johnson wakes up at dawn to the sound of cars and trucks whirring above his head while he struggles to regain warmth and solace in the confines of his torn and tattered blanket.

At any moment, the sound of screeching tires, the backfire of an engine, could send the 101st Airborne "Screaming Eagle" veteran into a flashback.

The slightest sound of traffic echoes loudly against the dull concrete of the overpass, serving as a haunting reminder of Johnson's time spent overseas fighting in the Vietnam War. Johnson served in the U.S. Army for over 30 years and be-

longed to the last infantry division to leave Vietnam when the war ended

Streets, alleys, parks and overpasses like the one Johnson lives under, have become home to many thousands of homeless veterans men and women who have been forced to fend for themselves day and night without a roof over their

There are nearly 1.4 million United States veterans and their families currently living on the streets, acing the streets for a warmer jacket, cording to the Department of Hous-

Thousands of these veterans are chronically condemned to lives without a stable source of income or home life because of injuries they sustained during their service. Many, like Johnson, suffer from terrible psychiatric conditions, like post-traumatic stress disorder and paranoid schizophrenia. wounds of war are physically invisible, but they are no less life threat-

Despite government efforts to curtail veteran homelessness, such as the Rehabilitation Act of 1973,

had few solutions. Without secure housing, these vets simply cannot benefit from the small amount of services available to them and are instead forced to face the consequences.

Are you familiar with the expression "never leave a fallen brother behind?" Army Specialist (SPC) Joseph Wingate, an Afghanistan war veteran and Pompton Lakes, NJ native, asked me. "Veteran homelessness is the equivalent of leaving my fellow brother or sister on the battlefield, and it makes me sick to see that so little is being done to prevent it,"

Joseph Wingate's wife, Krista Wingate was long-awaiting her husband's arrival home from Afghanistan last month after he had been away for almost 10 months.

While Krista Wingate walks through her neighborhood just outside of Fort Bliss Army Base in El Paso, TX, she explained that it's not uncommon to see homeless veterans living on the streets holding signs that say things like "vet in need" or 'help a vet, anything will do."

Krista Wingate said, "It makes me wonder what our government does, if anything, to help our soldiers who come back from overseas and are trying to transition back into normal

Quick to beat our chests and wave our flag. Americans today claim to "support our troops," but do little to stand up for the rights of those soldiers who have already fought the perilous fight and have returned home. Unfortunately our country has failed to in-turn fight for veterans' basic needs for survival.

It's about time we come to their aid, like so many thousands of veterans have come to ours for so many decades. Our brave men and women in uniform have sacrificed so much protecting our country and deserve every available resource as they return to civilian life.

It is important that we cherish our nation's veterans all the time aside from Nov. 11. Volunteer at a soup kitchen. Donate some clothing. Most of all, pay attention and respect to the thousands of American soldiers who have risked their lives to protect yours each and every day.



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Think twice next time you see someone sitting on the street with one of these signs, as this is unfortunately an ongoing issue for veterans in our country.

# "Nelson Mandela had an Undying Quest for Equality and Freedom."

Mandela continued from pg 1

which led him to acceptance to Wesleyan Secondary School. From his secondary school he moved on to begin his Bachelor of Arts Degree at the University College of Fort Hare, where he was expelled for involvement in a student protest. He continued his bachelor studies at the University of South Africa, and returned to Fort Hare for graduation in 1943, according to NelsonMen-

In 1944, Mendela joined the African National Congress through his help in developing the ANC Youth

During this time he also married his first wife, Evelyn Mase with whom he had two sons, Madiba Thembekile (Thembi) and Makgatho and two daughters. The first daughter was lost in infancy, and the second was named after her, Makaziwe. They were divorced in

In 1952, the Defiance Campaign created by ANC and the South African Indian Congress, selected Mandela as the National Volunteerin-Chief for the call of civil disobedience against six oppressive laws. The activists were charged with the Suppression of Communism Act and sentenced to nine months hard

August 1952 also marked the year Mandela received his two-year diploma of law, allowing him and a fellow lawyer Oliver Tambo to establish Mandela and Tambo, South Africa's first black law firm.

1952 just before the passing of the Freedom Charter in Kliptown on June 26 which is a law that called for equality for all throughout the country no matter the color of their skin, according to the anc.org.

Mandela was arrested in December of 1955, along with 156 other activists. This arrest led to the 1956 Treason Trial, during which Mandela went to Pietermaritzburg to speak at a conference referred to as "All-in Africa Conference." At the conference, Mendela was asked to write to the Prime Minister to request a non-racial convention, and if he did not agree there would be a state strike. The trial ended in acquisition in March of 1961.

In 1958, Mandela remarried to Winnie Madikizela, a social worker. They had two daughters, Zenani and Zindziswa before their divorce in 1996.

In 1962, he adopted the name David Motsamayi, in order to travel around Africa and into England to gain support for the strike. He was arrested upon his return to Africa, and charged with illegally leaving the country along with inciting a

In October of 1963, Mandela and nine others were tried for sabotage in the Rivonia Trial. During this trial he was up against the death penalty, which was later reduced to life in prison. This 27-year confinement is the famous time he spent in jail, during which he rejected four different offers of release. He was officially released February of 1990, nine days after the unbanning of the

After his release, he spoke in official talks to end white minority rule. He was placed in charge as president of the ANC, and was given the Noble Peace Prize in April 1994.

He was elected President of South Africa on May 10, 1994 where he stayed for only one term. He continued to serve South Africa, until his recent death, through the foundation of a Children's Fund in 1995 and the Nelson Mandela Foundation.

Dr. Rehka Datta, a professor of political science, said "This past summer, I accompanied a group of volunteers on behalf of the new group, Women and Girls' Education (WAGE) International, that is dedicated to empowering children, men, and women to combat violence through education, to mentor middle school age children in Asbury Park. For four weeks, we looked at Mandela was first banned in the lives of Gandhi, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Nelson Mandela, and sought to take inspiration from their struggles to bring peace in our own lives and communities.

Datta continued, "Many of the children had never even heard about Mandela. Yet, I was pleased to note that by the end of the program, quite a few of them took his message 'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world' to be the most meaningful, and also discussed how they can start by bringing positive change in their own schools.'

Dr. Julius Adekunle, a professor of history, said, "Nelson Mandela had an undying quest for equality and freedom. He fought the Apartheid with his life. He is an unforgettable charismatic political leader, held in high esteem all over the world. He has left challenging legacies for world political leaders."

Datta said, "This past week, some of my students and friends reflected on how South Africa's discriminatory policies and violation of human rights had stirred both Gandhi and Mandela."

Data continued, "The work of these, and other larger-than-life luminaries teach us that through our diverse backgrounds, national identities, and other apparent differences, the fundamental truths about equality, human rights, justice, and love are attributes that unite us as human beings. They give us our moral compass, and how we need to stand up for these values and principles and address them whenever and wherever they are transgressed."

Ryan Kelly, a junior political science major, said, "Nelson Mandela is a great example, if not the only one, as someone to aspire to be. He was a true hero for, not only South Africans, but for humans every-

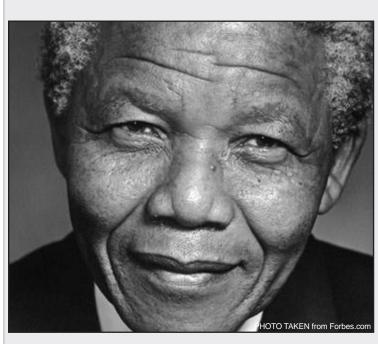
Datta said, "While all of these, and other leaders provide inspiration, I think Nelson Mandela will stand out for me personally for three things in particular. First, after serving an unfair and unjust sentence for 27 years, he came out of prison smiling, forgiving his adversaries, and enabling healing through reconciliation. Second, he voluntarily left the Presidency after serving one term, paving the path for new leadership and continuing his work of healing. Finally, I witnessed, as a college student, how universities across the United States and the world protested the apartheid regime's actions."

Datta concluded, "Despite our diverse identities, we felt and shared the pain of Mandela's imprisonment and rejoiced at his freedom. I think that deep down, my soul, shaped by such inspiration, is sending Madiba a silent prayer for teaching me such fortitude and forgiveness. I can never be like him, but I can try."

Dr. Michael Phillips Anderson, associate professor of communication, said, "Mandela and all the members of the anti-apartheid movement changed South Africa and the world. He worked within the system when there was hope to change it and fought against it when there was not. The rhetorical labeling of his life: president, orator, peacemaker, prisoner, terrorist, freedom fighter, reflects the complexity of the process of social change."



#### Nelson Mandela, 1918-2013: A Tribute



DR. JULIUS O. ADEKUNLE PROFESSOR OF HISTORY

The big tree has fallen The giant has gone A tall tree does not last in the forest A big tree does not remain forever in the bush We look for him We cannot find him We call his name He cannot answer us The great man has left Khulu (the mighty one) has departed. Born into a royal family Died in royalty His vision was clear His mission was accomplished His time is over His work is done Rolihlahla, he was named Nelson, his teacher called him Mandela, the world called him Born in South Africa, a Xhosa But, a citizen, yes! And a leader of the world Mandela, a world hero All hail him in life All mourn him at death He was a man of honor An epitome of dignity A spirited fighter for justice and equality A man of peace He preached peace and lived peace From the beginning to the end, he fought discrimination Jailed for 27 years Punished with hard labor Lost his freedom; but never his fighting spirit! He conquered Apartheid, he demolished segregation He was victorious Released from prison; became President

Mandela: Exemplar of forgiveness Mandela: You are gone We celebrate your life As you join your ancestors... And, we will always remember you... Adieu Madiba Adiós Khulu Au revoir Tata Kwaheri Nelson O digba Rolihlahla Goodbye Dalibhunga Hamba Kakuhle Mandela

Such is the power of resiliency



### Political Showdown: Is Capitalism Still Beneficial In Today's Society?



#### **Affirmative - Regulated Capitalism**

CHRISTOPHER ORLANDO

Capitalism is necessary to a thriving economy. Economic competition is what leads to a successful market. The three reasons why capitalism is still beneficial to society is: economic competition leads to more supply and demand, a thriving economic environment puts less people on social welfare and with a healthy capitalist society, prices can be brought down.

Supply and demand is the center piece for any economy. According to investopedia.com, the definition of supply and demand is, "The law of supply and demand defines the effect that the availability of a particular product and the desire (or demand) for that product has on price. Generally, if there is a low supply and a high demand, the price will be high. In contrast, the greater the supply and the lower the demand, the lower the price will be. At least in theory, capitalism lowers prices for the consumer."

According to the United States Department of Agriculture in 2009, approximately 243,000 people were on Food Stamps or the SNAP program in New Jersey. In 2013, 432,000 people in New Jersey are on the program. As a country in 2009, 15 million people were on Food Stamps and in 2013; 23 million people are on the program. Capital-

ism gives any one of these people a chance to be innovative and be successful. In a capitalist society, it is a theory, that less people would be reliant on social welfare programs such as SNAP. Making more people reliant on government programs means higher taxes to pay for the program.

I am advocating for a regulated capitalist society. The 2008 economic recession was caused by unregulated lending by banks and other organizations to people who could not afford to pay them back, forcing people to be laid off from their jobs as companies fought off the recession by downsizing. Competition in the economic sphere forces employers to be competitive with pricing, forcing the prices to fall which is good for the consumer.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt said in his inaugural address in 1933, "Happiness lies not in the mere possession of money; it lies in the joy of achievement, in the thrill of creative effort. The joy and the moral stimulation of work no longer must be forgotten in the mad chase of evanescent profits.

The capitalist system offers reward for hard work and allows less people to be reliant on the government. While unregulated capitalism is dangerous, capitalism is beneficial to today's society because it allows anyone to be the next Bill Gates, Steve Jobs or Mark Zuckaburg.

#### Negative - Socialism May Not Be Such a Bad Idea

JESSICA ROBERTS ASSISTANT POLITICS EDITOR

With the deepening decline in the middle class, there needs to be a better look into the economic system that is established by our government. According to an article from The Guardian, "Selfish Capitalism is bad for our Mental Health", "Selfish Capitalism has massively increased the wealth of the wealthy, robbing the average earner to give to the rich. There was no 'trickledown effect' after all."

Take for example the corporation of Goldman Sachs, whose former executive Greg Smith wrote an editorial piece about his leave from the company that he found money to be the only driving force for the com-

Smith explained, "It makes me ill how callously people talk about ripping their clients off. Over the last 12 months I have seen five different managing directors refer to their own clients as 'muppets,' sometimes over inter e-mail.'

This mindset is one that is commonly found in companies like Goldman Sachs, and the many other corporations now found on Wall Street who are feeding off the continuing buffet that has become capi-

However, the alternative is that oh so scary term that is typically used

of people: Socialism. In an article posted on Forbes, titled "3 Reasons Why Good Socialism Defeats Bad Capitalism," discusses the misuse of capitalism and even socialism on both sides of the political realm.

The article fully discusses the ideals of the late, Jude Wanniski, a former economic advisor to such political forces as Ronald Reagan. Wanniski is quoted explain, "What we should admit to begin with, if we can, is that good socialism is better than bad capitalism. The logic of the statement is really inescapable. It is only when capitalism fails that people and nations resort to alternative forms of political economy."

Wanniski continued, "A socialist system that is working well is one that is fully deploying the nation's resources through a central plan that has the approval of the people. It would be superior to a capitalist system that is working so poorly that its adherents must find excuses for mass unemployment, widely diverging income classes, and deepening social pathologies. The price paid for any form of socialism is the loss of some degree of individual freedom, but when the only alternative is bad capitalism of the type described, a people willingly pay that price.

It is time to realize that we are, in fact, in a bad capitalist rut, with the stock market crashing twice within in order to get a gasp of horror out the last 13 years, American house-ployed to sizzle in the grease.

holds losing five trillion dollars in the 2000 dot-com bust and seventrillion in the 2007 housing crash, according the New York Times article "State-Wrecked: The Corruption of Capitalism in America.'

The article goes on to discuss, "Real median family income growth has dropped eight percent, and the number of full-middle class jobs, six percent. The real net worth of the "bottom" 90 percent has dropped by one-forth. The number of food stamps and disability aid recipients has more than doubled, to 59 million, about one in five Americans."

The government's reaction has been to print more money, in order to attempt to save the "Main Street economy" and the debts that are increasing by the year in Washington. However, according to the New York Times article, the money that is increasingly printed does not go back into the economy where it needs to be, but into the pockets of Wall Street, the very home of the current capitalist beneficiaries.

Thus in order to fully answer the question as to whether capitalism is beneficial to today's society, the answer is no. It is feeding into the pockets of the elite that are running such corporations as Goldman and Sachs, whose main concern is money and money alone. This leaves the Main Street loyalist and unem-

## Digitial Age May Offer Options for Cheaper Textbooks if Bill Passes

Textbook continued from pg. 1

pressure to lower prices of all other texts and publishers will speed up digitalization efforts." Rainy does warn this may not happen for another five to 10 years.

"Everyone wants lower prices and forces such as e-books although not yet embraced in large numbers by students, and the growing rental and internet market have reduced costs on many books over the past three to four years," said Rainy.

Adam Sharkey, a senior business administration major, said, "Publishers are already making online rentals of their textbooks available for a fraction of the cost of a print edition of their enough people have access to the technology to make it profitable.'

Sara Reiser, sophomore education major believes this bill is a good idea. "Some students only have so much to spend on books and a lot of the required ones total hundreds of dollars. Then they are left prioritizing which books they think are really needed and as a result, they are not meeting requirements for classes."

Paul Dement, Director of Government and Community Relations said that both sponsors of the legislation are Democrats. "For the bill to get through the House, it would need Republican support because they hold the majority of seats in that body. At this time, I would not anticipate to 100 percent." It also stated that any movement on the bill unless it gets some support from Republican members of the House," said Dement.

Rainey said that another issue

sus on the spending needed for fund the project, and help exthis bill. Rainey mentioned that pand the use of the open textas math textbooks but "Humani- that would want to attempt the development or improvement of

passed with bi-partisan consen- the grant program which would some books won't change such book resource. Each University

that may arise is getting the bill retary of Education will make and distribution of the program.

The grants will assist universities with activities such as professional development for the faculty, creation of the program,

"Publishers are already making online rentals of their textbooks available for a fraction of the cost of a print edition of their book, it's just a matter of whether enough people have access to the technology to make it profitable."

> ADAM SHARKEY Senior

book, it's just a matter of whether various outlooks are much more problematic. Just look at the quarrels at the state level over the content of certain social science and biology evolution texts in K-12. Rainey continued, "While the decision maker at the University are the faculty, not the school board, the federal government through grants deciding who develops and gets the benefits of 'free' college will be is the interesting question, so I am saying I think there will be issues beyond just getting 'free books."

According to the bill, "Using open educational resources in place of traditional materials in large-enrollment college courses can reduce textbook costs by 80 federal investment in expanded use of open education resources could help lower college textbook

The bill states that the Sec-

ties and social sciences with their open educational resources idea the tools to implement the prowould have to submit an application to the Secretary of Education which would include: a description of their program, a plan for promoting and tracking the use of the textbook program, a plan for evaluating whether the program is necessary, a way of review for universities and a way to receive results regarding the program.

The Secretary of Education textbooks and what their content will give special consideration to schools that "achieve the highest level of savings for students through sustainable expanded use of the open textbooks in postsecondary courses offered by the eligible entity." The ways schools can be given this special situation is by producing high quality textbooks; make the textbooks easy to use and adaptable for faculty members; the open textbook resource works with the courses with the highest enrollment at the universities and that campus book stores will assist in the marketing

gram, research to evaluate the efficiency of the program and partnerships with other entities to assist in carrying out the pro-

Access to these open resources are to be made free of charge for the public and must be "easily accessible and interoperable website" which will be identified by the Secretary of Education. It must also be in a readable, digital format that anyone can download, edit and redistribute.

Dr. Luis Flores-Portero, a lecturer in the Foreign Language Studies Department said he likes to use online components of a textbook but, "From time to time, students like getting a different perspective of things, but the textbook is also very useful so as not to depend so much on technology."

Flores-Portero explained that the online resources would force both faculty and students to ad-

"It would certainly improve it, because students, in general, like professors who know how and when to modify their teaching styles. In that regard, technology can greatly help. However, it should be used in a balanced way with other tools, to favor not only different teaching but also learning styles," said Flores-Portero.

The program must be reported regarding the effectiveness of the program, the impact of the program, the educational resources created under the grant and all the costs associated with the project.

The bill stated, "It is the sense of Congress that institutions of higher education should encourage the consideration of the open textbooks by faculty within general accepted principles of academic freedom that establishes the right and responsibility of faculty members, individually and collectively, to select course materials that are pedagogically and most appropriate for their classes."

The Secretary of Education will submit a report by July 1, 2016 to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions for the Senate and the Committee on Education and the Workforce of the House of Representatives reporting the creation of the act, the adoption of the program and the savings generated by the pro-

The Comptroller General is expected to prepare a report for the same committees examining: the change of the cost, the factors that contributed to the change in costs and the extent to which the program is used and the impact it has on the cost of textbooks.



## 🏿 Holiday Hot List: Gifts Ideas for Everyone |



**KELLY HUGHES** 

It is the most wonderful time of the year, except when you are a broke college student. With finals cutting it close to Christmas, holiday shopping is the last thing on our minds. However, it is the season of giving, so you have two choices, set aside some time from mother or other lady in your life?

to the Monmouth Mall, or save all your last minute shopping for when you get home. If you lack the patience to come up with the perfect unique gift for your loved ones, here is a list of what is definitely going to be decking the halls this December.

Shopping for a girlfriend, sister,

the bangle bracelets, are in. Almost half the price of Pandora bracelets, Alex and Ani are beginning to show up on every girl's wrist. The bracelets are especially timely for the holidays because they can be customized by occasion. The Alex and Ani website says their charms are "truly personal and made with positive energy." If you have a lot

studying for finals and plan a trip Alex and Ani jewelry, especially of female family members to buy how I'm feeling or the environfor, there is free shipping on over \$100 spent online.

Sophomore Spanish education major, Nicole Iannotta, has received Alex and Ani bracelets for her birthday and anniversary with her boyfriend. "I suggest this jewelry because it is unique to every person, each charm could mean something different to each person, the hope symbol charm could have one meaning to me, but have a different meaning to someone else who has it," she said.

Looking for a good find for a brother or boyfriend? Video games are always a perfect choice. According to the NY Daily News, NBA 2K14 is a must for Xbox and PS4 game systems. It has a new player emotion system, making the images and actions realer than ever. On that note, if you do not want your boyfriend spending more time than he already does gaming, maybe you should buy him clothes instead. The game is under \$60 though, which is a reasonable price.

Effortless presents for both genders, and especially college students, include Spotify or Netflix subscriptions. If you do not have a subscription already, you may want to reconsider your wishlist. The movie and TV sites have popular films and the hottest television series, which can come in handy during free time over winter break.

Senior software engineering major David Aviles suggests giving someone Spotify Premium as a present. He said, "I have Spotify Premium myself, and it allows me to adapt my music to your favor.

ment I'm in. Premium allows me to play my favorite artists, build playlists and create radio stations without pesky advertisements. Who wouldn't want to get Spotify as a gift?"

Junior English education major Rachel Fox believes a Netflix subscription would also be a clever and useful gift idea. She said, "Netflix gives one access to tons of movies and shows, so what better time is there to give a gift of a subscription than during winter break? Over break, when it is cold and we have no classes or homework, staying in and watching movies and shows is the perfect idea. With Netflix, you can keep up with television series that you weren't able to during the semester."

Another non-gender bias gift idea is books. Books like "The Hunger Games" have recently hit the big screen, making them an instant phenomenon.

If your friend or family member is a book worm, here are some novels to give them to read before they hit theaters later this year. You may have already seen trailers for "Divergent," starring Shailene Woodley, which comes out in March, however this is a book. Buzzfeed claims it could be the next "Hunger Games." Other books ready for the 2014 cinema to include in your holiday package are: "The Fault in Our Stars," "Gone Girl" and "The Monument's Men.'

Now that you're chock full of ideas, choose wisely. In regards to fighting last minute holiday shopping lines, may the odds be ever in



NBA 2k14 is this year's hottest video game. With the new Xbox 360 and Playstation 4 already on shelves, it would be the perfect gift for an avid gamer.



## What to Wear: Holiday Lookbook 2013



LIFESTYLES EDITOR

The holidays are quickly approaching, and you are probably wondering what to wear. Parties and gatherings call for a more sophisticated look, unless your family has decided to spend the night in their favorite pajamas. However, if you are trying to dress to impress for the special occasion, here are some tips on what to

You can never go wrong with a little sparkle. Whether it be for Christmas or New Year's Eve, play up the holiday twinkle with your own outfit.

Pair a sequined top with a black skirt for a fun, yet sophisticated look. If you want more bling, find a dress covered in glitter, like the weight cheetah print blouse with See Me Seguin Bodycon dress a black pencil skirt and tights. from tobi.com. Long or three A chunky shoe like the Lace-up for winter, and you can wear the Russe would complete the look. dress with opaque black tights and solid pumps.

Junior marketing major Ariel Shilling said, "I plan on wearing a sparkly dress on New Year's Eve. I feel like the holiday is the perfect opportunity to wear sparkle without looking too over the top. I'll pair it with solid color heels and keep it dressy by curling my

You can also wear a pair of black dress pants with a sequined top. One with an illusion neckline, like The Other Sequin Girl Silver Sequin Halter from lulus. com, would be the perfect match.

Lace is another classic staple. It is more subdued than sequins, but still screams holiday cheer. The Epiphany Lace dress from saboskirt.com is priced right and comes in both black and white. It offers a uniquely designed top and short length, so you don't have to wearing a table cloth.

You can also wear a lace skirt, like the Eyelet Lace Bodycon skirt from Forever21. White is perfect for the snowy winter weather, and can be worn with any solid colored top. Top it off with a fur vest or blazer and chunky necklace to complete the layered look.

Another texture perfect for winter is velvet. H&M has a strapless dress that comes in burgundy or black velvet. Throw a leather jacket, like Mossimo's Faux Leather Jacket from Target, over the dress to keep you warm upon

Who says you can't wear animal print for the holidays? Cheetah print is a popular trend, and can make a statement without being too over-the-top. Wear a lightquarter length sleeves are perfect Platform Bootie from Charlotte

> If you are a fashion daredevil, try a jumpsuit. The Jena Jumpsuit from tobi.com is strapless and simple with a pretty filigree design at the top. Plus, it tapers off at the ankle so you can wear it with a heel like the red Rhinestone T-Strap from Charlotte Russe.

> Senior graphic design major Tara Esposito said, "I'm always up for trying new styles in fashion. I'm not sure if I'll be adventurous enough by the time Christmas comes, but I would definitely try out a jumpsuit. I like wearing rompers, and it's basically the same concept but with pants. I like the idea of a jumpsuit because it seems comfortable, but it can still be dressed up with heels and jewelry if you're going out for the holidays.'

New Year's Eve is a great opportunity to push the fashion boundaries. Ring in the new worry about looking like you are year with a daring outfit, but still

make sure it is tasteful. Charlotte kly shoe like Aldo's Valik in gold. out what to wear. Russe has high-waisted denim that comes in an array of colors, from black to burgundy and gray. Dress the jeans up with a glittery cropped top, like the Show Stoppin' Crop Toppin' shirt from tobi. com. If you like the velvet look, lulus.com has the Haymaker Magenta Velvet Bustier Top, which can serve as a great pop of color. These tops can also be worn with a high-waisted skirt for a dressier evening look.

Since the weather outside may be frightful during the holidays, complete any outfit with a blazer. H&M's Dinner Jacket Blazer comes in black or white and is under \$40.

Add some bangle bracelets and earrings to make the look dressier. The store Icing has tons of options in costume jewelry for reasonable prices. Their Glitter Stone Rectangles and Ovals Statement Necklace comes in all the jewel tone colors, like purple, deep blue, wine and deep green. Any of these would be the perfect compliment to any black dress, skirt or jumpsuit.

Senior criminal justice major Casey McCabe said, "I love costume jewelry because it always comes in handy when I'm going out and need something to make my outfit dressier. A good necklace can immediately take a plain black shirt and make it look way more interesting. Plus, costume jewelry is cheap, which is a plus."

Don't be afraid to play with color with your outfit choice. Black, white, and gray are classic but metallic silver and gold will add pop. Jewel tones are deep, yet still eye-catching. You can mix these different colors up in one look, or stick to one color scheme.

If you are going with all black,

If you choose to wear jewel tones, keep the shoes simple. Jessica Simpson's Waleo Platform Pump in nude patent matches with everything, and is simple, yet still makes a statement. Bal-

The holidays are upon us, which means you may want to dress up to celebrate. With a little color, glitter, velvet or lace, you can create a unique look that will be sure to impress. Be adventurous, but ancing your outfit is the most im- keep in mind the balance and soportant thing to do when figuring phistication of your holiday wear.



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make your outfit pop with a spar- Sparkles and sequin are perfect for your holiday wardrobe.

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## ATISYATHU MATKIES MUSIC AT MONMO

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Rapper Matisyahu played Pollak Theater on Dec. 5.

When Brooklynite Matthew international music scene in the list. early 2000s, he was not known as Matthew Paul Miller at all— Matisyahu, as a Hasidic reggae superstar. In a little under al and professional life.

While he might have changed his sound ("[Spark Seeker] is shed his distinct traditional definitely pushing the boundaries of what I've done before," he said.) and traded in his sic. Throughout the concert he long beard and yarmulke for a intertwined his English lyrics clean shave and short, graying with Hebrew and Yiddish ones. locks, one thing has remained In these languages, he encourthe same along the way-his aged every member of the audimission to provide youth of all ence to seek the innate spark or backgrounds with interesting, truth within themselves, to let inspirational music.

presenting his fourth studio to the world around them. album at Pollak Theater, was a testament to this. Humbly seat- concert, Matisyahu introduced ed on a stool, armed with a microphone, and accompanied by rusalem" onto the stage, saxoa thumping bass, finger-pickblend of reggae, hip-hop, and Matisyahu to a recording studio nitely lived up to its name.

rock to the crowd for two hours. As if this mix were not distinct enough, he managed to make an incredible display of beatboxing for prolonged periods of time and at varying speeds Paul Miller first burst onto the through a majority of the set

The beatboxing actually complimented the two guitars instead, by his Hebrew name and cello, as it sounded like an instrument in and of itself. With all of these components a decade, from his 2005 "Live working seamlessly together to at Stubb's" album to this year's create unique sounds and emo-"Spark Seeker," so much has tions, every single song became changed in Matisyahu's person- an intricate and intimate arrangement.

Although Matisyahu has garb, Jewish themes still play an important role in his mugo of what they know, and to Matisyahu's acoustic event, open their eyes, ears, and minds

> During the latter half of the "a very special friend from Jephonist Daniel Zamir. This tal-



PHOTO TAKEN from kickkicksnare.com

Matisyahu is known for blending Jewish themes with his reggae and hip hop music. Above is the first single from his latest album.

in Israel to play music and help Throughout the show, lights in him develop "Spark Seeker." Appropriately, Zamir accompanied the rest of the band during "Jerusalem," an older track from Matisyahu's 2006 album titled "Youth." The soulful blaring of his saxophone added to the eclectic mixture of instruments at the show.

The acoustic evening, dubbed ing acoustic guitar, and cello, ented musician was actually one the "Festival of Light" to cor-Matisyahu delivered a powerful of the many artists invited by respond with Hanukkah, defi-

gradients of all colors of the spectrum shone on Matisyahu and his band and changed with each song to portray that particular melody's passion, solemnity, happiness, hope, and other emotions. They gently throbbed on and off to match the pulsating of Matisyahu's beatboxing at the conclusion of most of his songs, which created a very distinct ambience.

Perhaps most notably, a giant get a feel of what it was like!

three-dimensional disco dreidel hung from the center of the Pollak ceiling, reflecting the vibrant lights onto the crowd and casting interesting shadows of the performers onto the walls of the theater.

It seemed the entire audience was mesmerized by Matisyahu's performance and was eager for more music. During the lull between songs, some fans shouted out requests for what they wanted to hear next. Several others proclaimed their love for Matisyahu at the top of their lungs, to which the artist laughed and casually replied, "Thank you. We love you, too."

This kind of approachable demeanor is what makes Matisyahu so accessible to the youth he strives to reach. Because he is responsive to and conversational with them—in person and in concert—he does not seem out of place when he calls them to action through his music and

At the end of the concert, he acquiesced to the crowd's demand for an encore with "Sunshine," the first single off of "Spark Seeker."

If you did not get a chance to attend Matisyahu's performance at Pollak Theater, be sure to check out the acoustic sessions of his "Spark Seeker" album to

## Get Back in the Studio

#### All Peter Quinton Wants for Christmas is a Comeback

PETER QUINTON STAFF WRITER

If anything helped define the music landscape this year, it was the insane amount of high profile artist comebacks made throughout the year. From hugely popu-Daft Punk, and David Bowie to less popular (but no less important) music groups like My Hotel, and Boards of Canada, it seemed like nearly every artist turn to the scene either released currently in the wings. an awesome new album or went on a big comeback tour.

world of music, but I still can't help but think of a few more big but after seeing so many big re- fans. turns this year, it seems like just about anything is possible.

Will 2014 be the year these art- popular – groups in punk rock, art ists finally come out of hiding? We'll just have to wait and see.

#### Outkast

Surprisingly, this one may have actually beaten me to the punch. Andre 3000 and Big Boi, the two distinct halves of hip hop's most lar artists like Justin Timberlake, eccentric duo Outkast, have been unofficially defunct for close to decade now, with their last album, "Idlewild," being released back Bloody Valentine, Neutral Milk in 2006. But word has it that the duo are set to make a big return in 2014, with strong rumors of a tour any big music fan wanted to re- and headlining set at Coachella

If this is true, then it's hard not to be excited. After all, this Well, almost every artist. 2013 is the group that brought us such saw many huge comebacks in the amazing songs as "Ms. Jackson," "B.O.B.," the mega hit "Hey Ya," and many other timeless hip hop names that haven't reared their classics. It's hard to be 100% cerhead in quite some time. Some tain that the two will in fact reof these artists haven't released unite (such rumors have spread many times before), but by the way ers have often publicly decreed things are looking, 2014 looks like they'd never get back together, it will be a big year for Outkast

**Talking Heads** 

One of the most important – and



Outkast hasn't released an album since "Idlewild" in 2006. Should they get back together for another album?

rock, new wave, and just about every musical trend to emerge to from the 70's and 80's, the Talking Heads have been all too silent for way too long, with their last album, "Naked," released back in

Though they reunited briefly for one show at the 2002 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Ceremony, there have been few talks of a reunion since, with lead Head David Byrne consistently refuting any hope for a future comeback any time soon.

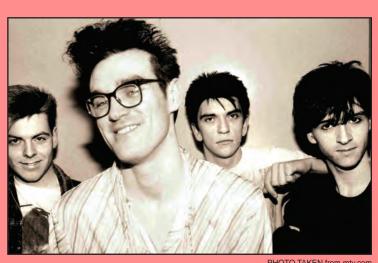
Still, it doesn't seem impossible necessarily – Byrne has been highly active in the music world for many years since the band's departure, and seeing as how their sound has influenced so many artists in recent years, I wouldn't be too surprised if the band took the stage once again in 2014.

#### Aphex Twin

frightening acid trip of a video for his abrasive 1997 single "Come to Daddy," Richard D. James, better known by his alias Aphex Twin, is one of the single most influential artists in electronic music who innovated genres from ambient to techno to drum n' bass with each iconic release.

However, while James never formally retired from music, the project has not seen a new release since 2001's Drukqs. But a return from James under the Aphex Twin, though a long time coming, seems less like a matter of if but when, as James has reportedly mentioned having plenty of music completed which he plans to release some time in the future.

Besides, after such huge comeback from fellow electronic innovators like Daft Punk and Boards of Canada (not to mention the recent explosion of electronic pop music in recent years), I would definitely be on the lookout for



**The Smiths** reuniting could cause a riot among their fans. The group disbanded in 1987 but remain hugely popular among many music fans.

Aphex Twin's return this year. group maintains a huge follow-Hüsker Dü

of a household name, but in the pop music since splitting up), Though known to most for the world of indie, punk, and alternabut for the simple fact that if this tive rock, they're practically legends, with their distinctly melodic brand of punk carrying a profound impact for many years since they broke up in the late 80's.

It's been decades since the trio last played together, with their last album "Warehouse: Songs and Stories," coming out in 1987. Though bassist Greg Norton has long been out of the music industry, key members and songwriters Bob Mould and Grant Norton have blazed their own distinct musical trails since splitting up and are both active today. Unfortunately, no word has come up regarding a reunion of the two in a long time, so I wouldn't hold your breath on this one. But I can still dream,

#### The Smiths

I saved this one for last not because I like them the least (they're one of my favorite bands, in fact) or they are less popular or important than the previous four (the

ing to this day and practically Hüsker Dü might not be much influenced all British rock and band reunites, it probably means the world is going to end.

> Founding members Morrissey and Johnny Marr are still very active in music today, and fan response would certainly be enormous to even a single show reunion. Yet the fact of the matter is that Morrissey and Marr still want nothing to do with each other years after the band's split in the mid 80's; the two reportedly turned down millions of dollars on multiple occasions to even do one show.

> Of course, the band doesn't necessarily need to reunite. After all, their importance to the music world is set in stone, and if they did reunite, it would probably be more bitter than sweet. I'd probably be lying if I said it wouldn't be awesome to hear the band play classic songs from albums like "Meat is Murder" and "The Queen is Dead" for old times sake.

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Earlier this semester, James Porricelli, also known as JP or JPiff, had an opportunity to perform a hip-hop set at The Stone Pony in Asbury Park, the very venue where Bruce Springsteen earned his nickname "The Boss."

awaiting the musical compositions you've practiced repeatedly with angst and gusto, anticipating this very moment. But instead of looking in to music was serious to me." the eyes of eager fans, your in guitars autographed by notable musicians. Standing on the stage, you can feel the hissuch as Kiss, Cheap Trick, Jon said. Bon Jovi and Maroon 5. While amped than ever.

Many artists forget the history of the club when they step on stage, but JP is serious about his music, so for him it is not just about having fun. After performing, JP stated, "...the whole time, my mind was just running down the list of all the famous people who've played there." JP hopes this performance is just one in a slew that will lead decessors.

Kyle Brendle, The Stone help him propel forward in "I feel like I can spit flows in a store for the future. As JP said,

the music industry, as he did during the battle of the bands performance. Brendle said, "JP ruled the Pony stage with great presence, the words flowed effortlessly and naturally. Determined and focused, new school hip-hop at its best, the crowd loved him, and moved him to the RTT semi-finals.

JP is a sophomore music in-Imagine looking out across dustry major. His love for mua sea of people, all anxiously sic started when he played in a middle school band. JP said, "From the first day I knew I could make something happen on that electric guitar, I knew

Music has always been an gaze cannot help but drift to outlet that he can depend on the back wall that is covered no matter what he is going through. Once he is playing or rapping, "...the wave of music just takes over and overpowers tory that was created by artists everything else in my head," he

JP decided to continue his the knowledge of playing in musical career at Monmouth a legendary venue may give after touring campus and dissome stage fright, you're more covering the music program. In addition to being involved with the music department, JP is also a member of The Music Alliance, a student-run group that has worked as a team to promote and spread the music of various talented artists from the University. The Music Alliance has been a huge help in breaking him in to Monmouth's music scene.

After tussling with a few different genres and inspirations, him to eventually making a JP can be considered a flexliving from performing music ible recording artist with skills like all of his Stone Pony pre- that venture into rapping, playing guitar, and writing original acoustic pieces. However, right Pony house promoter, seems now, he views hip hop as the ul-

way that people can connect to me and be eager to hear more, and when they dig deeper, you just keep finding more things you may have never expected."

His first ever hip hop mix tape 'Skylines," was released earlier this semester. Inspired by summer adventures, JP came up with the mix tape title as he was flying home to Manhattan, peering out the window in to the skylines and thinking about music from a different perspective. This fresh view of hip hop helped him generate the mix tape, along with the help of various other artists like FirstClassKev, PiX, and Box (of Joe & Box).

Box, also known as Andrew Boxman, is a fellow Music Alliance member. When discussing the recording process, Box took notice of JP's original perspective for the mix tape. Box said, "Collaborating with him is always sick. James is open to ideas and new takes on things, and it shows in his music."

JP detailed the recording process as well, stating, "It was tough trying to cope with quantity versus quality, in terms of deciding whether or not to take more time and potentially improve the tracks, or drop it sooner and get your product out as quick as possible. At the end of the day, to me it's all about the music, and if taking more time means creating something that's ultimately better, then that's what I'd rather do. If nothing else, I learned to never rush your craft, and always put the music over the hype and everything else."

After all the hard work that went into "Skylines," fans of JP to believe that JP's determi- timate outlet in terms of creat- can be satisfied knowing that it nation to keep improving will ing a name for himself. He said, is only a sample for what is in



PHOTO TAKEN by Nicole Massabrook

JPiff, shown above playing a show at Brighton Bar last spring, collaborated with Erin Holmes on a track called "Know Me" for the lastest Blue Hawk Records compilation album.

"It served its purpose to let it be known that we're in the mix and going to be doing a lot of work behind the scenes to get a real movement off the ground and running." JP hopes this movement will allow listeners to use his music as a soundtrack to their own lives.

The Stone Pony website quotes Lee Mrowicki, the club's veteran DJ and unofficial historian, stating, "In order to play the Pony, you have to have a certain level of talent. No matter how much talent you've got, you have to be recognized by an audience and have people that compilation album, which is support you.'

We already know that JP mastered his set at the Pony, revealing his extraordinary talent, so now it is up to you to take a listen and support a fellow Monmouth musician with the hopes of one day seeing his own guitar hanging in the back of The Stone Pony as a symbol of a legendary musician, a movement starter.

JP's mix tape "Skylines" is available for download and can be found on HotNewHipHop.com and SoundCloud. com/jpiff-1. He also has a track on the new Blue Hawk Record available on iTunes.



## Disney's "Frozen" Melts Hearts

She is healed, but all memory

of Elsa's power is erased from

her memory. Because of this

incident, Elsa is forced to sup-

press her powers and emotions

to the plot.

Each character had a different dynamic to their personality, creating wholesome moments of drama, humor, and romance to the movie. Usually it is perplexing to truly see an actor's performance in an animated film, but it was easy to see the successful effort that the cast put in to making their characters come

generated technology to the next Jonathan Groff made girls' stress from this event causes level with the creation of "Frohearts swoon in "Spring Awak-Elsa's power to be revealed, and zen." One of the first aspects I ening." Josh Gad was fresh off noticed was the use of cinema- a 2011 Tony win for "Book of tography throughout the film. Mormon" when he was cast. There were extensive close-ups, panning shots, and camera rotation that put the viewer in the

When Elsa makes her castle of the ice camera, angles intricately follow the ice building and intertwining with extreme detail. There was a refreshing array of colors of greens, blues, reds, and gold used within the winter wonderland and summertime of Arendelle was beautifully portrayed.

One of the outstanding features of this movie is the soundtrack. With a cast featuring musical star Idina Menzel as a main character, I was expecting a score that would be powerful, enduring, and be stuck in

of "Let It Go" as her character Elsa finds comfort and freedom up in the mountains. The music overall was well executed as it emphasized the emotions and personality of each character as a Broadway musical would, giving me chills the entire film.

That's not surprising considering the background of the actors. Idina Menzel is perhaps most well-known for her roles Disney took their computer- in "Wicked" and "Rent" while Even Kristen Bell, best known for film and television work, started out on Broadway (her only musical being "A Little Night Music").

"Frozen" was a unique Disney film that I truly enjoyed, and it's not because my wish of being a Disney princess finally came true (though that is a perk.) There were hilarious one-liners, unexpected plot twists, and marvelous animation. The film was different from other movies that the franchise is famous for as it focused on the bond and love between siblings. That message in the film was refreshing from the typical prince-princess relationship that has been overused by the movie industry.

"Frozen" is a film that all ages and Josh Gad plays Olaf, the The movie delivered all this will enjoy and will warm your snowman that gives comic relief and more with Menzel's solo heart during this winter season.



ANNA CHAMBERLAIN

When "Frozen" was first advertised last year, I'll admit I was skeptical of what Disney was trying to accomplish with of "Tangled" and "Toy Story 3," the past few years of Disney films have not been a portrayal of their best work. Yet, "Frozen"

as when I watched other classics like "The Little Mermaid" or "Beauty and the Beast" as a

Disney's "Frozen" is the story about two sisters, Elsa and Anna, in the fictional Kingdom this film. With the exception of Arendelle. Elsa was born with magical powers that allow her to create snow and ice with the wave of her hand. One day while the sisters are playing as was a pleasant surprise that children, Anna is accidentally gave me that same giddy feeling injured by Elsa's power.



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"Frozen" is a computer-animated Disney film, but it was not animated by Pixar. Walt Disney Animation Studios took on the CGI adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's "The Snow Queen."

from everyone except her parents. This leads to Elsa giving Anna the cold shoulder as she shuts her sister out in order to prevent Anna from being injured again. The movie jumps to when the alive. girls are fully grown on Elsa's coronation day. The emotional

then she is shunned by the local townspeople who deem her power as witchcraft. This causes Elsa to unintentionally create an eternal winter as she runs and hides in the snowy mountaintops outside the kingdom. With the help of mountain man Kristoff, poten-

tial husband Prince Hans, and a live snowman named Olaf, Anna now must face the cold weather and sister to restore or-

der to Arendelle.

The cast gives lives to each character with Kristen Bell playing Anna, the ditzy, happygo-lucky one whom is yearning to see the world. Idina Menzel plays a great contrast as older and standoffish, icy Elsa. The rest of the cast includes Jonathan Groff from "Glee" who voices mountain man Kristoff, my head for the next two weeks.

## Finally Time for Finals Week: Are You Prepared?

**WESLEY BROOKS** 

Winter break is coming, but becomes, the daunting task of taking and successfully passing final from covering the material at the end of a course, to projects, to covering an entire course. Formats also vary from multiple choice based tests to essays.

Kaitlyn Mazzeo, a junior Engfore the much needed relaxation lish and elementary education major, said that she is going to try and wing it this year. "I don't really exams. These tests vary in format prepare. I have four cumulative [exams] and two are what we did after midterms," she said.

studying is very crucial for success mines the final course grade. Usually finals count for 15 to 30 percent of a student's grade, but for some classes they can be as much as half the course grade. Therefore, effective note taking is very important

This is not a good idea because on these exams which in turn deterfor success.



PHOTO TAKEN by Casey Wolfe

As finals week approaches students begin to study for multiple choice tests, essays and other final projects.

always make flash cards and note sheets to prepare for exams. It helps me retain all of the information that I need to know." Grades can be determined significantly based on a final exam mark.

Senior psychology major Shannen Wilson knows, "This can be especially important when one's grade is on the borderline of one mark to the next." This is especially important for maintaining a strong GPA.

also know which exams to prioritize for when it comes to a major course versus a general education course. Chris Chinn, a communication major believes finals in the particular major are more important to do well on than are finals for a general class.

"Last semester I took and did well on exams for classes in my major. The gen ed class was much more difficult and I did average on that. I also knew that exam was more or less to fulfill a requirement for graduation that was not part of my major."

Professors know that many students benefit from some sort of review or study guide prior to a final of communication said, "While I give my students a study guide, it is not the exam verbatim. This requires them to think critically in order to be successful on the test."

It is important to remember that high schools require a two-three for the fall 2013 semester.

Junior Krista Varanyak said, "I day review generally prior to the start of these, but colleges do not and sometimes give a week before a final for a particular class to study.

Junior elementary and special education major Allie Perz knows the difference of having or not having a study guide given in class. "I feel that study guides are helpful for a final because they narrow everything you learned in the semester to exactly what you should study so it's less overwhelming. Whenever I was given a study Others have the same idea, but guide I received a good grade on a test," said Perz.

Perz said that there also have been times when a study guide was not provided. "When I wasn't given a study guide, I felt overwhelmed, and I don't think I studied as much because I didn't know what to study," she said.

Briana Goitiandia, a sophomore said that not having a study guide made it difficult and even affected her course grade. "It was very difficult to answer questions that I had not been given the chance to prepare for," said Goitiandia. She added that her grade was heavily affected by the particular exam. "I would not do as well on tests I wasn't prepared for as I did on exam. Steven Marvine, a professor tests that were exactly like the study guide."

Finals are a necessary tool of assessment in college to see what students have mastered during the semester. While they may be stressful, they are also necessary to help study guides are not always given one learn to budget time. Finals are nor are they required to be. Most scheduled from Dec. 16 to Dec. 20

## Making Rain to Clear Smog: An Artificial Solution

SHAHARYAR AHMAD

Record levels of airborne pollution in Shanghai, China have passed the threshold necessary for normal outdoor activities to resume their course. Its aftersectors such as education and transportation. The closing of schools and the cancellation of flights resulted from the smog infested pollution prompted the Shanghai government to issue the highest level of health warn-Health Organization (WHO).

After eyeing China's boomed, leading industrial pollution as nucleation. to make cancer China's leading Chinese Ministry of Health. sphere such as dust, dirt, soot, and smoke) over 300 were hazardous and recommended daily levels of 20 or less.

The particles with diameters less than 2.5 micrometers, designated by the PM2.5 value, are known to produce the greatest health risk since their small size (1/30th the width of the average human hair) can allow them to lodge deeply into the lungs according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

On Friday, the "Shanghai PM2.5 value exceeded more than eight times the national limit of 75 by reaching 600 micrograms per cubic meter," causing increased cuts on outdoor activities and prompting children and the elderly to stay indoors, said Shanghai Daily.

To combat the incessant smog which has even reached California, the Chinese government has been looking at different venues, such a cloud seeding, to halt the progression of air pollution into an increasing set of domains.

Typical rainfall occurs when sueffects have manifested them- per cooled water droplets, which selves most directly in public are still in the liquid form but below their freezing point at zero degrees Celsius, form ice crystals. After undergoing this change, the crystals become too heavy to remain hanging in the air and consequently fall and usually melt on their way down to form rain. By seeding the atmoing, according to the World sphere with chemicals such as silver iodide, the atmospheric water in even dry areas can be made to coing manufacturing industry, it alesce around the induced particles is unsurprising to see why the and form ice crystals that eventulevels of pollution are so elevatally form rain in a process known

Such seeds can be launched cause of death, according to the into the atmosphere through ground generators, planes, or The WHO recommended that via silver iodide rockets as was the levels of particulate matter done by China in 2008 to prevent (particles found in the atmo- rainfall in the opening and closing ceremonies of the Summer Olympics. Reaching the atmosphere, the seeds can facilitate rain formation which can wash down the pollutants from the smog to clear the skies, allowing atmospheric pollution to lessen as a result.

> The idea sounds good on paper but contextual pragmatic concerns seem to outweigh the perceived results. Although cloud seeding seems to provide an ephemeral advantage in controlling atmospheric conditions, its long term use in reducing airborne pollution can remain questionable at best if the manufacturing industries and consumers do little to mitigate their dependence on existing methods that contribute to the exacerbating levels of pollution.

problem," said Peter Chace, junior chemistry and marine and environmental biology and policy major. "Yes, you will reduce smog in the short term but you're simply moving that pollution from the air into the soil and watershed where it will accumulate to still affect populations. In addition, the increased rainfall will be over heavily urbanized areas, which already have major issues with runoff that can be extremely damaging to the watersheds. It's a solution for an after-effect of the bigger problem of overdevel-

Dr. Maryanne Rhett, assistant professor of history, said "It that China now faces, I see these York and Pittsburgh."

"[Cloud seeding] misses the seems to me, if we want to end challenges as ones where the smog like we see in Beijing, Los Angeles, or Mexico City we need to be more aggressive with our methods of curbing pollutant output. The reality is that it is easy, and surprisingly cheap, to produce environments like this, fixing them seems to be the harder and more expensive proposition. In East Asia and the Middle East, it is not just a matter of asking people to use more public transportation, or limit their use of fossil fuels, the expenses of life have to be factored in to the equation as well."

"While I am all too aware of the severe air quality challenges not just Los Angeles but New

United States can truly speak from experience in support of China's efforts to reduce air pollution," Gina McCarthy, EPA Administrator, said at an event hosted by the Center for American Progress.

Hosting more stringent regulations to curb the overall pollutant output seems to be the main tool left for the long term. McCarthy said,"Before the EPA [in 1970] and our landmark environmental laws in the United States, dark blankets of pollution covered our great American cities -



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People wear masks in their commutes as industrial smog covers the air

### Happy Holidays Means More Than Merry Christmas

The University Talks About the Occasions They Celebrate During the Winter Season

ANNA CHAMBERLAIN STAFF WRITER

As with every year, before the last piece of turkey is carved, everyone is out shopping for the holiday season. Even though different holidays have finally made their way into the spotlight, there are still several celebrations or holiday traditions that not many people know about.

Sophomore Ashtin Brinkerhoff, for instance, who lived in the town of Rota, Spain for seven vears celebrates Three Kings Day, which pays respects to the days, there are those that also Magi who brought Jesus presents in the manager. "Anywhere you went in Spain, it would [look] the same [because of celebration] along with religious music compared to the usual American Christmas carols. There are several similarities. For example, you can sit on the Three Kings' laps, and instead of leaving carrots and cookies out for Santa and the reindeer, you leave out hay and water for the camels," she explained. "We still exchange gifts of Christmas Eve, but we get our main gifts from the Three Kings on Dec. 6."

Then there are the more popular holidays such as Chanukah, which is the festival of lights celebrated by those who practice Judaism. Each night, a candle is lit as a symbol of the eight nights that the oil burned in the temple. In modern times, some have created their own traditions based off this ancient ritual.

'When my children were little, they both went to Jewish preschool. During Chanukah, one of the projects they did in school was making their own menorah," said Sherry Sukienik, an adjunct communication professor. "I have four or five homemade menorahs made out of wood or self-determination, collective

of alternating the menorahs. My erative economics, purpose, until Karenga brought the idea children are grown and out of the creativity and faith. The main of Kwanzaa to the U.S. children are grown and out of the house, but I still use the ones they made as children."

Then there are those who celebrate multiple holidays like sophomore Ross Ottoman who celebrates both Christmas and Chanukah. "If they are around the same time, like last year, we will celebrate them a day apart. If they are the same day, we will celebrate both holidays together, but usually we give each one a specific day or days.'

Along with the main holicelebrate the winter solstice, which occurs around Dec. 21. The origin of this holiday dates back to ancient times and means "sun stands still" and marks the beginning of the winter with the shortest day of year.

This natural phenomenon led to the creation of traditions that celebrate the "rebirth" of sunlight. The ancient Romans observed this holiday as Saturnalia with a weeklong feast, where gifts were exchanged and masters would wait on servants during meals as a sign of equality. All this was done to pay homage to Saturn, the roman god of sowing.

Later on, it became a pagan holiday where the group would still celebrate with feasts, but it also started the tradition of bringing evergreen trees indoors and decorating them with candles as a sign of tribute to the

One of the newest winter holidays is Kwanzaa, or "First Fruits" which was created in 1966. This holiday was created by Dr. Maulana Karenga who wanted to reinforce the seven principles of the African American Culture which are unity,

purpose of the holiday is similar to Chanukah and Christmas. It reaffirms the bonds between your decoration, there is one people and shows the best of the African culture. The idea of the "First Fruit" holiday goes back in history as far as ancient ebrate, but rather how and who Egypt, and was slowly dying out you are with.

So whether you have a Christmas tree, Menorah, or camel as common theme that can be noticed among all these holidays. It is not about what you cel-

"It represents family time, and creating traditions for my children they way my parents did for me," Sukienik added. "It's the whole idea of being together, and it doesn't have to be about the huge lavish gifts. It's more important to be with one another and share what we are grateful



Many students and faculty members celebrate winter holidays other than Christmas such as Three clay, and we started the tradition work and responsibility, coop- Kings Day, which is widely celebrated in Spanish Speaking areas.

## New Year, New Goals, New Me

#### Our Commitment Issues With New Year's Resolutions and How to Overcome Them

VICTORIA KEENAN STAFF WRITER

As the year comes to a close, we all start to look back on the last 12 months, the good and the bad. All of the accomplishments we've achieved and obstacles we've overis always a time that brings excitement to people because it's a chance to change. But how many people really change for more than a couple weeks or months? Sure, resolutions may be easy to come up with, but why are they so hard to stick to?

Every year I promise myself that I am going to start going to the gym, eating better, working harder and procrastinating less. Some of these things don't ever even start, but the ones that do only seem to last a few weeks. Every beginning of the year I am highly motivated to be a better person, but by the middle of the year I always realized I haven't changed at all. I may even get worse. Maybe I like to eat more than I like to run and maybe I can only do homework when its due in a few hours and I'm severely under pressure. I cant be the only one, right?

Junior Katie Dykstra said that the most common resolutions are the hardest to stick to because they need to be done on a daily basis.

"What my New Year's resolu- my mind off of work." tions are is a hard question. I don't even tend to think about it until the New Year comes," said Dykstra. "I would have to say it would be going to the gym and actually sticking to it as well as being able to manage my time better. I'm always doing come. All the changes we've made things last minute and driving myfor ourselves and all the things we self crazy, so I want to work on imstill want to work on. The New Year proving my study habits," Dykstra

Junior Annalisa Vitale said, "This year I want to become more involved in campus activities. I normally only stick to resolutions for a few weeks but if I'm a member of a club I will almost be forced to stick with it. Having to stick with things will be a good thing though, and will ultimately help me in the future."

Associate professor of communication, Aaron Furgason, said, "The most popular resolution has to be weight loss, working out, and being healthy. My argument for why people don't stick to resolutions is because it's cold out. If people were trying to get these resolutions done in the summer it would definitely be easier to do. The fact that it is too cold out in January and the following months has to the reason why resolutions just don't work."

Fergason added, "My resolution would be to find and participate in a hobby, whatever that may be. It will help me keep myself busy and keep

After scrolling through the Internet for a while, I realized that no matter the great intentions and expectations people set for themselves, most resolutions fail. Whether it's because people expect too much out of themselves or just don't put the effort in, resoluthink. At the same time, it's all up to the person's self control.

If you have a goal to lose a certain number of pounds, make time for the gym and don't go for that extra scoop of ice cream in the freezer every night. If you have goals for being a better student or worker and cream.

tions aren't as easily met as we may less of a procrastinator, start your work earlier and be prepared. The key to New Year's resolutions is to set realistic goals for yourself. That way, every little step of the way will be an accomplishment for you and you can think about rewarding yourself with that extra scoop of ice



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Many people have good intentions when it comes to New Year's resolutions but have trouble keeping them for more than a few weeks.

## "Hey, Must be the Money!"

#### The Cash Attack Game Show Hosted by Student Activites Board Allowed Contestants to Win up to \$250

NINA COSTA

Student Activities Board (SAB) hosted The Cash Attack, a "Deal or No Deal" game show spin off, in which participants of all ages were able to win up to \$250 on Friday, Dec. 6.

As students flooded the Magill Commons Dining Hall to grab dinner after their classes had ended at 7:15 pm, they also had Cash Attack. Those interested in becoming a contestant during the game show wrote their name on a piece of paper and placed it into a hat. If their name was called, ever the mysterious amount of they had to approach the microphone located in the back of the dining hall, where they were able to walk away \$250 richer. For those not as willing to participate, they were provided with a different form of entertainment in the dining hall than normal.

The Cash Attack consisted of five rounds. Similarly to the wellknown television game show, "Deal or No Deal," The Cash enough to win." Attack contained 21 briefcases, challenge, two of the briefcases contained X's, resulting in an automatic loss for the contestant if chosen.

Julian Hayes, a junior business major, was the first winner of the one choosing cases. I would love night. He won \$19 and said, "This if the University did this every was definitely a fun experience other week. We are college stuand something cool and different that the University does."

The second winner of the night idea." was freshman political science major, Natorye Miller. With two cases remaining, containing a walked away with \$65, choosing the cash over the case while her laundry money!'

After winning the \$65, Miller said, "I really enjoyed this game a lot and I think the University has to do this in the dining hall more often. There was a lot of pressure in choosing the right case, but it was fun getting help from the audience and everyone who sat down to watch during their dinner time. People were definitely pumped up and excited to watch.

Ali Hart, a freshman educathe opportunity to partake in The tion and anthropology major, was called down to be the third contestant of the night. During a sudden death round of choosing to walk away with \$65 or whatmoney was in the case, Ali chose the case, becoming the highest winning contestant of the night. Ali walked away with \$150. During her excitement of winning, Ali held up the \$150 and said, "This was such a fun idea the dining hall had and they need to do this more! I stayed way past my dinner time to watch people play and I am glad I stayed long

The fourth person to win for each with a designated amount of the night was India Dotson, a money. The money ranged from sophomore business finance \$0.25 to \$250. As an additional major. After withstanding four rounds of choosing cases, Dotson opted also for the cash over the case, walking away with \$28.

Dotson said, "I was so nervous being up there in front of everydents and the chance to make a little extra money is an excellent

The fifth and final winner of the night was Drew Hall, a sophomore marketing major. Hall repossible \$5 or \$100, Miller opted marked, "This was an awesome to make a deal with the host and experience, and I am glad I got to partake in it." Hall made the decision to pick the case, in which friends jokingly yelled, "That's he walked away with \$40. When asked what he intended to do ing different schools."



Sophomore Drew Hall won \$40 in the Magill Commons Dining Hall on Friday, Dec. 6 as a contestant of The Cash Attack game show.

with his winnings, Hall replied, "I know I shouldn't but I am going to spend it all in one place. I will probably use it towards tonight's festivities.'

Host Victor Solis provided the entertainment for the night, who works for Karkut Entertainment. His agent is Neon Entertainment and he travels all across the country providing entertainment to different school districts, including the University.

He said being a game show host is a very exciting job to have and is something out of the ordinary. Solis continued, "I have been all over the country. In fact, I have been to 30 out of the 50 states. I enjoy traveling and visit-

Alongside Solis was co-host Courtney Moore, a freshman theatre and communication major. Moore works with Student Activities through federal work often." study, where she attends different University run events and

Moore said, "I really enjoyed being a co-host and opening the briefcases, as contestants waiting in anticipation and I was not nearly as nervous as I thought I would be.'

Moore also mentioned that there was a very large turnout, especially for a Friday night and everyone was very enthusiastic during the game show. Moore Overall, they have an excellent added, "I really enjoy attending energy and it is always enjoyable the University. It is my home being back here."

away from home and events like this make me take even more pride in my school than I alreadv do. I would love to do this more

Solis stated each school or University is unique. He said some schools are small, but their enthusiasm towards the game show is through the roof, while other crowds tend to be less lively.

As for Monmouth University, Solis remarked, "We have had the pleasure of working with Monmouth University for years now. They are always a good, consistent school that knows how to take care of their students.

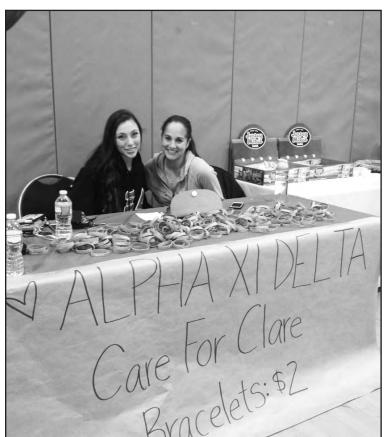
## University Raises over \$1,000 for Brain Cancer Patient

NICOLE NAPHOLZ CONTRIBUTING WRITER

sociation (SGA) hosted "Lim-

itless Night," an event raising in Boylan Gymnasium. \$1.128.53 for 2011 alumnus Becca Baier whose mother was The Student Government As- diagnosed with stage four brain er believed that the word limitcancer, this past Friday, Dec. 6,

PHOTO TAKEN by Nicole Napholz



Alpha Xi Delta sisters Sarah Migliore (left) and Kristia Takacs (right) sell "Care for Clare" bracelets to raise money for former alumnus Becca Baier's mother who was diagnosed with stage four brain cancer.

The fundraiser was entitled "Limitless Night" because Bailess is the best word to describe her mother, Clare Baier.

As a former Residence Assistant (RA), member of SGA, orientation leader, and coordinator of "The Big Event" and "Spring Fest," Baier touched together to raise money for her situation.

The fundraiser consisted of a volleyball tournament that team." was open to the entire University. Teams could be from six to eight players and it was a \$15 entrance fee for all of the teams. All of the money made from the volleyball tournament would be donated to the Baier family.

In the starting of the tournament, coordinator of the event Erin Smith, SGA Finance Director, opened up with a speech. She asked everyone to stand who knew Baier, then asked those involved with Greek Life, then other organizations, and then students of the University. It was a ripple effect, and Smith's speech was able to show how many people were influenced by Baier.

Smith said, "I knew Becca personally. I worked with her

is a great friend of mine, and volleyball, in the end 24 teams she would have done this for me came out to play!" so I knew it was something I

wanted to do for her." up of different University students and different organizations on campus. Participating collecting \$3 donations at the in the event was AXID sister, door for anyone who wanted Meghan Palotta, who said, "It to help out the cause, while the was incredible to see how many many students at the Universi- people from all different groups selling "Care for Clare" bracety. Also as a sister of Alpha Xi and organizations on campus lets for \$2 to be able to help out Delta (AXID), her sisters came came out Friday night to sup- their sister. The bracelets were port such a great cause! I was so happy I was able to be a part cancer awareness. of Alpha Xi Delta's volleyball

> There were many sponsors who donated food and prizes to the event. Food and refreshments were provided by Gianni's, Jersey Mike's, Scalas, Dunkin Donuts and SGA. Many of the prizes that were handed out were donated by Bagel Guys Deli, SAB, Athletics, and the University's bookstore. They also provided a DJ for entertainment while the teams played and competed against one another.

While the event was occurring, Smith went around and collected raffle tickets and at the end of each round she called Hawks do fly together and we out different winners who received prizes from the donating sponsors.

on orientation and on SGA. She event, 18 teams signed up for vivor' to that list."

While the teams battled it out on the court, other organiza-All of the teams were made tions were finding other ways to fundraise and help collect donations for Baier. SGA was sisters of Alpha Xi Delta were grey in color to represent brain

> Kristia Takacs, sister of AXID, said, "Being able to participate in this event and help out a fellow sister is an amazing feeling. Knowing that our proceeds will help such an inspiring woman is so awesome."

> As the event came to a close, the last two teams went up against each other. The winning team was the "Diglets". The "Diglets" were a team of off-campus male students from the University. The team won a \$100 gift card to Roonies.

> Smith said, "All together I feel that it was an extremely successful event."

"Limitless Night' shows that always help one another," said Baier. "How would I describe my mother? Kind. Strong. Lim-Smith said, "Leading into the itless. Help us add 'Cancer sur-

## A Cappella Group Sings Their Way to the University



The University's newly founded a cappella group, The Sea Sharps, pulled an audience member on stage and serenaded him with Boyz II Men's, "I'll Make Love to You.

NICOLE NAPHOLZ

The University's newly founded a cappella group, The Sea Sharps, consisting of 14 female students, held their first concert "A Cappella Extravaganza" on Thursday, Dec. 5 in Woods The-

According to the Merriam Webster Dictionary, a cappella is defined as, "without instrumental music." All of the sounds come from the girls individual singing voices, harmonizing to create music.

The group was founded this past semester by seniors Heather Siebert, Alexis Fox, and Chelsea

Barreto said, "I was working with Dr. Daneshgar one day and we were discussing how the Unia cappella group. He said he would agree to be the advisor if I could set up a group of girls. I went to my friends Alexis and Heather and they were on board. The rest was history.'

"A Cappella Extravaganza" began with the group opening to "Royals," originally sung by Lorde. The female members welcomed everyone to the show and introduced their opening act, The Casual Harmony a cappella group from Rutgers University. The Casual Harmony, a group exclusively for males, consisted of 14 members. The men opened Mix.

with "Holy Grail" by Jay-Z. They then continued with a variety of songs, singing melodies of different holiday tradition songs. Their last song, "Memories" by Muse concluded their perfor-

Michael Rosas, President of Boom Roasted Productions, acted as a master of ceremonies (MC), introducing each act. Boom Roasted Productions offered concessions as The Sea Sharps prepared to sing.

Raven Lake, an audience member and secondary education English education student, said, "I had never seen anything like this before! The performances from The Casual Harmony and The Sea Sharps were outstanding and I give them major props for their amazing talents.

The a cappella group, wearing versity did not have their own all black dresses, opened with "Radioactive" by Imagine Dragons. As the girls sang they performed different choreographed dances that helped them interact with the audience and get them more involved with the music.

At one point in the show, Barreto chose a random male audience member from the crowd to serenade. The girls sang, "I'll Make Love to You" by Boyz II

Other songs that they sang included "We Can't Stop" by Miley Cyrus, "Dream On" by Aerosmith, and "Wings" by Little

Fox said, "We have been performing all different types of genres this year. So far our catalogue ranges from R&B to classic rock and everywhere in between. All arrangements that we sing were created by group members which I think makes them even more special.'

At the end of the show, the younger members presented the seniors with flowers and they all performed their senior song, "No Diggity" by Blackstreet.

As the show came to a close, the girls gave their final bows and thanked all of the audience members who supported their performance, including The Casual Harmony a cappella group.

Fox said, "To be honest, I was not expecting the crazy buzz and turnout that we received at our concert on Thursday. To feel the warmth, energy, and excitement from an audience there to support we've all been working so hard on was such an achieve-

The girls are expecting to move forward in their a cappella career and will begin competing next year. Barreto said, "We have just been accepted into the International Competition of Collegiate A Cappella (ICCA). It's the same competition the girls compete in, just like in the movie 'Pitch Perfect.'" The competition will be taking place on Feb. 8 and the girls are expecting a great turnout.

### Showing Some Skin

#### SAB Hosts Electronic Skin Novelty **Event for University Students**

LOUIS GARBARINI STAFF WRITER

Hour long lines of University students filled the Rebecca Stafford Student Center (RSSC) on Wednesday, Dec. 4, from 1 - 4 pm waiting to get their hands on a personalized electronic skin hosted by the Student Activities Board (SAB) for their third novelty event.

Electronic skins are gel stickers that allow a user to personalize the outer cover of a laptop, gaming device, or cellular device. According to Skinit.com, "With easy application (of electronic skins) and a residue-free removal, you can change up your style (of electronic devices) as frequently as you like. Skins are made of a durable vinyl material and stick directly to your device protecting against daily scuffs and scratches.'

This novelty was open and free for all students to attend to make any skin with any personalization that they wanted displayed on any of their electronic devices.

SAB paid for and brought a representative from a personalized electronic skin company to come to the University to host this event through their novelty budget. They had found the company at last year's National Association of Campus Activities (NACA) in Nashville, Tennessee and booked them immediately at the NACA marketplace.

The process for the electronic skin took only minutes to complete. The students first had to decide which electronic device they wanted to make a personalized electronic skin for, since it was only one per student.

Devices could range from anything from a laptop to a tablet to even a phone. They were then instructed to pick either a preconstructed picture in a binder provided by the company or pick any Google image they wanted to be put on their electronic device.

After deciding the specific personalized electronic skin, a machine printed it out. A vendor then peeled the design, stuck it on to the corresponding electronic device, and handed it back to the student. Mac laptop users were even able to receive electronic skins with an "apple hole" for the Mac product's trademark Apple insignia.

to students.

The SAB novelty event was ming."

run by Novelty Chair Executive Board Member and sophomore, Taylor Carson. Carson stated, "All of the novelty events I have run this year have been highly successful. I mean, who doesn't like free stuff? I thought bringing this novelty [event] to campus as our last SAB event would be different and fun for all students." Carson was more than pleased with the response of the student population to the event.

At approximately 3:40 pm SAB had ran out of signs with still an enormous line of University students waiting. The event was intended to run until 4 pm.

SAB also continued with their new novelty marketing campaign at the event: "Come get your #SABswag."

"The hashtag #SABswag was used for every novelty event this year, in which students really responded and actively engaged in the campaign," said SAB Historian Christine Olivio. "We are trying to drive more people to our events by using social media, like Twitter. The first 20 students that retweeted our #SABSwag tweet from our @Monmouth\_ SAB got a VIP pass to cut the line for this novelty event, and we plan on using it again next semester," she said.

The chosen winners will be guaranteed that they take home a free item. At novelty events there is a limited quantity of free goods to distribute to students. It is based on a first come, first serve basis.

SAB finds the novelty events to be the most attended, especially around the holidays. Sophomore and SAB Logistic Coordinator Dylan Vargas attended the event and created a skin. Vargas said, "I overheard a lot of students who said they were in line not for themselves but for family and friends. Being so close to the holiday season and becoming busier with the ending of the school year, what better Holiday gift idea than a free item from a college student on a budget?'

Megan McGowan, Assistant Director of Student Activities and Student Center Operations, said, "#SABswag events are pop up events that are great opportunities for commuter students to stop by in-between classes and get a better sense of what Some electronic skins that SAB events are like. Hopefully, students created included pic- the conversations that they have tures of tropical beach scenes, with the students running the various quotes, University pride event will encourage them to and other favorite Google imag- come back for the weekend and es that held some personal value evening events and really get involved with campus program-

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Monmouth Oral Communication Center

The Monmouth Oral Communication Center (MOCC) is your go to place for all things public speaking. Making a speech? A presentation? We're here to help! MOCC offers peer tutoring every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in the first year advising offices in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center. Additional hours are available upon request. MOCC also holds weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 2:30 pm in Plangere 135. Walk-ins are always welcome.

#### Running Club

Now that it has started to get cold outside, some of you may prefer to run indoors. Our Running Club will meet on the indoor track on the 2nd Floor of the Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC) on Tuesdays from 12 - 1 pm and Wednesdays from 8:30 - 930 am. These times may not work for everyone, and some may prefer to still work out outdoors. So, please feel free to use the Facebook page (https://www. facebook.com/groups/murunning/) to make some new separate meeting times from those listed above. Please contact Head Coach & Club Advisor Joe Com with any questions.

#### Residence Hall Association

Our final event of the semester, Winter Chill Out, will be today in Mullaney Lounge from 8 - 10 pm. Come join us for one last relaxation before finals start. We will have food from Surf Taco as well as Top It. You will also have the chance to decorate your own flip flops. The first 100 people will be entered to win a pair of tickets to Winter Ball! Mark your calendars, Winter Ball will be Saturday, Feb. 22. More details are sure to come. I hope to see you all there, and good luck on your final exams!



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The Student Activities Board's (SAB) third novelty event allowed students to create their own electronic skins for laptops, including ones with a cut out "apple hole" for Mac users.



#### What is at the top of your Christmas list this year?

COMPILED BY: ALYSSA GRAY



Frank biology professor "Peace and tranquility. Things are particularly hectic the day of Christmas because of all of the dynamics so I want it nice."



Jen junior "Santa's help paying for my alternative Spring Break trip to Guatemala."



Vinny senior
"Free tuition would be cool."



Jennifer junior "A NorthFace. I need a good coat and I don't have one."



Jason junior "A job and a stable future. Can Santa get me that?"



Donna communication professor "A new water bottle. I want to break away from plastic, so I want a glass water bottle that won't leak or break. And time with friends and family."



Larissa sophomore "A new phone. I'm not sure which one I want, either an iPhone or a Droid."



Megan senior "I need a winter coat. Just like a peacoat."



Sarah freshman "I guess boots."



Hunter freshman "A car. Just something that drives and isn't too old."

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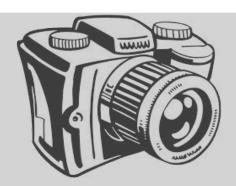
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GETTING READY TO TAKE A COUPLE OF PHOTOS WITH SOME GOOD BOYS AND GIRLS (PHOTO COURTESY OF ALYSSA GRAY)

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#### Men's Basketball 0-2 in first MAAC Games of Season

KYLE WALTER ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Men's basketball lost two tightknit games this past week after falling to the Rider University Broncs 89-83 on Thursday, Dec. 5 and the Manhattan College Jaspers 75-66 on Sunday, Dec. 8.

MU first played host to their instate rival Rider in a high-scoring and exciting contest that marked MU's debut in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference. "It is great to be in the MAAC conference," said head coach King Rice. "The intensity of that game and everything about it was great. Two teams fought as hard as they could and it was a great atmosphere to be in."

The Hawks came out fast and built a 15-3 lead just three minutes into the game. After falling behind 2-0 in the beginning seconds junior guard Andrew Nicholas hit a three to put the Hawks on the board and help start a 15-1 run for the blue and white. Junior guard Deon Jones highlighted the run by scoring five points and dishing out two assists over the three minutes stretch.

Rider's Zedric Sadler helped stop the momentum when he hit a three pointer from the wing with 15:54 remaining in the first half. The game then began to swing in the Broncs favor and three point shots from Anthony Myles, Tommy Pereira, and Shawn Valentine capped a 20-2 RU run to give them a 23-17 lead half way through the first period.

MU battled back and with four more points from Jones, along with a pretty coast-to-coast layup from freshman Justin Robinson, gave the Hawks back the lead 24-23 at the 8:35 mark. Neither team was able to get momentum completely back on their side after that and each traded baskets over a six-minute stretch at 58. Another bucket by O'Garro



PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reme **Deon Jones (right)** is averaging 22.5 points over his last four games.

advantage with two minutes left in with 8:30 remaining in the game. the half.

RU was able to control the final two minutes, however, they scored eight straight points to increase their lead to 42-33 with only 25 seconds before the half. The Hawks then held the ball for the final shot and cut the lead to seven when Robinson made a reverse layup that just beat the buzzer to send both teams into halftime.

As the second half began, Rider managed to increased their lead to as much as 11 behind the sharp shooting of Myles and Jimmie Taylor.

Perhaps the biggest play of the night came during the stretch when, off an inbound play, Jones lobbed a pass to sophomore Tyron O'Garro who leapt through the air to grab it and ferociously threw it down over a Rider defender. The dunk helped spark the Hawks as it was part of an 20-7 run that also featured Robinson and Nicholas threes to even the score with the Broncs gaining a one point gave the Hawks a 60-58 advantage

The lead was the Hawks first since they led 28-27 at the seven-minute mark in the first half.

Unfortunately for MU, the lead lasted less than 20 seconds as RU hit yet another three on their next possession. Fouls became a big part of the game from that point on. The Broncs, who were in the bonus at the 12 minute mark, scored their next 14 points from the free throw line.

The large amount of foul shots helped the Broncs build a five point lead with just over three minutes left despite three combined three pointers from Hawks' junior Max DiLeo and freshman Josh James. With 1:13 left in the game RU had an 81-74 lead and the Hawks began to foul intentionally to extend the game.

The Broncs, however, continued to come up clutch from the stripe and eventually came out on top.

Myles was the game's high scorer as he finished with 28 points while shooting 7-10 from the field and 10-

13 from the free throw line. Jones Nicholas helped bring the Hawks led the Hawks with 24 points and also added seven rebounds, four steals, and 3 assists. Robinson also added 19 points on the night for the Hawks. The 19 points marked a new career high for the freshman as he hit his first five shots of the game and finished shooting 8-12 from the

"I felt like I got into a groove early," explained Robinson after the game. "Coach kept telling me to attack and it really helped get my confidence up.'

Although he was disappointed with the loss, Rice was happy with his team's performance in such a high profile game. "I take my hat off to Rider, my kids, and the fans," explained Rice. "I thought every part of that game was top notch, and it was just a lot of fun. Unfortunately, we just couldn't get over the top."

The men were unable to bounce back from the loss when they traveled to play MAAC preseason favorite Manhattan on Sunday afternoon. In another back and forth battle, the Jaspers prevailed as they outlasted the Hawks to claim a nine-point victory. Jones, DiLeo, Nicholas, and O'Garro all scored double-digits for MU with Jones and DiLeo netting 14 points while Nicholas chipped in with 12 and O'Garro added 10.

The 14 points were a career high for DiLeo and Jones and O'Garro each had double doubles with 10 and 11 rebounds respectively.

"This was a tough one today," Rice said after the loss. "You have to give Manhattan credit for continuing to fight when we had them

A three point play from Rich Williams helped Manhattan jump out to an early lead and a three point shot from Emmy Andujar pushed the lead to 17-6 with just over seven minutes gone in the first half. DiLeo and back as they scored 14 of MU's next 19 points to put the team ahead 25-23 with 6:32 left in the first half. The Hawks were then able to extend their lead with four O'Garro points and a Robinson three. A DiLeo three ball and pair of Jasper free throws in the final ten seconds sent the teams into the locker room with MU holding a 39-33 advantage.

Manhattan again started fast with a 9-2 streak to retake the lead 42-41. The blue and white came right back with five quick points including another three from Nicholas to go back ahead 46-42. This would be the last time the Hawks led as the Jaspers then seized control of the game.

Over the next 12 minutes, Manhattan went on another run and gained a comfortable 70-54 edge with three and a half minutes left in the contest. A layup from Jones at the two-minute mark cut the lead down to nine, but MU would not come any closer as the Jaspers hit enough foul shots to hang on and preserve the win.

In both games, the Hawks played extremely well at points, but they're youth and inexperience prevailed down they stretch as they took on two veteran teams.

"I'm really proud of these kids because they're continuing to get better. We just have to have to stick together so we can get over the hump," explained Rice. "It hurts and our guys are sad, but we're growing up. Pretty soon we're going to be the older team."

MU will next take the floor on Tuesday, Dec. 10 when they go on the road to face the St. Francis Brooklyn Terriers. Tip-off is 7 pm.

For more on the MU Streaker go to page 3

## Ice Hockey Struggles Against Rowan University

JENNIFER HOFFMAN

The University's men's hockey club team was defeated by the American Collegiate Hockey Association's (ACHA) No. 4 ranked Rowan University Profs on Friday, Dec. 6 in their fourth match up at home. The men were coming off a huge win in a tournament held by Liberty University two weekends ago, and with ambition, attempted to keep their winning streak alive.

MU was outmanned 14:21 due to injuries but they were determined to not go down without a fight. Eleven seconds into the game, the riod at 5-1.

Profs scored on their first shot on goal to gain an early 1-0 lead. The Hawks retailiated with a score of their own as sophomore center, Kyle Blazier, scored an unassisted goal to put MU on the board and tie the game at 1-1.

The momentum did not stop there as the Hawks forechecked and kept the puck moving towards the net. A bad bounce by the Hawks led Rowan to score their second goal of the game. MU rallied and attacked the net every chance they had, but they just could not get bounces to go their way. Rowan cashed in on a few more goals to end the first pe-

In the second period, MU decided to change their game plan as they started out very defensively minded with lots of backchecking. This tactic seemed to work for the first five minutes of the period, until Rowan got lucky with a deflection shot that swept right past MU goaltender Stephen Bonora to make the game 6-1.

Even though they were down, the Hawks were not quite out. With two minutes left in the second period, the Hawks made a goalie change and brought in graduate student, Chris Liljstrand. In his first action of the day, he was able to make a nearly impossible glove save on

"Chris came into the game and really settled thing down from the back end," MU junior center Steven Romano stated. "He made several nice saves to start the third period."

With Liljstrand still in the game, the Hawks came out onto the ice for the third and final period of play. Within the first 15 seconds, MU was able to make two shots on net. MU freshman defensemen Davin Moskal scored off a wristshot to bring the game within 10 at 12-2 in the Profs' favor.

The Hawks continued their scoring streak as senior Jake Romba

shot in the net bringing the game to 12-3. From then on, the Hawks firing squad were silenced and fell to Rowan, 14-3.

This matchup was one of the cleanest games for MU this season as they were only whistled for three penalties. "Staying out of the penalty box is something our team has been working on since the start of the season. Luckily we have had a pretty good penalty kill unit so that when we do take penalties the other team doesn't score," sophomore Eric Luetters said.

The team will compete next on Friday, Dec. 13 as they take on took on a three players to put a Temple University at home.

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## Game On: The Eddy Occhipinti Play

ALYSSA GRAY COMICS EDITOR

Every day the title of Assistant Athletics Director for Marketing for Monmouth Athletics sends the ball into Eddy Occhipinti's

at Monmouth in 2002, Occhipcommunication with concentrations in public relations and journalism, as well as television and radio. Upon graduation, Occhipinti was hired in 2006 as an Athletics Communications Asoffice at Monmouth University.

"I interviewed for jobs at ESPN education and pursue a Master's degree, which I received in 2009, while working for the Athletics Department," said Occhipinti.

Athletics Communications Assistant, Occhipinti worked on pursuing his Master's degree in communication. Around the same time that he achieved his goal of obtaining his highest degree, Occhipinti was promoted to the Assistant Director of Athletics Communications. The Athletic Department kept him under that title until the 2010-2011 school year when he was once again moved.

"For the 2011-12 school year, I was into the role of Assistant Athletics Director for Marketing, where I have served since. I take pride in the fact, and am very fortunate, that I was able to work my way up while staying at Monmouth," said Occhipinti.

Despite being a communication major initially, Occhipinti found himself in the new waters of marketing with his most recent job. "Monmouth made the decision for me to venture into marketing, and it has been great," he continued. "I have been learning new stuff every year and I really enjoy what I

such thing as a consistent daily routine. "The best part about working in college athletics is that 'a typical day' doesn't exist. Some days start very early and go very late, other days are dedicated to traveling and oth-Originally a student enrolled ers include a bit of everything. This isn't a nine to five job, and inti graduated with a degree in I love that part about it. Our schedule will change depending if we have a game, or how many games we have in a given day, and if we are traveling or not," Occhipinti stated.

Managing a non-typical rousistant in the Communications tine is not the only thing that Occhipinti faces in his daily lineup. It "involves a few different and CBS, but I didn't want to elements" as Occhipinti put it. leave MU. I wanted to further my For instance, in his current role, he must help increase spectator attendance at home athletic events as well as increase general interest in the Hawks' sport While managing his role of teams. His office is also responsible for the promotions of home games, which is something that team performs play-by-play re-

Occhipinti says that there is no "We don't ever want our home covered events in a manner so athletics events to not be fun and involved," Occhipinti said.

On top of all the tasks Occhipinti already has ascribed to him. he holds another unique role in his arsenal. "The other major part of my job is that I am proud to call myself 'The Voice of the Hawks.' I broadcast all of our football and men's basketball games, as well as many men's and women's soccer, baseball and lacrosse games as well. We broadcast on a variety of mediums, from commercial radio to our Hawk Vision through www. GoMUHawks.com," Occhipinti stated.

Occhipinti's team of radio cohosts include award-winning broadcaster and instructor of communication Matthew Harmon, former MU basketball player Steve Bazaz, and Athletics Communications Assistant Gary Kowal. Along with airing the game, the broadcast

flawless that Occhipinti refers to the group as the "best broadcast team I have ever worked with."

"I joke with people that my day job is marketing and advertising, but the most fun I have at work is when I get to put the headsets on and broadcast a game," Occhipinti said. "The most challenging element to my job is keeping people engaged with MU Athletics throughout the year and constantly working to improve our home attendance. Our goal is for every game at home to be at capacity."

While Occhipinti is clearly very busy with his title and involvement with Monmouth Athletics, he notes that the amount of positivity and joys that he's experienced has been definitely notable.

"There have been so many great memories I have had at Monmouth, from both my time as a student and an employee," Occhipinti stated.

Of course there will always be a handful of moments that have proven most notable to Occhipinti. "The one that stands out the most is being able broadcast multiple games in the NCAA Tournament with our men's basketball team, and also to have been able to broadcast Mile Austin's games as a Hawk," he continued.

"Truthfully, the best part of what I do is being able to call myself part of the Monmouth University community and get to work with the best staff in the world with the Athletics Department."

However, throughout all of his experiences at the University, Occhipinti hopes that by the time he departs from Monmouth he is able to make a difference in the audience's home game and broadcast experience; mostly though Occhipinti is simply honored to be a part of the team. "I am proud to be a part of MU because of what the school stands for, the opportunities it gave to me and the great people I have been able to meet while here, both as a student and an employee," Occhipinti said.



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# LINES

The National Soccer Coaches Association of America announced that three

women's soccer players were named to 2013 NSCAA/Continental Tire NCAA Division I Women's All-Northeast Region Teams.

SIDE

Senior forward Dana Costello was named toe the All-Northeast Region Second Team for the seoned year in a row.

Both junior back Alexa Freguletti and freshman forward Alexis McTamney were named to the third-team all-region.



Senior throwers Errol Jeffrey and Rachel Aliotta were named Metro

Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Performers of the Week. This title came after their performance at the MAC Classic on Saturday, Dec 7 where Jeffrey won the shot put and the weight throw. Aliotta won the shot put and placed second in the weight throw.



The women's basketball team won their first game of the season on Tuesday, Dec. 3 when

they took on the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Senior Chevannah Paalvast scored 20 points on the night and added a career high three blocks.

The Hawks next play Saturday, Dec. 14 when they host LIU

#### UPCOMING **GAMES**

Saturday, December 14 WBB vs LIU Brooklyn W. Long Branch, NJ 3:00 pm

MBB vs Binghamton W. Long Branch, NJ 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 21 MBB vs Fordham W. Long Branch, NJ 2:00 pm

WBB at Stony Brook Stony Brook, NY 2:00 pm Seawolves Holiday Classic

Sunday, December 22 WBB at Eastern Michigan Stony Brook, NY 12:00 pm Seawolves Holiday Classic

Sunday, December 29 WBB vs St. Peter's\* W. Long Branch, NJ 2:00 pm

Monday, December 30 MBB vs Wagner W. Long Branch, NJ 3:00 pm

**Tuesday, December 31** WBB at Manhattan\* Riverdale, NY 2:00 pm (Draddy Gymnasium)

Thursday, January 2 MBB vs Siena\* W. Long Branch, NJ 7:00 pm

Friday, January 3 WBB vs Fairfield\* W. Long Branch, NJ 7:00 pm

Saturday, January 4 MBB vs Quinnipiac\* W. Long Branch, NJ 3:00 pm

Sunday, January 5 WBB vs Rider\* W. Long Branch, NJ 2:00 pm

\*conference games



#### Track & Field Place First in the MAC Classic

**MAGGIE ZELINKA** 

nual MAC Classic on Saturday, Athletic Atlantic Conference. The men and women's track and in The MAC since its doors opened in 2009.

The Hawks swept the women's top five in the pole vault jumped 5'5 to secure a third with junior Lauren McDonald leading the way as she cleared a height of 11 feet, 6 1/4 inches. Sophomore Brittany Papa high jumpers as he cleared 6 placed second to McDonald feet, 4 1/4 inches. while freshman Casey Sturts followed. Sophomore Tracey Masterson and freshman Danielle Cruickshank completed the women's top five. The men's overall out of 21 competitors. pole vault left the spotlight on The distance also qualified the blue and white in first place. sophomore Colton Lambert who him for the IC4A's. Sophomore recorded a height of 14 feet, 2 34 inches to take second place third overall for the men. in the competition. Sophomore in third place.

en's long jump event. The men's inches from senior Tilah Young. lost first place to an unattached long jump saw two MU fresh-The men's and women's track men, George Alexandris and finishers in the weight throw and field teams both finished in Austin Merritt, finish in first first place during the Fifth An- and second place respectively.

MU sealed the top four fin-Dec. 7. The Classic marked the ishes in the women's triple jump beginning of their indoor sea- as junior Kim Price placed first sons and the first season the with a jump of 37 feet, 4 ½ team will appear in the Metro inches. Atkinson took second, Moses took third and freshman Victoria Miskel finished fourth. was highlighted by Young and field team remains undefeated MU's Liam Vogt placed second in the triple jump.

The high jump featured sophomore Michaela Read who place finish for the women's the top finisher for MU's men's

MU placed first in both the men's and women's shot put. Senior Errol Jeffrey threw 59 feet, 10 1/4 inches to take first Tevin Kirby-Stewart placed

The women's shot put was teammate Tyler Poland finished won by senior Rachel Aliotta who threw 46 feet, 3 1/4 inches. Freshman Anastasia Atkin- The distance also qualified her son and sophomore Rayn Mo- for the ECAC's. MU captured ses earned second and third third place as well in the shot second place for the Hawks in Malespina finished at 3:23.10.

MU's men were the top six with Jeffrey winning the event by MU on the men's side as at 63 feet, 2 3/4 inches. This freshman Dylan Capwell won marked Jeffrey's distance second IC4A qualifying mark Freshman Tionna Garner was of the day. Freshman Tim Wil- the women's top 600 meter run son landed in second and junior competitor and in her very first

Wulf Sutcliffe finished third. The women's weight throw Aliotta once again as they finished back-to-back in first and second place respectively. Junior teammate Taylor Johnson placed in third for the event.

The track events saw MU's side. Senior Ed Kramer was finest in competition as sophomore Eric Kahana won the 60 meter dash with a time of 6.93 seconds earning him an IC4A qualification. For the women. graduate student Lachelle Wallace finished in second with a time of 7.82 seconds.

The 300 meter dash also saw Senior Laura Williams won the overall event with a time of 41.02 seconds while junior Kate Frye, freshman Antoinette Isekenegbe and freshman Noel Labb rounded out the top four for the women.

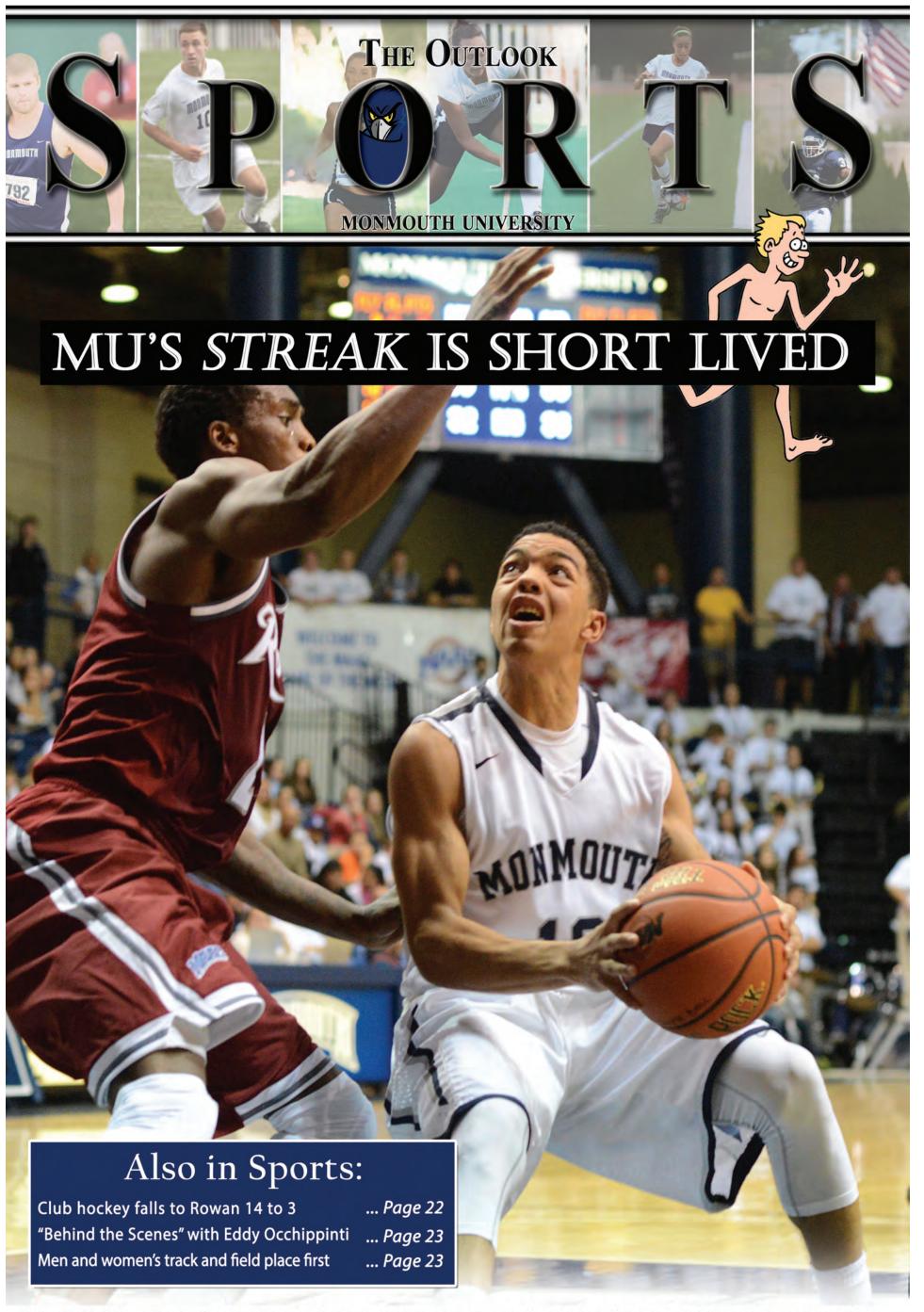
place respectively in the wom- put with a throw of 39 feet, 8 34 the men's 300 meter dash. Boyd competitor.

The 600 meter run was seized the event with a time of 1:21.43. event as a Hawk, Garner took fourth place.

Senior Marissa Felicetti took second in the women's 3,000 meter run crossing the line at 11:06.96 while junior Alex Hershman placed third in the same event for the men finishing at 9:22.94.

MU's women took second through fourth in the 60 meter hurdles with Frye as MU's top finisher. Senior Jalen Walker placed first overall in the event for the men with a time of 8.21 seconds. Sophomore teammate Geordan Ferguson followed just .03 seconds behind.

The relays saw the women set a new MAC facility record as the 4x400 team of Williams, Frye, freshman Andrea Olsen and freshman McKenna Coakley completed the event at 3:56.89. The men's team won the event also as Boyd, Kahana. Junior Ben Boyd finished in Ferguson and sophomore John



The men's basketball team's winning streak wasn't the only noticeable one of the night when they took on Rider Thursday, Dec. 5. Midway through the contest the game was interupted by a student streaking across the court. The Hawks would eventually fall to the Broncs in their first MAAC game.