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# **MU Holds First Ever** Scholarship Week

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Scholarship Week is a weeklong conference designed to showcase and celebrate the side of the classroom. Scholarship Week began Monday April 24.

Scholarship Week is an idea students and faculty the opportunity to see the variety of over campus.

the annual Art and Design student show or presentations from the Music and Theatre said Hughes. Arts students," said Dr. Robin Mama, Dean of the School of community.'

Events will be occurring Hughes continued. throughout the week all over to school. These events include highlighting students' scholarly contributions in research, writing, service learning, musical and theater

productions, art exhibits, and more. One of the most prominent events will feature Key-The University's first ever note Speaker, Elizabeth Ambos, the Director of the Council on Undergraduate Research in Washington D.C., taking place academic achievements of on April 22 in the Young Austudents both inside and out- ditorium in Bey Hall. The title of her speech is "Opening the Door: The Long Term Benefits April 18 and will run until of Undergraduate Research" and RSVP is required to attend.

Erin Hughes, a senior psythat came out of the strategic chology student, is involved planning process. The main with Scholarship Week and will goal of the week is to give be presenting her thesis at the social sciences symposium and she looks forward to sharing her projects being organized all research. "I am very involved in my major and the research be-"There are a number of ing done in the department. I departments and schools on hope to get to see what other campus that have students majors are doing and how that undertaking research projects has influenced them. I think or other creative projects like this week will give us the opportunity to see across schools what students are involved in,"

"I am really looking forward to seeing all the amazing work Social Work who helped plan MU students are doing. Even in Scholarship Week. "Many the social sciences symposium people thought that it was alone, you can see how varied time that we showcased this and important the research is wonderful work in one week, that students are conducting. both for all of us and for the I think this week will make me very proud of Monmouth,"

Another student, Kathleen campus and vary from school Piccoli, a senior studying psychology, is also presenting her original research conducted for

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## Five Percent for 2016-2017 full-time faculty positions and "The administration should RICHARD FELICETTI ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR nine support staff positions to

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For the 2016-2017 academic school year, tuition for full-time undergraduate MU students will increase 4.95 percent. This increase now makes the total cost for tuition and fees, excluding room and board, \$35,014. Tara Peters, Associate Vice President of the Marketing and Communications Department said, "Even with this year's increase, Monmouth's tuition remains in the lower half among private colleges and universities in New Jersey, meaning that more than half of the private colleges and universities in the state have higher tuition costs."

Monmouth University's financial aid department could not be reached for comment.

According to CollegeCalc, a website that ranks schools in order based off of their current tuition reported by the U.S. Department of Education, the University lands in 9th most expensive colleges in New Jersey by in state tuition. Based off of the tuition of the 2014/2015 school year, it fell under schools such as Seton Hall and Drew University, whose tuition was \$44,232 that year.

One of the main investments with the tuition raise is an increase in full time faculty and staff. Peters explained, "For 2016-17 we are adding 22 new enhance student learning." In addition, the University has also created several senior administrative positions. According to the University website, been placed for the improveover the last two years there ment of the University. Peters have been more than 50 new tenure-track and full-time po-

MU Tuition to Increase Nearly

look for ways to cut costs rather than having increases on a yearly basis."

The tuition rise also is linked to the strategic plan that has said, "President Brown outlined a bold new vision for

## Incoming Freshman and Transfer Student: Tuition and Fees per Semester Effective May 18, 2016 FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS Full Time (12-18 credits) \$17,332.00 Comprehensive Fee \*\* \$350.00 Fall Orientation Fee \$200.00 \$17,882.00

IMAGE TAKEN from Monmouth.edu As of May 2016, tuition for a full time student will be over \$17,800 after fees for the Fall and Spring semesters.

sitions, with the support of two Monmouth that is rooted in a new deans.

"I think that it's excessive. We are paying through the roof for our education here already and I believe that an increase in tuition is unnecessary. I think that the committees in charge of this need to put themselves in the shoes of the students and realize it is impractical to ask for so much more from us," said Caroline Shanahan, a sophomore nursing student.

commitment to transformative learning aimed at enhancing students' education and outcomes."

"Annual tuition increases are not 'automatic,' but rather tied to strategic goals and so continuous improvement for the University is often connected to a need for additional fund-

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## **MU Hosts TEDx Event** University Professor Among Speakers for TEDxNavesink Talk on Campus

TOM MORFORD STAFF WRITER

**DIANA BUSARDO** CONTRIBUTING WRITER warding experience for everyone Eileen Huang spoke about her involved."

A team of organizers, including Kevin Ryan, President of Cov-10 interns from the University, enant House International and worked since Sept. to put on such winner of the Conrad Hilton Hua widely talked about presenta-A TEDxNavesink event sold tion. This team of about 80 people all have different fields of expertise and come together in collaboration to create a thought- provoking and inspiring event. Nearly all of the members on the TEDx-Navesink team have day jobs and busy schedules but are dedicated to hosting off this event each year. With over 800 attendees, 25 speakers and 15 exhibitors TEDx-Navesink continues to grow each year. Of the overall 800 in attendance 68.4 percent were first timers and 31.6 percent were repeat attendees. The crowd consisted of 31.6 percent under 35 years old and 59.8 percent in attendance were over 35.

story as a National Student Poet.



out Pollak Theater at Monmouth University on April 9.

TEDxNavesink is similar to other organizations with the label TED (which is an acronym for Technology, Education and Design) in that speakers take the stage and talk about 'ideas worth spreading.' As the largest TEDx event on the East coast, this year's TEDxNavesink theme of 'Makers' attracted CEOs, renowned artists, Grammy Award winners and even just everyday people to tell their profound stories.

Perth Amboy native, Stephanie Eichmeyer, who is a Monmouth alumnus and TEDxNavesink's said, "TEDxNavesink is an event full of talks by society's greatest thought leaders, but it's so much more than that. TEDxNavesink is a challenging, thrilling and re- in New Jersey. Sixteen-year-old

There were a variety of speakers Communication Team Leader, all from different backgrounds. Robert Lucky, a world-renowned engineer in telecommunications and prestigious Marconi Prize winner spoke about innovation

manitarian Award spoke about his experiences helping homeless youth.

Some talks informed listeners on issues. Other talks inspire listeners to be advocates for change. But all of the talks hit a profound note and motivate listener to become better people through taking action or approaching an issue with a different mentality.

The University is part of a program with TEDxNavesink where they only accepts interns from the host school. "A lot of what is accomplished isn't possible without a strong core of interns, who bring ideas to the table and function as a full fledged member of the team," Eichmeyer said.

The TEDxNavesink Internship is a unique experience that

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Monmouth University hosted a TED Talk featuring Professor Melissa Febos of the English Department.

# SAGE's Retreat Brings Women Together

## ROSSANA VALDIVIA CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Students Advocating Girls' Education (SAGE) hosted their annual Women's Retreat that brought together many young women of Monmouth on Wednesday, Apr. 13, 2016. From Zumba to henna, SAGE incorporated bits and pieces of culture from around the world in Anacon.

SAGE is a student run organization that was founded two years ago. The club was established in the fall of 2014 by president Jamilah McMillan and vice president Janaya Lewinski. The club host's events and campaigns that protect women and girls' international rights to education and gender equality.

The Women's Retreat was broken up into stations. There was an Insecurity Wall station, a makeup guru station, a henna station, a Mean Girls station, and a Zumba station.

There were some stations that highlighted internal struggles that women face on a global level. The Insecurity Wall, for example, was a station in which young women wrote an insecurity and taped it up on the wall. At the end of the were up, all the participants were able to realize that insecurities have no identity, as many of them were recurring.

A freshman political science student Kaitlin Allsopp liked the insecurity wall. My favorite station was definitely the insecurity table. When you look back everybody pretty much had the same insecurity and they were kind of silly to have," she said.

Émma O'Rourke, a freshman marketing student who attended the event, said, "I was really surprised how much I learned from other girls just by looking at this wall and how much I actually related to their struggles."



Women who attended the "Women's Retreat" gathered for a picture after the event.

and Sociology, Catherine Bartch, appreciated the Insecurity Wall section. She said, "When you read others writing that they are insecure about 'acne,' 'weight' and 'thighs,' you realize that too many of us harbor harsh, overly-critical and downright false and illogical negative thoughts as a result of night, when all the insecurities negative messages being propagated by dominant institutions and discourse in society."

The Mean Girls table was intended to be a positive spin off of the Burn Book from the movie Mean Girls. While in the movie, the book consisted of negative and derogatory terms made towards other females, this version was quite different. University students wrote any negative or offensive statement they had ever made towards another. Afterwards, all the papers were ripped and thrown away to signify the end of hostility between females and begin a state of serenity and cooperation.

Instructor of Political Science ies Program was a guest speaker and co-sponsor of the event. "I liked the idea of really intervening on this notion that women have to be in competition with one another," she replied.

PHOTO TAKEN by Jasmine Ramos

Among other stations, the Insecurity Wall and the Mean Girls table were able to remind young women of the innate connections and hobbies they share with each other, some which they might not have expected.

In the middle of the event, Dr. Foster gave a speech that encouraged all the young women present to rise conjointly at Monmouth and into their communities and begin taking collective action that combat serious issues such as the wage gaps between males and females. According to www.payequity.org, in 2010, women made 77 cents to every man's dollar, but other studies show that Latina and African-American women make even less.

The Zumba station was very Dr. Johanna Foster, the Director popular towards the end of the of the Sociology and Gender Stud- night. A professional instruc-

tor volunteered to run the station and many women participated. The henna station had a long line throughout the entire event. Event-goers could be seen walking around waiting for the henna to dry as they ate, mingled, or engaged in the other stations. Lastly, the make-up guru station was a panel of female students on campus who are experienced in makeup. They brought their favorite brands and were available to answer questions and share tips.

Foster congratulated SAGE for all their hard work and recognized their efforts as one of the strongest and most unique student clubs she has seen since her arrival at Monmouth. "One of the things that I noticed about SAGE is that I think it's one of the most multiracial, multi-cultural groups of students to come together on campus," she said.

Aside from other organizations, SAGE does include MU students from many backgrounds who advocate many issues on women. "I wanted to join a club that cares for education for women and girls around the world and SAGE did just that," said Allsopp.

Although women have established themselves as American citizens through the 19th amendment with the same rights and obligations, modern day issues still present obstacles that they need to overcome. The purpose of the event was not only to increase awareness, nor to solely promote empowerment for the young women of Monmouth, rather to encourage action. The Women's Retreat sought to catalyze the need for change of traditional gender-unequal norms that have been engrained in society for centuries. The Retreat was one of the many events in which SAGE has advocated that women and men on campus begin working together towards a mutual goal: ultimate equality.

# Tuition Increases at the University

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ing," Peters continued.

Many of these strategic initiatives have already taken place, as shown on the State of the University 2016 address. Many clubs have reached high accomplishments, such as the university moot court team advanced in to the American Collegiate Moot Court Association National Championship Tournament. The University has also been able to host several events, such as filmmakers Phil Lord and Chris Miller accepting the first Monmouth Award for Communication Excellence Award, and welcoming New Jersey's first female attorney general as our Public Servant in Residence for the 2015-16 year.

"I think the tuition increase can create a real burden on some students. Yearly inflation means that a tuition increase is pretty much a guar-antee, though," said Joshua Manning, a junior business student. "I think a lot of people would feel better if their scholarships were increased by the same percentage."

Andrew Betro, a sophomore psychology student, was less than satisfied with the recent tuition increase.

"I mean obviously as a student who has to pay more money as a result I'm not going to be happy about it. If there were a good reason to raise tuition that the school could give us then maybe I wouldn't be as mad because I know where the money would be going. But personally I don't see a reason, or a good reason at least, to the tuition increasing. We got a new catering service for the dining hall but the food is the same quality we had last year so it doesn't make sense," said Betro.

"The renovations could be seen as a reason but that money should have been accounted for in the budget without the plan to raise tuition. And they're behind schedule anyway and have been nothing but an inconvenience for students with no visible benefits. I just don't see significance of raising my bill when I'm not benefiting or at least seeing a difference on campus," Betro added. When asked whether the rise in tuition had any connection to the recent construction plans on campus, Peters said, "Many construction projects on campus, including Pozycki Hall and Rechnitz Hall, for example, are primarily funded through private giving." According to the University website, gifts and pledges totaled more than \$14.5 million in 2015. This is also the third year in a row that alumni contributions have surpassed \$10 million.

# **TEDx Navesink Takes Over Pollak**

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allows interns to be involved as much as they want. Interns can benefit from commuting locally, having a flexible schedule as well as receiving credit for class. In addition they learn skills that can benefit them as a young professional.

Senior Business student and TEDx Intern Sean Del Galdo from the communication team said, "Interning for TEDx really improved my writing skills, and helped me connect with great people I otherwise never would have met." Del Galdo pointed out the opportunity was perfect for meeting many different professionals from a multitude of industries, as an intern for TEDx is a great opportunity to network. This was a benefit over traditional internship because in those you often meet professionals in the same industry. Interns for TEDx are able to get first hand advice and learn about different industry and thus explore different fields that may interest them. Del Galdo said, "TEDx is a name in itself that opens so many doors because it's a name that people get excited about, it's a name that people are familiar with and can fully support." Eichmeyer said, "I see a huge difference in interns before and after joining TEDxNavesink. This organization really forces you to take on roles of respon-



PHOTO COURTESY of Jennifer Bennett

### A speaker performed at the TEDx talk in Pollak Theater.

sibility and learn what it means to be a part of a team. And that team is relving on you as an intern to do your part for the success of the event. There's a lot riding on the work the interns do TEDx through the University's and that teaches complete ownership of projects and work."

Malik Johnson, a 22-year-old TV/Radio Major and Monmouth Senior interned with TEDx-Navesink as well. Johnson said, ahead of everyone else who

"TEDx was a very educational experience and my time as the video production intern this year was an amazing time.'

Johson became aware of job newsletter back in August. So even though it is tempting to ignore school emails during summer break, it was worth paying attention and applying

may have tried in September. TEDxNavesink is right in Monmouth's backyard yet only a select few are taking advantage of its proximity.

TEDxNavesink's theme for next year's event is 'Identity' and as a part of a greater project called Brand New J, many participants intend to alter the public perception of New Jersey for the better.

However, new housing options for on-campus students are not in effect in the near future. "We continue to explore ways to meet the housing need but there are no current plans for new housing," Peters said.

# 2016 Springfest Preview: Featuring We The Kings

## JAMILAH MCMILLAN ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Springfest, featuring We The Kings, will commence on Shadow Lawn on Sunday, April 24 from 12 to 5 p.m.

Springfest is an annual event hosted by the Student Government Association (SGA) that has been a staple of the University academic year for many decades. "I really love how Springfest brings everyone together at the end of the year for one big celebration. People from all over campus stop focusing on finals for one afternoon to hang out and spend time together, which I think is a great tradition," said Brianna Merriman, a junior communication student.

This year, the American rockband We the Kings will be performing at Springfest. In 2007, their self-titled debut album We The Kings sold over 250,000 copies nationwide. The album included their platinum single "Check Yes Juliet." Last year, the band released their fifth album Strange Love.

Every year, Springfest has a theme. "This year's Springfest is themed Hawaii Luau. There will be a fire knife performance and Hawaiian Luau dancers," said Vaughn Clay, the Director of the Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services and the advisor for SGA.

'The core philosophy behind Springfest has been that it is a fun way to end the academic year. There is a barbeque, there is music, inflatables, and novelties, and it's just a fun way to lay back a little bit and hang out with your friends before you dive into final exams. It is a nice capstone to the academic year," said Clay.

"Many students are excited for the performance by We the Kings. Some remember their early popularity, and others have continued to listen to their new music," said ing for the event. "I was given this Association along with various



The band We the Kings will be performing during this year's annual Springfest event.

the Kings! I think it's the best act we've had since I've been a student here. I have really enjoyed their music since I was in middle school, and I think a lot of people are going to love hearing them play."

Casey Schellinger is a member of the Student Government Association and the Chair of the Springfest. She has spent months prepar-Merriman. "I am so excited for We position at this time last year and I other contributors, such as the Stu-

have been planning it pretty much ever since. In the Fall semester I did a lot of the beginning steps, like researching bands and comparing prices for different things we wanted to include," she said.

Every year, the joint efforts of other organizations are needed to help SGA make Springfest a success. "The Student Government

dent Activities Board (SAB), and the Office of Student Activities, have been working on preparing this upcoming Springfest for nearly a year. Having We the Kings Perform this year is kind of a direct result of working with Student Activities," said Clay.

According to Clay, Springfest has drastically grown both physically and monetarily since he began helping prepare Springfest 21 years ago. "We used to hold it on Great Lawn, but then we talked about finding an easier location, and Shadow Lawn just became the natural new home. Everybody seems to like it. And from a practical standpoint we have been able to put a little more money into Springfest throughout the years," he said.

Clay asserts that the rate for performances has increased throughout the years. This impedes the University's ability to afford certain artists. "The costs are great for even a somewhat known performer. So that makes it more challenging for us. So when we get questions about why can't we have 'x' performer, it's because cost makes it exponentially that much more challenging for us," he said.

"However, I think we do a pretty good job at trying to identify artists who might be on the rise, and who will capture the attention of the student body. I think We the Kings will be a fun, and popular performance. We will also have our DJ who has been working with us for a number of years. He is an alum, and he really enjoys providing that filler."

According to Schellinger, when it came time to book We The Kings, all of the stars aligned. "They're at the end of a tour right now so it worked perfectly. We felt like they would be great for the event because they have a lot of energy and everyone remembers 'Check Yes Juliet.'" she said.

Clay said that the estimated total price for We the Kings is about \$30,000.

On the day of Springfest, students do not need to bring much. "Students only need to bring their student ID in order to get a t-shirt, but all of the food and beverages will be free as always, which I think is one of the best parts of the event, as we're getting to the end of the semester and no one wants to spend money that they don't have to," said Clay.

The dining hall will be closed during the Springfest events. "Gourmet is providing the food this year. Following tradition, the dining hall will be closed on that day. It will be a mix of Hawaiian inspired food, and the usual hamburgers and hotdogs. Following another Springfest tradition, we will be having fried oreos again. The day starts at 12 and ends at 5 p.m. Gourmet will have breakfast out earlier than that," said Schellinger.

Students are not allowed to bring alcohol to Springfest. Bags and backpacks that may potentially hold alcohol are not permitted. Pets are not allowed, and students commuting to Springfest should enter through the Larchwood Avenue entrance. An email by Vice President Mary Anne Nagy of Student Life and Leadership Engagement, will be sent out to the student body further explaining the guidelines.

The organizers of Springfest are hoping for good weather on Sunday. Nonetheless, if it rains they have a backup plan. "The only thing that can throw a monkey wrench into things is the weather. But, even if it does rain we will hold Springfest in the MAC. We have held it in the MAC before. It is a very positive experience in the MAC as well, there is a lot of space, so people can spread out and hang out, and still experience many of the same things that they would if they were outside," said Clay.

# Monmouth Hosts Annual "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" Event

### **KIERA LANNI** PHOTOGRAPHY/LEISURE EDITOR

The male students of Monmouth University slipped into high heels to bring awareness to sexual assault and gender violence for the annual "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" march on Wednesday, Apr. 13.

Over 200 walked to support the international event, which occured during Sexual Assault Awareness is to get gentlemen to don Mile' women's shoes and walk. It gives men the chance to put themselves in a women's place. "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" was coordinated by Counseling and Psychological Services and Residential Life, and received

partnership by 180 Turning Lives Around (a non-profit organization dedicated to ending domestic and sexual violence), the Office of Equity and Diversity, MU Athletics, and Greek Life.

The event was created by Frank Baird in 2001 with just a group of men marching around a park. Now, colleges around the world take part in bringing awareness to sexual assault and violence against women.

Thomas McCarthy, Assistant Di-Month. Mark Holfelder, Associate rector of Counseling and Psycho-Director of Residential Life, said, logical Services, said, "The event "The whole purpose of 'Walk a has remained an important part of the spring semester at Monmouth for the last 10 years. It's important we have events like this." McCarthy feels the event's longevity is due to its relevance and its impact. He said, "It's an issue in society, it's an issue on campuses, and it's serious enough that we want to

constantly bring awareness to it."

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes began with opening remarks by speaker Tina Morgan, Assistant Coordinator for Victim Support Program of 180 Turning Lives Around.

Morgan's main message was the sexual assault is a very heinous crime that no one should ever have to encounter, but it could happen to anyone. She said sexual assault is the most frequently unreported crime because of the embarrassment, shame, and worry about not being believed. "That's why we come out," she said. "To say, number one you're not alone Number

banner to begin the march. The er for Amanda's Easel, a creative remaining participants followed the men as the walk from Wilson Hall, through the tunnel, around the quad, and back to Wilson Hall for closing remarks.

Trent Broderick, a member of Sigma Tau Gamma, was one of the participants to walk in a pair of high heels. "We wanted to make a stand against violence against women; it's not right," said Broderick. "Our principle is to be gentlemen and this is our show of being a gentleman."

Fellow Sigma Tau Gamma memer Brian Foye said, "When we heard it was part of Greek Week, we definitely wanted to step up and we wanted to be a part of something that none of us had ever been a part of. All of my brothers really loved it too."

arts therapy program for children, was present at the event. She had the "Take a Walk in my Shoes," display, which consisted of shoes decorated by victims of domestic violence.

"Clients create an art piece to really express themselves regarding what they've gone through with domestic violence and where they are now," Muccini said. "It's a really great way to use the art to create awareness about domestic violence."

McCarthy hopes that once the event is over, participants do not

two, it's a crime that happened to you that you did not ask for, so you cannot blame yourself."

After the opening remarks, the male participants ran to grab a pair of women's shoe, and lined up behind the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

Samantha Muccini, case manag-

lose the main message. "If you see something, say something,' he said. "If you see something not okay happening, don't just sit idly by, step in. It's really about bringing awareness more than anything else.'

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her senior thesis during the School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) symposium. Her research is a qualitative study on the Professor of Political Science, John role of the father in cases of motherdaughter sexual abuse. "I'm looking forward to hearing student's research from all different majors," she said. "I hope to learn more about how students develop their research questions and how the approach to Education, Mary Anne Nagy, Vice research is similar and different in President for Student Life & Leadother majors."

This committee included Staci Andrews, Assistant Professor of Health & Physical Education, Rekha Datta, Henning, Dean of School of Education, Gary Lewandowski, Chair of the Department of Psychology, Robin Mama, Dean of the School of Social Work, Jaime Myers, Assist Professor of Health & Physical ership Development, John Tiede-

Scholarship week was planned mann, Interim Co-Dean of School by an interdisciplinary committee. of Science, Katie Urmey, Executive Assistant to the Provost, Rich Veit, Chair of the Department of History and Anthropology, and Lennon Cooper, junior art and design student.

> Other examples of events include, the Honors School is having a Think Tank event on Tuesday, the School of Science Student Research Conference is also Tuesday, the Department of Communication research poster session is on Wednesday, a presentation on Service Learning in

Cadiz, Spain is on Thursday, and graduate social work students who have completed 10 week internships overseas in Ireland, Costa Rica, Bangladesh and Vietnam will take place on Friday. Saturday is the annual Department of Psychology undergraduate research conference and Sunday is the annual senior art show. There is so much to come and see and listen to! Michele Norris will be speaking about the Race Card Project on Monday from 3 - 6 p.m.

Mama is looking forward to

hearing as many presentations as possible during the first year of Scholarship Week. "We hope that students and faculty will attend sessions across the week, and not just in their own discipline, said Mama. "This is an opportunity to learn about what a colleague or a friend is doing in another major. It is also a way for our freshman and sophomore students to see what they will be doing in their majors as they get to be juniors and seniors or as graduate students and to get excited about what lies ahead of them."

# Thnks fr th Mmrs

### CASEY WOLFE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

We spend our time looking at the clock, waiting for time to pass so we can be done with classes or work or whatever it is that we're obligated to. Now that my time at Monmouth University is coming to a close, I stare at the hands of the clock differently, begging them to slow down. In the past five years, I've met some of the greatest people, who I now could not imagine my life without. But those are only a handful of the humans who have influenced me and inspired me to be where I am now. It all started 23 years ago.

### The Beginning:

Mom and Dad: I literally would not be where I am without you. You've kept me grounded while still allowing me to be young and live with my head in the clouds. I've never been afraid to come to you with a problem or even just a question about what I should do in a given situation. You've also taught me to prioritize, even if the most important thing isn't the most fun. Your unconditional love and acceptance means so much to me and pushes me to make you proud. I'll always try to make you proud.

Joey: Remember when we were really young and you would try to hang out with me and my friends and I always made Mom kick you out of whatever we were doing? Sorry about that. I'm so glad that we're of my first friends in sixth grade. at a point where we like spending time together now. I love going for rides with you and getting ice cream or coffee, or just going for walks and talking. You're my best friend and I'm so lucky to have grown up with you.

The rest of the family: Poppy, Nanny, Poppop, my many aunts, uncles and cousins, thanks for always being happy to see me. I know I've always been the quiet one in the family but I hope you know that I really like spending time with all of you. You have all taught me something different and I'm genuinely excited any time I know I'll be seeing you, especially since many of you are so far away. I love you all.

### Growing Up:

I had the best best friends a girl could ask for growing up. From middle school through high school, and even still today, you guys shaped who I am as a person. I learned compassion, humor and a specific kind of love that connects people on such an advanced level. Bean, I will never stop calling you Bean. You will always be one of my best friends because you let me share my weirdest thoughts with no judgement. Those thoughts always turn into adventures and those adventures turn into stories that I will always smile about when I think of them. Thanks for being broken in middle school with me.

and see where we are now. I love you Mommy! Tell Daddy I said hi!

Kelly (Steve), thanks for always being down for anything. If it's coffee, food, walks on the boardwalk or going out with everyone else I can count on you to be there for it. We can talk about anything and almost always agree. You're one of the few high school friends who has stuck around and I'm so glad you did.

Kyle, if we hadn't become such good friends freshman year of high school I don't know what I would do. We share the same taste in music, people, movies and just about everything else. We connect so well and I'm so proud of us for maintaining that level of friendship.

Chwistofurr, I'll never get tired of seeing that text on my phone that says "Twouble!" You really are my best friend. You're always there whether I have exciting news or I just want to complain. We've seen each other at our best and our worst and I wouldn't have it any other way. Thanks for always being there to lean on and I know that you always will be.

Natalie, first of all, thanks for doing such a fabulous job on my hair. Secondly, but more importantly, thanks for sticking around. I love hanging out and just catching up on our crazy busy lives once in a while. Even if I don't see you all the time, I'll always remember you being one

### Work Family:

Patty, Charlene, Elaine, and Theresa, there are no words strong enough to thank you for all that you've done for me. You watched me grow from a shy little teenager to the person I am now, supporting me and listening to whatever else was going on in my life. You are some of the kindest people I ever hope to meet and it's been a blessing to work with and get to know all of you.

Katie, Joe and others who hang out with me outside of work, thank you for making work fun. Even if I roll my eyes at you when you sing my name across the store, or insinuate that I have a "preference" for certain kinds of people, I'll admit to you here that I secretly love it. Never settle down. You guys are perfect.

And to the ladies at Conference Services and Special Events, thank you for giving me a place to go between classes on Monday afternoons. I really enjoyed getting to know all of you.

### Professors and on-campus Facultv:

Professor Morano, you've been here through it all. Thanks for teaching me the basics from the very beginning and for always having my back until the end. The Out*look* will be in good hands as long as you're around. Dr. Novek, your classes were some of my favorites at Monmouth, partly because of the content and partly because of the way it was taught. Thank you for showing me what it means to be a journalist, and teaching me the dedication that it takes. You really need to love the job you're in, and it's obvious from your classes that you do, and want us to feel the same.

make The Outlook run like a welloiled machine. You're on top of everything and always remind me what needs to be done. On top of that, you're always around to talk to when I need it. You must know more about all of us than you ever wanted to, but I am forever thankful for it.

Evelyn and MaryAnn, your personalities are pretty opposite but you both treat us like your own kids. You're always there to talk to and either tell us to get over it or help us try to remedy whatever situation we're going through.

### **Past Staffs:**

When I started as a copy Editor, one girl welcomed me and made me feel like I belonged at The Outlook: Gina. Thank you for getting me involved and believing that I had potential. The rest of that staff was so close and I was honored to be a part of it.

Another editor was super welcoming as well. Matt, I wrote my first article for you on one of the visiting writers and it was the worst article I ever wrote, so I'm sorry for that. Thank you for putting up with it anyway and for teaching me layout. It was always nice to see such a friendly face.

To the rest of that staff, thank you for teaching me the ins and outs of the newsroom. You were all so welcoming and willing to help whenever I had questions. Your friendly faces made me so excited to come in every week. This was the first time I was ever excited for Mondays. 2012

Then, Brett took on the role of Editor-in-Chief and that's when I came out of my shell. Who wouldn't with someone incessantly howling at you? No matter how many times I sighed or shrugged you off, I always looked forward to "the howl." Once you stopped making animal noises at me, we bonded over our shared taste in music. I know I can still count on you if I ever need help with The Outlook, or what to do on a cloudy night when the moon isn't visible.

Alexis, you are so sweet and bubbly and I immediately liked you when I met you. Thanks for watching Boy Meets World with me in the office for all of finals week and for quoting it the whole year prior.

Jenna, thank you for giving me features my sophomore year. It was my favorite section to write for and edit. You were always helpful when it came to sources and story topics, which I appreciate so much. 2013

Jackie, you are the baddest, sweetest person I've ever worked under. You know how to command a room and be a friend and advisor when needed. I loved watching you yell at people who were nowhere around, or just holler because you found a picture of Ryan Gosling you really liked. I miss you lots. Angela, I am so, so glad I met you. You are one of the sweetest people I have ever met and you constantly give me reason to improve myself. I have never seen you without a smile and I hope I never will. Kell, you're one person who I hope To all my other communication I never lose contact with. You're one of the people on the staff who I grew closest to, whether it's because of the many coffee runs we've gone on, or our similar music tastes, or just because we have similar ideas about

how to run things. I love seeing you every week and I'm really going to miss that.

Maggie, you're always so positive and willing to help people. I'm going to miss your crazy stories and hearing you giggle at the little things most people wouldn't.

Bri, I really liked getting to know you. Minneapolis was so much fun and I'm glad we got to share the experience together.

### 2015

This year I met a lot of new faces, along with seeing some old ones. Each of them vastly different but all of them have had an impact on me. Amanda Glatz, your design skills are incredible and I'm actually really jealous that you can do such cool stuff for the back page and your section. You're going to do awesome things. Also, thanks for reminding me we have quizzes due for class everv other week.

Lauren and Amanda D, you guys are hysterical. I love listening to you two talk in the board room. Every office needs a pair like you two, but we were lucky enough to actually have one.

Jasmine, you are super sweet and I wish I knew you longer. It was a lot of fun getting to talk to you in the office.

Jess, firstly, thank you for always hooking us up with food Mondavs and Tuesdays. Secondly, thank you for saving all of us at one point or another with an ad for our sections. Thirdly, I really liked spending Mondays and Tuesdays with you. I always forget that you're not a communication major because you fit in so well with the rest of us.

Brendan, I thought I was quiet until I met you. I love how quiet you are though because it makes whatever you do express so much more significant. I'm really glad you were on staff this year because you're really talented as a writer and editor and I enjoyed talking to you, even if it was just about Outlook business.

Erin, I'm so glad you took over features. You've done a great job despite any obstacles you faced. You're such a strong willed person and I really admire that about you.

Danielle, I'm so excited that you're going to be taking over as Editorin-Chief next year. I really enjoyed talking to you and working with you this year. You're going to do such a great job and I can't wait to read The Outlook next year. Also thank you so much for reminding me, "We have class in five minutes," every Monday. I would have had a terrible attendance record otherwise.

Alyssa, Brett, Amanda Gangidino, Jamilah, Rich and Connor, thank you for working so hard this year. You guys are all going to do great things. Whether you're graduating or not, I can't wait to see where you guvs are in a year or two.



Alyssa, even if we aren't as close now as we were a few years ago, I'll always think of you as my missing piece. We've shared so many memories, even if they're just going on coffee runs to break the monotony of classes. We always understood each other and I hope that never changes.

Jordan, thank you for always doing five-year-old things with me like seeing the latest Disney movie or actually going to Disney World. I'm so proud of us when I look at old pictures (most of which you've taken)

professors, thank you for making my experience at Monmouth great and reinforcing my goals to work in the communication field.

Sandy, where do I start? You

The past five years have been a wild ride, but I wouldn't change them. I've learned more being around the people mentioned earlier than I have in any of my classes. It's a bittersweet feeling to leave the place where I've spent so many significant years becoming the person I am now, but I'll always hold Monmouth close to me. Between the people and experiences in my life in the past five years, I've gained more than a college education. So much more.





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# School's Out for the Summer (Already)

The Outlook Staff Discusses the Newly Implemented 14 Week Schedule

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This past year, the University has opted for a 14-week schedule of classes compared to the usual 15-week schedule. The shortened schedule added an extra five minutes to each class, but cut a whole week off of the semester.

The change affects both professors and students. The Outlook editors agree that it seems as though professors were not as prepared for the schedule change as they seemed to be at the beginning of the semester.

One editor said, "As the semester is coming to a close my workload has become very hard to manage.'

The extra five minutes at the end of each class was supposed to equate for the missed week, but the editors do not believe it has served its purpose. Just a few extra minutes does not give enough time to teach a whole new lesson or appropriately continue a previous lesson. Instead, the extra time is used to reiterate what has already been said, or let class out early. One editor said, "I'm not sure if the extra five minutes really adds up to an extra week of classes but it does not feel like it does and I have not really noticed a difference in how long I am in class for each week.'

The shortened schedule, even with the extra five minutes, forces students to have more work 1 STAR-LEDGER

outside of class because of a crunch for time. Because of the lack of class time, students are expected to complete more work outside of class. The work being done outside of class seems to be sufficiently more at the end of the year. Professors may not have realized the limited time they had

"I would rather learn everything we need to learn, so I understand why it would feel a little fast paced. I'm sure professors are having a hard time adjusting too."

with one less week, so some students say they have received extra work to do outside of classes that may have been completed in class if there were a 15th week.

One editor said, "One of the most obvious observations is that fact that many professors seem to feel the need to pack in as many assignments and material as possible before the end of the semester, which is quickly approaching."

However. The Outlook understands that material must be covered, regardless of the length of the semester. One editor said, "Even if the classes feel rushed, I would rather learn everything we need to learn, so I understand why it would feel a little fast paced. I'm sure professors are having a hard time adjusting too. It's not their fault that we feel crunched for time.3

The extra workload at the end of the semester affects the amount of time that students have to study for final exams. One less week does not seem like much, but when students could be studying for final exams, now they are taking exams and finishing papers. The reading day seems like the only day available for most students to get their studying for finals done.

One editor said, "I feel as though I'll be writing papers, and taking quizzes up until the reading day, which does not give me much time to study for my finals.'

The schedule change is new to everyone and both professors and students are still trying to adjust to the changes. With this year being the test run of the schedule change, maybe in the future professors will be able to manage their time better and students will not be overloaded with tests, quizzes, papers, and finals all coming up so quickly at the end of the year.



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# MU Surf Refines Competition

RYAN GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Competition. It is a term that follows most, if not all activities. Com- for broke every time they take off petition is a way to understand who on a wave because they don't have is the best. The Broncos won the to worry about scores and judges." Super Bowl and are regarded as the best team in football. The same can surfing works if it remains unique. be said for the Golden State War- As soon as surfing becomes footriors after their championship run ball, I'm out." last year. However, asking who is the "best" surfer will not offer the ly becoming that of many surfers same clear-cut answer.

surfers enter contests in order to and new sponsorships could change qualify for competition in the World surfing and those involved. Surfing League (WSL). The WSL aims to give the world of surfing watch, but sometimes taken too their very own Peyton Manning or Stephen Curry. However, in the aspect can definitely take the fun surfing industry, contests are not the out of surfing," says junior studentonly way to make a living. Freesurfers make up the other half of the surfing world. These surfers choose son! No matter who your are, surfnot to compete and instead gain ex- ers in general cannot wait to see the posure and sponsorships through photos, video edits and surfing films. best waves Mother Ocean has to of-

Whichever side you fall into, the fer. tough question still exists, "Who is the best surfer in the world?" Adriano DeSouza tallied the most points on the World Championship heat to bits. And the Kelly Slater's tour last year, however that may not of the WSL's Championship Tour make him the best surfer... Can we are preparing to go head-to-head deny the Craig Andersons and the with their counterparts in the up-Asher Paceys of the world their shot coming Oi Rio Pro in Brazil this at being the best? It's a tough call.

Sophomore student-surfer, John Waldron offered his opinion, "Adriano rips, but a world title doesn't mean he's the best. Freesurfers go Waldron continued, "Competitive

Waldron's opinion is increasingaround the world. Many are wor-From a young age, competitive ried that an increase in new money

"Competitive surfing is fun to seriously. I think the competitive surfer Alex Krenkel.

Either way, it's competition sea-"best in the biz" duke it out over the

The young-ins are chomping at the bit to thrash their National Scholastic Surfing Association (NSSA) May.

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While Krenkel says, "I want to see Kelly Slater win the Rio Pro. He's definitely due for a win." Waldron states, "I'd love to see Kolohe Andino win the Rio Pro. I feel like that wave suits his surfing pretty well."

While, the guys love to watch the pros do what they do best, individual surfing progression is always at the top of a surfer's priority list. A surfer can only watch so many near-perfect waves without getting anxiety about their next session. For the boys of MU Surf, the competitive aspect could become a reality sooner than later.

"MU Surf will be competing next year! We have begun the process of becoming a club sport. If we keep surfing and pushing each other to do our best like we have been, I have no doubt we will succeed," says junior Surf Club president Tyler Sankey.

As Monmouth transitions into summer, the Surf Club will begin to prepare for next fall semester. MU Surf will do what it takes to keep the club unique and to stimulate growth. Competition should not be praised nor condemned. It is simply another untapped resource for Monmouth Surf Club to gain exposure. Monmouth Surf will not allow surfing competition to change it, Monmouth Surf will change competition.

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NOV. 22 - DEC. 21

You may find yourself be-

coming a lot more focused on

money, career, and the material

# Commuting: The Best Of Both Worlds

### LAUREN NIESZ HEAD COPY EDITOR

With a love large enough to say, "If I could live here, I would," many of us commuters still choose not to live on campus at Monmouth. My love for Monmouth is completely indescribable; I cannot imagine myself as happy as I am anywhere else. The desire to spend all the time I have at MU makes others question my choice to commute to school.

At least three out of the five weekdays you can find me eating all three of my meals at school (yes, if you were wondering, that means I have 8:30 a.m. classes every day of the week, so breakfast on campus is a must!) and you'll most likely see my face on campus on the weekends too. I genuinely cannot get enough of our beautiful campus. So this urges many of my friends and family to question this choice to commute.

"You are on campus for 12 hours a day anyway, you might as well live there," is a comment I get quite a bit. It would be much more convenient given all the things I am involved with on campus for me to live here, but I find that commuting, aside from being cheaper, is a more liberating college experience. Not that you can't have a car when you live on campus, but I truly feel as though I have a lot more freedom being a commuter. It really prepares you for the future-time management is very important to handle when you commute. This is a skill that commuting does nothing, but enhance. This skill, then translates to a greater understanding of real adult responsibilities.

Now, this doesn't mean that time management and responsibility aren't enhanced when living on campus, but the levels of each are different for each student. It is very difficult to compare and contrast a resident student and a commuter student because they both have a different set of needs and there are benefits and handicaps to both lifestyles. But, speaking from a commuter standpoint, I can only give positive reviews for commuting to MU.

A lot of people say that by commuting you are limiting yourself and not getting the full "college experience," but I haven't felt like I am missing out on anything. What I love most about commuting, specifically to MU, is that I can still do absolutely anything a resident student can do and then some. The best part of the experience is that after I get my fill, I just drive 20 minutes back home, eat Mom's leftover dinner, snuggle with my three dogs, and sleep in my own bedroom. Honestly, I don't think it can get much better than that!

All in all, your college experience is what you make of it. There are many types of commuters. You can be the "student commuter" or the "hyper-involved commuter." I'm not sure there is really an inbetween. The "student commuter" drives to school, goes to class, and drives home. They're at MU for one reason-their degree. Now, if this is what you are doing, there is nothing wrong with that! It is all about your preference.

The "hyper-involved commuter" is the commuter who drives to school, goes to classes, probably has some sort of meal plan, attends any and all events that interest him or her, utilizes the library to do work, probably has an on-campus job, and only after all of his/her on campus obligations are fulfilled do they drive home. Regardless of which type of commuter you are, I think (well, I hope) we can all say that we LOVE MU! Because no matter the type of commuter we are, we do what makes us happy. For me, just being at MU makes me happy. So, sorry Mom and Dad, I'll be home late tonight (as usual)!

## MAR. 21 - APR. 19

**ARIES** 

This week could see you growing less idealistic and more materialistic, particularly when it comes to career, money, and security. There's a danger that you could become obsessed, so watch out for that tendency.

## TAURUS

### APR. 20 - MAY 20

You'll come into your own this week as the Sun enters your sign to enhance vitality and encourage you to put meaningful plans into motion. You'll need as much freedom as you can get if you're to make the progress you desire.

## GEMINI

## MAY 21 - JUNE 20

This week you will enter a phase where you'll want to you should feel less anxious and oid too much socializing,

## JULY 23 - AUG. 22

### The week ahead looks very promising for collaborating on a long-term project. And even though results may be slow in coming, success can be yours with perseverance. Be wary of more materialistic and careeroriented goals

## VIRGO

## AUG. 23 - SEPT. 22

This week calls for more focus on a budding relationship or artistic project. However, you could get a tad obsessed, which certainly won't help. Make time to stand back and get involved in other things, as the outcome will be more positive if you do. Maybe even explore new territory!

LIBRA

SEPT. 23 - OCT. 22

Even though you'll be busy,

## AQUARIUS

think of! Go for it!

## JAN. 20 - FEB. 18

## Get ready to relax with a capital R. This is your opportunity

## Summertime B The Living's (Finally) Easy

### AMANDA DRENNAN COPY FDITOR

Summer is only a few weeks away and even if you don't have anything planned, it's better than school work and studying for finals. After classes end it's great to have a few weeks off to relax, especially after the stress of finals. With more than three months off from school, there's a lot you can do with your free time.

If you're lucky enough, you might be able to get an internship over the friends along makes for an even summer. Although working through better time. Even if you're workthe summer might not be the most fun, it's a great opportunity to make some extra money. Being able to work in an area that interests you is great, especially when you don't have school work to worry about. You might not be relaxing on the beach or having a break like it seems like everyone else has, but it is a great experience. The summer time is perfect to take a vacation. Not being in school gives you a lot of free time to plan a trip. There are no classes to miss during the summer time so you can take a longer more relaxing vacation. You can come back and not have to worry about any work that's due or what you missed in classes. Of course, with the weather in the summer, even a stavcation at the jersey shore could be the perfect place. The beach is a destination that everyone would like to get to at least once over the summer. It's a great place to socialize with friends, tan, you decide to spend your summer, swim, and just relax. There are free beaches, or if you can't find a free anyone in a great mood.

beach, there are always beaches with free parking. If you can get a few friends together and split the cost of parking, it could make for a cheap day of fun.

When everyone is home from school, it's a great time to catch up with hometown friends you haven't seen. We all have more free time in the summer months so it's easier to make plans with all of your friends. There's so much that you can do over the summer and bringing your ing, there's no worry of classes and homework that will hold you back from making a few nights of plans with friends. If you don't have anything special planned for this summer, you'll at least have some down time. It's great to not have an alarm set for every weekday and not have to stress about school work and exams. It's relaxing to not have your weeks planned out and just be able to be stress-free for a while. There's also always the option of summer classes. Of course, school work is probably the last thing you want to think about during summer break. Classes over the summer also help you finish a lot quicker than fall or spring, so it's a quick and easy way to get some classes out of the wav. The summer is a great time to relax and have some free time from a full workload of classes. However warm weather and sunshine can put

side of life. Indeed, the issue of security may weigh heavily on your mind. If you can relax your grip on this area, cash may flow to you more easily CAPRICORN DEC. 22 - JAN. 19

If you've been busy with fam-

ily matters, the weeks ahead can

bring a pleasant respite. You

now have a chance to indulge

your senses and enjoy yourself.

Think luxurious massages with

scented oils--anything you can

doing your own thing. The cosmos encourages you to reflect on your successes and look ahead to what you hope to achieve.

## CANCER

## **JUNE 21 - JULY 22**

You may begin to feel more relaxed and less frazzled as the Sun eases out of your career sector and enters your social sector. Also, don't pay too much attention to someone's opinion, particularly if it seems somewhat negative.

### a lot calmer as you go about your preferring to spend more time everyday tasks. However, you might need to detach from a family situation that may be taking up too much of your time and energy. This is your chance to do something about it.

## **SCORPIO**

## OCT. 23 - NOV. 21

It would be helpful to not get too obsessed with a certain situation. The more you can stand back and let matters take their course, the sooner you can find a solution. This week, really take stock of key associations, friendships, and a romantic partnership and consider how you can improve matters.

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to nurture yourself and replenish your energy. If someone calls with an exciting project, don't immediately say yes and commit. Take time to get back in touch with your body and restore yourself to sanity.

## PISCES

## FEB. 19 - MAR. 20

After a few frazzled weeks, the next few should be calmer and easier to handle. Plans that could enhance your security or improve your lifestyle may seek expression. Be careful of jealous friends this week, and dont be afraid to end any relationships.







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## April 13, 2016

## **Dear Students:**

On Sunday, April 24 the Student Government Association will host Springfest on Shadow Lawn (rain site: the MAC) from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The day will include live music, a BBQ by Gourmet Dining, festival games, and giveaways. <u>However, no alcohol will be served or permitted on the Shadow</u> <u>Lawn or the rain location of the Student Center</u>. Springfest 2016 will have everything you need and it should be a great way for us all to celebrate the end of another year at Monmouth University.

While your attendance at Springfest is a key part of what continues to make this event so popular, it is also important that you practice **good decision making** before, during, and after the festival. Your respect for the rules and regulations of the University and your willingness to look out for one another are all essential to making this day successful. Therefore, I ask that you spend a few moments reviewing the following guidelines that will be in effect for Springfest 2016.

- 1. If you plan to attend Springfest 2016, please know that pets/animals, open-containers, alcohol, squeeze bottles, bags, backpacks, and/or similar items <u>WILL NOT BE PERMITTED</u>. Any student/guest that attempts to bring the related items to the event will be asked to leave the festival area.
- 2. Students living in any of the on-campus housing units <u>are not permitted</u> to host a social gathering during or after Springfest, which occurs on Sunday, April 24. Students that wish to hold a gathering on <u>Saturday, April 23</u> must complete the Office of Residential Life's *Social Affairs/Policy Application* by <u>Thursday, April 21, 2016 by 3:00 pm</u>.
- 3. Parking in the **Great Lawn** and **Garden Apartment** Lots will be <u>strictly enforced</u> on April 24. If you plan to drive to campus for the festival and do not have a valid parking sticker for the Garden or Great Lawn parking lots, you <u>MUST</u> park in the commuter parking lot by the Student Center. No exceptions permitted. Students should enter the campus from the Larchwood Avenue entrance.

For those students who live off campus, I would also remind you that the local communities have a <u>zero</u> <u>tolerance</u> for any quality of life disruptions in the local residential neighborhoods. Should you decide to host a social gathering before, during or after Springfest, please make sure that it stays within the limits of common sense, respect for one's neighbors, and all applicable laws and ordinances within your

## community.

I hope you will take an active role in assisting the Student Government Association and Monmouth University in our effort to present Springfest 2016 in a <u>safe</u> and <u>positive</u> manner. Your commitment to making this event a celebration of the year's achievements is critical. I know I can count on you to do so!

I look forward to your anticipated cooperation and I hope to see you at Springfest. Best wishes on your final exams!

Sincerely,

Mary Anne Nagy Vice President for Student Life and Leadership Engagement

# Living With a 24/7 Bully

### ALISON GOERKE STAFF WRITER

Samantha Caramela is constantly bullying herself. Every day and night since she was a little girl, this "24/7 bully" inside Caramela has been telling her that she is selfish, a harm to others, and that she doesn't deserve love. This bully is making Caramela fear herself consistently, but Caramela is finding a way to defend herself. This bully is Obsessive Compulsive Disorder.

"Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) is a disorder of the brain and behavior, causing severe anxiety and involving obsessions and compulsions that take a lot of time and get in the way of important activities the person values," according to the International OCD Foundation.

Samantha is affected by obsessions, which are thoughts that occur out of her control on a daily basis. Her scariest obsessions are triggered by circumstances, big or small. At a young age, one of her triggers was throwing up, while another was the thought of a family member's death.

At one point, Caramela's OCD told her that she wanted to hurt her parents, so she went out of her way to avoid them. Her OCD told her she was going to be poisoned, so to fix the obsession, she tried to avoid eating all together.

Monmouth University specialist professor and licensed clinician, Dr. Jamie L. Goodwin-Uhler, believes that OCD can be rooted in childhood experiences. "I tend to think of OCD as often having a sort of symbolic significance to the person and likely having roots in anxietyproducing and/or traumatic development experiences, often in childhood," Goodwin-Uhler said.

At age four, Samantha encountered another young child who wanted to "experiment" with her and threatened Samantha to stay silent. Her mind, however, could not.

As a young girl who told her parents her every thought, Samantha began to feel guilty for not telling her parents of this circumstance. Caramela said, "I felt like a horrible person if I ever had a rude thought and needed to tell them as soon as possible to relieve the shame."

Samantha was misdiagnosed with Schizophrenia by a doctor at age seven. The same doctor also said that she wanted to hurt others. When her mother defended Samantha and said her daughter wouldn't hurt others, they sought a new doctor. Samantha was then diagnosed with OCD and could finally start to feel better.

Being a young girl constantly plagued with obsessions, Samantha struggled at her Catholic elementary school. She felt judged by her peers and staff, with one teacher even kicking her out of class during a panic attack and calling her a "disruption."

Gina Chiarello, a life-long friend and neighbor of Caramela, remembers watching a school play with her when they were children, and Samantha saying, "We need to leave. I need to get out of here." With the play being a trigger, Chiarello said that Samantha and her mother left the auditorium almost immediately.

"Parents and counselors spread rumors that I was a danger to the students, and even I started believing some of them. Being in that type of atmosphere, especially while struggling with a debilitating disorder, is excruciating," she said.

Having left that atmosphere, Caramela is currently a junior at Rowan University. She is studying creative writing and is using her writing to educate others on OCD. Brighteved and slender. Samantha can be seen walking on Rowan's campus with a journal and iced coffee in hand. If anyone notices Samantha, they don't notice her "bully" and triggers unless she talks about them.

The triggers that have affected her since her time at Rowan have changed, but still affect her daily life immensely. She has been dating another junior, Kevin Momat, since her freshman year at Rowan, and has been open with Momat about her daily struggles.

When Sammi (Samantha) is conflicted with something, it's all a matter of time. I used to try and get the answers quick and was frustrated if I couldn't know them right away, but now I know I just need

confide in me," Momat said. "I trust I am not stuck in a threatening, her that she'll tell me what's on her mind and she trusts me to know I'm going to be there for her no matter what.'

In a short written work titled, When Love is a Trigger" Samantha speaks of her relationship. "It's so frustrating because these thoughts are so convincing, causing me to second guess every fleeting feeling, argument, whatever it is," Caramela writes. She tells herself that she is in love with Kevin, but her OCD responds with "You don't." This response from her OCD is Samantha's current biggest trigger, and the one she's most afraid of.

Caramela has thoughts about cheating on Kevin, about falling in love with someone else, and can experience "false guilt." This false guilt convinces Samantha that she is being disloyal if she just speaks to someone of the opposite sex. These thoughts plague her so much that Kevin can become a trigger.

"I become so irritated from my repetitive thoughts that one simple action of his sets me off. Then comes the guilt for reacting a specific way, for being moody, naggy or what most call, 'human'. I feel so much guilt that I feel as though I slapped him when all I did was give him a little attitude," Caramela said.

In addition to therapy and internships, Samantha keeps busy by serving as the president of Her Campus, an online global journalistic community for women. Caramela works herself very hard in order to focus on her assignments and duties rather than her OCD.

Goodwin-Uhler believes distractions like Caramela's can be useful. "Distraction can be an effective inthe-moment technique of handling anxiety; there's nothing wrong with it if it works to diffuse the anxiety. However, I would recommend exploring the underlying meaning and potential causes of obsessions/compulsions, as well as learning other behavioral techniques, for complete treatment," Goodwin-Uhler said.

"I think the worst part of OCD, for me, at least, is the constant doubting, the shame and guilt, the

downward spiral. It's intimidating and lonely because no one ever really understands your thoughts and why they have such an impact on you," Caramela said.

To cope with these feelings, Samantha has returned to therapy and is using her writing prowess to educate others. She has created a new blog called SammiSays.org, where she offers advice and posts about her experiences with OCD and her life to others.

"I began writing for myself, in journals and such, because getting it down on paper was so relieving. It was like I was reading thoughts of another character, so I wasn't so

ever she needs to and I know she'll effects. There is never a day where harsh on myself. I tend to be more accepting and understanding of other people. Over the years, however, I decided to share my story.' She wrote a column for her school paper called "Diary of the Anxious" her freshman year and continues to write about what's going on in her own hear-her thoughts and her bully's.

> "I want to help others because I know how it feels to be trapped in your mind, especially when it is such a dark place to be," Caramela said.

> Samantha continues to walk around campus on a daily basis, carrying her journal and coffee. She carries her bully too. Incredibly though, the bully doesn't carry her.



Samantha Caramela may have to face symptoms of her OCD to give her time to figure out what- irritability and depression-the side every day, but she doesn't let it stop her from living her life.

# Graduate Studies Spotlight: History and Anthropology

### **ERIN MCMULLEN** FEATURES EDITOR

current job market for men and recreate ancient technologies, "from women with skills revolving around fire and flintknapping to plowing history and anthropology, the Uni- with mules and shearing sheep," said

archaeology.

There is an Ancient Technology With a growing demand in the class, for example, in which students they graduate.

cultural resource management," Veit explained.

Nick Triozzi, who is currently working as a Mapping and Photographic Specialist at the American Museum of Natural History, gradu-

ticularly those that are focusing on skills necessary to secure a job in History. "Each specialization is designed to enhance competence in the field, increase professionalism, research abroad. "Today, this inand develop leadership," according cludes projects examining resource to the University's website.

workshops, one-on-one interaction and archaeological research around Veit. Experiences like those offered ated with his Master's degree in An- with professors, and a wide array by that class in particular create a thropology in 2013. "Monmouth's of classes, Monmouth University clear picture of the kind of work that Anthropology MA program kick- has proven to be a wonderful comstudents will be conducting after started my career by providing me munity of scholars, all dedicated to with a challenging academic envi- supporting student success and ad-

gree in Anthropology, for example, are given the opportunity to conduct extraction in Latin American coun-"By offering a variety of helpful tries, health care in Eastern Europe,

versity's graduate programs for each of these fields provide students with just the right amount of experience both inside and outside of the classroom to help them get to where they want to be after they earn their degree.

With students who have ended up working for the National Park Service, the American Red Cross, the American Museum of Natural History, the Port Authority, and a number of other various state and county agencies, it is clear that the University's History and Anthropology programs are the perfect way for students to prepare themselves for the real world.

"Students leave with research, writing, and critical thinking skills," said Richard Veit, Chair of the History and Anthropology Department at the University. He continued to explain that although most classes in the program are small seminars, many hands-on courses are also offered to the students enrolled, par-

## "The program provides students with the skills and knowledge to secure employment right out of graduate school and to move into supervisory positions."

### **RICHARD VEIT** Chair of the History and Anthropology Department

Those involved in the Anthropology program also "learn how to use geographic information systems (GIS, a computer system for capturing, storing, checking, and displaying data related to positions on Earth's surface), address anthropological questions, how to carry out ethnographic fieldwork, and for those who are archaeologically inclined, they learn the lab and field

ronment and the flexibility to balance classroom and experiential learning," Triozzi said. "The faculty acted as my most vital resource, giving me the guidance that budding anthropologists thrive on."

Students working to earn their Master's in History are able to choose from three different specializations: World History, History of the United States, and European

vancing the study of history," said Lindsay Maruska, who graduated with her Master's in History in 2015. Whether a student intends to pursue a career in the field of History or Anthropology, the University's programs truly are great options when it comes to acquiring all of the expertise and experience necessary to find a job in their desired career path. Students looking to earn their de-

the Circum-Caribbean region," according to the program's informational brochure.

Those enrolled in the History program are also given the opportunity to present their research at various conferences held both on and off campus. In the past, topics such as race and the U.S. criminal justice system have been covered, as well as the school-to-prison pipeline and even white male privilege in academia. Regardless of which area of these two fields students are interested in, the University's History and Anthropology programs are a perfect fit for anyone looking to start a career revolving around either academic area.

"Our program is one of the most vibrant in the Middle Atlantic regions," Veit explained. "The program provides students with the skills and knowledge to secure employment right out of graduate school and to move into supervisory positions."

# We've Got No Time For Getting Old

### **ERIN MCMULLEN** FEATURES EDITOR

I've been waiting to write this goodbye since I started in The Outlook as a freshman, so you'd think that I would have had some idea of how to start this by now. I honestly have no words of wisdom, no great advice, and nothing inspirational to share with anyone bored enough to read through this whole thing.

I do, however, have a lot of people to thank for making my time at college everything that it was, so I won't waste any time getting to the point.

Mom and Dad, I don't even know where to start. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to learn, live, and grow at a place as beautiful as Monmouth. Thank you for allowing me to travel the world and experience life in a way that I never thought possible. Thank you for showing me unconditional love and support, even after you figured out that me moving back home after graduation ever your name is – a million thank is not what I would consider to be an ideal situation. You both have given me literally everything I could ever ask for and then some, so thank you from the bottom of my heart. I love you.

To Morgan, my little sister – the person that I love the most in this world – thank you for always being my cheerleader, my rock, my best friend. You inspire me every day to be a better version of myself and I truly could not imagine my life without you. I am eternally grateful that you chose Monmouth, not just because vou always let me steal vour meal swipes, but because being able to watch you grow during your first year here has been the ultimate treat. You make me proud always.

Hayley and Gracie, my fellow

Space Cadets, I'm usually afraid of how similarly all three of our brains seem to function, but I honestly don't think I could have ever asked for better friends. Thank you for always worrying about my health and safety after spending almost 20 hours on campus, and especially for wordlessly handing me a spoon and a jar of Nutella when I had a mental breakdown in the middle of our kitchen floor. I'm thankful to have found people who share my affinity for the Universe, fake babies, and spontaneous tattoos. Condragulations on being two of the best people I have ever known, I'll see you both on the runway. Xoxo.

Chandler, thank you for sharing my serious fear of crickets and other bugs, and for making me feel a little less alone in our half of the continent that is our house. I also still feel like my music is usually too loud, so thank you for pretending like it's not.

MK, Mary Kate, Mary, whatyous for allowing me to befriend World Peace and make your bed my own. To think that we didn't know each other a little over a year ago is both #rude and #offensive to me, so thank you for being such an amazing human being and friend. Thank you for also camping out in the student center and crying over unattainable men with me, and thank you, thank you, thank you for that one time in Amsterdam. Much love, Ron. Ronnie, Ronald, E-Girl.

To the girls of Norgrove (and Alex and Danielle), sorry I never paid any rent, but thank you for allowing me to make some of my best college memories under your roof. I would also apologize for low key infiltrating your friend group, but for that I'm not sorry at all.

My BiTcHe\$ & H03\$, I still don't know how we were all lucky enough to find each other, but no words can properly express how glad I am that we did. My time abroad would have been nothing without any of you. Thank you for laughing at the same memes as me, for always being in the mood to reminisce about the Fall of 2014, and for crying with me over the memories we created during the four months that London was our home. If it was at all possible in literally any way, I would spend the rest of my life traveling and exploring the world with you all, even if it meant having to eat green curry from the refectory for every meal.

Krar, thank you for sharing my infinite love of tall men and Taco Bell. I also really like hugging you. Krispiy7, I'm so grateful to be able to call someone with such a beautiful soul my friend. Thanks for the Snapchats. FJPSalvatore, thank you for always reporting my Instagram pictures and never giving me a friends and family discount on your t-shirts. Sam, thank you for always making me laugh, especially in the horrible, horrible class that we have to sit through together. Vin, thank you for being the first to call me Ron; you started a movement. Stephanie, I sometimes am afraid of how much I love you. Thank you for being alive.

To Alpha Omicron Pi, thank you. I'm not sure if any other words are necessary because if I am certain about anything at all, it is that joining this organization was one of the best decisions of my college career. Erin circa 2009 would have laughed if you told her that she would help colonize a chapter of a sorority as a freshman in college, but Erin circa 2016 would say that it was that chapter that made her experience at Monmouth so unforgettable.

Alyssa, I cannot believe that there was a time in either of our lives when we weren't friends. I am so grateful to have found you and I'm even more grateful that you stuck around after learning about how much of a train wreck I am. Thank you for always listening to my stories, no matter how silly or boring they are, and for consistently reassuring me that neither of us will end up alone. I am so lucky to be able to call someone as beautiful and genuine as you a best friend and a sister. You deserve the world.

ARB and Yeast, thank you for always, without fail, putting a smile on my face. My heart is so full of love for the both of you.

To my Trash Fam, Macie and Amanda, I feel blessed to be related to piles of human garbage as classy, genuine, and unique as you two ladies. You both are truly two of my favorite people and I'm thankful every day that AOII brought us together. I know you'll keep the family name alive after I leave, but I'll say it anyway: stay trashy.

My fellow Student Ambassadors, thanks for making my job a little more fun. I wouldn't have wanted to wear matching ugly blue polos with anvone else.

To Maggie and Brett, my biggest fans, Co-Presidents of the I Love Erin Club, and two of the best humans to ever walk the earth – I love you. Thank you for liking me more than I sometimes like myself; it is both an honor and a privilege to be the object of your affection.

To The Outlook and all of the editors that I've ever worked with. thank you for allowing me to do what I love for the past four years. I will always be grateful for every-

thing that this paper has given me, even if it made me sometimes lose my mind on Mondays and Tuesdays. This office and the people in it have seen me at my worst, so I thank you all for continuing to (hopefully) view me as a sane and morally sound human being.

Lastly, to Monmouth University, thank you for giving me the best four years of my life. My time at this school has impacted me more than I ever thought possible and I know that I'll never have experiences anywhere else like the ones I've had here. The thought of having to leave this place in a month makes my heart hurt, but in the end, I'm just glad to have been given the opportunity to call myself a Hawk.

I would say that it's funny how quickly time moves, but it's honestly not something that I'm laughing about. Everyone told me how fast my college years would go by, that I should cherish every moment and experience everything I can while I can, but nobody told me how much it would hurt when I began to realize that only three weeks separate me from adulthood and alum status.

Although it's a terribly sad time for me and so many other graduating seniors, I can't help but look back on the memories I've made and the people I've met over the years with a smile. My heart is so full of love and gratitude for all that my college experience has offered me that I think I'm almost, almost, ready to let go and start the next chapter of my life.

For now, though, in these final days of the best times of my life (this far, at least), I'm perfectly content with pretending that I won't be walking across stage and into The Real World<sup>TM</sup> in just a few weeks.



# "FIRE EMBLEM" (MEETS ITS) FATE

### JOHN MORANO STAFF WRITER

In *Fire Emblem Fates* you play as a prince who can turn into a dragon; also you can marry and have kids with your siblings... oh, right, context. *Fire Emblem Fates* was one of my most anticipated video game releases of this year; now, after having completed it, it's currently my biggest disappointment of 2016 (don't worry *Final Fantasy XV*, you've still got a shot to disappoint). *Fire Emblem* is a series of tactical turnbased RPGs set in a medieval-fantasy world, and it's debatably the most popular series in the genre.

The installment *Fire Emblem*: Awakening added systems for marriages and children into the series. Basically you pair up certain opposite-sex characters by having them fight together, they become friendly over time, and eventually get married and have children; afterwards, through a cheesy time-travel plot twist, these children become units in your army. On the plus side, some of the mechanics associated with this system are interesting—by pairing characters with different classes/ stats, you can essentially breed super soldiers. Unfortunately, a lot of effort had to be put into this system to make it work; tons of lines for character interactions had to be written, and complicated balancing for character stats was made essential. I feel that the rest of the game has suffered due to effort being put into these system, and its unnecessary (and occasionally disturbing) expansions.

With their newest title, *Fire Emblem Fates*, Intelligent Systems (the game's developers) have doubled-down on the marriage and children systems. While I feel that these systems have played a part in making the series more popular, I also feel that they are starting to take away from the more strategic aspects of the game.

I feel like modern *Fire Emblem* games give players too much control over their individual units. For example, in earlier *Fire Emblem* titles you were limited to a certain number of units and could only recruit one wyvern rider at a time. Now, in *Fire Emblem Fates*, you can do something called "reclassing" and make as many wyvern riders as you want. On the one hand, this sort of character building can be fun, but it results in the game becoming much easier.

As for the plot, I expect a certain amount of quality from *Fire Emblem* games, something which I've felt all the previous titles have provided. I don't expect them to be masterpieces, but they are narrative-driven, and as such I expect the plot to be at least somewhat engaging. There are three versions of *Fire Emblem Fates* each with different plots: *Conquest*, which I review here, *Birthright* and *Revelations*. The first version you buy costs \$40, and the next two are bought as DLC, and cost \$20 each (you can't buy *Revelations* first).

*Fire Emblem Fates*' premise is that you're a prince from Hoshido who is kidnapped. When two major factions go to war, you are forced to choose between your adoptive sib-



"Fire Emblem Fates" is a video game series of tactical turn-based RPGs in a medieval fantasy setting.

lings and you blood-related ones. As I bought *Conquest*, I had to choose my adoptive siblings; had I wanted to choose Hoshido, that decision would have costed \$20. If you pay another \$20 (we're at \$80 total for those not counting) you can play Revelations, which is a middleground path. When all was said and done, it took me a little over 30 hours to play through Conquest. If I had enjoyed the plot, I would have recommended it and the DLC, despite the fact that this would come out to \$80. Unfortunately, I found the plot to be both boring and formulaic; this applies not just to the game's core plot, but to the various subplots and most character development as well.

Then there are a number of features in *Fire Emblem Fates* that are just plain weird, many of which have an element of romance and

titillation to them, as though the developers are trying to expand on the well-received marriage and children systems. For example, you can build a hot springs in your military base, and walk in on characters as they're bathing. If you walk in on a character of the same sex, you are made to join them; if you walk in on a character of the opposite sex, you apologize and leave. There's no punishment and no reward for these actions; it's entirely pointless. I'm more than willing to suspend disbelief in a videogame, particularly an animestyled one, but this just seems like a convenient excuse to add a cheap thrill to the game. While we're on the subject of weird, the character your avatar marries basically comes on to you, the player, through the screen. Also did I mention you can marry your in-game siblings?

Honestly, when all's said and done, I'm having trouble thinking of a good reason to recommend this game. The gameplay wasn't challenging, the plot was barely tolerable, and, to top it off, the game creeped me out. Character building was fun to a point, but without a challenge to test my characters against, it all ended up feeling rather pointless. I'd personally score Fire Emblem Fates: Conquest 5/10, although I would point out that a number of people enjoyed it far more than I did. Metacritic puts the critic score at 88/100 and user score at 6.7/10, several critics even complained about the difficulty. If you're looking for a worthwhile turn-based strategy game, I'd definitely recommend any Fire Emblem that came prior to Fire Emblem Fates, even Fire Emblem: Awakening.



### EMILY CIAVATTA STAFF WRITER

Video cameras of all shapes and sizes have for many decades captured amazing artifacts, which has in turn led to the creation of our favorite movies, TV shows and now, YouTube videos. However, in 2016, the game of filmmaking is changing forever—and it is all because of drones. Drones may not have come out yesterday, but this year, it is becoming more socially acceptable for them to be used in everyday life. Something that was once shunned by everyone in close proximity due to its noisy behavior is now something you can casually fly in your backyard, and now, drones are changing the game of aerial cinematography.

While it is still incredible vhat a more standard video camera can do, drones are more skilled in obtaining aerial shots, and these shots are what make anything from a Hollywood movie to a homemade short film something worth talking about. The special thing about drones becoming more accepted this year is that now they are more obtainable, not just for award-winning filmmakers, but for anyone who wants one, and that is going to be very impactful for many people's creativity. Aspiring filmmakers and YouTubers, or people who just simply enjoy messing around with a camera and an ed- initing software, now have endless s p i capabilities of what they can create.

der \$1,500, this camera drone is easily accessible for people making videos right out of their own home. YouTuber Casey Neistat is notably the most prevalent person in the media right now who is actively capturing video with the DJI Phantom 4. He uses it often in his daily vlogs, and as such has b e e n

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Neistat said recently in one of his vlogs that when operating a drone, you should be using it to help tell your story. In his case, he incorporates drone cinematography into his daily vlogs to help tell the story of his life as a husband, dad, business owner film-

ness owner, filmmaker and YouTuber. ing technology is something that is touching his two million plus subscribers. Many people think of a drone as something solely used for big feature films or aerial real estate photography, when that is not the case at all—and Neistat clearly makes that evident as he uses his drone in his everyday life.

Just last month, a festival centered around drones was held in New York City. The New York City Drone Film Festival (logo pictured to the left) was developed in 2014 and has since been highly impactful for the technology world, as it is the only festival

that specializes in drones. The festival acts as a place for people to display their creative drone cinematography to others who are just as invested in the world of filmmaking. Big name companies such as *NBC News* have taken part

The DJI Phantom 4 is arguably the best camera drone for YouTubers or homemade filmmakers. Decently priced at a little bit un-



in this festival and DJI, the company of the drone that Neistat uses, is the leading sponsor of the event. The festival had a crowd of over 5,000, clearly displaying not only how popular drones are currently, but how much they are on the rise. The NBC News article with the drastic headline "New York Drone Film Festival Aims to Win Over Skeptic Public" perfectly captured the festival and drone usage as a whole. While it has previously been looked down upon to use drones anywhere in public, the point of this festival was to turn that mindset around and show how the creative possibilities of drones are endless. The NYC Drone Film Festival is working hard to make next year's event just as impactful as this year's, because the art of drone cinematography is only growing.

# "GAME OF THRONES" RETURNS FOR AN EPIC SEASON 6

### ANNA BLAINE STAFF WRITER

Anticipating Game of Thrones Season 6 yet? You better be. Fans of the epic fantasy series have so much to look forward to. Not only will this season return to all the characters we've grown to love or hate and introduce new characters and new story lines, but this is the first season that the hit HBO show has surpassed the book series by George R.R Martin. The sixth installment, "Winds of Winter," is not scheduled to be released this year, leaving many of the book fans with only one option: watch the TV show if they want to find out what happens next. The HBO producers and writers are now faced with the task of continu-

source material there. But since the first Season 6 trailer dropped, it has already gained millions of views on YouTube in over a day. It looks like this season is shaping up to be the biggest from all the fan reaction.

The multiple Emmy-winning TV show was left on a cliffhanger last season when Lord Commander Jon Snow (Kit Harrington) was betrayed by his brothers of the Night's Watch. It was a chilling scene with Jon being repeatedly stabbed in a Julius Caesar "Ides-of-March" fashion. The last shot was him lying in the snow, a trail of blood coming out from his body, leaving many fans aghast about his death over the summer. Did he really die? Game of Thrones has been known to



IMAGE TAKEN from gameofthronesseason6-streaming.com "Game of Thrones" will return for its sixth season on Sunday, April 24 on HBO.

it's no surprise that some fans are mourning Jon Snow. However, book fans have many theories. One theory about "The Tower of Joy" will most likely be uncovered this season, but another theory involves the Lady Melisandra, the red priestess who was loyal to Stannis Baratheon. After her visions about Stannis turned out to be wrong, she returns to the Night's Watch. Could it be that Melisandra returned there for a reason? She has long been fascinated with Jon Snow and she follows the Lord of Light religion, which gives servants an absorbent amount of power. Perhaps Melisandra has a few magic tricks up her sleeve, but this is all speculation of course.

Another character's fate that was left on a cliffhanger is Sansa Stark (Sophie Turner). She and Reek (Alfie Allen) jumped from a wall at Winterfell escaping the castle now occupied by the Boltons. This was pivotal for both of these characters because they were tormented by Ramsey Bolton, the bastard son of Roose Bolton, the man who murdered Sansa's mother and brother at the infamous "Red Wedding." This was a defining moment for Sansa in particular, because she refused to be a victim anymore. She was helpless for many seasons, but this was a breakthrough. It probably was a sigh of relief for both

ing a show that doesn't have the kill major characters before, so fans and showrunners after the so she is familiar with their savbacklash that resulted following the controversial rape scene on Sansa's wedding night to Ramsey. This scene outraged so many fans, and even caused a U.S senator to quit watching the show.

Over the six years it's been on, Game of Thrones has caused uproar a few times, most notably with its sexual violence against women. This sparks a lot of debate for a subject that can be deemed as "gratuitous violence for entertainment purposes." While Game of Thrones does portray disturbing medieval practices, it also gets a lot of praise for having strong female characters that are equally as complex as the male characters. Cersei Lannister (Lena Headey) is one of the characters that has demanded attention for how complex she is. The disgraced Queen Regent will be plotting to get rid of the Sparrows who overthrew her last season.

Daenerys Targaryen (Emilia Clarke) is probably one of the most recognizable strong female characters. Known as the "Mother of Dragons," she has conquered cities and challenged the system of slavery. After that amazing scene last season of her flying away on the back of Drogon (her eldest dragon), she ended up surrounded by hordes of the Dothraki. You may very well remember that Daenerys was once married to a Dothraki named Khal Drogo,

agery. Still the question remains, can she survive this time with the Dothraki again? In the trailer, Daenerys is their captive. The city she rules is in outright revolt, only held together at the moment by Tyrion Lannister (Peter Dinklage) and some of her closest advisors. If things work out in her favor, she will probably end swooping in to save her city on the back of Drogon.

We also haven't seen the last of Arya Stark (Maisie Williams). The youngest Stark daughter is in the city of Braavos after being blinded as punishment for killing one of the men on her "death list." Other characters like Bran Stark, who was missing last season, will return, learning new powers from the Three-eyed Raven. As the impending threat of the White Walkers looms over Westeros, story lines will start to converge and characters who've never met will finally interact. There's a huge battle sequence towards the end of Season 6 that looks as epic as the episode "Hardhome" last season. Some of the new characters that will appear are Euron Greyjoy and Kinvara, a new red priestess.

There is a lot of speculation surrounding this upcoming season, but one thing is for sure: this season is going to be insane on so many levels. Game of Thrones Season 6 airs on Sunday, April 24.





In my classes at Monmouth, every now and then I'm introduced to a concept which I already know something of from a video game. I remember last year, in Dr. Patten's intro to political science course, when he explained the prisoner's dilemma to us. I was already familiar with the concept thanks to Zero Escape: Virtue's Last Reward, and this helped my group to avoid a potential 10-year prison sentence in our exercise.

Before I get into this though, let me just add a quick disclaimer: if you hear something in a video game that interests you, you should research it independently; it doesn't have to be extensive, but be sure at least give it a quick google. Most games are works of fiction, and often they take had I not taken a class on psypresent something as factual. To sona 3. One of Persona's best illustrate this: in the video game Nine Hours, Nine Persons, Nine Doors, a curious incident involving chemistry is discussed. According to the game, in 1920, due to an accident involving the transport of liquid glycerin, a sample of glycerin crystallized. This was curious because glycerin had never been crystallized before, and afterwards glycerin everywhere started to crystallize spontaneously. To call this story about glycerin half-true would be giving it too much credit; some research was done on the crystallization of glycerin in the 1920's, but that's about all the truth there. However, receive lectures on psychology due to the game's presentation, this story actually fooled a good number of people. Many players thought the game was summarizing a historical event, when in *en*, players can access a number actuality the game was combin-

Nine Hours, Nine Persons, Nine Doors is highly regarded for having a story made up of interesting facts and compelling fiction; unfortunately, as has been illustrated, occasionally the two blend together.

If you're at all interested in psychology, then recent titles in the Persona series are mustplays. I've found that this series does an excellent job of stimulating one's interest in psychology; the plot is interesting enough that when the game touches on a concept, you'll want to know more about it. Much of the game's psychological content is under the surface. For example, Persona 3's protagonist is motivated by the Freudian death drive/Thanatos drive. I wouldn't have picked up on this fun fact creative license, even when they chology prior to playing Per- history, much to appreciate. Oh, features is its psychologically complicated characters; Naoto, from Persona 4, was designed around the idea of being psychologically androgynous. Even the game's title is rooted in psychology; the word "persona" is Latin for mask, Carl Jung, a prominent factual until psychologist, used it to refer to the social masks that we show to it yourself. others. Persona 3 Portable features dual protagonists inspired least is the by the Jungian archetypes of Zero Esanima and animus. Not only is the game's core narrative built around psychology, but over the course of a Persona game, players will actually in-game. One of the Persona 3's characters, Mr. Edogawa, actually lectures you on Jungian psychology. In Persona 4 Goldof Mr. Edogawa's lectures sepawith the plot of Cat's Cradle, a additional lectures, relevant to to date.

popular Kurt Vonnegut novel. whatever part of the storyline you're at, are added as you play the game. While perhaps not as comprehensive as one of Dr. Stapley's lectures, these do a good job of summarizing Carl Jung's ideas.

Moving on to history, the popular Assassin's Creed series can be surprisingly informative. It tends to take a rather pessimistic view of history and presents people and organizations as rather selfish; interestingly enough, if you go to a history class after playing an Assassin's Creed game, you'll find that this is an effective lens to use. Over the course of an Assassin's Creed game, one will meet various historical figures, travel through historical cities, and experience historical events. There are plenty of opportunities to learn, and if you're interested in and that disclaimer I mentioned often the key to solving Zero Es- games have educational value, earlier? Since Assassin's Creed consists of interwoven factual history and fictional narrative, my disclaimer goes double here-don't take anything you hear in an Assassin's Creed game as you've verified Last but not

cape series; this is probably the most educational video game series I have played to date. There have been two titles released in this series: Nine Hours, Nine Persons, Nine Doors and Zero Escape: Virtue's Last Reward. The gameplay style is visual novel and puzzle, and each complements the other nicely. The puzzle aspect of gameplay puts you in a series of locked rooms, and as the player, you have to solve each room's puzzle and escape. The visual novel element makes the game feel almost like a book; you'll do a lot of reading, absorbing facts, and will occasionally have to make decisions. Decisions are typically either puzzle-related (academic) or social (you have to occasionally make judgements about the game's characters).

digital root of a number, you have to add its digits together until you get a single-digit number; for example, the digital root of 27 would be 9 (2+7=9), or for 29, 1 (2+9=11, 1+1=2). The game's puzzles then proceed to hammer these concepts into your head; you may be given a series of numbers, and told to use no more than three of them to achieve a digital root of seven. I've personally found games that teach me something to hold my interest longer than the others

Before I finish, I'd just like to point out that all of the games listed here are normal games; none of them are marketed as belonging to the genre "educational video games." Video games that have been made purely for the purpose of be-Knowledge that you obtain ing educational don't seem to from the visual novel portion is have caught on. Clearly not all and there's nothing wrong with that; that said, to me at least, that there's something appealing about learning and relaxing at the same time.

*cape*'s puzzles. The visual novel component typically introduces

and explains a concept, and in one case this was the idea of a digital root. To calculate t h e

ing a semi-popular occult myth rate from the main storyline; "Zero Escape: Virtue's Last Reward" is considered to be one of the most educational video games



## AMANDA GLATZ MANAGING/ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

When I first came to Monmouth, I had no intention of writing for The Outlook. The idea of publishing something with my name attached to it for all of campus to see was a little terrifying. And besides, what would I even write?

I found my answer during the lead up to the Academy Awards my sophomore year, when I had a lot of opinions but no platform to share them. I wrote my first ever movie review that semes-



ter, followed by a round up of all the Oscar contenders, and before I knew it, I had found a new home on campus. (And for the record, I'm still mad that Gravity didn't take Best Picture that year.)

Two years later, my time with The Outlook has become one of the many things that I will miss about Monmouth. It has given me a voice on campus and a team to be a part of, and now, it is giving me a way to say goodbye to a great four years.

I've had the time of my life at Monmouth, and I have a lot of people to thank for that. First up is my parents, because withand I'm so lucky to have you in are what I'll miss most about

out their unwavering support, I other. I have so many memories never would have gotten to this of you guys that I know I'll hold point to begin with. To Mom onto forever, and ultimately, our and Dad, you guys are the best crazy roommate shenanigans



my corner. Thanks for being my number one fans and my best friends.

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Monmouth.

I can't believe it's already been four years, but there's no one else that I would have rather

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And last but not least, thank you to the Random Admissions Employee that placed me in Beechwood Suite N freshman year. I owe you one.





shared this journey with. As an only child who was terrified of moving away to college, I'm so happy to say that I made eight awesome friends that have become more like sisters.

I don't know how to say goodbye to you guys but I know I don't have to. We've been together since day one and I know that's not going to change. But please know this means that I'm

ployee. You guys and the rest of the staff make work feel like fun.

Thanks to Nicole, who published my first story at The Out*look* and taught me how to be an editor. Thanks to the 2014-2015 crew and the first staff that I got to be a part of (miss you, Alyssa!). That first trip to LA was so much fun and those hotel room dance battles were epic.

Thanks to the 2015-2016 staff

making video compilations for for all of your hard work this all of your weddings. year. I'm really going to miss



# **Summer Fun Day Trips**

### **MEAGHAN WHEELER** STAFF WRITER

As school is winding down, the only light at the end of the tunnel for students is summer. That six letter word almost seems untouchable when finals, tests and papers take over our days.

But what do you do when the work finally ends? Summer is a time where your days should be filled with stress-free fun. So what is there to do that is budget friendly as well as close in proximity?

Luckily for us, New Jersey is filled with fun and exciting day trips to keep you busy all summer long.

If you are looking for a fun beautiful place to just sit back and relax, New Jersey has an entire coastline filled with relaxing beaches.

There is Wildwood, Point Pleasant Beach, and much much more. If you are in the mood for an exploring day, there are several cities to visit. Montclair, Princeton, and Lambertville are just a few of my favorite fun cities to explore.

learning days? A day at the museum sounds like a perfect summer day to me.

Professor Veit, Department Chair for history and anthropology, says, "I love spending sum-



Summer vacation in New Jersey could not be better with all of these enjoyable options throughout the

What about some educational mers traveling through the his- museums to explore in New Jertorical sites of New Jersey: Pine Barrens, old factories, and even eral Museum, Jersey Shore Chilthe battlegrounds. I love to learn dren's Museum, Liberty Science about all the history New Jersey has to offer.'

state

There are so many academic Museum.

sey, including the Franklin Min-Museum, Marine Mammal Center and Garden State Discovery

For those of you who might have an adventurous side, there are plenty of places to fulfill it.

We have Delaware River Tubing, Sky rides in Seaside Heights, and even sky diving.

Junior business student, Rob

Ewanis, said, "I cannot wait until summer so I can go skydiving. It is an occasion I've been saving up for and I've been waiting to make the jump for years.

There are several zoos and aquariums to visit as well as amusement parks. For the hiking outdoorsy type, New Jersey has hiking trails and waterfalls to see.

Turtleback Zoo has a rope course called Treetop Adventures, which is an amazing experience.

Victoria Petruzzella, sophomore health studies student, said, "I cannot wait until this summer so I can enjoy all of the hiking trails with my boyfriend. We are such an outdoor-loving couple and cannot wait to enjoy the nature that this tri-state area has to offer.'

If you are a history buff, there are several places to take you back in time to enjoy the history of the east coast.

Waterloo Village, Historic Cold Spring Village and Monmouth Battlefield State Park are just a few places to go to satisfy your history bug.

Summer is meant for traveling, exploring and discovering what this great state has to offer!

From waterparks to museums, lakes to beaches, and museums to state parks, New Jersey has it all. Get out there and start seeing the sights this summer.

# **Expectation vs. Reality** of Being an Adult

### JULIA BURKE STAFF WRITER

Why is it that when we are a kid all we want to do is grow up, but when we grow up all we want to do is be a kid again?

We do not realize what we have until it is gone. I always thought adults were exaggerating when they complained about the difficulties of growing up, but they hate to admit that they were right.

fantasize about living this perfect, flawless life.

the realities of being an adult.

find myself engulfed by waves Volkswagen Beetle with fuzzy of nostalgia and I yearn to the seat covers. days of being a carefree child. I wish to run around aimlessly and catch fireflies at night. I want to be mesmerized by the illustrations in picture books. I long for the days when my greatest dilemma in life was to have to decide whether or not I should have chocolate-flavored or honey-flavored Teddy Grahams. Madison Bulger, a freshman communication student, said, "I miss the days when I was in my front yard making mud pies with my best friend.' Deya Fuleihan, a freshman political science student, added, "I loved when the ice cream truck would come on my street and I would get so excited, and run outside to get my favorite: a rainbow snow cone.' Those days of childhood are over and gone and it is tragic; growing up is not as fun as being a kid.

nication professor, described the hardest part about being an adult is "remembering that there is no official definition for being one. There is no set in stone rule book about the criteria.

The expectations of what it means come from television and Hollywood and they're not exactly always the most reliable sources

Besides that concept cleaning As a young girl, I could not the toilet. Cleaning the toilet wait to grow up, and I would is the hardest part of being an adult.'

Here are some expectations However, I was unaware of vs. the reality of being an adult.

Expectation: You are going to Now that I am an adult, I drive your dream car- a purple Reality: You drive your dad's old SUV that has over 200,000 miles, the air conditioning is broken, and it makes so many noises and will fall apart any second.

Nicholas Messina, a commu- graduate, graduate, and medical school.

After your years in school you will have to find a job while drowning in an insane amount of college debt.

Expectation: You are going to stay up as late as you want because you no longer have a bed time.

Reality: You wish you could go to bed earlier because you're exhausted from juggling school, work, and your social life.

Expectation: You are going to travel the world with your best friends.

Reality: You don't have enough money to pay for gas in your car, let alone a flight to

anywhere else in the world. Expectation: You are going to have a killer wardrobe with high-fashion designer clothes. Reality: Your wardrobe consists mainly of flimsy, poorquality clothing from Forever 21 and H&M because the deals there are stellar. Being an adult may not be exactly what we all expected, but the choice to grow up is optional. Age is but a number and it is truly dependent upon an individual to decide whether or not they lose those their child-like qualities. Although, the reality of being an adult is not as glamorous as we dreamt it would be. Adulthood holds so many exciting new adventures and it is up to us to make it as enjoyable as possible. Whether or not you are young or old there are so many incredible and new journeys to experience throughout

## FORREST TAYLOR STAFF WRITER

Pizza and Italian food will always be some of the most sought out dining options for college students! It is clear that dining hall pizza and pasta does not always satisfy student's cravings for such foods. However, at Monmouth University the student body is luckily surrounded by some excellent local establishments. One common struggle when looking for the perfect slice is deciding between Gianni's Pizzeria in Oakhurst and Scala's Pizzeria located on Brighton Ave in West End. Both locations have been local hotspots when it comes to quality pizza and Italian dining options! Monmouth University professor Harmon stated "both local businesses are worth checking out."

Gianni's Pizzeria is located at 56 Monmouth Rd in Oakhurst, NJ. The local shop offers a wide arrangement of specialty pizzas, sandwiches, and other tasty options served fresh daily. Gianni's Pizzeria was established in 1992 and currently has a total of five locations within New Jersey including Red Bank, Little Silver, Colts Neck, and Neptune that are open seven days a week. The pizzeria has a very large menu which gives customers tons of appetizing choices which is never a bad thing! When asking sophomore business student Max Goldberg his opinion on Gianni's menu options he stated, "Gianni's grandma style pizza is delicious and their chicken vodka wraps are out of this world. If you haven't been to Gianni's yet, you should, and then go back every day it's that good." Gianni's has tons of sandwich options from hot subs to Italian subs using the finest Boars head meats and cheeses.

88 Brighton Ave. West End, NJ. The popular pizzeria is located on the same street as other Monmouth University favorite eateries, such as Bagel Guys Deli, and Surf Taco. Scala's offers a huge assortment of various pizzas with fantastic toppings options, along with great pasta dishes and salads. When Monmouth University students gave their take on Scala's Pizzeria, sophomore business major Christopher Carreira had the following to say about the establishment, "I have been going to Scala's for many years, since me and my family have lived in the area my entire life. I personally love the food available, their truly isn't one bad choice on the menu. All of the food is fresh and prepared with customer satisfaction in mind. I have also known the owner for many years and he is an extremely nice man and business owner who values Monmouth student support." Taylor Carson, senior business student, also shared why she prefers Scala's Pizzeria "I personally love Scala's so

Gianni's Vs. Scala's

Expectation: You are going to eat whatever food you want because your mom can't force you to eat meatloaf and broccoli anymore.

Reality: You can't afford to eat whatever you want. Therefore, your diet primarily consists of Ramen and Easy Mac.

Expectation: You are going to have a good-looking boyfriend that loves you for who you are and your relationship is perfect. Reality: You are forever alone and in search of Mr. Right.

Expectation: You are easily going to pursue your dream job of being a doctor.

Reality: You realize that you will have to go through under- your life.

Scala's Pizzeria is located at

much! I am truly obsessed with their penne vodka pasta dish, it is absolutely incredible each time I get it."

Overall both establishments are extremely popular dining options in the local area and offer fantastic pizzas and Italian food choices to Monmouth University students. It is definitely interesting to see what location Monmouth University students prefer, however after surveying handfuls of students the results are extremely mixed and even for both restaurants.

With that said Monmouth students seem to swear by both pizzerias and one should definitely take the time to give each location a chance. It is great seeing two local establishments have such great customer loyalty and positive reviews by their overall clientele and audience as a whole! Next time you are in the mood for a quality pizza pie, sandwich or fresh salad ask yourself the hard decision of Gianni's or Scala's?

## "J believe that faithfullness to these ideals will help me to live joyonsly and valiantly."



### ALYSSA TRITSCHLER CLUB AND GREEK EDITOR

Monmouth University. You have been my home for the past four years, the best four years of my life. You have given me friendship, seren-ity, sisterhood, love, educaity, sisterhood, love, educa- to stand by what I believe tion, laughter, and so much in. Never forget that you are happiness. From the moment more than just an AST, you I stepped on to this campus I knew I never wanted to leave. Now that time has come and it's so hard to say goodbye. Over the years I have formed memories on every corner of this beautiful campus and I can't help but stop and think you, I wouldn't have held an about them as I walk towards executive board position. You the fountains, through the tunnel towards the residential side, or glance at Wilson sible. Little Secret, you're the Hall. Attending this school was my dream and to be able to say that I've reached it is so bittersweet. From eating Carlos omelets everyday fresh-men and sophomore year, to shoving three people into a double room in Redwood 218, to throwing endless pre-game parties in The Lawrence House, and getting stung every Thursday night, this is in terhood, I promise to live joyfact, a good bye.

Alpha Sigma Tau Joining this organization is

the best decision I ever could have made. AST taught me to be dedicated, loyal, and are Alpha Sigma Tau and it is an honor. Always be proud of your letters. Big, you have been the greatest role model, support system, and best friend to me. You're the reason I joined AST. If it weren't for pushed me through it when I didn't think it would be posreason being a part of this sorority means so much to me. Our friendship truly defines what Alpha Sigma Tau is about. You're the little sister I always wanted and never had. Being a role model and friend to you means more to me than you could ever know. I can't imagine the sorority without you. To this enverlasting sisously and valiantly.

### The Lawrence House // **The Schneiders**

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Thank you for four years of laughs, free food, endless tshirts, and basketball game this job my freshmen year, I hope I can say that's true.

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## **Professor Simoes**

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## Mom, Dad, and Jamie

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## "and for these sisters who are more than friends."



























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# Governor Cuomo Enacts \$15 Minimum Wage for New Yorkers

## FORREST TAYLOR STAFF WRITER

Governor Cuomo of New York signed legislation enacting a statewide \$15 minimum wage plan and a 12-week paid family leave policy. The legislation was passed as a part of the 2016-17 state budget as an attempt by the governor to restore economic justice to working families in the state of New York.

Cuomo signed these two pieces of legislation prior to attending a huge victory rally, which included workers, labor leaders, along with elected officials. The rally took place at the Jacob K. Javits Center in New York City. Senior communications Major Matthew Spineli said, "It may seem like a good idea, but I personally hope it doesn't limit the amount of jobs available for people." Then continued, "It's overall going to cost employers a ton of money to provide that minimum wage to every single employee.'

Professor Jennifer Shamrock, lecturer of communication, said, "The overall increase to the minimum wage has the ability to help out individuals in a positive way, and allow workers to earn a much more stable income that will hopefully help them live a more comfortable lifestyle in the near future.'

The Governor had the following to say about the overall policies, "By moving to a \$15 statewide minimum wage and enacting the strongest paid family leave policy



New York Governor, Andrew Cuomo, signs \$15 dollar minimum wage legislation

in the nation, New York is show- New Yorkers." ing the way forward on economic justice, these policies will not only lift up the current generation of low-wage workers and their families, but ensure fairness for future generations and enable them to climb the ladder of opportunity."

He continued, "I am proud to fairer and brighter future for all ment of Labor also motioned for a to make recommendations on

Governor Cuomo worked diligently to increase the minimum wage in New York State. In 2013, Cuomo signed legislation that raised the minimum wage from \$7.25 to its current rate of \$8.75. That legislation included another incremental increase to \$9.00 sign these programs into law, be-cause they will ensure a stronger, close of 2015. The State Depart-of Labor to empanel a wage board

wage board geared towards tipped workers. The Governor's administration went on to accept that wage board's recommendations, setting the stage for an increase in wages for tipped workers from \$4.90, \$5.00 and \$5.65 to \$7.50 per hour on December 31, 2015.

In his most recent activities, the

an overall increase involving the minimum wage in the fast food industry. Earlier this year, then-Acting State Labor Commissioner Mario J. Musolino agreed to the recommendations and signed off on the official order setting the overall motion that paved the way to increase the minimum wage to \$15 per hour. With the overall increase in minimum an estimated 200,000 fast food employees are expected to benefit from this increase.

Junior business management major at Monmouth, Michael Morse, said "I feel this increase will not only drive up prices, but also cause many establishments to cut their workforce due to the increased wages they will need to pay." He continued to say, "Furthermore, it just simply does not seem fair for an entry level employee at minimum wage to be making \$15 an hour, especially when many employees throughout the country at management positions do not even make that much.'

Overall reactions to the wage increase have been mixed throughout the media and residents of the state. However, in total more than 2.3 million New Yorkers (roughly 1,435,500 workers living outside of New York City and 927,400 living within New York City) will be directly benefitted by the Governor's proposal to increase the minimum wage for workers in all industries to \$15 per hour.

# Do Celebrity Endorsements Influence Political Elections?

### ALBERT SHALOM STAFF WRITER

In modern times, it isn't surprising to see or hear many celebrities endorsing, appearing, and supporting political figures. Whether it's at a rally, through social media sites such as twitter and Facebook, or even recognized news and magazine sites such as the New York Times coming out with articles whenever a celebrity makes a statement whether the statement is political itself or is related to political figures.

Dr. Michael Phillips Anderson, Associate professor of the Monmouth University's Communications Department commented that "we see it more now with more media outlets and social media." Professor Claude Taylor added that there is "Too much media saturation on celebrities and even on information sources on policy issues" and that even "Media sources are splintered into party affiliations." Professor Taylor also mentioned that "Every day people are skeptical of celebrities endorsements." Mostly because celebrities are not seen or considered to be experts in the political field. The question however, is do celebrities have any pull on their fans when it comes to voting? Arguably, it was movie star and singer Al Jolson who was first used as the first celebrity to endorse Warren Harding as a presidential candidate in 1920. Ever since then, multiple candidates have attempted to use celebrities to help receive more votes. Professor Claude Taylor mentioned how celebrities originally were used to endorse products such as cigarettes and tobacco. Initially, these helped sell products off the shelves and compa-



dates."

Dr. Joseph Patten, Chair of the political science department stated that while celebrities have very little influence on affecting elections, the fact remains that "celebrity endorsements matter more than political endorsements."

"Celebrity endorsements make the most difference among citizens who are less informed and less involves in the political process. While it is unlikely that a celebrity endorsement could make someone vote for a candidate they really don't like, the endorsement might be a motivating factor to get out to vote for a candidate that the citizen might support, but not show up at the polls for."

He continued, "Celebrities have the ability to attract media coverage and reach their fans directly through social media. They are afforded access that most people don't have. It gives them more influence than the average person, but still less than the candidates themselves (especially among informed voters)." "In 1960, Frank Sinatra and Harry Belafonte were strong supporters of John Kennedy.' In fact, Anderson points out that "Many celebrities avoid political endorsements or taking any political positions for fear it could hurt their brand. Michael Jordan was asked in 1990 to support a Democratic Senate candidate in North Carolina. He declined saying, "Republicans buy sneakers too.'

Angela Ryan, a junior majoring in both political science and communications commented that celebrity endorsements "can deter those involved in politics from their favorite celebrities who don't necessarily agree" with their political alignments, statements, or support.

IMAGES TAKEN from trofire.com, eonline.com, huffingtonpost.com and irishtimes.com With the increase in social media use, celebrity endorsements have a stronger affect on political elections.

nies made more money. Politicians then began to think that they could do the same thing except it would be with votes. However, he explained, "There are only certain celebrities allowed to endorse

because their own personal politics align with a party."

He continued, that celebrity endorsements, in fact, only "Reinforce predisposed decided voters, but have little influence on Inde-

pendent/con voters." Professor Taylor noted that it's also important to keep in mind that "People are brand loyal...the power of persuasion draws brand loyals to see other views of other candi-

# New Jersey Presidential Primary Previews



The remaining five presidential candidates, (From Left to Right) John Kasich(R), Ted Cruz (R), Donald Trump (R), Hillary Clinton (D), and Bernie Sanders (D), campaigning in New York as they fight to win Northeastern states like New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Pennsylvania.

## BENJAMIN SMITH STAFF WRITER

New Jersey's presidential primaries historically don't matter because the party nominations are secured by the time the Garden State holds its contests in June.

That may change this year however, as Hillary Clinton fends off a late rally from her rival, Independent Democratic Socialist Senator Bernie Sanders from Vermont.

Sanders won the last seven contests leading up to a potentially decisive contest in New York on Tuesday April 19. With Clinton polling 51 percent to Sanders' 39 percent in the Empire State according to the latest Monmouth University poll, it is unlikely that New York's 247 unpledged delegates will give Clinton a decisive victory according to the state's proportional allocation where delegates are awarded based on the percentage of the vote received by candidates.

Clinton could however, cash in on New York's 44 superdelegates (an unelected delegate who is free to support any candidate for the ty's national convention, regard-

The latest polling data available of likely Democratic primary voters in New Jersey shows Clinton leading Sanders by 23 points; 55 to 32 percent, respectively, according to Rutgers-Eagleton polls.

If the polls are any indication, Clinton's support in the state has steadily waned and the toll of the election is finally showing its inevitable effect on the front runner - relevant polling shows that she is still untrustworthy among young voters while increasing numbers of minority voters - blacks and Hispanics most prominently are waiting until the election nears to make a decision.

The Rutgers-Eagleton poll indicates that Clinton is still slightly more popular in New Jersey than in her "home state" of New York and if Sanders continues to perform well after the April primary and into May, Clinton's coronation could be delayed until the Garden State casts its votes.

As such, it is more important presidential nomination at the par- than ever that young voters turn out for the consequential less of state vote results), at least a primary election and make their voices heard.

## Remaining Primaries April 19- New York

April 26-Connecticut

Delaware

Maryland

Pennsylvania

Rhode Island

May 3- Indiana

May 7- Guam (D)

May 10-Nebraska (R),

West Virginia

May 17-Kentucky (D),

Oregon

May 24-Washington (R)

June 4-Virgin Islands (D)

### **BRENDAN GREVE** POLITICS CO-EDITOR

By June of 2012 Republican primary, Mitt Romney just about had the party's nomination wrapped up. In 2016, unlike most other election years, the spot for the Republican nominee will still be up for grabs when New Jersey voters head to the polls in June. In fact, the New Jersey primary that is usually a nonfactor, may prove to be crucial in this year's Republican primaries.

Billionaire businessman, Donald Trump, is in the lead in terms of delegates with 756, followed by Texas Senator, Ted Cruz, with 559, and Governor of Ohio Governor, John Kasich, with 144. The frontrunner is expected to win big in New York's April 19 primary. The latest Monmouth University poll that was published on April 13, has Trump leading with 47 percent of the vote, Kasich in second with 27 percent, and Cruz trailing with 19 percent. However, all candidates are in position to win delegates in New York since the state awards delegates proportionally as long as they meet a 20 percent threshold. This means that a second place finish for Kasich or Cruz, who are trailing behind Trump, could prove to be effective for their campaigns. Since the Wisconsin primary won by Cruz earlier this month, the race has become more about winning delegates than winning states. Since Trump's defeat in Wisconsin, his path to winning the 1,237 delegates that are needed to win the nomination less likely. The rules for the Republican primary is that a candidate must win 1,237 delegates, which is 50 percent of the delegates plus one, to win the nomination on the first ballot. If no candidate shows up to the Republican national convention in July without the necessary amount of delegates, that forces a contested convention. At a contested convention, the Republicans can nominate a candidate even though they did not come in first on the first ballot. During the convention, candidates who have

dropped out could award their delegates to other candidates. In that case, candidates like Marco Rubio who won 171 delegates, could give their delegates to help them meet the 1,237 threshold. This process could help a candidate like Kasich who is significantly behind in his delegate count.

This process has proved to be controversial, especially to Trump supporters. Trump has won the vast majority of states and has the most delegates. However, despite his frontrunner status, it may not mean much if a contested convention were to happen.

On the other hand, a contested convention could save candidates such as Cruz and Kasich who are trailing Trump. In fact, it is the only way in which either of these candidates can win the nomination since it is now mathematically impossible for either of them to win 1,237 delegates at this point in the race.

This is where the New Jersey primary will prove to be important. Particularly, Kasich has his chance to shine in Northeastern states like New Jersey and New York. The governor who has earned the endorsement of former Republican Governor of New Jersev. Christine Todd w nit man, has a chance at making his campaign relevant again. The latest Rutgers-Eagleton poll shows Trump winning 52 percent of the vote, Kasich with 24 percent, and Cruz with 18 percent. Trump is the favorite and has the backing of current New Jersey Governor, Chris Christie. However, Trump can add to his lead in New Jersey, giving him a better case to make at the convention. Cruz needs to catch up in Northeastern states like New Jersey to keep his momentum. Kasich is trying to do well in the Northeast to keep his campaign relevant, so he has a case to make at the Republican National Convention.

half dozen of which have already pledged their unwavering support for Clinton.

After New York, the next highest-stakes contest is Pennsylvania (189 delegates) on April 26, followed by California (475 delegates) and New Jersey's "winner take all" primary (126 delegates) on June 7.

There could emerge a scenario, based on the proportional allocation of votes from these states. where Clinton may need to win all of New Jersey's 126 unpledged delegates to put her over the 2,383 threshold needed to secure the party's nomination.

Clinton currently commands 1,758 delegates to Sanders' 1,076 with 1.931 still available for either candidate to collect.

The New Jersey "winner take all" presidential primary is slated for Tuesday June 7 with 5 other states: California. Montana. New Mexico. the North Dakota Democratic Caucus and South Dakota.

California and New Jersey are the only two mixed environments in which registered voters may choose to vote in either primary or switch their registered affiliation the day of voting. June 7 represents the penultimate contests to the District of Columbia's June 14 primary and the Democratic National Convention held in Philadelphia during July 25-28, 2016.

## Democratic Primary Preview

June 5-Puerto Rico (D)

June 7-California,

Montana,

New Jersey,

New Mexico,

North Dakota (D),

South Dakota

June 14-

Washington DC (D)

**Republican Primary** Preview

# **PETS OF Monmouth III**



**DEUCE:** A 4 year-old yellow lab but is still a puppy at heart - (Photo Courtesy of Kyleigh Trout)



**BUTTONS:** A 15 year-old playful tabby (Photo Courtesy of Kemal Kansu)



BELLE She is 4 years old and is a Maltese/Yorkshire terrier mix. (Photo Courtesy of Joe Randone)



**BOWSER:** A year-old leopard gecko (Photo Courtesy of Joe Randone)



**GIOVANNI**: Looking dapper with his bandana (Photo Courtesy of Taylor Andretta)



**MILO:** (Photo Courtesy of Nicole Andretta Baniowski)



**SOPHIE:** (Photo Courtesy of Amanda Drennan)



**TIO PEPE & HERSHEY:** Beach bum Chihuahuas who love Luna's 9 months-old and was found in a An English Bulldog who loves to the shore. (Photo Courtesy of Tiffany Mellon)



LUNA:

drain pipe a town, and now has a happy home. (Photo Courtesy of Anthony Barbosa)



TILLY:

dress up as a dinosaur (Photo Courtesy of Brianna Snyder)



**DAISY:** Daisy shows off her first haircut after being adopted from Monmouth County SPCA (Photo Courtesy of Laura Ruth)



**MATTINGLY:** A 12 year-old Jack Russell Terrier (Photo Courtesy of Dorothy Cleary)



**PARKER:** PLaying with his favorite toy-Hruska)



LEO: A one-year-old Bichon who (Photo Courtesy of Brittany M. loves carrots and playing with other dogs at the park. (Photo Courtesy of Marina Shafik)



**MERLOT:** 



PAX: Pax says, "Go Hawks!"- (Photo Courtesy of Summer Haugh)





### LUNA:

Sphynx cat- (Photo Courtesy of Alexa Scarpaci)

## **SOPHIE:**

A dog who thinks she's a cat (Photo Courtesy of Matthew Toto)

#### **UKEU:**

A one -and-a-half-year-old mini Holland lop bunny who might be a bit spoiled (Photo Courtesy of Tuesday Broughman)

A 2-year-old cat who loves laying down on the ground and playing with your feet and watching squirrels out the window like a dog (Photo Courtesy of Morgan Spanier)



#### **TUCKER: SOPHIE & COCO:**

This silly Yorkie is ready for the summer! (Photo Courtesy of

**RALEIGH:** A 2-year-old rescue who enjoys

Scott)

running with her parents,

burying bones in the garden,

(Photo Courtesy of Brittany

and visiting her doggy friends.-

**MACHO:** 

A 6 year-old Boston Terrier who loves everything (Photo Courtesy of Lauren Aufiero)

## **PANCHO:**

The many faces of Pancho- (Photo Courtesy of Valentina Sanchez)

Sophie is a 4 year-old cat that loves to play fetch and Coco is a 2 year-old rabbit that loves to Kiera Lanni) play with a soccer ball. (Photo Courtesy of Jamie Kotsines)







## **RUNNING TOWARDS WHAT IS MEANT TO BE**

KIERA LANNI PHOTO/LEISURE EDITOR



bloomer. My brother Brennan and I were born almost three months early and really had to fight our very baby best to stay alive. We were both only a pound or two when we were born. As Brennan jokes, "We were born ready! Wait, just kidding, we were premature."

After spending the first month of our lives at Monmouth Medical Center, we were ready to begin to bloom in our hometown of Brick, New Jersey. Flash forward 18 years, those two struggling infants were ready to start the next big step in their lives; college.

Being the late bloomer I am, it took me a while to mentally prepare myself for day without you. Really, no mentally prepare myself for such a big step. I decided that commuting to Monmouth University was the way to go. I knew other kids my age were going to colleges far away, or felt they had to live on campus to get the "full college experience." I wanted to prove that you can have a to prove that you can have a carried on that true Italian



where my passions really lie. I never thought I would consider becoming a journalist or photographer, but they seem like real possibilities to me now. I am thankful that Monmouth has given the opportunities to be the student I am today.

In fact, I have a lot of people to thank... My family- Nothing is

more important to me than family.

Mom- You have fought through thick and thin for me. I know I can always rely on you to be there for me, to help me out, and to always be on my side. I truly would I consider myself a late not be the woman I am to- phy projects and never re-

weaknesses, and discover ful drives, assignments, and whatever else was thrown our way, together. Although we can have our fights, we can always find ourselves playing Donkey Kong Coun-try at the end of the day. I love your bro, keep being a clumsy banana.

Siana- My little sister Siana. I have seen you mature into a responsible young woman, which I am happy about because you used to be a little terror child. Although that little terror child still comes out at times, you are my best friend. We understand each other like no one else. Thanks for being my model for my photogra-

you get excited when I accomplish something. Pop Pop and Uncle Mike will always be with you because I know that they are always with me. I love you so much Dee Dee!

**Tucker**- Tucker boy, Fishy, Bubba, Puppy Fish. You are the best, crazy, wacko dog-gy I could ask for. There is nothing I look forward to



more than seeing you wiggle your little body when I come home. I promise to give you a treat all the time.

Sara Rosenfeld- You are my best friend in the world. You are the most big-hearted, caring friend I could ask for. You are always there for me. I enjoy our rides home from Monmouth, and us talking about the most ran-dom things. I am so thankful I found a friendship like yours; it will last a lifetime. Love you Sara.

Shout out to Christina Addison, Stephanie Laureano, Stephanie Moscatello, and



Jackie Shugard for being my friends! Love you all!

Woods Theatre Freshman year, I was a shy, nervous-wreck. I felt I would never fit into campus, or find my groove. I didn't know where I belonged or what I was really doing. Thankfully, my work study job gave me a home away from home. I want to thank Barbara, Christie, Maurice, Joe and everyone at the Mu-sic and Theatre Department for being so kind, open, and welcoming to Brennan and

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## The Outlook

Thank you to everyone at The Outlook! I know I'm shy, and pop into the office like a fly under the radar, but I am so happy I joined the Out-look. Being the Photo Editor taught me to come out of my comfort zone, and has taught be valuable skills in the jour-nalism field. Writing for the Outlook has done the same. I learned more in my two years at The Outlook than my four years of actual schooling. I am happy I found a com-munity at Monmouth I fit into! Thank you to Brianna, Casey, and Fabiana for being so welcoming when I joined. Also, thank you to Danielle and Jamilah. I had such a blast in L.A. because of you two, and I'm glad I found a



friendship within you both.

I want to thank all my professors at Monmouth. I have truly learned from each one of you. Especially, thank you to Professor Mark Ludak for encouraging my photography all these years! Thank you to Professor Morano for introducing me to The Outlook, and thank you to Professor Novek for getting me into journalism.

Overall, Monmouth has led me to amazing opportunities. I got to intern with photographer Danny Sanchez, a man I have learned so much from and has become like a mentor to me. I got to ride a plane for the first time in my life, and go to my dream loca-tion; LOS ANGELES! I got to visit my favorite band. No Doubt's hometown. I got to see palm trees. I got to get out of my comfort zone. That's what Monmouth allowed me to do; get out of my comfort zone. I still have a long way to go, but I am on my path to something great.



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try to dodge your hugs. You have taught be to be an open-minded, sympathetic individual. I know massive amounts of Godzilla, Mario, Alien, and Tremors trivia I feel like I have grown a lot thanks to you. I love you so Brennan- We are the inwas but a wee bud, and now I am half-way to becoming a full-fledged chrysanthe-have a twin. I am glad we mum (almost). I was able to went to Monmouth togeth-

ally complaining. I love you wife.

Kylene- When you were born, you were truly a gift from the angels. You are the most caring, loving, baby sister a girl could ask for. I'm happy that you are kind of my mini me! Always keep your head up, and keep catching those Pokémon. I

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without actually living there.

during my time at Monmouth. much! When I was a freshman, I discover my strengths and er, and endured all stress-



Arrivederci Monmouth!



# Softball Stays Atop MAAC with Manhattan Sweep

### CONNOR WHITE SPORTS EDITOR

Behind an offensive onslaught of five homeruns, the MU softball team swept the Manhattan Jaspers on Sunday by scores of 8-0, and 10-7.

With the victory, the Hawks improve to 9-1 in conference play, and maintain their spot perched at the top of the MAAC.

'It's extremely important," junior infielder Rachel Shotzbarger, who added seven RBIs on the day, said of the win. "Manhattan is a good competitor and are always willing to fight."

To add to her seven RBIs, Shotzbarger contributed three hits on the day, including a grand slam in the second inning of game two. In addition, senior catcher Jill Freese also recorded three hits in the Hawks' sweep, adding a grand slam of her own and two runs scored.

After edging a run in the second inning of game one, the Hawks went off for five runs in the third. Sophomore outfielder Katie Baron led off the inning with a single and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by senior outfielder Emma Hill. Baron scored from second when sophomore outfielder Chloe Howerth, who had a team-high four hits on the day, singled to the pitcher who errantly threw the ball into right field. A walk and a fielder's choice would load the bases for Freese, who sent a grand slam to left to put the Hawks ahead 6-0.

"When we're aggressive and attack every strike in the zone, good things happen," MU head coach Shannon Salsbury said.

runs of the game in the fourth. one, shutting out the Jaspers while first, and when MU came to bat



Junior infielder Rachel Shotzbarger had seven RBIs in MU's sweep of Manhattan.

loaded after a walk, an error and a ning. She added a walk and three Howerth single and knocked a tworun single to left.

Sophomore pitcher Amanda Ri-MU would add their final two ley was once again electric in game Shotzbarger came up with the bases taking a no hitter into the fifth in- they immediately took a lead on a

strikeouts in the contest which only lasted five innings.

Game two began with senior Sydney Underhill cashing in a scoreless

Hill inside-the-park homerun. The Hawks would post six more runs in the second, a majority coming from Shotzbarger, who came up with the bases loaded yet again, and this time lifted one over the fence for a grand slam.

PHOTO COURTESY of Taylor Jackson

"In the first attempt with that pitcher, I knew I just missed the ball," Shotzbarger said. "So I was really ready to hit the next pitch."

Junior first baseman Justene Reyes would come to bat next and blast a solo homerun to the opposite field, putting the Hawks up by a score of 7-0 after two. However, the Hawks weren't finished yet.

MU would plate three more runs in the third when freshman infielder Nicole Wieczorek led off the inning with a single, and sophomore catcher Brooke Redmond walked and Hill singled to put runners on first and second with two out. This brought Shotzbarger to the plate who recorded her seventh RBI on the day on a single to left. Reyes followed with an RBI single of her own, giving the Hawks a 10-0 advantage.

"That's been us all year," Salsbury said. "It was nice to see us adjust from pitcher to pitcher."

The Jaspers wouldn't roll over, though. Manhattan answered with four runs off of Underhill in the fourth, all of them unearned. A double, an error and a single loaded the bases for the Jaspers. After retiring the next two batters, Underhill surrendered an RBI single to Manhattan pinch-hitter Dominique Palagruto and a three RBI double to Emily Cutler to make the score 10-4.

Underhill would finish the day with the win, giving up five runs [none earned] on seven hits and four strikeouts. Riley would come in to finish the last 2.1 innings for the Hawks, giving up two runs [one earned] on three hits and five strikeouts for the final score of 10-7.

The Hawks will return to action on Saturday, Apr. 23 when they take on Marist for a doubleheader at home. Game one is set to begin at 1 p.m.

# Baseball Drops Two of Three to Siena

### JOHN SORCE STAFF WRITER

The MU baseball team struggled over the past week, losing three of their four contests. MU fell 7-3 to Saint Joseph's on Wednesday, Apr. 13 and won the first game 10-4 over Siena before falling 6-2 and 6-4 in the final two games of the conference series this past weekend.

The lone victory of the week for the Hawks came in game one of the Siena series and they scored all 10 runs of that game in the fourth inning. Junior catcher Ryan Bailey laced a one out single into right and advanced to third on two errors. He scored on a single by senior shortstop Robbie Alessandrine who Drpich followed a Jordan Bishop advanced to third on sophomore single with a long ball of his own, a second baseman Justin Trochiano's double. Junior third baseman Grant Lamberton was hit by a pitch to load up the bases for sophomore first baseman Shaine Hughes, who drove a sacrifice fly to center that plated Bailey. Senior left fielder Dan Shea followed that up with a two run single and advanced to second on a bunt single by senior center fielder Cary Jacobson. Junior right fielder Chris Gaetano followed up with an RBI double that scored Shea and sent Jacobson from first to third. Senior outfielder Christian Holland walked to re-load the bases and bring up Bailey for the second time in the inning who singled into right that brought home two more runs, extending the MU lead to 7-1. Alessandrine doubled into left that plated two more runs and he would score on an error by Siena sophomore second baseman Jordan Bishop, plating the tenth run of the inning.

recorded his third win by going seven innings and allowing four earned runs on seven hits while striking out seven on 122 pitches. Freshman southpaw Kyle Ajjan recorded the final six outs, three coming via strikeout.

MU dropped the final two games of the series 6-2 and 6-4. Junior right hander Ricky Dennis took the loss in the first, going 5.2 innings and allowed five runs on six hits, walking five and striking out two. Siena plated three runs in the first as junior center fielder Dan Swain took a 1-2 pitch over the fence in left to lead off the game with a home run.

Sophomore first baseman Joe

Senior left hander Frank Trimarco and it's a long season, so you can't get too up or down about things, but we do have to play better, and that's the bottom line.'

MU fell to Saint Joseph's earlier in the week by a score of 7-3. Freshman right hander Tyler Ksiazek made his fourth career start and went four innings while surrendering three runs on six hits while striking out six. Ajjan relieved him and hurled 4.1 frames of two run ball, keeping the Hawks in the game into the ninth only down by a run.

However, junior right hander Ben Hoffman allowed two runs in the ninth without recording an out and Saint Joseph's added three runs in the ninth to pull away. Sophomore infielder Aidan Favia drove his first



two run shot over the left field fence, giving Siena an early 3-0 lead. Drpich added two more RBI in the sixth and would finish the day 3-4 with four RBI.

Siena was quick to get on the board again in the finale when freshman third baseman Jordan Folgers drove home two runs with a double in the first inning. In the third, backto-back walks put two men on for Drpich, who launched his second homer of the series out to right field, this one a three run shot that extended the Siena lead to 5-1. Shea and McCrum each hit solo homers for the Hawks, but it would not be enough as Siena would go onto win this game 6-4.

"We need to start playing better," head coach Dean Ehehalt said. "The good thing about baseball is you have tomorrow, but all of the things that we did well at the beginning of the year, we have gotten away from them. We have to regain that form

colligate homerun over the rightcenter field fence in the bottom of the eighth.

"Ksiazek has been battling every time he's taken the mound this year," Ehehalt said. "That three run inning kind of hurt us and one bad pitch came back to bite us. At that point in the fourth inning, its 3-0 and we're still in the game and we had some chances. But we never really got it going offensively and that was really the story of the day."

The Blue and White drop to 18-17 on the season and are 8-4 in MAAC conference games. They are tied for second place in the conference with Marist and Canisius behind a Marist team that is 7-2 in conference play on the season.

The Hawks return to the diamond on Wednesday, Apr. 20 at Lafayette and have a three game weekend series at Marist in Poughkeepsie, NY. They do not return home until Saturday, May 7 when they begin a three game series against Iona.

Junior catcher Ryan Bailey went 2-3 with two RBIs in game two of the three game series against Siena this past weekend.

# Men's Lacrosse Falls to Detroit, 9-8

## KEVIN OSBACK CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The men's lacrosse team fell short to the University of Detroit Mercy on Saturday, losing the conference battle 9-8 on Kessler Field.

MU surrendered a four-goal lead heading into the second half, while Detroit scored five in the fourth quarter. Five different hawks scored in this contest, but it wasn't enough to win the game.

"We came out to a strong start but Detroit was able to respond and beat us in the second half," MU junior midfielder and cap-tain Eric Berger said. "We will focus on us and the little things to prepare for our next two conference games."

It was a tough loss for the Hawks, who currently sit at 2-2 in the MAAC and 6-5 overall. MU has their first winning record in program history since it started in 2014.

Junior Midfielder Dylan Shulte began the game by driving down the right alley and scoring a right-handed goal in the middle third place of the MAAC conof the first quarter to put MU ahead 1-0. This would prove to be the only goal by either team in the opening quarter.

Early in the second quarter, junior attackers Dan Bloodgood and Chris Daly each added a goal as MU extended their lead and will be broadcasted live on to 3-0. Freshman attacker Eamon ESPN3. Campbell then scored a man-up goal on man up to put the score the focus will really be on the at 4-0 halfway through the second quarter. However, Detroit answered with two goals to cut come out successful especially the MU lead down to two head- after losing today," Castellano ing into the half.

Campbell scored his second goal of the game roughly five minutes into the third quarter to place the Hawks in front by three. However, a pair goals from Detroit would make the score 5-4.

With the game tied 6-6 in beginning of the fourth quarter, Detroit's Kyle Beauregard scored a goal to give them the one-point lead. Detroit didn't hold the lead for long, however, Daly scored to tie the game again with seven minutes left in the contest.

Detroit then answered with two goals by Andy Hebden and Austin Polson, respectively. This would put them ahead 9-7, which is all the insurance they would need to finish the contest. MU came back with Campbell's third goal of the day with five seconds remaining on the clock. However, this wouldn't be enough to secure the Hawks a victory, the final score staying at 9-8.

"Today was a tough loss, but we will come back better and smarter," senior attacker John Castellano said.

The Hawks currently sit in ference behind Quinnipiac and Marist with two games remaining on the schedule.

MU will host the undefeated Bobcats team on Saturday, Apr. 23 at 1 p.m. It will be senior day for MU's lone senior, Castellano,

"I'm excited for senior day but game and putting myself in the best position to help our team said.



PHOTO COURTESY of Taylor Jackson Freshman attacker Eamon Campbell completed his second consecutive hat trick in the game against Detroit.

## SIDE LINES

MU The Monmouth Uni-versity men's basketball,

men's golf and women's golf teams were recognized by the NCAA for its multiyear Academic Progress Rate (APR) and placed to the Division I Academic Performance Program (APP). Dennis Shea's golf program has earned its second-straight accolade, while King Rice's squad and Susan DeKalb's team earns its first honor.

Each year, the NCAA honors select Division I teams by publicly recognizing their latest multiyear NCAA Division I APR. The announcement is part of the overall Division I academic reform effort and is intended to highlight teams that demonstrate a commitment to academic progress and retention of student-athletes by achieving the top APRs within their respective sports.

GOLF In its final event before the Metro At-

lantic Athletic Conference Championships, the Monmouth University men's golf team earned an eighth place results after registering back-to-back rounds of 304, Monday afternoon at La Salle's Finegan Invitational, held at the par-71 Philadelphia Country Club. The Blue and White were paced by freshman Noah Firestone who earned a top-15 finish with his 36-hole score of 148.

# Women's Lacrosse Suffers First MAAC Loss

## CONNOR WHITE SPORTS EDITOR

The women's lacrosse team had their undefeated conference record snapped on Saturday when they fell to the Canisius Golden Griffins by a score of 19-6 in Buffalo, NY.

The story of the day came from Canisuis' sophomore midfielder Erica Evans, who netted eight goals in the Griffins victory. In addition, Griffins senior attacker Taylor Giglio was good for six goals on the day, giving the two players over half of the offense for the visiting team.

With the win, Canisius stays at an undefeated 5-0 in the MAAC, while the Hawks drop to 5-1.

The start of the game was a little unusual for MU. When it has regularly been the Hawks setting the tone early with marks in the first few minutes, it was Canisius who had control from the get-go. The Golden Griffins came out of the gates on a 4-0 run within the first six minutes. After MU senior attacker Michelle Gonzales's goal made the game 4-1, the next six marks would belong to Canisius. Three of those six goals were scored by Evans and Giglio. Down 10-1, sophomore midfielder Kate Ryan connected off a feed from senior attacker Marial Pierce, putting the Hawks down by eight. However, Giglio would answer one last time for Canisius before the half, sending a deflated MU into halftime down 11-2. The Hawks opened up the second half in a promising way, winning three of the half's first five points. Pierce netted two goals and freshman attacker Jenny Staines hit a marker off a Pierce assist to put the score at 13-5. However, the rest of the half would belong to the Griffins.



Within the last 15 minutes of regulation, Canisius would outscore the Hawks 6-1, including six goals in a row by the Griffins. Three of those six goals were netted by Evans, and two by Giglio. The game would conclude with Gonzales scoring at the 3:45 mark, giving Canisius the 19-6 victory.

The Golden Griffins outshot MU 32-24, and collected four more ground balls than the home team in the contest. Each team committed nine turnovers and Canisius lead in draw controls, 13-12.

The Hawks will return to play Saturday, Apr. 23 when they head to Poughkeepsie, NY to face Marist at 1 p.m. They then end the regular season with a matchup against Iona on Wednesday, Apr. 27 at 3 p.m. on Kessler Field.

## UPCOMING GAMES

### Wednesday, April 20

MTEN at Marist\* Poughkeepsie, NY 3:00pm Marist Tennis Courts

BASE at Lafayette Easton, PA 3:30pm Tigue Moore Field

Friday, April 22 MT at Virginia Challange Charlottesville, PA All Day Lannigan Field

WT at Virginia Challange Charlottesville, PA All Day Lannigan Field

WGOLF at WG Championships Lake Buena Vista, FL TBA Disney's Magnolia GC

PHOTO COURTESY of Taylor Jackson Senior midfielder Michelle Gonzales scored two goals in MU's first conference loss to Canisius on Saturday.

### **MEN'S TENNIS FALLS TO** QUINNIPIAC

The men's tennis team received their first conference loss on Thursday when they fell to longtime rivals the Quinnipiac Bobcats 4-3 in Hamden, CT.

Junior Przemyslaw Filipek won both his singles and doubles matches on the day at No. 2 and No. 1, respectively, but it would not be enough for the Hawks to take home the victory.

"Credit to Quinnipiac today," said MU head Coach Kyle Bailey. "They came out to play and it was a great battle to the end. We will learn from this match and use it to make us better."

Other MU wins on the day included Ale Gomez Estrada at No. 3 singles and Christian Vieira at No. 4 singles. The Hawks play next on Wednesday, Apr. 20 against Marist in Poughkeepsie, NY. First serve is set to be hit at 3 p.m.

MGOLF at MG Championships Lake Buena Vista, FL TBA Disney's Magnolia GC

Saturday, April 23 BASE at Marist\* Poughkeepsie, NY 12:00pm McCann Field

MTEN at St. Peter's\* Jersey City, NJ 12:00pm St. Peter's Tennis Courts

WLAX at Marist\* Poughkeepsie, NY 1:00pm Leonidoff Field

MLAX vs Quinnipiac\* West Long Branch, NJ 1:00pm Kessler Field

SOFT vs Marist\* West Long Branch, NJ 1:00pm Monmouth Softball Field

\*Conference Games



Teammates wait at home plate for senior catcher Jill Freese after she hit one of two grand slams to help Monmouth sweep Manhattan and stay atop the MAAC Conference on Sunday, April 17.

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