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University Holds Inclusion Week

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The University's first Inclusion Week has commenced on campus. Events have run from Monday, April 1 through Saturday, April 6.

It is the first time that the Student Government Association (SGA) is sponsoring Inclusion Week.

"One of the overarching

goals of Inclusion Week is the promotion of ideas, activities, and conversations that seek to identify how we as a community come to understand, learn more about, and appreciate one another," said Karla Almanzar, a junior criminal justice student and Co-Chair of the SGA Human and Community Relations Committee, which helped to organize and coordinate the event..

The theme of Inclusion

Week is "Breaking Down Stereotypes."

"We are invite everyone to participate in the many events that will take place [all throughout] the week and we encourage you to take a few moments and click the following link to learn more about the speakers, programs and activities that will take place next week," she said.

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Members of the Muslim Student Association (MSA) take part in Inclusion Week festivities.

Poltical Students Host Bipartisan Event

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The Monmouth University College Democrats and College Republicans hosted a bipartisan event in the Center for Active Citizenship, last Wednesday, March 27.

Both clubs invited speakers from their respective parties to come and talk to students about civic engagement and being politically active. Democratic state Assembly members Joann Downey and Eric Houghtaling, who have represented the 11th district of New Jersey since 2016, and former Republican Assemblyman Jack Ciattarelli, who represented New Jersey's 16th district, talked to students over food and light refreshments.

"The event wasn't billed as nonpartisan at first, but once we realized that we scheduled them on the same day and time, I wound up

working out nicely," said Mike Manning, a senior political science student and President of the Monmouth University College Republicans.

Nick Gibson, a sophomore political science student and President of the Monmouth University College Democrats, agreed that the unplanned incident went well, and demonstrates comradery among students in politics. "It was really great to have speakers from different parties," he said.

"Considering we had students from both clubs moving between the events to hear what each politician had to say shows that students on campus are interested in becoming politically engaged and learning about issue that are close to home, especially for New Jersey residents," said Manning.

"Whether Republican or Democrat, it shows that

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Free Speech on College Campuses

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President Donald Trump signed an executive order that requires colleges to certify that their policies support free speech as a condition of receiving federal research grants, last Thursday, March 21.

The directive would bar institutions of higher education from receiving federal research grants if the Department of Education decides they do not "avoid creating environments that stifle competing perspectives," according to the president's order. The president conditions research funding on "compliance with the First Amendment" and directs federal agencies to ensure that institutions receiving federal research or education grants "promote free inquiry."

"President Trump's Executive Order does not appear to impose any new legal obligations on educational institutions with respect to freedom of speech," explained Paul Dement, the University's Director of Government and Community Relations. "It seems to just emphasize that institutions receiving certain federal research and education grants must comply with existing federal law."

Dement continued, "It appears that private institutions will remain entitled to establish their own free speech policies, but with heightened federal pressure to ensure these policies are being followed."

According to Dement, the University already ensures that there are varying perspectives and ideologies represented fairly. "In terms of selecting our Public Servant-in-Residence, we make sure we have varying perspectives

with both sides of the aisle represented over time," he explained.

Through the program, the University has hosted former New Jersey Governors Thomas Kean and Christine Todd Whitman, who were both Republicans, as well as Governors Brendan Byrne and James Florio, who were both Democrats.

"When we have campaign-related speakers to campus, we always invite their opponent for a visit as well," Dement added.

During the signing ceremony at the White House, Trump specifically targeted "professors and power structures" that keep young Americans from "challenging rigid far-left ideology," arguing that many universities have become "increasingly hostile" to free speech.

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Model UN Wins

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The University's Model United Nations (UN) Team took home awards at the Southern Regional Model UN (SRMUN) contest in Charlotte, NC, last Thursday, March 28 through Sunday, March 31.

The team of Mackenzie Ricca, a sophomore political science student, Kristen Gomez, a sophomore English student, Dan Gerdon, (a sophomore political science student, Jackson Pope (a senior political science student), and Nick Gibson (a junior political science student) took home a coveted Best Delegation award for their country, South Sudan.

These students competed on three different committees and their combined policy resolutions earned

them the team victory.

Ricca, who served as the team's captain, also won an individual Best Delegate prize representing South Sudan on the Group of 77 (G-77) committee.

On her committee, she tackled two issues: (i) Combating Poverty in Developing Member States through Agricultural Development and (ii) Improving Inter-State Conflict Prevention Strategies.

"My experience at the (SRMUN) this weekend was unlike any other I have ever had," said Ricca. "I was extremely honored to be awarded as single best delegate in my committee, as I worked incredibly hard to pass multiple resolutions and promote policy development through allies with other students."

Ricca explained that for three straight days, she

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Annual Networking Event for Criminal Justice Students

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The Criminal Justice Department held its 7th annual networking event in Wilson Hall on Wednesday, March 27.

The event was orchestrated by Nicholas F. Sewitch, Chair of the Department of Criminal Justice, with assistance from the Criminal Justice Department Secretary Helen Leary.

Presenters included criminal justice practitioners from Federal Law Enforcement, State, County, and Local Law Enforcement, Homeland Security, Crime Scene Investigation, Rehabilitative Services and Victim Assistant Services.

The event was marketed to the entire university. "Different areas of expertise are what these employers are looking for," Sewitch said.

As a criminal justice professor, Sewitch would like to claim that students must be criminal justice majors in order to work in one of the represented fields, but that is not the case.

"There's a lot of interdisciplinary work in these fields. For instance, the FBI loves to bring in a diversity of qualifications," he explained.

Last year, 200 students attended the event, representing 18 different majors. Shannon Cunningham,

Ph.D., an assistant professor of criminal justice, said, "[The department] invites a number of different practitioners in the field to come and interact with our students. It's open to everyone."

Chad Deblazio, a senior homeland security student, said, "You get the chance to talk [with professionals from local, state, and federal agencies] and see what the day-to-day is like." He was able to ask questions and build connections with potential employers.

By conversing with professionals, students are able to discover their passions. Jessica Gonzales, a freshman criminal justice student, said "I just want to get to know more about the jobs since I'm a freshman. I want to attend the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and District Attorney (DA) panels."

"We're trying to help students discover their passion by helping them find out what jobs are out there," he said.

Students engaged with pro-

fessionals during five concurrent breakout sessions that rotated every 80 minutes. This format allowed students to attend two sessions.

Professionals briefly introduced themselves and answered questions in a group setting.

The last 20 minutes of each session were devoted to one-on-one networking with the presenters.

Peter Liu, a professor of criminal justice, attended the Rehabilitative Services and

Victim Assistant Services session.

He reaffirmed Sewitch's motto that criminal justice careers extend beyond the major.

He said, "We have a lot of psychology and social work majors [in this session]. Victim advocates are an important part of the criminal justice system."

"Support is crucial and students should know there are human parts to this system beyond law enforcement," Lui concluded.



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The Seventh Annual Criminal Justice Networking Event allowed students to meet with future employers and career opportunities.

Executive Order on Free Speech

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Many critics of the executive order view it as a ploy to keep ground with Trump's voting base. The president promised earlier this month at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) that he would do something about the political climate on "liberal college campuses."

"I'm a John Stuart Mill On Liberty kind of guy so I support anything that promotes free speech on college campuses," said Joe Patten, Ph.D., an adviser to the University's Political Science Club and an associate professor of political science.

Patten noted that while some critics call the executive order a symbolic political gesture to appeal to Trump's base, others believe it will effectively push back against college campuses that disinvite controversial figures from speaking or that shy away from all forms of political speech.

"Politically active students can benefit by inviting controversial speakers and then use the executive order against administrators who might otherwise try to deny the student's request to host political events," Patten explained.

Eleanor Novek, Ph.D., a professor of journalism, noted that speech can be sometimes be constructive or destruc-

tive. "And when some forms of speech are found to be harmful, society regulates or forbids them," she said. "The First Amendment provides for freedom of speech, but this freedom is not absolute. Speech has consequences."

Novek said that universities are places wherein conflicting ideas and ideologies come together. "Students are exposed to people and ideas they haven't encountered before. They have more independence than they had back home, with the opportunities and challenges that brings," she said.

"It is a complicated balance [between freedom and censoring harmful speech] and sometimes there may have been overreactions, raising accusations of censorship," Novek explained. "The controversy around some efforts to limit harmful speech has attracted the attention of vocal groups trying to get unpopular ideas out there, particularly the alt-right."

Richard Spencer, a leader of the torch-wielding white supremacist rally at the University of Virginia that left three people dead in 2017, was allowed to speak at the University of Florida last year, despite concerns by United Faculty of Florida members that Spencer's supporters would target and endanger marginalized students.

"Although, I strongly agree with freedom of speech and the idea that all campuses, including private colleges, allow and promote freedom of speech, I believe President Trump's executive order isn't intended to really strengthen that argument," said Marina Vujnovic, Ph.D., an associate professor of communication and journalism. "Rather it is designed to punish those campuses that would like to draw a line between freedom of speech and providing platform for groups and individuals that promote hate and intolerance, like white supremacists."

Vujnovic noted, "Don't we also have a right to say which speech is not about freedom of expressing ideas but rather a way to preclude discussion and civil discourse? Some speech is designed with a goal to oppress rather than allow freedom. I believe that's in the core of this issue."

Landon Myers, a senior political science student, believes that universities should allow students to invite anyone to speak about anything, without involvement on behalf of the institution unless it is to ensure safety of an event.

"This approach keeps the university apolitical while also supporting free speech, the only way for the university to maintain government funding," he said.

Dems and GOP Unite

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Monmouth University is starting to take a much bigger role in political activism in this state," he continued.

Gibson said that the speakers were all excited to speak to students from each club, and demonstrated how appreciative that they are of politically active youth.

"Culture of the political science program at Monmouth University stresses bipar-

tisanship and I am not surprised that our students are leaders in the young Republicans and Democrats," said Ken Mitchell, Ph.D., Chair of the Department of Political Science and Sociology and an associate professor of political science.

"I am especially proud of the fact that these student leaders are all such close friends and respect each other despite their political differences," he concluded.



PHOTO COURTESY of Nick Gibson

Monmouth University College Democrats and College Republicans came together to host bipartisan speaker events.

Model UN Teams Takes Home Two Awards

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mastered, debated, and wrote winning policy resolutions on the complex topics of “economic development and agriculture” as well as “preventing interstate war.” She is the first Monmouth student in all 20 years of the University’s history of competing to win Best Delegate prizes at four separate contests: London MUN (winter 2018), Oxford University MUN (fall 2018), London MUN (winter 2019) and SRMUN (spring 2019).

“Model UN has given me confidence, new friends, and has expanded my knowledge so much on international policy,” she said. “It has definitely been such an amazing experience continuing to build this team so much and competing with such an awesome group of people.”

Gibson attributed his success to the club, stating, “[Model UN] has personally made me more outgoing and I could not be more grateful to the club. It has been instrumental for my development as a college student.”

Ken Mitchell, Ph.D., Chair of the Department of Political Science and Sociology and an associate professor of political science, attended the tournament as the team adviser. He said that over 500 students from universities across the United States represented 77 separate countries, and the University’s students were able to distinguish themselves,

competing “at a very high level.”

With 16 students on the team, Monmouth sent one of the largest delegations at the contest, representing three countries: South Sudan, Serbia, Mozambique, and Azerbaijan.

Junior political science students Matt Gruhler and Alexis Vasquez represented Mozambique and collaborated on the University’s successful G-77 policy resolutions.

Students who also competed were: Vanshelly Tavaréz (a freshman marketing student), Maddie Doe (a junior political science student), Julia Bialy (a junior political science student), Paula Echeverria (a sophomore criminal justice student), Payton Collander (a sophomore political science student), Colleen Fagan (a freshman psychology student), Liam Crowley (a freshman political science student), Griffin Shields (a sophomore political science student), and Sam Ibiezugbes (a junior political science student).

These students competed on two committees: (i) General Assembly Plenary: Challenges of Eliminating Forced Labor and Improving Access to Quality Healthcare for Children and (ii) General Assembly First: Utilizing Advancements in Technology to Improve Global Security and Preventing Violent Extremism by Non-State Actors.

Model UN contests simu-

late the actual United Nations: its rules, its procedures. Students represent an assigned country and design policy solutions capable of building consensus with other countries. Critical thinking, public speaking, policy knowledge and policy writing are all skills associated with Model UN contests.

“SRMUN ends another impressive academic year of MUN at MU. Today MUN, is the most popular extracurricular activity at USA high schools, measured in overall numbers of participating students,” Mitchell explained. “At the college level, Monmouth University has established a strong national and international MUN program.”

The University’s Model UN teams competed at two contests in the fall 2018 (Oxford University and Washington, D.C.) and at three contests in spring 2019 (Harvard, London, and Charlotte). “Our Teams won Best Delegate prizes at Oxford, London, and Charlotte. That’s amazing,” Mitchel exclaimed.

The team wishes to say good-bye to graduating senior Pope. He competed at NYU (spring 2018), Oxford (fall 2018), London (winter 2019), and Charlotte. He won a Best Delegate prize

(Oxford, fall 2018), a Best Delegation prize (Charlotte, spring 2019) and he mentored several new students for the Charlotte contest.

The team also expressed gratitude to the Provost Office, the Department of Political Science and Sociology, and Donald Moliver, Dean of Leon Hess Business School, for their continued financial support that makes these transformative educational experiences possible.

Model UN is open to all undergraduate students and no experience is necessary. Students interested in joining the team should contact Mitchell.



Members of the Model UN team won overall Best Delegation at their competition in North Carolina. PHOTO COURTESY of Mackenzie Ricca

Monmouth Holds First Ever Inclusion Week

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“We are very excited from the response that we received from the other student groups who are now hosting one or more of the 15 or so events that will take place next week,” said Vaugh Clay, Ed.D., Director of Off-Campus and Commuter Services and an adviser to the SGA.

“Issues of diversity, social justice, and inclusion have always been an important part of SGA’s focus,” he said.

Clay explained that in the past, the SGA Senate has often held individual presentations or programs.

However, this year, the Senate leadership wanted its Human and Community Relations Committee to take a broader approach in speaking to the notion of inclusion.

“That effort, which has been completely organized by students, led to the slate of programs and activities that will take place next week,” said Clay.

Alexis Jenkins, a graduate intern in the Monmouth Student Affairs program, has played a pivotal role in guiding and supporting the SGA and the other student groups

as they organized Inclusion Week.

“I hope that Inclusion Week provides Monmouth with the chance to take a few moments here and there to think about who we are and how we co-exist in this community and in the world,” said Clay.

He continued, “The more we know about each other, the more likely it is we will come to understand, appreciate and care about one another.”

Feyzanur Demirci, a freshman marketing student who attended Islam Appreciation Day on Tuesday, April 2, said that the event was mind-opening for those who do not know about Islam.

“Inclusion week will bring students closer into engaging more and learning more about thing they probably never thought of,” she said.

The University will continue to host events with themes of inclusion and breaking down stereotypes until Saturday, April 6.

The events that will be held during the remaining week are listed in the flyer, which includes all of the dates, times, and locations for each event.

Inclusion Week

Sponsored by Student Government Association

April 1st-6th

Monday, April 1st

Cierra Kaler-Jones
Location: Pollak Theatre
Time: 12:30PM

Undocumented Students
Location: Pollak Theatre
Time: 7:30PM

Tuesday, April 2nd

Islam Appreciation Day
Location: Student Center
Time: 11:45 AM

Stomp Out Sexual Assault
Location: Student Center
Time: 3:00PM

Around the World
Location: Anacon
Time: 7:30PM

Wednesday, April 3rd

Art Around the World
Location: Anacon
Time: 5:00PM

Stroll and Salute Exhibition Show
Location: Res. Quad
Time: 7:30PM

Thursday, April 4th

Equity v. Equality Presentation
Location: Library 101
Time: 3:00PM

Justin Brown
Location: Anacon A
Time: 7:00PM

Friday, April 5th

Unite Against Racism Panel
Location: Pozyski 115
Time: 3:30PM

Your Life, Your Race
Location: Library Lawn
Time: 4:30PM

Saturday, April 6th

Festival of the Arts
Location: Res. Quad
Time: 12:00PM

Promotion Events:

TakeTen Radio
April 1st-5th

Relay for Life in OceanFirst Bank Center
Time: 6:00PM

Silent Campus Gallery Walk
April 1st-5th

EOF tabling
April 1st-5th

The University will be hosting several events for the remainder of Inclusion Week, until April 6. PHOTO COURTESY of SGA

Spotlight on Coach Kevin Callahan

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Monmouth University's Head Football Coach, Kevin Callahan, has developed a foundation of excellence on the field and throughout life.

"I came here to start a football program. As we continued to build the program and evolve, the job kept changing. There were always new challenges and approaches to doing things," said Callahan.

Callahan has been the only head coach since the football program began. This past season, he led his team to an 8-3 record, a second Big South Championship appearance. They placed ninth overall among Division I Football Championship Subdivision head coaches with 152 victories.

"There is a sense of ownership with the program because I have been with it from the beginning. The support that football gets is outstanding. I really like the people at Monmouth University, so it's made it easy to stay here," said Callahan.

A native of Elmira, NY, Callahan earned a bachelor's degree in history from University of Rochester in 1977, while being a student athlete on the football team.

Before becoming head coach at Monmouth, he spent three years at University of Albany as a graduate assistant, one year at Syracuse as an offensive assistant, two years at Wagner College as defensive coordinator, and eight and a half years as a defensive coordinator for Colgate University.

"This was a great experience

and great point in my coaching career. I had the opportunity to work for a great man in Fred Dunlap and with some very fine people. I have been to a number of different places and was able to learn a lot at each stage. I was able to take something away from each place I coached and bring it all together to what I am doing here," he said.

It is rare for a Division I coach to be at the same institution for 27 years, but for Callahan, Monmouth is home.

Each week at 7 a.m. in the Magill Commons Dining Hall, you may find him greeting his players with countless smiles as they grab their breakfast. Following breakfast, if he is not in the athletic office, you can find him in the weight room or the field encouraging his players to make the best of themselves.

When Callahan is in the office, he takes initiative on checking up on his players, recruiting prospects, reviewing film, and hiring coaches that will make an immediate positive impact on his players.

During his free time, you can spot him supporting other athletic events and organizing community service events for his team. Each year, the team visits schools in Monmouth County for events such as Super Bowl parties and Read Across America.

"When you have a team of over 100 players, there is always something going on. I find myself almost every day dealing with something directly related to the players on my team," said Callahan.

Whether it is an academic, housing, financial, or wellness issue, there is always something that Callahan needs to take care of.

"He has always been very bright about what we are doing. He lets me work, and go about my business. He trusts me and I trust him. It has been an easy relationship because of that," said Andy Bobik, Defensive Coordinator. Bobik and Callahan have been working together for 30 years at Monmouth and Colgate University.

Callahan also meets with his players twice a year individually to receive their feedback on where they see the program going from a team point of view. Junior kicker and an accounting student, Kyle Butts, believes Callahan's methods are effective.

"He treats each of his players with the upmost respect. He cares about each individual and wants us all to succeed," said Butts.

Offensive Coordinator and Tight End Coach Jeff Gallo learns from Callahan as a coach and how he sets the standards for his coaching staff. Gallo, a former player of Monmouth, received first-team All-Northeast Conference Honors as an offensive lineman and second-team Don Hansen All-American Honors during his senior year.

"He is a great teacher and genuinely cares about his players. His ability to lead, but also care about you individually is his greatest asset," said Gallo.

As a member of Football Championship Subdivision football, Monmouth is only allowed to give 63 scholarships. When it comes to recruiting, Callahan and his staff

take the time investigating prospects of athletic ability and character.

"We really try to get to know the people as well as we can. We are looking for good people who understand the value of education and are good football players. Our philosophy is to find out the entire package and use that information to make sure we are getting the

people that are the right fit for Monmouth," said Callahan.

The football program expects another successful season in 2019 as they prepare for their first game against Western Michigan University on Saturday, Aug. 31. Following that game, the Hawks will play Presbyterian College on Saturday, Oct. 12 at 1 p.m. at Kessler Stadium.

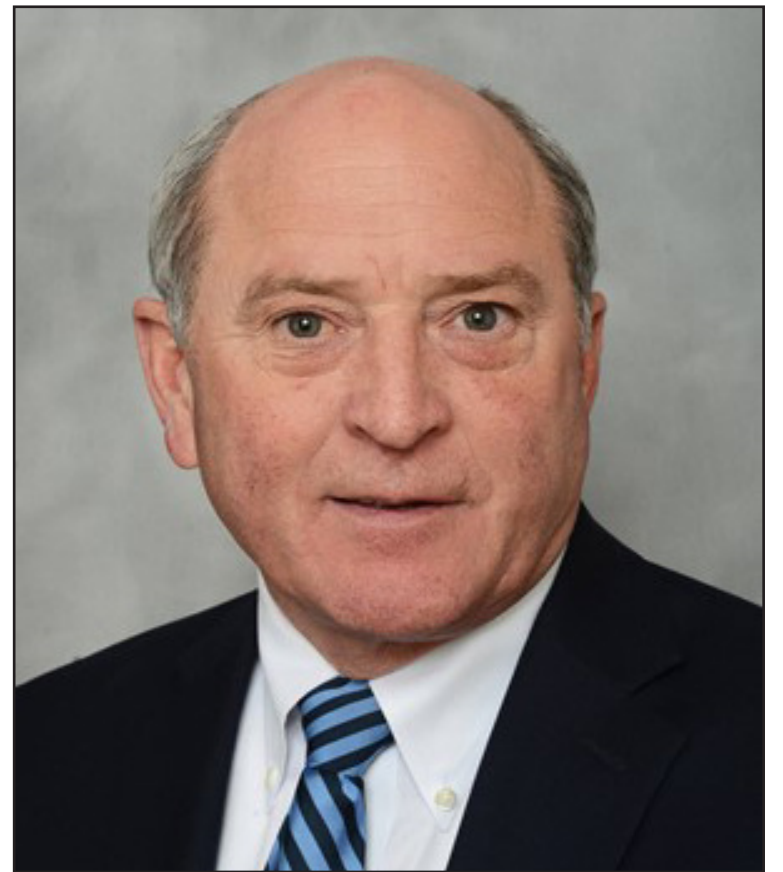


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Coach Kevin Callahan has led the Monmouth football team for 27 years.

A Better Life in Guatemala: One Individual at a Time

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When I stumbled across an email expounding the details of a course called Guatemala Public Health, taught by Chris Hirschler, Ph.D., I couldn't help but be drawn to a class that would foster academic success while concurrently stimulating global understanding in a developing country.

I had no idea that this email would lead me to one of the greatest experiences that I have encountered.

For seven weeks, five other students and I prepared for our upcoming travels, reading articles and watching documentaries that would try to prepare us for what we would experience in Guatemala, not realizing that this could not fully prepare us for what we would eventually see, smell, hear, and feel with our own senses.

The curriculum educated us on impoverished conditions, the prevalence of violence, and taught us the history of the country, enabling us to understand the present.

Our class consisted of six students, as well as Ekaterina Bronshteyn, an adjunct instructor of music and theatre. Additionally, Jeffrey Wilhelms, a lecturer of sociology at Rutgers, joined us on our journey. Our group was welcomed with open arms by Archie and Jacky Contreras of A Better Life Foundation Guatemala.

Together, we constructed bunk beds, picked up trash within a cemetery located in Chichicastenango, assembled water filtration systems, hiked up the Picaya volcano, toured a private hospital, and met with Selaine d'Amborosi, a



PHOTO COURTESY of Alexa LaVere

Some Monmouth students spent their spring break in Guatemala, helping to better the lives of many individuals.

representative of a nonprofit animal welfare program, Ayuda.

During the three days spent in a domestic violence shelter for women, we created strong bonds despite cultural and language barriers. We shared universal sentiments: smiles, laughs, and hugs.

Students taught health and physical education-related lessons with the women, such as self-defense, healthy coping, painting to reduce stress, and several types of dances.

One shelter resident was so reserved and shy that upon our arrival the first day, she could not

bare to look anybody in the eyes or introduce herself. It was heartwarming to see that by the last day of our visit, she took the dance floor alongside Bronshteyn, beaming for all to see.

Our group was fortunate enough to meet up with 18 year-old Marisol, who lives in Chichicastenango and has been sponsored by Hirschler for the past seven years. Marisol traveled with us throughout the duration of the trip, sharing her culture and language with us as we shared ours.

With approximately \$800 that we were able to raise prior to the trip, we were able to buy groceries,

clothing, and essential items that included sheets, pillows, blankets, a light source, and chairs for Marisol and other members of the community. One woman, Doña Rosa, was so incredibly overwhelmed by gratitude, she swelled with tears.

What stood out to me about Doña Rosa, was that despite being able to care for herself, her children, and her property without the essential resources, she rescued several dogs off the sides of streets and took them in as her own.

In Guatemala, their culture does not view animals, specifically dogs, in the way that we do. Dogs are found on every corner with no

home or place to go.

It was truly unbelievable to watch Doña Rosa show such compassion while undergoing tremendous hardships.

"Doña Rosa is a woman worthy of admiration. She struggles to give her children a better life. This week, one of her dreams was fulfilled; her children were given a bunk bed so that they can rest better. In addition, they received a water filter system that will last 10 years, along with sheets, pillows and food thanks to the students at Monmouth University," stated Contreras.

Nine days. Nine days spent absorbing a foreign culture. Nine days spent assembling friendships within our own group and within the communities we encountered. Nine days doing our best to help the community, knowing that our short stay might allow their daily lives to be just a little bit easier.

"This is an experience of a lifetime. We are welcomed into the homes and hearts of individuals who display incredible resilience and gratitude. They have enormous financial challenges, but they have a wealth of love and a strong sense of community," said Hirschler.

"We are not 'saving' anyone, but we connect in a meaningful and loving way, and provide some assistance that can lead to some magical results," Hirschler added.

If you are interested in traveling, indulging in a new culture, providing assistance to those of the community, all while having the learning experience of a lifetime, consider enrolling yourself in Guatemala Public Health next spring.

What Time Is It? Summer (Job) Time

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With summer approaching quickly, a common question you might be asked is: “What are your plans for the summer?” Some people might have elaborate vacations planned, while others might be headed to that dreaded summer job.

That summer job of yours doesn’t have to be as miserable as you think. Finding the ideal summer job can be right at your fingertips without you even realizing it. Figure out what you are passionate about and then start to pursue jobs within your passions.

As the common saying goes, “If you choose a job you love you will never have to work a day in your life.” This is completely true; if you love going to work every day, then it won’t even feel like work.

Finding this ideal job might start with the application process. Although no one loves filling out pages and pages of information, this is the first step to loving your job. You might want to update your resume before you start applying to some of these jobs.

Colleen Moretti, a junior communication student, said, “I think the ideal summer job is having something part time. Having a part time job is convenient because it doesn’t take up too much time during the summer but you are still able to make some money.”

Make sure to give yourself time to fill out applications. It is important not to rush

through them and make them stand out. Companies can be receiving a tremendous amount of applications so it is important to find a way to make yours special. A bonus factor is when you know someone who already works for the company, as this can potentially help you get your foot in the door.

Don’t be afraid to ask around for open positions. Jeff Mass, Assistant Director of Career Services at Monmouth University said, “While it’s certainly fun to spend a summer lifeguarding or working at a camp, don’t overlook opportunities for summer internships in your field.”

Internships can be in a variety of departments such as healthcare, marketing, and accounting to just name a few. You’ll gain relevant work experience, make valuable contacts, and potentially open up job opportunities. Especially within today’s society, we have access to so many resources through the internet.

LinkedIn has changed the way we can apply to jobs. We have such a tremendous amount of openings right through our computers. Now, it is easier than ever to find your own version of an ideal job.

Once the application process begins it can be quite stressful to wait around for them to get back to you. It is important to be patient with the process and realize that the ideal job will come.

Applying to a large group

of summer jobs is key. The more you apply to the better your chances are that you will end up getting one. Don’t focus on the money aspect of the job, just be happy if you get the position.

Over a long period of time, just like summer, the money will eventually add up and even if it doesn’t, at least you spent your time on something you enjoyed throughout the summer.

The ideal summer job will be something that makes your resume even better than what it already is.

Gaining experience is important and can set you apart from other candidates. In college, it is crucial to look for a job that is related to the field you might want to end up in after graduation.

Getting the opportunity to work in a related field is great experience and can potentially set you up for your future. This short-term summer job could end up being so much more than that. Maddie Larkin, a junior social work student, said, “The ideal summer job would consist of working someplace where you can gain experience for your future in a hands on environment.”

So many people realize after college that the field they are entering is not actually what they want to be doing.

This could be eliminated if they had a summer job in a similar field prior to graduation.

Overall, the goal is to gain experience which will help guide you in the future.

Ask Chloe

How do I find my niche/what career or extracurricular I am passionate about as a commuter student at Monmouth?- Anonymous

Anonymous-- Just starting off as a commuter student at any University can be a confusing time. Luckily, there are many resources to utilize at Monmouth to help you get acclimated.

Clay Vaughn is the Director of Off-Campus and Commuter Services, he offered his own piece of advice. Vaughn stated, “Unlike living on campus, commuter students often have a variety of experiences and responsibilities that they may have to navigate during a given day... With that in mind, I encourage commuter students to be realistic and flexible in how they decide to get involved.” For example, maybe getting a job on campus or attending campus events are great ways to get involved. Definitely try to make friends and meet up on campus to do homework or grab a meal together. There are so many ways to be on campus and benefit from being a commuter student. If you are unsure of the career path you may want to take, get some help, William Hill, the Assistant Dean of Career Services, knows just what to do. Hill said, “This is a question I get from many students, so you’re not alone. Start out by scheduling a meeting with someone in Career Services, who will discuss your career goals and will help you narrow down your interests to something you can focus on. Once there, you can use LinkedIn, career days and other resources to network and build connections to others in your field of interest.”

In my opinion, getting involved and taking the next step for your future starts with you. This is your life, there is no need to rush it or immerse yourself into things you are not 100 percent passionate about.

Good Luck,
Chloe

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Free Speech on College Campuses

EDITORIAL STAFF

President Donald Trump signed an executive order to cut federal funding for colleges or universities who attempt to limit their students' freedom of speech on March 22.

In a press conference prior to signing the order, Trump said, "Many [universities] have become increasingly hostile to free speech and to the first amendment."

Across the country, the responses have been mixed towards the order. Some say

designated safe spaces to discuss sensitive issues. According to an article published by Slate explaining safe spaces, safe spaces are defined as "extracurricular groups that are intended to be havens for historically marginalized students."

Trump's order made the editorial staff consider the effects of safe spaces as a whole, which generated varied opinions. An editor spoke against safe spaces with, "I think that they are, in a way, against free speech. I think it's important to uphold the values

falls with freedom of speech. "There hasn't been much done though to punish people who have drawn swastikas on buildings. That sort of 'free speech' should never be tolerated," the editor added.

Another editor mentioned a movement against free speech on campus. "In one of my classes, a Catholic student was trying to explain his religion to the professor, but she told him his interpretation of it was wrong," the editor stated.

While discussing the matter, each editor disclosed

"I think it's important to uphold the values of the freedom of speech in America."

this is a reiteration of what's already in place, while others see it as a strike towards safe spaces inhibited on campuses.

Most of the editors were supportive of the order. In favor of it, an editor said, "A university is a place where ideas and opinions should be promoted and shared. Research starts with basic fundamentals like these, so it is important that universities promote the idea of an open forum."

While a majority of editors liked the idea of the executive order, some mentioned the fine line between freedom of speech and hurtful rhetoric. An editor stated, "I do understand the purpose of enforcing this idea because universities should be an open forum for discussion and collaboration."

The editor continued, "However, if someone's opinions can be harmful to others on the campus or incite violence or bigotry, then the university should have discretion over what speech should be allowed."

A trend on college campuses has been the creation of

of the freedom of speech in America."

Another editor spoke positively about safe spaces and said, "I think that safe spaces are useful, since they may provide someone comfort to share their ideas with like-minded people," said an editor.

Others fell in between on the matter, with one editor who believed, "The idea of a safe space is kind of unnecessary. You should be able to express your thoughts anywhere you'd like. America is a safe space."

In reflection of Monmouth University's role in freedom of speech, most of the editors felt that the University has done well at promoting everyone's right.

"College [Democrats] and GOP (Republican Party) just had a recent bipartisan event, hosting political figures from both parties. Monmouth does a good job at ensuring balanced and fair views, at least as an institution," an editor said.

However, the editor did mention the University's pit-

that this was through their personal experience at the University and recognized that others may have gone through different instances of speech limitation or promotion.

Looking forward, each editor offered solutions on how they could help elevate freedom of speech on college campuses. One editor recommended, "Students be required to take a class on discourse and how to communicate effectively."

Another editor suggested that more students work together on projects and ideas that represent and support the various thoughts of the student body.

"It's important to have your own way of doing things, but you have to understand where other students are coming from as well," said an editor.

A solution made by one editor felt like a culmination of all the staff's ideas. "I think encouraging students to have their own forums and discussions on campus and have the ability to organize," the editor said.

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When to Have Kids

LAUREN DEMARCO
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Not knowing when the best time to have kids at? It's okay! You have time! Around the ages of 27-30 are good times to start a family.

Two big things to keep in mind before starting a family are health and financial security. Before deciding when to have kids, having money aside to help support your future kids plays a good role.

If you are at the stage in your life where you aren't financially secure yet, maybe holding off a little bit to have kids is a good idea.

When the time comes to have kids, you want to know that you can provide and care for them. Before having kids, you must take care of yourself before brining another child into the world. Also, your health is really important when determining the right timing to have kids.

A lot of people want to experience their life to the fullest before having kids. Traveling is something that everyone wants to do before settling down and having kids.

When you have kids, traveling with them is great and all, but before putting another life into the world, you want to have the chance to experience everything the world has to offer.

In your early and mid twenties, you have time to sit back and enjoy your life without having to worry about having kids. However, towards the end of your twenties is a good time to slow down and figure out if you would like to have chil-

dren. Also, being comfortable enough and having a steady paying job to support a family is an another part to think about.

Sometimes, there is no perfect time to have kids. There will be times where things get in the way and you think "now is not the best time." The truth is that there never really is going to be the "best time" to have kids.

So if at any point in time, you think you are ready to start a family, go ahead and take the chance! A lot of people regret having kids or not having kids because they did not know what starting a family really meant. Kids are a really big priority to care for, along with being a responsible parent.

There is no such thing as a "perfect parent." Parents make mistakes just like kids do, but there is such a thing as compassionate parents.

When you know that you will make a great parent for your son or daughter, the timing doesn't need to be perfect. If you know that you can supply the greatest amount of love and care for your kids, you passed being a great parent.

Having kids is a really big commitment to put on yourself, but if you are ready, then you should go for it! Be ready for some tough times dealing with situations yourself or your kids have to go through.

Even though having children can get challenging, it is the best reward in life knowing that you have created this person and that they are yours. Knowing when the best time have kids at in your life is something that you should consider.

Moving Off-Campus

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There are many factors that could contribute to a student staying on-campus versus moving off. If the student is on athletic aid, for example, their scholarship might require them to stay on campus for a certain number of years before allowing them to move off.

Being a member of a sports team can have a major impact on whether you or your teammates stay on campus. Many coaches have rules about whether student-athletes can live on-campus or off.

I would say that the best year to move off-campus is after your sophomore year of college. At this point, you've had your share of dorm shenanigans and understand the ins and outs of campus.

You have made enough friends that you are able to have a core group of people who you feel comfortable living off campus with. It's completely normal to want to move off of campus earlier, but I find it so reassuring to know who you are more, and who you are going to be friends with, before you decide to move off-campus with a random group of people.

At this point, you feel confident that you have your feet on the ground in terms of knowing how long it takes you to get to around the area of West Long Branch, and how long the commute would take you.

Some of the consequences of living off-campus include dealing with realtors and finding a house to live in. This can be a major problem, as some of the landlords may neglect the houses.

It's important to take pictures when you find a house and on the first day you move

in, document everything in the area. In my first year living off-campus, my housemates and I had a very bad living situation. Things were broken in the house and for months of the year we did not even have access to a washer or dryer.


There were problems that needed to be fixed, but the landlord had not paid the people who came to fix the problems. If I had stayed in the dorms, I'm sure the washer and dryer would have been fixed in a timely manner as the facilities at this school work very hard to make sure things are in good condition for the students.

On the other hand, being on-campus, there have been numerous counts where there were instances happening on-campus that students might not have wanted to be around. But, knowing how safety officers make us feel is important in our choice too. I, for one, know that every time I walk around the Monmouth campus, I feel comfortable and safe. Whether or not everything is good with dorm living, is entirely a personal preference and opinion.

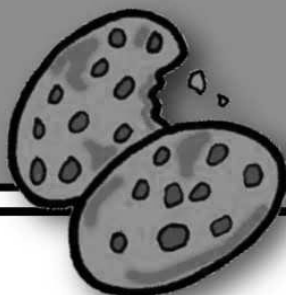
All in all, living on campus has its pro's and con's, just like living off-campus. What you have to decide is whether or not you can afford it, who you will live with, how you will get to and from school, and where your house will be.

Once you have these things in mind, you can stay on campus or live in a room/house that screams your personality and includes whatever you want it to! Right now, my house is two blocks from the beach, and I couldn't be happier.

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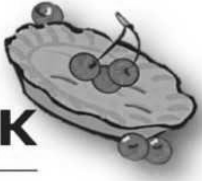
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Leaving Neverland And the Legacy of Michael Jackson

MATTHEW SHAFFER
STAFF WRITER

A few weeks ago, HBO released a two-part documentary titled *Leaving Neverland*, a documentary that explored pop mega star Michael Jackson's relationship and alleged sexual abuse with two young boys.

Now in their thirties, the boys, Wade Robson and James Safechuck, stepped forward in the documentary and revealed chilling details of their experience with Jackson.

One scene includes Safechuck as he recalled all the places at the Neverland Ranch where Jackson engaged in sexual acts with him as a boy. In every possible place you could think of, from the movie theater to the train station, Jackson pressured Safechuck to perform a sexual act.

It's a brutal examination of Jackson, revealing new information about his past, leaving the audience to process how he is perceived in the present.

It's quite difficult to explain just how popular Michael Jackson was.

As someone who wasn't alive during his peak years, it's still astonishing to see his widespread appeal and the immense popularity of Jackson's music.

The moonwalk is synonymous with Jackson. *Thriller* is regarded by some as the greatest album of all time. He was and is pop music.

So when deplorable information comes to the forefront about someone that was admired by so many people, it's difficult to process the collective thought on the subject in question.

The HBO documentary does a



PHOTO TAKEN from The Mirror

James Safechuck and Wade Robinson discussed pop icon Michael Jackson's history of child abuse in *Leaving Neverland*. Although the details are brutal, the survivors are facing widespread backlash from fans and those close to Jackson, who proclaim their stories are not true.

remarkable job of handling such sensitive memories, that it's quite difficult to watch.

Robson and Safechuck describe their past with forthright conviction that you can tell they have been juggling with these thoughts for almost their whole lives.

As described in part one, Jackson would gain the trust of the boys and parents in order to have control over both parties.

When Jackson had control, he was able to sexually abuse the boys, while maintaining the guise of innocence amongst the parents because of his celebrity status.

With the passing of Jackson, there is no way for him to plead his defense, so all we are left with is

the words of the people that were close to him.

There is always a question, now more relevant than ever, of whether we can separate the art from the artist. Jackson's stardom perhaps transcends that dilemma.

The universal love for his art goes beyond separation of the two. The closest comparison of Jackson's situation is probably Bill Cosby, and even still it's a bit different.

Cosby matches the popularity and celebrity of Jackson, but was convicted in a court of law, but Jackson was not.

Most of the art created by Cosby has been removed from the circulation of all media, which leads to the question of whether

or not the same should happen to Jackson.

Adam Brody, a former radio host at WAER 88.3 in Syracuse, NY, is also conflicted by the moral dilemma at hand.

"Everyone has at least one Michael Jackson song that they love," said Brody, "But personally I probably wouldn't play his songs on the air after hearing the stuff in the news, just to avoid any problems with the station or listeners."

While Brody has his own opinion on the matter, not everyone agrees with his stance. With allegations of this magnitude there are going to be some people who express doubt and express their own thoughts on the matter.

Looking at the situation from an objective standpoint, you could build an argument that documentaries tend to be more subjective on the subject they are handling. Documentaries are built to lean one definitive direction and to make the audience side with the theme you are trying to portray.

One of the main arguments against the documentary comes from criticisms over the validity of the claims made by Robson and Safechuck. When Jackson was under trial, both Robson and Safechuck testified that he was innocent of any sexual abuse to minors.

It's explained in the documentary as to why the two testified the way they did then, but that won't stop people from pointing to that to support their own claim of Jackson's innocence.

There is always going to be an ongoing debate on how this affects the legacy of Michael Jackson, it's just the nature of the world we live in now.

There may never be a decisive answer as to what we should do with Jackson in terms of how he should be remembered in the history books.

Jackson was the gold standard to many people: he was the peak of celebrity that people looked up to and admired.

With the new information we have now, it's okay to reflect and reevaluate how we look at him.

It's okay to have logical and education conversations about this.

There is no need to quickly rush to judgment, the most important thing to do is to listen and understand the stories of those who have suffered.

God at the Box Office: The Relationship Between Faith and Film

ERICA BARBARA
STAFF WRITER

When you think of successful modern films, what are some names that come to mind?

Anything commended by the Academy may pop up, or any recent Marvel or DC blockbusters that have graced the silver screen (Marvel's *Captain Marvel* grossed nearly \$825.1 million in revenue as of March).

Maybe, some mind-bending independent films make the list, like the smash-hit psychological horror *Hereditary* from last year.

Now, have you ever heard of *God's Not Dead* or its sequel? *Unbroken: Path to Redemption*? How about *Indivisible*?

The above names are of Christian films that have been released in the past five years.

If you have heard of the listed films or any like them, their reception, both critically and otherwise, can seem inconsistent.

The original *God's Not Dead* from 2014 received a measly 13 percent on Rotten Tomatoes, but a 4.5/5 from the average Facebook's review.

Last year's *Unbroken: Path to Redemption*, received a 36 percent on Rotten Tomatoes,

but 91 percent from the average votes of Google users.

Christian films have not been nominated for major film awards recently, and it has been a long time since any were publicly praised.

Films like 1959's *Ben Hur*, 1966's *A Man for All Seasons*, and 2004's *The Passion of The Christ* can be considered some of the last blockbusters of their kind.

So, what is it about religiously-sponsored films that seem to be put in a different category than those that are critically-acknowledged masterpieces?

Why are many skeptical of Christian film as a genre?

Cristina D'Averso-Collins, Campus Minister for the Catholic Campus Ministry, lent ideas as to why.

"In today's society, I believe there are two main reasons why [these] films do not receive much attention by the secular media, [and] one is that Christianity is, and always has been, profoundly countercultural (the values espoused by Christians are often diametrically opposed to those portrayed throughout popular media)."

D'Averso-Collins continued, "Two, there is a widespread view that Christianity, and faith, more generally, is unrealistic and out of touch with modernity...the very premise of hope in something beyond the

material world is often seen as far-fetched and illogical."

Another idea as to why the public may not relate to religiously-centered films is that some subject matters can be harsh or off-putting.

Ariana Murdocca, Public Relations Student Society of America President and graduate student of corporate and public communications, expressed a personal experience: "I had seen *The Passion of The Christ*, and it was definitely a lot to take in. Anyone who has seen that movie knows it is incredibly graphic, which is a reason I have a negative connotation around such films."

She continued, "With their faith in mind," Murdocca concluded, "I think those producing and directing these films try to make a powerful impact to really elicit all kinds of emotion from viewers, to the benefit of their reputation or otherwise."

A final reason Christian films may not garner as much overall praise or recognition for work is from what can be perceived as biased claims made in them, alienating potential audiences that are predominantly not-religious.

The main antagonist in the first of the major Christian studio PureFlix's well-known *God's Not Dead* movies was a philosophy professor who made his students sign a declaration

that "God is dead" in order for them to pass his class.

This portrayal can be reflective of a real trend in college professors to be less-religiously-motivated in their teachings, but the unwavering and unabashedly ready-to-offend nature of this character may make viewers question: *do religiously-affiliated people think professors hate God?*

Cary Solomon and Chuck Konzelman's *Unplanned* opened on March 29 to a wide-release and a \$6.1 million opening thus far, making it the company's second-best opening ever (next to *God's Not Dead 2*).

The anti-abortion film tells the real story of a young woman named Abby Johnson who was the youngest director of Planned Parenthood's history, but a life-changing incident changes her into a pro-life activist.

The ratings for *Unplanned* are

comparably okay, at a 6.4/10 on IMDb and a 53 percent on Rotten Tomatoes.

Public opinion is not the most favorable, and, according to *The Hollywood Reporter*, television networks are rejecting advertisements for the film entirely.

In terms of the future of Christian film, D'Averso-Collins emphasized sincerity to lessen unfavorable views:

"Since Christians profess belief in a God who literally comes to meet us in our human weakness and suffering, it is [the artists'] duty, above all, to convey this message throughout their artistic endeavors."

"Ultimately, there is something universally attractive about authenticity, even if that attraction must grow over a period of time," she concluded.



PHOTO TAKEN from Right to Life Southwest Indiana

The pro-life *Unplanned* debuted nationwide last weekend.



MARK MARRONE
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

A prop, location, and line of dialogue is all filmmakers will be given to use their creativity to make a short film in FilmOneFest’s upcoming film competition right here on campus.

FilmOneFest will continue its collaboration with the University for the second year in a row with their Fourth Annual Film Slam competition on Friday, April 5 through Saturday, April 6.

The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. and teams competing will be given a film assignment and only 24 hours to create a film shorter than two minutes long.

FilmOneFest is a project of the Atlantic Highlands Arts Council and aims to strengthen the community through the arts.

The Film Slam is a free

24-hour filmmaking competition in which teams compete to create an original film that includes specific criteria assigned to them.

At the start of the competition, teams will be assigned a specific prop, location, and line of dialogue that they must incorporate in their short film.

For example, last year a total of seven teams participated and the criteria given was a bird as the prop, a cemetery as the location, and “how about this weather” as the line of dialogue.

After given the three assigned categories, teams must deliver their final product back to Woods Theatre by Saturday night, exactly 24 hours after getting their assignment.

Currently, there are nine teams registered: three local (one of which is from Monmouth University) and six virtual.

A panel of judges will select the winning films.

Ready, Set, Film!

The FilmOneFest is Coming to Monmouth



PHOTO TAKEN from Filmmaking Stuff

Participants must create a film within a small 24-hour window.



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Hundreds come to the FilmOneFest premier in Atlantic Highlands, which usually takes place in July.

Films will be judged on originality, prop usage and inclusion, dialogue, location, production value, and story quality.

The three judges include Robert O’Connor, the founder of FilmOneFest and former co-director, Victor Zak, an award winning journalist, and Nick Messina, our very own communications professor.

The top three films will be shown at FilmOneFest 2019 in July.

The first place winner will receive a \$250 cash prize and the People’s Choice Award will receive a \$100 prize.

Now, in its fourth year, FilmOneFest’s 24-hour Film Slam is casting a wider net with the promotion of virtual submissions.

This year, five teams will compete remotely from UCFilm, the University of Connecticut’s student-run filmmaking organization. Their entries will provide some friendly competition for Monmouth University, who currently has at least one team competing in the slam.

“There is definitely some competition amongst our teams,” said UCFilm club president Christian Partenio, as the club has put together teams with a balance of skill levels.

UCFilm club was started in 2017, but already has 130 members who are associated in some capacity.

“Our goal is to emulate the filmmaking experience that students would have if they were attending a film school,” Partenio explained.

“We see the super short film

as a training ground as well as a beautiful, collaborative form of artistic expression,” said Partenio.

The club generally aims to make three to five short films over the course of a semester, but welcomes the experience gained in making a film in just 24 hours.

“Oh yeah, we are very aware of the challenges!” Partenio admits. “My personal strategy: keep it short, limit locations, and don’t try to fix it in post.”

FilmOneFest is very excited to have the opportunity once again to partner with Monmouth University in hosting this event.

They hope to have more teams participate from Monmouth, as the student films always seem to display a lot of originality and creativity.

FilmOneFest is currently accepting team applicants so for any students interested, they are encouraged to participate by forming a team and registering on <https://filmonefest.org/24-hour-film-slam>.

Following registration, all the students have to do is be present at the Woods Theatre on April 5 at 7:30 p.m. to receive their prompt for the film that they will create.

In addition to the general public, students and faculty are also invited to a live screening of all the films made on Saturday, April 6 at Woods Theatre.

The winners will also be announced on Saturday following the screening.

Students attending the screening can expect an entertaining experience by getting to view all the different films made. There’s something unique about the Film Slam; given that all the teams create different final products originating from the same exact prompt assigned.

FilmOneFest is looking forward to another successful Film Slam and judges are eager to see what upcoming filmmakers contribute this year!

Jepsen is Dedicated

MARK MARRONE
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Lovers of pop music and Jepsies rejoice!

The Queen of Pop, Carly Rae Jepsen, announced last Monday that she will release her new album called *Dedicated* on May 17.

Along with the news, CRJ announced a tour across America planned for this summer.

The tour will start on June 27 in Anaheim and will end on Aug. 1 in Dallas.

The Queen will make local stops along the way, including the Hammerstein Ballroom in New York City on July 17 and The Fillmore in

Philadelphia on July 20.

Thus far, CRJ has released three singles from *Dedicated*. Five months ago, CRJ teased everyone with “Party for One.”

Initially, the track seemed typical of the Queen, as she belted out about how she doesn’t need a man to be herself.

However, as the five months have passed, the song has grown on me.

It’s turned out to be the perfect bop for when I down a jug of ice cream in my room (which I never do).

Along with “Party for One,” CRJ released “No Drug Like Me” and “Now That I’ve Found You.”

Both songs are certified bops, with “No Drug Like Me” as a sexy slow burn and “Now That I’ve Found You” as an explosive track about love.

“Now That I’ve Found You” even got the music video treatment, where CRJ falls in love with a cat.

Plenty of other artists fall in love with fame, but all the Queen needs is her cat.

Dedicated is off to a promising start with these three hits in the arsenal, but there’s a total of 15 tracks expected (including bonus tracks).

Can CRJ keep this consistency for another 13 tracks? I think the artist is *Dedicated* to do so.



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Eilish Stuns in Debut



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American pop singer Billie Eilish, released her debut full-length record *When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?* on March 29.

Eilish hits a memorable home run with her new record, with singles such as “bury a friend” charting as high as No. 14 on the *Billboard Hot 100*.

The record opens with the 12-second track “!!!!!!” which simply features Eilish cheekily joking about her retainer, before verbally introducing the album whilst she and her older brother and producer/co-writer Finneas O’Connell burst into laughter.

The first song, “bad guy,” begins with a ferocious bass line that will surely command movement on the dancefloors of clubs everywhere.

Bass seems to be a major staple on this record, with most of the songs being driven by a catchy bass guitar or a bass-boosted drum beat.

Anyone who enjoys listening to music on their daily commute will certainly notice their rearview mirror vibrating along to the bass frequency during the chorus of “xanny.”

Songs such as “8” and closing track “goodbye” take some different instrumental approaches; “8” features Eilish singing softly while strumming a ukulele, while “goodbye” features a cascade of vocal harmony, with Eilish at the helm.

“goodbye” would certainly prompt some acapella covers popping up online.

The 17-year-old singer addresses a small variety of issues on *When We All Fall Asleep*.

Songs such as “xanny” touches on the issue of prescription medication abuse amongst young people.

In the song “wish you were gay” is Eilish’s lament about having romantic feelings for someone of a sexual orientation that conflicts with her own.

The otherwise thrilling album ends on a melancholy note with the emotive acoustic guitar-driven track “i love you,” which fades out on a gentle vocal hook before going into “goodbye.”

It’s clear that Eilish has

established her sound with grandiosity in her debut album.

Her sound has been years in the making.

After being homeschooled throughout her early childhood, she joined the Los Angeles Children’s Chorus at age 8. By 11, she was composing original material.

Finneas produced his sister’s first EP *don’t smile at me* which was released in 2016.

Eilish considers herself a big fan of hip-hop and R&B, and cites Lana Del Rey as her major musical influence, which is imminent on her new album.

Fans can catch Billie in concert on June 18 and 19 in New York City, at Pier 17 and Radio City Music Hall respectively.



PHOTO TAKEN @billieeilish Twitter

The 17-year-old Billie Eilish poses for the cover of *When We All Fall Sleep, Where Do We Go?*

Administrators Hire New Director for Fraternities and Sororities

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In an email to the Monmouth community on March 28, The University administrators announced the new Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, who will be starting on April 11. Her name is Tara M. Fuller.

In the email by Vice President of Student Life and Leadership Engagement Mary Anne Nagy wrote, “She will begin a search immediately for an Assistant Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life to round out her team along with a Graduate Assistant. The future success of the Fraternity and Sorority Community is a critical priority of mine and this investment in additional staff to support your experience as a member of this community is one of many ways to achieve this success.”

The Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life position was formally held by Michelle Kaplan until she stepped down in the fall 2018 semester. Greek life was sus-

pended by the University in the fall 2018 semester and the University utilized this time to find Kaplan’s successor.

Fuller is currently working at John Hopkins University as the Senior Assistant Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life. She started at Johns Hopkins in 2015 as an Assistant Director, but was promoted earlier this year. She was also employed under Residential Life and Greek Life positions at Rider University and Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri.

Fuller is from Milltown,

New Jersey and earned her Bachelor’s in Multicultural Leadership from the University of Maryland, College Park, then obtained her Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership degree from Rider University. She is an alumna of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and acted as a Leadership Consultant for them from 2009 through 2010. She still continues to volunteer for Alpha Delta Pi as a Province Director.

Nagy described the selection and hiring process Fuller underwent. “There was a

search committee that helped with selection.” The people on this committee were Associate Vice President for Student Life James Pillar, Area Coordinator Tony Conard, Substance Awareness Coordinator Suanne Schaad, and former Coordinator for Transitions in Leadership Katherine Browna. Conard has acted as an advisor to Delta Phi Epsilon and Schaad was advisor to Theta Xi. “They looked at a number of candidates, I don’t know the final number, and then it came down to four candidates they brought to campus. Each candidate was here for a full day and got to meet with a variety of people, including our students.”

According to the Johns Hopkins News-Letter, their official school newspaper, “[In 2018], the Hopkins chapter of Alpha Delta Phi was placed under interim suspension due to hazing allegations and violations of a cease and desist order related to a sexual assault. Sigma Alpha Epsilon, which hosted a party where a woman was raped in 2014, is also inactive yet continues to operate underground.”

Fuller was present, and in Nagy’s words “the success of

those communities now is in great part because of the work that she was able to do there.”

Josh Rodriquez, a freshman music industry student and someone interested in Greek life, said, “I think she’s going to do a pretty good job. She seems very qualified. I’m looking forward to what she will do in the position.”

Kemal Kansu, a senior finance student and someone not involved in Greek life, disagrees. “I think that it wouldn’t do anything positive,” said Kansu on Fuller’s hiring.

Calie Valore, a senior marketing and IT student, is hopeful for Fuller’s transition. “I think (she) will do great things in pushing Greek life in the right direction. I would like to see them change the Greek stereotypes and focus on the positives that Greeks do.”

“It’s really important when you hire someone, you’re also hiring them not just for their experience and when they could bring, but you want to make sure it’s someone that’s going to fit in the comm,” said Nagy. “Our students are comfortable with the candidate. You can see them fitting in to a team; Tara certainly fit that.”



IMAGE TAKEN from Johns Hopkins .edu
Tara M. Fuller will start her position as the new Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

Plants for Peace Provide a Placid Potluck

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About 20 members of the Monmouth community attended a vegan potluck hosted by Plants for Peace in Magill Club Dining on Sunday, March 31.

According to the official website, Plants for Peace is “a volunteer organization offering free vegan-related educational programs that advocate for people, the planet, and animals.”

The event encouraged all attendees to provide a vegan dish, which is anything that excludes dairy, eggs, meat, fish, poultry, gelatin, casein, whey, honey, or caseinate. It was also encouraged for attendees to bring their own plates and utensils in order to help reduce waste.

Each semester, Plants of Peace holds two to three potlucks. Chris Hirschler, Ph.D., an associate professor of health sciences, began the potlucks almost 10 years ago, along with Mary Harris, a specialist professor of communication. This one in particular was organized by Jessica Henry, a sophomore health studies student.

“Plants for Peace is a community-based organization, not a Monmouth club,” Henry explained. “[However,] the potluck is Dr. Hirschler’s idea. He wanted to educate Monmouth students and the community about the animal and environmental climate.”

Randall Abate, J.D., a professor of political science and sociology, was invited to be the guest speaker. Abate explained that animal law involves a “deep-rooted sense of what’s right.” While there

is a moral motivation to help animals, many people will fail to live up to this, because they do not see how they will benefit from it.

Environmental law directly impacts humans and the world we live in, causing it to gain more attention than animal law. “Environmental law involves humans and animal law does not. It is more selfless,” Abate said.

While there are many ways in which environmental and animal law seem to connect to each other, people do not treat it in the same manner. Abate shared, “More than half of my colleagues in animal law are vegetarian or vegan, but not in environmental law.”

“If animals are a part of the world around us, then why do we fail to provide them with the protection they deserve? There are only three federal laws currently protecting animals and they are limited and not well-enforced,” Abate added.

In terms of anti-cruelty action, NJ has ranked 17th, making it neither the best nor worse. A major issue within animal law is that regulations are decided on a state level.

“Animal law has remained more of a fringe movement, since it lacks federal legitimacy,” Abate said.

However, as more research is done on the intelligence levels of animals, people are able to add scientific evidence to their morals. “There are so many ways in which animal and environmental law can do good for our food system,” Abate said.

At the moment, the

USDA is not required to provide any anti-cruelty information. “At a limited level, the USDA provides nutritional content. That is the extent on their mandate,” Abate said.

Abate noted that it would be helpful to include carbon footprint information on meat packaging. This type of label would be similar to warnings that are placed on tobacco products. It would clearly state the effects of eating meat, and it would warn consumers to buy the products at their own risk.

“Veganism allows for a lot less carbon emissions,” Lauren Fairchild, a sophomore biology student and attendee, said.

Since Plants for Peace is not a recognized club on campus, Henry is in the process of starting her own vegan activism club. She is actively working with Student Activities to get the club approved for the fall, and it will be open to all students who are passionate about animal rights. Henry explained, “A vegan diet allows us to conserve water and produce less waste.”

Plants for Peace hopes to spread awareness of animal-cruelty, through their potlucks and guest speakers. The next potluck will be held on May 5 at 12:30 p.m. It will be a vegan restaurant panel, in which attendees will be educated on how restaurants accommodate vegans and include vegan-friendly options on their menus.

For students interested in learning more on this topic, Abate will be organizing a study abroad opportunity to study animal law in Australia next year.

Club and Greek Announcements

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If you’re interested in joining, contact Ali Nugent at s1096530@monmouth.edu

Hawk TV News

Hawk TV News is looking for vibrant and interested students who want to be reporters, writers, anchors, and much more. You do not need to be a communication major to be a part of this organization.

If you are interested e-mail us at s0933548@monmouth.edu or meet us on Wednesdays in JP 138 at 3:15 p.m.

College Democrats Of Monmouth University

There will be a College Democrats of Monmouth University meeting held in Bey Hall 226, the Center for Active Citizenship. All who are interested in attending should come to hear about how to become involved in left-of-center political activities. Events will be held throughout the year, some in unison with the College Republicans. For more information, or any questions or concerns, contact Landon Myers at s1132749@monmouth.edu.

The Outlook

The Outlook is looking for students interested in writing for the student-run newspaper. Sections include News, Opinion, Politics, Lifestyles, Features, Entertainment, Club & Greek, and Sports. No prior experience is necessary. The Outlook fulfills practicum.

If you are interested, please e-mail Caroline Mattise at s1102099@monmouth.edu or outlook@monmouth.edu and come to our office in JP 260. We hope to see you soon!



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Softball Sweeps Weekend Behind Perfect Game

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STAFF WRITER

Sophomore pitcher Alyssa Irons threw the first perfect game for Softball since 2006 in game one of the program's home double header with Niagara on Friday, where they won both games before sweeping Canisius in a double header on Saturday.

The performance was impressive enough to earn Irons Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Pitcher of the Week honors.

In the first game Monmouth swept Niagara with a 6-0 shutout. Irons pitched all seven innings without allowing a single run, walk, or hit.

"Today was an awesome way to start conference play," said Head Coach Shannon Salsburg. "Obviously in game one, Alyssa set the tone. To throw a perfect game was awesome, and she did a great job of attacking the hitters all day. Our defense made the routine plays."

Monmouth wasted no time get-

ting into the groove of things in game one with freshman infielder and outfielder Lindsey Baron bombing a triple to left field. Junior infielder Sam Tomasetti was up to bat next and hit a single, allowing Baron to score and getting Monmouth on the board early. They scored again in the bottom of the third inning with junior first baseman Kayla Rosado hitting an RBI single to left field, scoring Baron to make it 2-0.

The energy picked up in the bottom of the fourth inning, where Monmouth scored four runs to solidify their 6-0 win in game one. Junior infielder Deangie Jimenez hit a single to left field which resulted in two runs, scoring junior utility Amanda Hopeck and sophomore outfielder Katie Harrington. Then, Rosado hit a single to right field, batting in Jimenez and Irons for two more RBIs.

The Hawks carried this energy into game two and won 7-2. Unlike the first game, Niagara got on the scoreboard with a single-RBI hit by sophomore second baseman

Maggie Vesneske. Monmouth replied to this by scoring two runs while they were up to bat thanks to Rosado hitting a pitch out to right center, bringing Tomasetti and Baron home to score. Niagara tied it in the top of the third inning when senior first baseman Jerri Ann Orfano smacked a double to right center for an RBI, making the score 2-2.

Between the bottom of the third inning and the bottom of the sixth, the Hawks score six runs. This started off with Harrington grounding out to the pitcher, but still got Tomasetti in for an RBI. In the bottom of the fourth inning, Tomasetti went yard with a triple down the right field line earning two RBIs by bringing home Baron and sophomore outfielder Morgan Maziarz to score. Followed by this was Rosado hitting a double to right field which brought home Tomasetti to make the score 2-6.

No runs were scored from either team again until the bottom of the seventh inning, when Monmouth scored a walk-off winner. It start-

ed with Baron hitting a double to left field and then Tomasetti got in the box and hit an RBI single to center field, allowing Baron to score the winning run.

"In game two, I was proud of how we responded after Niagara jumped out to a lead," Salsburg said. "We knew [Niagara] was a feisty team and knew they wouldn't quit. We focused on putting more and more runs on the board instead of settling, and that's what it's going to take as we move through the MAAC."

Monmouth added two more wins to their conference record by defeating Canisius 13-2 in a double header on Saturday.

Canisius got on the scoreboard early with freshman infielder Hannah Catallo-Stooks hitting an RBI to right field, allowing sophomore Kara Paradowski to run home to score their only run of the game.

The Hawks came in hot by scoring two runs in the first inning. Junior outfielder Amber Wozniak hit a single to left field, bringing home Baron to put their first run on the board. Right after, Hopeck hit a single up the middle, allowing Wozniak to score a second run.

The Hawks scored again in the bottom of the second inning as a result of Baron reaching on an error by Canisius' right fielder, allowing sophomore catcher Erika Coreth to score. Monmouth's fourth and final run of the game came during the bottom of the third inning with Irons hitting an RBI single to first base, bringing home senior outfielder Jasmine Higa to clutch their 4-1 victory.

The second game of the double header against Canisius had a similar scoring pattern, but instead of Monmouth only scoring four runs, they scored nine.

Again, Canisius got on the board early on in the game, and again, it was their only run of the game. This time it was the result of them sacrificing a fly ball as an

out in order to allow sophomore outfielder Erin Hufford to score.

The Hawks scored three runs in their first time up. Rosado scored two by hitting home Tomasetti and Baron and Wozniak earned one for the team as well by singling out to left center field and bringing in Rosado for another run.

Monmouth scored another three runs during the bottom of the second inning. The MAAC Rookie of the Week, Baron, hit a two-run home run to score herself as well as Maziarz. Rosado got Tomasetti to score again by hitting a single out to right field to make the score 6-1. The Hawks scored two more times during their at bats in the bottom of both the fourth and fifth inning.

In the bottom of the fourth inning, Wozniak hit a triple down the right field line, allowing both Rosado and Tomasetti to come in for two runs. During the bottom of the fifth inning, Baron reached on a fielding error by Canisius' third baseman, which brought home freshman infielder Danielle Dominik for the final run of the game.

Since Monmouth was ahead by eight runs, they were able to run-rule Canisius to end the game after the fifth inning rather than continuing to play the full seven.

"I'm very proud of the way we came out today. We knew that Canisius was going to bring a lot of energy. We talked a lot about being ourselves, but also bringing our energy. I like the fact that in both games, we got down but fought right back and took control," said Salsburg.

Softball has won 20 of their last 22 home games. After this week their record is now 17-10 and 4-0 in MAAC games.

The Hawks will welcome the University of Delaware to MU Softball Park today for a double header. First pitch for game one is set for 2:00 p.m. and it will be aired on ESPN3.



PHOTO TAKEN by Karlee Sell

Junior first baseman Kayla Rosado highlighted the Hawk's offensive weekend, tallying eight total hits and nine runs batted in (RBIs), earning herself MAAC Player of the Week honors.

Women's Lacrosse Extends Win Streak to Five

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Women's Lacrosse earned two more wins in Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) play this past week, defeating Iona 13-8 on Wednesday in New Rochelle, NY, and then beating Marist 15-12 on Saturday at Hesse Field on the Great Lawn.

In the Hawks' game against Iona, Monmouth started off strong by taking a 3-1 lead within the first ten minutes of the game thanks to goals from junior attackers Allison Turturro and Nicole Ceraso.

After trading goals back and forth, the game was locked at 5-5 with 7:52 left in the first half. Two unanswered goals were then scored by Turturro and sophomore attacker Caroline Bleck, giving the Blue and White a 7-5 lead. By the end of the half, the Hawks were still out in front 7-6.

Monmouth started the second half on an offensive tear scoring five unanswered goals in a span of just over three minutes to take a 12-6 lead. Scoring for the Blue and White in this stretch was Ceraso, freshman attacker Hope Steuerwald, and junior midfielder Sarah Gillogly. Iona then chipped away at the lead, but Ceraso netted her third goal of the game with just 51 seconds remaining which ended any speculation of a possible comeback for the Gaels.

Turturro finished the game with five goals, matching her career

high that she set last season against Brown.

"I feel like as a unit everyone stepped up, cuts were open," said Turturro. "When we go fast and play hard everything works out well. Film this week was really good because we saw some opportunities we could exploit."

Ceraso also had herself a big day as she netted a hat trick while adding five assists to her tally. She now has sole possession of second place for career assists at Monmouth with 93 and is only 11 assists away from becoming the Hawks' all-time leader.

Defensively, sophomore defender Emily Holtz had a career day as she caused four turnovers setting a new career high. She also recorded three ground balls in the contest.

Monmouth came back home for a Saturday game against another conference opponent, Marist.

"I thought that we played really well," said Head Coach Jordan Trautman. "Today was one of the first days that we had a balanced offense and defense. When one side needed help the other side supported it and there was good give and take."

Turturro led the Hawks with yet another five-goal performance while Bleck also contributed four goals against the Red Foxes. Senior attacker Jenny Staines also had a productive game, notching a hat trick while also tallying an assist.

"I'm not surprised by how well she's playing, this is what she does

every day. It is exciting to see it actually come together on game day," Trautman said.

Monmouth scored the opening goal just over a minute into the game, but Marist then notched the next four out of five, giving them an early 4-2 lead.

With the score tied at 5-5, the Hawks scored four goals within the final 3:14 in the half which gave them a 9-5 cushion going into half-time.

Marist scored two goals at the

beginning of the second half to cut the Monmouth lead to 9-7, but Bleck and Turturro netted back-to-back scores to reestablish the four goal lead. Bleck scored two of the final three Monmouth goals to widen the lead to 15-10 with 1:57 remaining in the game which would be enough to grab the victory.

Monmouth was cautious with the ball as they gave up only 11 turnovers against Marist, their lowest total of the season. The

Hawks also made the most of their free position shots as they notched goals on seven out of 15 shots.

With Saturday's win against Marist, Monmouth is riding a five-game win streak and is now 9-3 on the season with a 3-0 record in the MAAC. They have now eclipsed their win total from a season ago.

The Blue and White will next face Siena this Saturday at Kessler Stadium. The game's coverage will begin at 1:00 p.m. and can be streamed live online via ESPN.



PHOTO TAKEN by Karlee Sell

Junior attacker Allison Turturro was named MAAC Offensive Player of the Week after scoring a combined ten goals over the Hawks' two conference victories last week.

Baseball Dominates Saint Peter’s in Conference Opener

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Baseball opened up Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) play in spectacular fashion, taking two of three against Saint Peter’s while out-scoring them 45-8 in the series on the road at Joseph J. Jaroschak Field.

The Hawks opened the floodgates right off the bat in Saturday’s double header with fifth year left fielder JD Andreessen clobbering a two-run homerun to left in the top half of the first to open the day’s scoring. This was the first of three homers on the day for him, as Andreessen also went yard in the top half of the ninth on a solo shot. He was later named MAAC Player of the Week for his performances.

The Blue and White tacked on two more runs in the first when freshman first baseman Robbie Holmes doubled to right field, driving in two runs to stretch the early lead to 4-0.

Senior designated hitter Clay Koniencki kept the lineup rolling in the third when he launched his first homerun of the season over the left field fence.

After Saint Peter’s pushed one across in the bottom half of the third, sophomore pitcher Dan Klepchick and the MU bats made sure that they would not get any closer with pure domination the rest of the way.

The Hawks would go on to score 22 consecutive runs in the following six innings to reach a final score of 27-1 in the first half of the double header.

The offense received a huge lift from one of their top bats, junior catcher Zach Schild, who went four for six in the game with four runs batted in and three runs scored.

“We really swung the bats well today,” said Head Coach Dean Ehehalt. “We wanted to score first and we did, Zach [Schild] had a two strike, two-out hit in the first and then JD followed with a home run which gave us a boost immediately.”

Other top performers in game one included junior right fielder J.P. Walsh who went four for six with a game-high seven RBIs and four runs scored including a grand slam in the top half of the ninth. This was the fourth home run of the game for the Hawks, who scored the most runs in a single game since 2006 when they had 35 against Temple.

Fifth year center fielder Kyle Norman also went three for six with a pair of doubles, three RBIs, and three runs scored.

“From top to bottom, we really swung it and had a bunch of good at bats,” said Ehehalt. “Everyone contributed in some way.”

MU followed up their best MAAC performance of all-time with nearly just as impressive of an effort in the second game,



PHOTO COURTESY of Monmouth Athletics

Junior right fielder JP Walsh led the Monmouth lineup this weekend with eight hits, nine runs batted in (RBIs), and seven runs scored including a grand slam in the first game of the series.

Andreessen smacked his third homer of the day making it 7-0 after two.

Saint Peter’s was able to push some runs across in the fourth inning bringing the deficit to four, however that was all as Monmouth shut them down the rest of the way while staying red-hot offensively.

“We got the lead early and did a nice job of answering back when the lead was cut to 8-4,” said Ehehalt.

Both Koniencki and Graber

both cleared the fence in the innings that followed while a collection of other baserunners resulted in a final victory of 18-4 for the Blue and White.

The Hawks’ bats cooled off in the series finale however, as they could not find home plate losing by a score of 0-3 while handing Saint Peter’s their first win of the season (1-20).

Monmouth will now head home with a record of 10-14-1 to face Princeton on Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 p.m.

Men’s Tennis Improves to 10-1 with Weekend Wins

EVAN MCMURTRIE
SPORTS EDITOR

Men’s Tennis dominated last weekend, winning two matches on Saturday and one on Sunday in Little Silver, NJ, sweeping two of their opponents and extending their winning streak to eight matches.

“The season is looking good so far,” said junior Max Benaim. “We are 10-1, which gives us a lot of confidence going into conference tournament. We’re just going to keep training hard and do what we’re doing. The goal is definitely to win the conference again and then go further.”

Monmouth’s first match of the weekend was at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday against Saint Joseph’s, where they won 7-0. The Hawks were victorious in all six single matches, beginning with senior Srdjan Jakovljevic’s 6-4 and then 7-5 win.

Senior Nicola Pipoli won his match, 6-2 and 6-3 before Benaim won his by a combined score of 12-1. Senior Alberto Giuffrida defeated his opponent 6-4 and 6-2 while junior Sergio Martinez got his win in the form of 6-4 and 7-6 score lines. Freshman Austin Klapman finished out the singles portion with 6-0 and 6-3 wins.

In doubles, Pipoli and sophomore Will Cooke Wharton won their match 6-1 and Benaim and Martinez won theirs 6-2. Freshman Sacha Pachnev and sophomore David Weltz won by a score of 6-1.

Later that day, the Hawks took on Sacred Heart, where they also won by a final score of 7-0. In singles, two of the matchups were forced to a third round. Jakovljevic won

in that round 10-5 and Cooke Wharton won his tie-breaker 11-9. Monmouth went on to win their doubles matches 6-4, 6-5, and 6-3, respectively.

On Sunday, Monmouth welcomed the New York Institute of Technology (NYIT), where they ultimately got the 6-1 win.

The singular loss for the Hawks came in singles, where Weltz fell 6-3 and 6-1 to his opponent. The largest margin of victory and the only zero of the match came in singles as

well, where Benaim defeated his matchup 6-0 before winning the second round 6-4.

Head Coach Chris Leicht shared similar feelings to Benaim on his team’s positive start to the season.

“We are excited and ready to get into the conference portion of our season,” he said. “We have had some exciting wins over strong programs like St. John’s, Georgetown, and George Washington. We have some very aggressive team goals, and the ultimate one

is to win the MAAC (Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference) and represent Monmouth University in the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) National Tourney.”

Men’s Tennis will open up conference play the next time that they are in action, which is on Saturday when they will travel to Fairfield for a 12:00 p.m. match.

The following day, Monmouth will continue their road trip to Loudonville, NY, to battle Siena at 2:00 p.m.

“We are excited and ready to get into the conference portion of our season.”

CHRIS LEICHT
Head Coach



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Junior Max Benaim collected three singles wins and three doubles wins over the weekend as Men’s Tennis won all three of their matches.

UPCOMING GAMES

Wednesday, April 3
Softball vs Delaware
West Long Branch, NJ 2:00 p.m.

Baseball vs Princeton
West Long Branch, NJ 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 4
M/W Track & Field
Colonial Relays
Williamsburg, VA TBA

Friday, April 5
M/W Track & Field
Sam Howell Invitational
Princeton, NJ TBA

Saturday, April 6
Men’s Tennis at Fairfield
Fairfield, CT 12:00 p.m.

Softball vs Quinnipiac
West Long Branch, NJ 12:00 p.m.

Baseball vs Marist
West Long Branch, NJ 12:00 p.m.

Women’s Lacrosse vs Siena
Kessler Stadium
West Long Branch, NJ 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 7
Softball at Rider
Lawrenceville, NJ 12:00 p.m.

Baseball vs Marist
West Long Branch, NJ 12:00 p.m.

Men’s Tennis at Siena
Loudonville, NY 2:00 p.m.

Women’s Tennis at George Mason
Fairfax, VA 4:00 p.m.

*conference games



PITCH PERFECT



Sophomore pitcher Alyssa Irons threw Softball's first perfect game since 2006 in their 6-0 win in game one over Niagara on Friday. The Hawks went on to win game two, 7-2, later that day.

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