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New Jersey Senators Booker and Menendez Speak at Wilson Hall Auditorium

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The Political Science Club hosted Senators of New Jersey, Cory Booker and Robert Menendez, on campus to speak about the midterm elections and the importance of voting at an event on Monday, Oct. 29.

The hour-long event was held in the Wilson Hall Auditorium, and was open to all those on campus who were interested in attending.

"Our students did a terrific job this campaign season in raising awareness on campus and in organizing get out the vote events," said Joseph Patten, Ph.D., an associate professor of political science and the adviser to the Political Science Club. "Landon Myers (a senior political science student and President of the Political Science Club) and the students in the Political Science Club did a fantastic job in organizing the event with NJ Senators Cory Booker and Bob Menendez and U.S. Congressman Frank Pallone."



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Senators Cory Booker and Robert Menendez spoke about the importance of voting in this year's elections.

He continued and said, "Mike Manning (a senior political science student and President of the College Republicans) and the College Republicans did a terrific job in organizing an event with the Senate Republican challenger Bob Hugin two weeks back. For me the best thing is that political

science students from both parties helped each other organize their events. We need that type of cooperative spirit in government."

Paul Dement, Director of Government and Community Relations for the University, explained that he sent an invita-

tion to the Menendez campaign to come to the University after it was announced that his opponent in the Senatorial race, Bob Hugin, was scheduled to be on campus meeting with students a couple of weeks ago. "Monmouth University does not endorse any candidate

but does provide equal opportunity for candidates to engage with students on campus," he said.

"When the Menendez campaign contacted me last weekend to say they were interested

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New Research Vessel Welcomed by UCI

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The University's newest research vessel, originally acquired in June 27 as the R/V Nauvoo, was renamed the R/V Heidi Lynn Sculthorpe during a naming ceremony at Bahr's Landing on Oct 8.

The 49-foot vessel is Monmouth's largest and was recently acquired by the University from the National Oceanic and the Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The vessel is an important ambassador for the University to the broader marine research community, our academic colleagues at other universities, and to the public at large," said Thomas Herrington, Ph.D., Associate Director of the Urban Coast Institute (UCI).

According to the University's official website, the vessel was named in honor of Heidi Lynn, a Monmouth Country shore area resident who loved to surf and spend time at the beach with her family and



PHOTO COURTESY of Monmouth University

A new research vessel donated by National Oceanic and the Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) was christened in a ceremony earlier this month.

friends.

Lynn's father, Robert Sculthorpe, is a graduate of the University and former chair of the University Board of Trustees, and a Trustee Emeritus.

According to University President Grey Dimenna, Esq., it was Sculthorpe's generous donation

that helped create an endowment to support the vessel.

"We remember the Sculthorpe's who have been very helpful to the University," said Jim Nickels, the Marine Scientist for the Urban Coast Institute. "He

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Fake Job Offer Emailed to Students

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An alert message was sent to University students and alumni concerning fraudulent e-mails offering nonexistent paid positions as a virtual personal assistant on Oct. 1.

In a screenshot of the fraudulent e-mail provided by William Hill, Assistant Dean of Career Services, the spammer claims to have gotten the contact's name from the Monmouth University Career Services offices. The Spammer posed as a Career Services employee and sent an e-mail to students that would offer compensation of \$20 an hour, in exchange for tasks that included running errands and paying bills for the spammer.

In February 2018, thousands of fraudulent e-mails were sent out to Monmouth students by an unknown source, telling students to click on an attached link to update their eCampus log-in information.

Approximately 50 student accounts were compromised and forced to send out unsolicited e-mails, leading Monmouth's technical support team to notify other University employees about the incident. This time, no one was affected by the single email blast, according to Hill.

According to Jeffrey Layton, Monmouth University Police Corporal, any student who accepted the nonexistent position would then be instructed to deposit a fraudulent check in their account on behalf of the spammer, and then take the amount of the check as personal compensation to buy gift cards. The spam victim would then be required by the scammer to give them the numbers on the gift card, under the false promise of redemption through a check.

"There is no way to catch the criminals," Layton said. "Each time we trace the e-mails, we

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Email Scam Sent to Students

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find they are overseas, or they are spoofed e-mail addresses.”

For students to protect their personal information, Layton recommends reporting any suspicious e-mails to campus police for them to investigate. He also encourages students to be diligent and look out for various red flags in the e-mail that would indicate the information is not truthful.

“If you Google the name and phone number used by the scammer, you find all the other reported frauds,” Layton said. “If you examine the e-mails you exchange, you will find in many cases the grammar is so bad it could not be coming from a business person.”

In the past year, Monmouth University has been forced to deal with numerous instances of fraudulent e-mails being sent to students.

Jett Vernaci, a junior mathematics student, said that he had received an e-mail from an unknown address this summer, which claimed there was a mandatory meeting on campus he needed to attend. After responding to the e-mail, Vernaci said his student account was hacked and he was sent thousands of e-mails from spammers, telling him that his account was now blocked.

“I had to call the help desk and have them reset my passwords,” Vernaci said. “I thought I lost my account.”

Another student, sophomore music industry student Kristen Wilczewski, said she had not heard about the fraudulent e-mails being sent, but would keep a closer look out for any in the future. “I would report any suspicious e-mail and not open it, because it might have a virus,” she said.

According to Gil Eckert, a specialist professor in information technology, scammers gain access to e-mail systems by figuring out the structure of e-mails sent by specific organizations, such as the addresses of students whom they intend to send fraudulent messages to. Even if most of the e-mails are not delivered, Eckert said that it only takes a few victims to give scammers information that can be exploited.

“If the scammers have a student’s social security number, they could use it in combination with name and address to try and obtain false identifications, such as a driver’s license,” Eckert said. “If they have a bank account they could forge documents to withdraw funds from the student’s account.”

As to whether or not prosecutors can bring criminal charges against the perpetrators of these crimes, it would first be required to identify the scammer through the server and find them. However, that type of action is usually only taken in cases of human trafficking or child exploitation, according to John Comiskey, an assistant professor of criminal justice.

“Legally, is it possible for a prosecutor to do so? Yes,” Comiskey said. “But prosecution is a longshot, so my advice is for students to be vigilant for nefarious actors.”

Comiskey also advised students to refrain from giving away personally identifiable information over an untrustworthy e-mail, which includes their name, address, and social security number. He pointed out that those types of scams tend to target people, like college students, who will be looking for jobs and are vulnerable to answering e-mails that claim to offer them.

“If something looks too good to be true, it is,” Comiskey said.

Parsons Hired as New Associate Vice President

ANTHONY ROSSICS
STAFF WRITER

Wendy Parsons has been hired as the University’s new Associate Vice President for Development in the Division of University Advancement after a stint at Saint Joseph’s University.

Parsons said, “I’m thrilled to be joining the Monmouth advancement team and look forward to working with our leadership, faculty, alumni, parents and friends to achieve important new milestones in philanthropy for Monmouth.”

The new Associate Vice President for Development will handle and oversee day-to-day supervisory responsibilities for the University’s major and planned giving programs. In her new role, Parsons will lead the school-based directors of development, the planned giving program, and prospect management and research.

Parsons said, “My goal is to work with faculty, students, and University leaders to build rewarding partnerships with our alumni and to bring more and more alumni back to campus so they can see what the difference their philanthropy makes in the lives of our students today.”

“In the near future, our top fundraising priority is maximizing the dollars we raise for student scholarships. This should make Monmouth more affordable for many of our students,” Parsons added.

“As we create more endowed scholarships and augment those we currently have, we will increase annual earnings earmarked for student support while simultaneously reducing the pressure on our colleagues in Enrollment Management who currently carry the burden of bringing in more than 94 percent,” said Jonathan Meer, Vice President for University Advancement.

Meer said, “These are the pathways through which the majority of contributed (philanthropic) dollars come to the University. The new Associate Vice President will also ensure that the fundraising priorities of the Deans and their schools are vetted and ultimately met.”

As a member of the senior leadership team within advancement, Parsons will report directly to Meer and work closely with University deans and department heads to coordinate funding priorities across academic units and centers of excellence.

Parsons expressed that it is exciting to bridge communication between alumni and current students and extend to them new opportunities to help them succeed. “Whether its funding scholarships for students or providing support for students to do research with faculty or supporting particular academic programs, it’s very fulfilling to see dreams of making an impact on our campus come true,” said Parsons, while explaining her excitement with working with professionals that aim to help the campus community succeed.

“For several years, Monmouth had an Assistant Vice President in this role. That person, Keith Richardson, left Monmouth early in 2018 to accept a Vice Presidency at another University. When I arrived in March, I wanted to ensure that we would attract a highly respected fundraising leader who



PHOTO COURTESY of Monmouth University
Wendy Parsons was named the Associate Vice President for Development in the Division of University Advancement.

would bring “best practices” in the Development field to the University. So, we upgraded the position and folded several existing fundraising-related positions under the auspices of the new role,” said Meer.

“This hiring will bolster the University by increasing the funding for Monmouth’s highest priorities. This year, as we conclude our Scholarship Campaign; ‘Together We Can,’ that means raising more scholarship dollars for our students and a larger endowment specifically restricted to student scholarships. In the future, that will mean funding for building needs, new and existing academic programs, faculty initiatives, athletics, and general operating support,” said Meer.

“As Senior Class President and a member of the Scholarship Campaign, I see Wendy Parsons’ addition to the team as a vital step in the creating of a culture focused on giving here at Monmouth,” said Nicholas Verzicco, senior finance student, “Her experience really adds value to the already strong leadership and I look forward to seeing her progress as she falls into her new role.”

According to Meer, Parsons has proven herself to be a well-rounded fundraiser with experience ranging from St. Joseph’s University, in a similar role as now, and Fox Chase Cancer Center. She received her undergraduate degree from Grinnell College and her master’s degree from Stanford.

During her tenure at Saint Joseph’s, Parsons managed the public phase of its \$150 million Faith to Dare Campaign and led the fundraising teams in major gifts, planned giving, parent giving, and corporate and foundation relations.

Parsons said, “I’ve had the great pleasure of working with alumni to fund new scholarships for students and to provide millions of donors for financial aid which is

vitaly important for students today to achieve a high caliber, private higher education.”

Her leadership was instrumental in the establishment of signature programs, growth in endowed and operating scholarship, and in the acquisition of the Maguire campus. Prior to Saint Joseph’s, Parsons worked at Fox Chase Cancer Center for six years where she led their grateful patient fundraising program.

“I’m an optimistic person. I have found that optimism will take you very far in life and in your career,” said Parsons. “I’ve also admired Albert Einstein’s view on life, and I have one of his quotations here in my office at Monmouth: ‘There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.’”

“The biggest result I expect to come from hiring Wendy Parsons is a raising of the bar of our fundraising program. In the fiscal year that ended on June 30, we raised \$9.2 million in gifts and pledges. That was more than 40 percent above what the University raised in the prior year,” commented Meer.

“With Wendy Parsons here, I hope and believe we will take our fundraising program to another level, perhaps \$12-15 million this year. Our aspirations are to use that heightened level of performance as a springboard to even better results in the coming years,” he continued.

Meer argues that the University is motivated to increase the academic and co-curricular experiences that our students have and to educate future alumni in our family.

Parsons said, “I’d like to make a difference here at Monmouth by doing my best and helping others to do their best so that together we can achieve important new milestones for Monmouth going forward.”

To all Hawks Career Link users,

It has come to my attention that individuals, using various names, have emailed certain students and alumni to interest them in a job as a "virtual personal assistant" at a pay rate of \$20 per hour. The individual claims to have gotten the student's name from Monmouth University Career Services. I believe this to be a scam attempt, and the email should be ignored and deleted. MU Career Services will never release a student's name, email address or any contact information without the written consent of the student.

If you have any questions contact me at this email address or contact the Monmouth University Police department, Det. Jeff Layton, at jlayton@monmouth.edu.

Regards,

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IMAGE TAKEN by The Outlook

The e-mail sent from William Hill, Assistant Dean of Career Services, warning Hawks Career Link users about the scam on Oct. 1.

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Athletics at Monmouth

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Athletics are a key element in what makes up every university's experience. Some colleges seem to be defined by or most known from one of their athletic teams. For schools with less recognized athletic programs, each team still serves as an important piece in its students' careers in many different ways. *The Outlook* decided to explore our varying experiences with Monmouth Athletics.

For some students, interacting with their university's athletic programs can be a key gateway to a post-graduation career. One editor, who has worked as a Communication Assistant with Athletics since their junior year, said, "I have missed only two home games this semester. Every game is exciting to go to and I am lucky to be a part of them."

Another editor interested in pursuing a career in sports media began covering one of Monmouth's athletic programs for *The Outlook* since his first week on campus as a freshman and continued it through his senior year.

An athlete herself, one of our editors' support for Monmouth Athletics does not stop at her own sport's schedule. "I probably attend at least one Monmouth sporting event a week," she said. "Although, it can be tough to attend games during my own season."

Many editors, however, have either never attended or have only been to a few athletics events during their college career at Monmouth. "I personally have never been to a

Monmouth Athletics event, but I know that sporting events are a huge part of the University culture and bring people together," an editor said.

Those editors who have attended games at Monmouth have mainly made it out to what are arguably the University's most notable programs: Football and Men's Basketball. "Men's Basketball was a really fun time," one editor said. "This was also at the peak of the Monmouth Bench craze."

In 2015/2016, a combination of strong performances on the court and the tendency of the players on the benches' choreographed celebrations saw Monmouth Men's Basketball garner national attention. This also created buzz on campus and led to higher attendance at home games. Another editor said, "I think as a spectator I enjoy going to the basketball games the most. It's just a fun environment."

Monmouth University is no different from other colleges across the country in that it invests a lot of resources into its athletic facilities. The University has renovated or remodeled multiple fields and stadiums in the last few years, including the football team's stadium. "The new Kessler Stadium is a marvel here and not many schools of our size can have something that is comparable," an editor said.

One editor prefers the home of the men's basketball team, the OceanFirst Bank Center, the most. "In my opinion, it is a small collegiate basketball arena, but that is what makes

it so great. There isn't a bad seat in the house. Fans can feel more connected," he said.

While another editor appreciates the quality of the athletics facilities at Monmouth, they called the usage of the school's resources into question. "I think that sometimes other buildings (on campus) are not prioritized for remodeling since Athletics is a major component of the University's reputation," they said.

Above all, many of the editors said that Athletics are both relevant to students and generally important to Monmouth, but most also agreed that there is a discrepancy in the popularity and representation of the different programs on campus. "I don't think that some of the smaller sporting teams get as much recognition even though they are just as good if not better than some of the larger teams on campus," an editor said.

The lack of school spirit and pride in Monmouth's athletic teams comes down to the students, according to one editor. "I hear so many people saying that they wish Monmouth had more school spirit, but they don't realize that we, the students, have control over that," they said. "I think if the sports teams were more relevant and acknowledged it would make for a closer-knit student body."

It is impossible to ignore the presence of Monmouth's Athletic programs on campus. One resounding opinion from *The Outlook's* editors is that our school's sports teams deserve all the support they get.

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The Lost Art of Thank You Cards

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I've got a whole lot to be thankful for. I've never known anything but the feeling of being showered with love and support from the people I am lucky to call my family and friends. I've never been without a hot meal or a roof over my head, and for that I am eternally grateful.

So, how does one quantify or put into words how thankful they are?

I hear you groaning, thinking to yourself "She better not say what I think she's about to say." Oh you bet I'm going to say it: a thank you card.

I know, I know, I too groan at my own exclamation, as thank you cards are the bane of my existence. Nevertheless, I believe that the simple, yet tedious, task has the ability to brighten someone's day. It really is that easy.

Growing up, my mother was adamant about writing thank you cards. As much as I loved celebrating birthdays and holidays, nothing soured the mood like thinking of all the cards I would have to write. Oh, and let's not forget about all the hand cramps I would suffer through just to thank Aunt Gladys for the socks she knitted me.

Not only was my dear mother adamant about the cards, but she also insisted that we handwrite them, none of

those fill in the blank cards I received after almost every birthday party. Nope, true pen to paper cards detailing how thankful I was, how much I couldn't wait to play with my new toy or show off my new

socks, and then a dramatic farewell about how I couldn't wait to see them again so that I could thank them in person. And if there was white space, like at the top or side of the card, you bet I drew a picture

further depicting my love and gratitude. Let me tell you, these cards were a true work of art, yet I just always saw them as a pain in my butt.

Not once did I ever think that anyone actually appreci-

ated my cards. I always assumed that whoever received one likely tossed it in the trash after reading it. This however, was not the case.

One year at Christmas as I was making my rounds greeting aunts and uncles and dodging anyone with red lipstick that wanted to give me a kiss on the cheek; I was pulled aside by my great-aunt Joanne.

This woman, although she was family, was ice cold and bitter to the core. She held grudges from her childhood and one year even sent out a Christmas card to the whole family that read, "This has been the worst year of my life," to which she then wrote down all the horrible things that had ruined 2014 for her.

The unpleasant woman whom I had always managed to keep a distance from, softened before me, grabbed my hands, and told me that I wrote the most beautiful thank you card that she had ever received.

I was in shock, Aunt Joanne was saying something nice for once, and even more shocking, it was directed towards me!

As I stood there with my jaw on the ground, Aunt Joanne quickly resumed her role as evil great-aunt and told me to stop standing there like a fool and say thank you, and while I was at it, to fetch her some champagne. Even though it was only for a short moment, I sure learned the true power of thank you card.



PHOTO COURTESY of Lauren Olevnik

Thank you cards are a great way to let someone know how much they mean to you. You might not think that it is a big deal, but it could mean the world to someone.

Living in Suburbia

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While some people prefer the fast-paced city life, I'm one who prefers the quiet nature of suburbia. A step outside of my house means solitude.

I get to hear the chirping of birds rather than the disturbing sounds of traffic. I am fortunate that I live close enough to New York City to visit when I please, yet able to come back home and enjoy the blissfully quiet life I was meant to live.

People argue that suburbia is boring and lonely, but I would have to disagree. The quietness gives me time to focus on myself and collect my thoughts.

The reserved suburbs offer the perfect opportunities for reading and writing in pure silence, giving me the inspiration I need to grow as a writer.

The abundance of nature gives off relaxing, peaceful vibes. There is so much beauty in the simple things, and you have to be really lucky to see it.

The scenery outside my door has a way of boosting a certain type of creativity that can't be found anywhere else. I love waking up in the morning to the deer eating the grass and prancing along on my lawn. Living on a treelined street and seeing nothing but green can be mesmerizing.

In the fall, I have the luxury of going apple and pumpkin picking close to home. Living ten minutes away from the local farm has its perks; I get to enjoy the freshly picked fruits and vegetables, the freshly

baked goods hot out of the oven, and the delicious homemade jams any time my heart desires.

In the winter, when the freshly fallen snow lays on the grass and the trees, it's like I'm looking at a painting. The tranquility and beauty that stems from the sparkling snow cannot be compared to the slushy streets of the city.

To get a fix of city life, all I have to do is spend a day in New York City. I can explore the breathtaking atmosphere of Times Square, enjoy the restaurants the city is known for, and even enjoy a Broadway show.

Although I enjoy the bright lights of the city and the beauty of every skyscraper, the blaring car horns that come with the hustle and bustle of traffic reminds me of my everlasting appreciation for the peaceful suburbs.

The animated city is the perfect place for visiting, but as soon as I return home, I can relish in the serenity that my town offers.

As much as I enjoy a day in the city, the coziness of my home surpasses the abundantly crowded streets.

In my eyes, the magic of the city fades when I stay there too long. It's a great place to visit, but not a place I'd want to live.

The charm of a suburban town resonates with me in a way that no other area will.

I value space and solitude because it creates a healthy mind; we need to be free of distractions sometimes, and the peaceful suburbia gives me everything I've ever appreciated in nature.

BURRITO OR BOWL?

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Which Mexican food chain builds the best burrito? The best bowl?

Tacos are out of the question. Those are for children, and my Dad. The man loves a good taco. Whenever we go to Chipotle, my mom and I order bowls and then my dad shows up at the register with a variety taco basket.

It all started with Moe's Southwest Grill. I would get burritos at Moe's every Monday with my friends as part of Moe Mondays. Plus you get free, unlimited chips! Who doesn't like free chips?

I am grateful for all of those nights at Moe's, but I have moved on. There are other Mexican style chains that have higher quality ingredients, but no free chips. That is ok, I will bring my own chips in my purse.

Back to burritos. The first time I had Chipotle, I hated it. I hated the cilantro in the rice and I thought the chips were weird. Then I gave Chipotle another try. I was in love with it, but not with the burrito, with the bowl. You get so much more with the bowl and it costs about the same. Actually, you could ask for a tortilla on the side and made two good-sized burritos out of the bowl. I get both rice, both beans, veggies, chicken, corn salsa, cheese, and lettuce.

While I was still in high school, I would hear my classmates about this place called Pancheros. I had heard that they fresh pressed their tortillas for every order. And they do. If you

are getting a burrito they take a nice ball of dough, press it, and then place it on the grill top. Everything tastes so fresh. There is something about holding a warm bundled burrito when you are hungry.

Unfortunately, I have not found Pancheros around Monmouth. On the way back from a tennis match, my coach stopped at a Wawa that was next to a strip mall. At the end of the mall there was a beacon of burrito light, Pancheros. I ran into

the place. I smiled from grin to grin after I got my little bundle of joy.

Around campus, I hear a lot of talk about Surf Taco. I have only been there once and was not impressed. Maybe it will be like Chipotle. I will go back one day and they will become my new favorite. Until then.

So there you have it. Chipotle creates the best bowl, Panchero packs the best burrito, and Moe's, well, they have good chips.



PHOTO TAKEN by Caroline Mattise

I love getting my burritos from Pancheros and my bowls from Chipotle with my firefighter friend.

Former White House Counsel Discusses Trump and Nixon

RAY ROMANSKI
CLUB & GREEK EDITOR

The University hosted John Dean, the White House Counsel during the Watergate scandal, and James D. Robenalt, Esq., a presidential historian and attorney, for a discussion comparing Presidents Richard Nixon and Donald Trump, on Monday, Oct. 29.

The discussion was held in Wilson Hall Auditorium as part of the H.R. Young and Stephen B. Siegel Endowed Lecture Series. An estimated 225 alumni, community members, students, and professors were registered for attendance.

Peter Reinhart, Esq., Director of the Real Estate Institute, is responsible for bringing these two men to campus. “This event is a follow up event from December 2015 when John Dean and Jim Robenalt first spoke on campus,” Reinhart said. “I had met them in summer 2015 when I attended their Continuing Legal Education program. I was so fascinated by their presentation that I invited them to come to Monmouth.”

“Their appearance is important to the Monmouth community for several reasons,” continued Reinhart. “First, is the appearance of a living historical figure discussing very significant historic events in which he was a central figure. Second, the timing of the event is important given the fact that the midterm Congressional elections are just eight days away.”

In their discussion, Dean and Robenalt compared leadership styles of Trump and Nixon. Dean found their leadership styles to be “strikingly authoritarian” and considers them to be “social dom-

inators.” In U.S. history, he believes there have been four of these Commanders-in-Chief: Andrew Jackson, Woodrow Wilson, Richard Nixon, and Donald Trump. He explained these leaders, “oppose equality, have intimidating/bullying personalities, amoral, and crave personal power.”

Another comparison the two noted is both Nixon’s and Trump’s attack on the media. Nixon famously said, “Never forget the press is the enemy. The establishment is the enemy. The professors are the enemy...” Similarly, Trump has also called out various media organizations for disparaging him.

Stephen Chapman, Ph.D., an assistant professor of political science, agrees with their comparison. “I think there are some parallels in terms of Nixon’s and Trump’s approach to the presidency in that they both saw aspects of the government as ‘against’ them and had a special disdain for the media,” he said.

Robenalt and Dean also discussed the personalities of Trump and Nixon as “obsessed with enemies and critics,” “hating to lose,” and “loss-frame” minded.

Nixon was charged by the House of Representatives for obstruction of justice after refusing to release the infamous tapes, on July 27, 1974. Dean compared Nixon’s obstruction of justice to that of Trump and said, “His firing of James Comey and his behavior in the Mueller investigation is pretty shocking.”

“As counsel to the White House, I prepared a lengthy statement to the Senate Watergate Committee and at the very end of it, I said, ‘I

may have been taped in one conversation with Nixon,’” said Dean. He explained that a single taping led to Alexander Butterfield, Deputy Assistant to Nixon, to confess Nixon taped everything. Dean said that he listened to over 1,000 recorded conversations with mention of the Watergate scandal.

Their discussion also included limits on presidential power. Chapman found the biggest Congressional limit against the Nixon Administration was the War Powers Act of 1973. “This was in response to the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution that gave [President Lyndon B. Johnson] the power to engage in armed conflict without Congress declaring war,” he said.

“The War Powers Act limited the presidential military powers by requiring the president to inform Congress within 48 hours of dispersing military resources, including troops. The president is also limited under the law in that the military engagement cannot last beyond 60 days without Congressional approval,” Chapman concluded.

Though several members attended the event, registration was required, which could have caused the lack of students present at the event.

Matt Kass, an Ocean Township resident and Monmouth community member, attended the event Monday night. “It was interesting going back into my memory of Watergate,” said Kass. “I’m hoping to come to more of these lectures. However, it would be good to see more students come. It’s important to hear these issues discussed. It creates a balance on thoughts and opinions.”

NJ Senators Visit Monmouth

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in coming to Monmouth with Senator Booker, I put them in touch with Monmouth student Landon Myers to organize the logistics. I just think it’s terrific that the students were able to hear from both the Republican and Democratic candidates for a United States Senate seat,” said Dement.

Numerous students and members of the University attended the event on Monday. “Wilson Auditorium was completely full, we even opened up the curtains on the stage so students could sit back there,” said Myers of the turnout. “The event with both Senator Booker and Senator Menendez could not have gone better.”

“The atmosphere of the event was amazing and so many people were so excited to see the Senators speak,” he continued. Myers also noted that with Congressman Pallone also present and speaking at the event, “all three of Monmouth’s federal representatives were all together in one room,” a historic incident for the University.

Booker spoke about criminal justice reform, economic inequality, and the opioid addition epidemic, among other issues affecting the United States. He also took the opportunity to campaign for Menendez and told the crowd, “I am going to support Bob Menendez not just because I like him or because he’s my friend. But because I want someone who is going to go to washing every single day to fight to raise the minimum wage, fight for pre-existing conditions, fight for prenatal care and

universal preschool. To fight for the people who are still struggling for their American dream in this country.”

In a recent poll by the University’s Polling Institute, Menendez holds a lead of between nine and 12 points. Patrick Murray, Director of the Institute, explained that Menendez’s lead is largely due to the state’s disapproval of President Donald Trump, who has 55 percent disapproval rate, according to the report.

“If these poll results hold, the first person Bob Menendez should thank in his election night victory speech is Donald Trump,” Murray says in the published poll.

Both Menendez and Booker spoke of the president in their speeches, disapproving of much of his administration’s actions, such as cutting government safety net programs, separating migrant children from their parents at the U.S.-Mexico border, and his character.

“This is what this election is about: creating a check and balance on this administration and everything that we care about,” Menendez said in his address. “This election is about you and your future. What it looks like economically, in healthcare, in educational opportunities. In what world you will live in; that’s what this election is about.”

Regardless of their personal political ideology, Myers said that it is important for everyone to go vote next Tuesday, Nov. 6. “It was important to have this event as Election Day is only a week away, and I think having both Senators on campus really helped engage students and will hopefully make them more likely to vote,” he said.

Trump Administration Seeks to Redefine Gender, LGBTQ+ Community Responds

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The Trump administration is considering narrowly defining gender as a biological, immutable condition determined by genitalia at birth, according to a Department of Health and Human Services memo obtained by the *New York Times* on Sunday, Oct. 21.

The department argues in this memo that government agencies need to implement an explicit and coherent definition of gender as determined, “on a biological basis that is clear, grounded in science, objective and administrable.”

The proposed redefinition would determine gender as unchangeable and determined by the genitals that a person is born with, indistinguishable from one’s biological sex.

If one were to dispute their gender, genetic testing would be required to prove that their claim corresponds to the newly defined term.

Some have criticized that these efforts to redefine gender conflates the classifications of sex and gender, and causes further confusion of the terms’ meaning.

Corey Wrenn, Ph.D., a lecturer of sociology and gender studies, explained, “Sex refers to one’s biological category. Gender refers to the social roles and cultural expectations that are assigned to people, often based on sex.”

The previous administration

under then-President Barack Obama lessened the restrictions on the legal concept of gender in federal programs, including in education and health care, recognizing gender more as an individual’s choice, rather than as an absolute factor determined by one’s biological sex or genitalia.

After more than a year of discussions, health and human services is preparing to formally present the new definition to the Justice Department before the end of the year, Trump administration officials say.

If the Justice Department decides that the change is legal, the new definition can be approved and enforced in Title IX statutes, and across government agencies.

Because the Title IX federal civil rights law bans gender discrimination in education programs that receive government financial assistance, redefining the legal concept of gender could pose threats to those who are transgender.

The new definition would essentially eradicate federal recognition of the estimated 1.4 million Americans who have opted to recognize themselves as a gender that does not reflect their biological sex. .

The process of using genetic testing to prove one’s gender has incited some criticism from individuals that have noted that gender identities that fall outside of the male and female dichotomy have existed for some time.

“Indigenous cultures and na-

tions like India, North America, and Hawaii have had trans* identities way before the influence of colonialism and imperialism,” said senior social work student Chris Rapaglia.

“Third gender options comparable to non-binary identities were present throughout history and had a role in their community,” she continued.

Furthermore, this criticism coalesces with the opposition of this memo that comes from the community of intersex individuals. People that are intersex are those that have ambiguous reproductive or sexual anatomy that does not fit within the parameters of male and female anatomy, according to Intersex Society of North America.

If the Department of Health chooses to institute genetic testing in order to verify one’s gender, this scientific model may falter with the intersex population.

Rapaglia continued, “Folks who are neither male nor female in their own ‘biology’ are completely erased from this dialogue. And among both trans* and intersex identities- the right to privacy, self-determination is undermined for the sake of false science.”

“One of the major ways that marginalized groups are dis-served is in being removed from the discourse,” said Wrenn. “They are often patronized and excluded from deliberations, leaving more privileged groups to speak on their behalf. Without diversity at the decision-making

table, there will be policy failure in outcome.”

The potential backlash of this decision also brings to light a dimension of gender’s utility within the larger society. With the permanent adoption of this new definition, some argue that it will perpetuate other types of oppression.

“This distinction is used as a rationale in the upholding of hierarchies of worth and also determines how resources and opportunities are distributed. In my professional opinion, so long as gender remains as a valid category, we will always have inequality,” Wrenn explained.

“This in no way is to negate our own lived experiences with gender, but only to suggest that, in the future, moving away from strict interpretations of this category is bound to relieve all people, regardless of identity, of significant suffering (cis-gender males included),” she said.

Under the current administration, officials from the Department of Health and Human Services have contended that the term “sex” was never intended to include gender identity or homosexuality, and that this lack of clarity allowed the Obama administration to wrongfully extend civil rights protections to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer people.

This recent decision is causing major criticism from transgender and gender non-conforming individuals across the country, es-

pecially with the creation of the hashtag “#WeWontBeErased” in opposition to the memo.

Junior social work student Jesse Denniston-Lee also weighed on the issue, acknowledging the importance of allyship in this time of difficulty for the LGBTQ+ community.

“It is important for allies of LGBTQ+ community to support their trans, non-binary, and gender non-conforming friends at a time where the larger society wants to phase them out for being who they are,” Denniston-Lee said.

“Ultimately, the effects of this decision is a matter of life and death for some people. Therefore, it is important to use our privilege as young people to get politically involved and advocate for people who need it most.”

Departments like the Department of Education would have to decide what documentation schools would be required to collect to determine or codify gender. Title IX applies to a number of educational experiences, like sports and single-sex classes or programs, where gender identity has influence in classification of students. The department has said it will continue to open cases where transgender students face discrimination, bullying and harassment, and investigate gender-based harassment as “unwelcome conduct based on a student’s sex” or “harassing conduct based on a student’s failure to conform to sex stereotypes.”

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Must Have Items: Backpack Edition

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Let’s be honest most of our backpacks halfway into the fall semester are cluttered, bottomless pits that hinder more than help us. After items accumulating in our bags, not all of them will be the essentials. Well, it’s time to change that.

In college, it is imperative to be organized and always think ahead of the game. It’s hard to begin to pick and choose what will help you survive long school days, so if you feel like you need a pre-curated list, keep reading. Item one is a reusable water bottle. Emphasis on the reusable because it not only saves

the environment, but it is easy to keep refilling it. If you are someone who has back to back classes, it is important to stay hydrated. Plus, stopping to fill up with water is quick and easy thanks to the filtered water machines at Monmouth. Item two is a phone and laptop charger. As college students, most of us are on the phone or computer 24/7, which can drain the battery quickly. If you use your computer during your classes, you want to make sure you can still access all the needed files and documents. Anthony Rossics, a senior communications student said, “I always make sure to keep a phone charger on me so I can be prepared for the day.”

Not only is it important for having your daily dose of texting and social media but it can also allow you to keep track of time. A charger can come to the rescue when your computer dies and you need to e-mail or print an important assignment. Just think, if you start to carry around chargers, you can potentially help someone else who may be in a sticky situation. Item three is a stapler. Carrying a mini stapler in your backpack may not seem essential, you can just use the one in the Student Center, right? To avoid going on a hunt for the stapler in the Stu-

dent Center, and then going on a hunt to refill the stapler, carry your own. Most of the time your professor will specify to have an assignment stapled beforehand, and most of the time, if you forget, there will be no stapler on hand to save you. You can find mini staplers in the Dollar Store, Staples, Five Below, or even Marshalls. It may sound silly but it could save you in a pinch. Item four is extra money. Erica Barbara, junior communication student, said one of her must-have items is some extra cash, “just in case you find yourself in a pinch.” No matter if you are a commuter or an on-campus student, physical cash is important to keep on you. If you are having a bad day, use that cash to treat yourself to a quick treat. Use extra cash when you need a drink, or a pick me up snack. Keeping extra cash can also come in handy if you need to fill your car up with gas, or if you would like to tip a server at a local restaurant. Don’t forget the convenient ATM on campus too. Item five is a mini flashlight. This item may be overboard to some people, but safety is something to always take into consideration. For those students that brave night classes, walk-

ing through the parking lot can be a dark maze. Having a mini flashlight with you can provide some comfort if you can’t find where you parked, or even when you are walking through campus alone. Item six is a mini first aid kit. In a small pouch that you have lying around grab some band-aids, Neosporin, and peroxide. You never know when you are going to get hurt, or when someone else around you will have a fall. Mary Harris, Specialist Professor of communication said, “I always carry a mini emergency kit in my bag that includes, antiseptic wipes, band-aids, safety pins, little scissors, and other helpful items to have on hand.” Safety trumps all. Finally, a pencil pouch. No matter how heavy it gets, keep filling your pencil pouch with brand new pens, pencils, highlighters, binder clips, and paper clips. A helpful tip is to buy your pens and pencils at the dollar store, where you can stock up on quality writing utensils for a small price. You can never have too many school supply items. It is better to be over prepared rather than under prepared. The most important part of being a college student is education. Showing up prepared is key to success. Happy packing.



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When looking to be prepared, it is important to make sure your backpack has all the essentials that you may need for the day.

Are You Living the Best Life?

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Monmouth University is unique in the sense that you have the opportunity to live on-campus or off-campus. A common trend is that many freshmen live on-campus to get a feel for college and to meet people; while students progress in their college years, many find themselves moving off-campus with friends you have met. Many juniors and seniors have experienced both sides of living. Similar to most things in life, there are pros and cons to each. Something that many students notice is that their peers spend two years off-campus and two years on. Living on-campus as a freshman is a great decision that new students make. Although Elmwood Hall is not the most glorious building, students find themselves making an abundance of friends throughout the building. From living next door, to bonding over the obscene heat of September, it could be easy to make new friends. By just keeping your door open you can meet so many people which ultimately contributes to your college experience. It sounds cliché, but it works.

Living on-campus comes with many pros such as the dining hall. Living on-campus means you are required to have a meal plan. Having a meal plan is something that students that have moved off-campus probably took for granted up. It has such a variety of options and it is convenient for on-campus students. Walking into the dining hall or student center to grab food in between classes is the most convenient factor of on-campus living. Another convenience of

on-campus living is walking to your classes. At Monmouth University, parking causes off-campus students problems because it seems as if there is never enough spots. When living on-campus, all you have to do is leave 10-15 minutes before class and you’ll still be on time, not having to worry about finding a parking spot. Everything you need on-campus is within walking distance, what a great perk to have. Brielle Kough, a junior psychology student said that

“my favorite part of living on-campus was how convenient everything was. My classes, the dining hall, the gym, and the library were all in walking distance of my room.” Although living on-campus is extremely convenient, you still have to share a room with others, which is not a lifestyle that everyone looks forward to. Living off-campus provides a lot more responsibility. Paying rent, keeping up with bills, and cooking are only a few of the obstacles that this change provides.

Driving to class is one of the most drastic changes because although many students that are off-campus live close by, you need to make sure you leave enough time to battle the parking lots. It is definitely an adjustment especially for early classes having to wake up much earlier than usual. Cooking is also a big difference between on-campus and off-campus housing. Now instead of walking right to the dining hall, you are forced to go to the grocery store and cook for yourself. For some people, this might be better than the dining hall, but for others, it serves as a challenge. Abbie Urbanak, a junior marine biology student stated that “living off-campus can make you realize how much responsibility living on your own is.” Urbanak admitted, “I never realized how much my mom helped me with until I moved into my house this year.” Both living off-campus and on-campus come with unique challenges and perks. Once you find what’s fitting for you, college can continue to be a great experience.



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Living on-campus and off-campus are two dramatic changes that offer a great college experience. Find what works for you and run with it. Try to take advantage of living on your own while in college.

Michael Myers Returns for Another Halloween

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I hate horror movies. I fear the reality of them, but I suppress it with harsh criticism and insensitive and poorly timed jokes.

In spirit of doing “fun” fall things, I ventured to the theater to scare myself into a sleepless night.

I binged the first three *Halloween* movies over the “Halloweekend” and was disappointed to find out that the latest flick was going to be sequel to the original, completely disregarding its other predecessors.

Director David Gordon Green invites us 40 years after John Carpenter’s frightening classic, where Laurie Strode, played Jamie Lee Curtis, seems to have lost all of her sanity.

Even all these decades later, the trauma from that terrifying Halloween night still resides in Laurie as she battles against the threat of Michael Myers.

The slasher is institutionalized and has captured the attention of over 50 psychiatrists and reporters.

Two foreign reporters hope to

find clarity in the case from eons ago that still has everyone talking. Unfortunately, their efforts end up taunting Myers into making what is considered, poor life choices.

In this spooktacular film, there are a plethora of comedic scenes that lighten the mood and let your guard down. Ultimately, it’s a great way to add more ‘scare’ to jump scares, because the viewer is so vulnerable with the humor used.

Throughout, we see situations where Myers is probably clueless as to how to react, such as when a ten-year-old boy named Julian offers to sacrifice his babysitter’s boyfriend to save her life.

Once Julian realizes that neither of them could be saved, he runs out of his house and calls the police, rather than sticking around to find out if either of them had survived.

We see something like this again when a teenage boy drunkenly converses with Myers about a rough night he is having, because he thinks the man in a creepy white mask and jumpsuit is his neighbor and not a serial killer.

Myers at first attempts to find a peaceful solution, but for a few



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The latest *Halloween* has grossed an impressive \$126.7 million in a little over two weeks.

moments we assume that because it is so out of the ordinary, the killer must be confused.

After a bus containing Myers and other patients’ crashes, we run into a dancing teenager and his father who have absolutely no idea of the events that have transpired.

After this, the run-ins we have with Myers escalates.

Myers goes after the two reporters who have stolen his mask and taunted him with it.

Here, we are introduced to the gore that is unlike anything we saw in the original *Halloween* movies.

In the gas station bathroom where Myers follows the reporters, heads are smashed against walls and victims are beaten to death.

We do not see the typical knife stabbings we’re accustomed to, but we do see chokeholds so intense that feet leave the floor.

The addition of the gore adds to

the horror of the movie.

In the originals, we saw some blood, but with advanced technology and cosmetology, the blood and violence are amped up.

Even though the slasher consistently brings a knife to a gun fight, he manages to come out victorious after gruesomely attacking and murdering his opponents.

I was surprised by how rebellious Laurie was.

We always picture the protagonist of a horror movie to be quick thinking but ultimately slip up and endanger themselves and others.

On the other hand, Laurie did everything in her power to protect herself and the people she loved.

Laurie built an armory in her basement, safe from an apocalypse and unexposed to the naked eye, which was always ready for the day Michael would find her.

It was a constant fear of her being both predator and prey.

The motive behind Myers being so obsessed with her is because she challenged him unlike the rest of his victims.

After watching *Halloween*, it is safe to assume that I am still scared of horror movies and probably always will be.

The original *Halloween* was creepy and perhaps even a little scary, but the 2018 version is creepier, gorier, and has a scare factor I was not prepared for.

Being a college student, I will always sleep when I can, no matter how petrified I am of Myers.

However, I will admit that after seeing the film, I made sure I was always with someone, since odds are, they would be snatched before me.

Always remember, no matter how fast you run, Myers can walk faster.



The Horror! What Makes a Great Scary Movie?

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Tis the season for Halloween! Whether you are trick-or-treating with the young ones, barhopping, or contemplating the reasonable amount of money to spend on a costume, the holiday calls for some festivity.

Like myself, we might be reminded of the time that kid in our third-grade class wore a Jason mask to the Halloween parade and scared the whole class.

Looking back, that kid had quite an early appreciation for the horror film genre.

Classic horror films such as *Halloween* and *Scream* have stood the test of time, having remakes made over the years along with modern adaptations.

Cult classics such as *The Shining* and *Children of the Corn* approach horror from a different perspective, with less of a focus on blatant murder and more on the psychological fears of abandonment or being lost in a foreign environment.

Even the theater genre has dabbled in the art of ghoulish and uncanny themes, with films such as *Rocky Horror Picture Show* or *Little Shop of Horrors*, including guest appearances by large piranhas and crossdressers.

A handful of horror films have had multiple remakes or sequels such as *Carrie* and the



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It takes more than gore to provide thrills and chills. Flicks like *Scream* are a testament to this.

newly released *Halloween*.

There are eleven *Halloween* flicks, with the first one premiering in 1978, starring Jamie Lee Curtis and Nick Castle.

The films around Michael Myers, a disturbed man who is out to murder the majority of his bloodline every Halloween.

Settings and themes of the original include psychiatric centers, the ambiguous mask of Myers, and murder-victims in an array of scenarios filled with suspense.

Combine these themes with a terrifying musical score and dark shadows, and the classic horror film is born.

Of course, many more elements make a great horror film. Professor of Journalism John Morano mentioned his

personal elements for a good horror film.

“I like horror films that are plausible [and] look fairly realistic. I need a well told story. I prefer suspense and tension to flat-out shock, but recognize the need for all three,” Morano said.

“Strong production values, coupled with adroit direction and good acting usually are part of a winning formula. I think the best horror films are made to be outstanding films, as opposed to just a scream fest,” he concluded.

If a horror film can stand on its own and still scare an audience regardless of release date, it should be considered a classic. A possible flaw in current horror film production could be the concept of shock-value.

With all of the technological advancements and lack of concepts today, it is often found that films are recreated or plots are recycled.

If anything, it should not just be a great scary film, but a great film in general.

A flick that brings a new element to the table or offers a fresh twist on something done before.

Nowadays there are many teen horror films that you would take someone on a date for and probably laugh, not replay in your room during the fall season.

Although this calls for great debate depending on the viewer, *Jaws* can be considered a classic horror film.

Since its release in 1975, *Jaws* has been a staple for many

moviegoers, with a daunting instrumental that has left its bite mark on western culture

Chad Dell, Ph.D., an associate professor in the department of communication, considers *Jaws* a favorite of his.

“A good horror film will keep the villain or threat off screen as much as possible. One of my favorite classics is *Jaws*, and the shark was a threat through much of the film, but was only seen fleetingly, which made it all the more frightening.”

Dell continued with, “We have to use our imagination, which is usually much worse than the real thing.”

Whether you look at the film with an expression of disinterest or genuine fear, it is difficult to deny its legacy.

Shortly after the film premiered in theaters, people were afraid of swimming in the ocean on hot summer days.

To instill that kind of fear with a fictitious storyline? That is what I call an impact!

Therefore, whether you are belting out “Suddenly Seymour” in the privacy of your own home or peeking through your fingers as you watch *The Grudge* for the twentieth time, horror films are unavoidable this time of year.

Moreover, if modern horror productions want to make another classic, they better hide their captivating villain and make us avoid simple pleasures such as swimming in the ocean at all costs.



THE WONDER YEARS Put on a Spooktacular Show



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They're back! The Wonder Years returned to the Starland Ballroom in Sayreville, New Jersey last Friday night for their Occasionally Annual Halloween Extravaganza, and brought along bands Have Mercy, Oso Oso, and Shortly.

This concert featured a costume contest with the grand prize being a 2019 season pass. I was dressed in all red, complete with an absurd pepper hat and told people I was a member of the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Among the ghouls and ghosts in the crowd, I thought my costume was clever, but alas, the winner was Quailman from the TV show *Doug*.

Considering he wore a card-

board box and tightie-whities, while others had very impressive makeup done, his victory was a sour robbery.

The fans weren't the only people dressed up for Halloween, so were the bands!

Each band had a cover set and costumes of esteemed musicians.

Shortly began the show dressed as My Chemical Romance, in black formal wear and red neckties. They performed classics such as "Teenagers," "I'm Not Okay (I Promise)," and "Famous Last Words."

The female lead singer's voice complemented Gerard Way's tenor very nicely, and the crowd erupted in applause following each song.

However, once Shortly played their original material, the trou-

ble began: technical difficulties with microphones and pedal boards led to communal boredom among the concertgoers.

Then, Oso Oso hopped on stage portraying Fall Out Boy, another pop-punk heavyweight.

The lead singer resembled Patrick Stump with his puffy vest, pillbox hat, and faux sideburns.

The bassist adorned black eyeliner and nail polish strikingly emulated Pete Wentz.

They played FOB classics such as "Dance, Dance" and "Sugar, We're Going Down." Their set was greeted with much crowd interest and involvement.

Up next came Have Mercy, who covered rapper Post Malone.

All the members wore Sharpie on their faces to mimic Malone's

facial tattoos. They only did two Malone songs; "White Iverson," and "Go Flex."

The rest of the bands were in the spirit of Halloween by playing five or so songs from their chosen artist, but not these guys.

They complained about the Sharpie on their face and the trouble to cover these songs.

Their renditions sounded clunky, rushed, and not cohesive. Perhaps it's because the songs and artist are of two different genres, or maybe it was a lack of enthusiasm.

The rest of their set featured excessive stage banter, hecklers, and pleas to be bought drinks. I was glad when they left the stage.

And lastly, The Wonder Years chose a risky band to cover: Queen.

by "Under Pressure," with a roadie donning David Bowie's Ziggy Stardust lightning bolt face paint.

Then, Dan (Freddie) brought out the Souderton High School Choir onstage where the band and choir performed "We Will Rock You."

The crowd was hysterical. To finish off their Queen set, the band, choir, and every fan in the building screamed "Bohemian Rhapsody."

The view from the second row from the barricade was a spectacle to behold.

To conclude their tribute set, Dan said very poignantly, "Happy Halloween everyone!"

After a small intermission, wardrobe change, and that disgrace of a costume contest, they returned and opened with a brand new song, "Sister Cities."

From there, it was a hefty setlist of fan favorites including "Local man Ruins Everything" and "Cigarettes and Saints."

Their encore (and what an encore it was!) consisted of two songs, "Passing Through a Screen Door" and their biggest hit, "Came Out Swinging."

Throughout the show, the energy was contagious.

The crowd pushed and shoved and shouted like their lives depended on it.

And before I knew it, the concert was over. It was time to be myself again.

The Halloween spirit is also the spirit of rock and roll; youthful, bright, and sharable. When you combine the two, neither are going away anytime soon.

Happy Halloween everyone!



PHOTO TAKEN from Millershoots Instagram

The Wonder Years dressed up as Queen and covered their songs at the Starland Ballroom last week.



MARK MARRONE
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

MOVIEPASS IS LEFT FOR DEAD



Grab a shovel and a big enough body bag for your red debit card, because it looks like Moviepass is knocking on death's door.

Moviepass is the popular movie subscription service that used to let subscribers see one movie a day for only \$10 a month.

After a year of such a great deal, the company announced last August that it would limit subscribers to three movies per month and would select the features moviegoers were allowed to see.

Now it looks subscribers may not see any movies on Moviepass' dime in the near future.

Helios and Matheson Analytics Inc. (ticker: HMNY), the parent company of Moviepass, announced on Oct. 24 that they will spin off the dumpster fire disaster.

Essentially, HMNY, the company who has helped provide funds for Moviepass' operations, has decided to cut them off.

When a company spins off one of their subsidiaries, it means that the subsidiary will be traded separately as its own stock.

When Moviepass is allowed to be traded on a market, the unfortunate shareholders of HMNY will also earn some

small stake of the new stock.

For example, when Moviepass goes on its own, shareholders will hold a majority of say 90 percent in HMNY and the remaining ten percent will be designated to ownership in Moviepass.

If you want to see something spooky, check out HMNY's stock price and financials.

Currently, HMNY trades on the NASDAQ stock exchange for about two cents.

Before they acquired Moviepass on Aug. 15, 2017, HMNY traded for \$672.5 back on Aug. 11, 2017. For investors, the stock has plummeted by over 99 percent.

It's clear HMNY have burned through money with their ownership of Moviepass.

The company reported losses of close to \$105 million on June 30 and can't afford to lose anymore (as if it weren't enough at \$1 or 2 million).

A number of factors have driven HMNY to sink this low.

A big reason is how Moviepass CEO Mitch Lowe never had a backup plan for the inevitable time when popcorn would hit the fan.

As Moviepass amassed a staggering three million subscribers in a year, Lowe never changed the company's policies until circumstances got extremely worse.

Things got so bad that the company had a lot of "technical difficulties" for a week to deter subscribers from using the service so they could pay a \$6.2 million emergency loan by Aug. 2 (which

they did, somehow).

Since the scare of the emergency loan, "technical difficulties," and the moment when Lowe actually decided to look at the company's balance sheet, the CEO has made a different change to Moviepass every other day or week.

In Aug., the subscription plan seemed to change at the blink of an eye.

At one moment, Lowe announced subscribers could see any movie they want to, but only three per month.

Then, the CEO came back days later and told subscribers that he would pick the movies they could watch.

If Lowe had a backup plan ahead of this disaster, maybe the service could've survived longer. For example, Lowe could've said, "at one million subscribers, we will raise the price to \$15, then limit subscribers to any three movies a week."

However, Lowe never planned accordingly and his company has one foot in the grave.

While Lowe scrambled to create a fallback, competitors like AMC and Sinemia have rolled out their own movie watching plans.

AMC announced their Stubs A-List service in July and has since gained 325,000 subscribers. The subscription allows members to see three movies a week at an AMC theater for a monthly price of \$20.

Meanwhile, Sinemia released the same deal as Moviepass in Sept., but at \$30 a month. Sinemia

CEO Rifat Oğuz has said he has seen a spike in subscribers and claims their plan has a more sustainable business model.

As the other services flourish, how long will Moviepass last on its own?

According to finance professor Andreas Christofi, Ph.D., not very long.

Christofi said, "They were outfoxed by a more innovative subscription model and it will be hard to regain lost subscribers to competitors."

The exact time for Moviepass' demise isn't determined yet, but Christofi mentioned, "for

the moment, they are eating HMNY's lunch."

Although Sinemia and AMC are growing, Christofi saw a different side to the popcorn bucket.

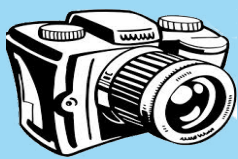
"However, investors who lost money on HMNY will have a bitter taste in their mouths for this kind of investment and that might make financing tough for the whole industry," Christofi concluded.

HMNY has left Moviepass for dead, but hopefully the competitors who are slashing the prices of movie tickets will survive for theatergoers.



PHOTO TAKEN from Slick Deals

Moviepass is headed for the grave because HMNY will spin it off.



MOMENTS AT MONMOUTH



LEFT:
GAMMA BETA CHAPTER
UNDERGRADUATES AND
ALUMNI WEARING PINK IN
HONOR OF BREAST CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH.
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RIGHT:
MEMBERS OF THE
PSYCHOLOGY CLUB
PARTAKING IN THE SPOOKY
FESTIVITIES AT THE TRUNK
OR TREAT EVENT ON
SUNDAY.
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LEFT:
STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD
MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS
POSING AFTER THE WILSON
HALL HAUNTED TOUR,
CALLED “THE PURGE.”
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STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD



RIGHT:
LOCAL BAND NEW ALONE
PERFORMING AT THE
WMCX STUDIO THIS PAST
SUNDAY NIGHT.
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Don’t see your picture this week?
Check back in next week’s issue for more Monmouth students' photos!



What is your favorite Halloween movie?

COMPILED BY: NICOLE RIDDLE



Sonia Dadlani
Senior

“I remember watching *Hocus Pocus* all the time.”



Prem Patel
Freshman
“*Friday the 13th.*”



Olivia Lipp
Senior
“*Beetlejuice.*”



Bruce Wilson
Senior

“I would say *Casper* the movie would be one of my favorites, I remember watching that when I was little.”



Jennifer Shamrock, Ph.D.
Lecturer of Humanities and Social Science
“Of course the classic *Nightmare Before Christmas.*”



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Greek Life Suspended Indefinitely, No Deadline for Proposal

RAYMOND ROMANSKI
CLUB AND GREEK EDITOR

The Greek Life Suspension enacted by administrators will continue indefinitely. This suspension was announced via an email from President Grey Dimenna, Esq. on Sept. 6, following a variety of problems within the Greek community, including low academic performance, hazing allegations, and two fraternities being closed by the University. President Dimenna and Vice President for Student Life and Leadership Engagement Mary Anne Nagy decided to let the Greek community take control of the reigns by submitting a proposal that would offer “sustained and meaningful” reform within the current operations. A rough draft was required by Aug. 15 and the final draft was slated for Oct. 15. However, there was no draft submitted by Aug. 20 which sparked the initial suspension. There is now no deadline for the Greeks to submit a proposal.

“I have not seen a proposal yet, neither has the President,” said Nagy. “I think that’s fine; I want them to take a deep serious look at the root causes of these issues. If it takes a little longer to really make a good report, we’d rather have it right than have it rushed.” The three student-run leadership councils overseeing the Greek community are the Inter-Fraternity, Panhellenic, and Greek Senate Councils. They work in conjunction with the University to govern about 750 students currently involved in Greek life. The heads of the Inter-Fraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, and Greek Senate all declined to comment. They also declined to comment in the original story published by *The Outlook* on Sept. 12. Nagy has helped the community by offering to bring a ‘consultant’ to campus to facilitate discussion about the root issues that need change. Presidents and Vice Presidents of individual organizations and the leadership councils alike met with David Westol, owner

of Limberlost Consulting, Inc. on Sunday Oct. 21. There, they dissected the current issues with the Monmouth University Greek system. Westol was paid for by the Office of Student Activities. “When you go to the doctor, the doctor doesn’t just treat your cough, right?” asked Nagy. “The doctor tries to understand why you’re coughing. It’s easier to get to the root of the problem when somebody comes from the outside, neutral third party is trying to help facilitate thinking differently.” The spring 2018 semester was a notoriously problematic one for the Greek members. Tau Kappa Epsilon was shut down following the death of a member. Alpha Kappa Psi, a co-ed business fraternity, was shut down for severe hazing allegations. Academics fell sharply, with only seven of the University’s sixteen recognized organizations exceeding the University GPA of 3.19. Monmouth University is not the only college dealing with Greek suspension. In 2017, six universities across the nation

shut down their Greek systems following similar problems of hazing, substance abuse, poor academics, and student deaths. Nagy has found the Greek community at Monmouth has respected the rules of the implemented suspension. “I have not had any major breaches of the suspension,” she said. “We’ve had a couple of questions raised about some organizations potentially doing some ‘recruiting’ that we have addressed. All of the recognized organizations have to the best of my knowledge followed up and respected the suspension which speaks quite positively.” There are rumors circulating that a handful of Greek organizations are ‘undergrounding’ new members, or educating them without regulation or permission by the University. This can lead to the chapter losing their charter and possible expulsion of members. *The Outlook* was not able to verify these claims, but is investigating this topic. The Homecoming game on Oct. 21 saw many Greek organizations tailgating in the park-

ing lot prior to the game with obscene amounts of alcohol. However, Nagy commented afterwards in an email directed to Greek leaders, “I was very pleased to see how responsible and respectful you all were of the suspension limitations while you still had a good time and stayed safe.” The suspension rules remain the same; all non-educational, social, and philanthropic activities are prohibited until further notice. But, an organization can request to host an educational activity or “vital chapter business for their continuance” to the Office of Student Activities. There, Vice President Nagy will approve on a case-by-case basis. “I think my conversations with the leadership councils and Greek Senate have been very positive,” concluded Nagy. “I know they are working to put together something we can review. We look forward to receiving it but I want to emphasize again, there’s no rush, no deadline.”

TRUNK-OR-TREATING

ANNA MAIDA
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The First Year Service Project hosted their 4th annual Trunk-or-Treat, on Sunday, Oct. 28. This event started in 2015, as a way for The University to reach local families engaged with the campus community. The event was held in Parking Lot 16, outside of the Jules L. Plangere Center. This event features various clubs and organizations to participate in a family friendly community event where they host a “trunk” and give out candy. This event was free and open to the public. Katherine Browne, Coordinator of Transition and Leadership, oversaw the event. “We had over 300 Monmouth students/employees participated to host those trunks, over 1000 community members came over the course of the 2 hours,” said Browne. “The event is hosted by

The First Year Service Project, which is an organization out of the Office of Transition and Leadership Programs that works to provide community service opportunities and community engagement through on and off-campus service events,” Browne continued. Many families from neighboring communities come to Monmouth for this event. David Aroscera, a resident of Long Branch, has brought his family here for the second year in a row. “I think this is a really great event the University offers,” said Aroscera. “It’s safe, fun, and my kids love it.” Forty seven clubs, organizations, and academic departments were present with decorated trunks and tables. The Halloween decorations contributed to the family friendly and autumnal atmosphere of the event. The College Republican Club’s trunk was decorated with

spider webs. Celine Powell, the Club President, took great pride in her club’s turn out. “Everyone helped make our trunk look Spooktacular,” she said. The Trunk-or-Treat also had other fall-themed activities for all the ghouls and goblins to participate in, such as a donut eating contest, pumpkin painting, pumpkin bowling, and a witch hat ring toss. These activities just added to the fun at the trunk or treat. Jason, seven years old, was dressed as Batman. “I wish Halloween was everyday! This way, I could be Batman everyday,” he said. The University enjoys creating events that help to bring together the larger Monmouth community with campus clubs and organizations. Additionally, Trunk-or-Treat provides an opportunity for first-year students to collaborate and make a difference in the families outside of the University.



PHOTO TAKEN by Caroline Mattise
The Women’s Tennis team was one of 47 trunks that participated in the Trunk or Treat this past Sunday.

Club and Greek Announcements

WMCX

WMCX is a student-run radio station, and we’ve been Rock-in’ the Shore since ‘74. Learn how to operate the studio’s machinery, make connections, and host your own show! Meetings are held every other Wednesday in Plangere 236 at 3:15. 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.

Monmouth Oral Communication Center (MOCC)

The Monmouth Oral Communication Center is a student run organization that provides free training for students looking to improve their public speaking and presentation skills. We can help you develop and organize your speech, overcome apprehension and anxiety when speaking, as well as increase your speaking confidence in any class. If you need help, contact the MU Tutoring Center; or if you would like to become a trainer come to one of our meetings, Wednesdays at 2:45 p.m. in JP 235.

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 Zach Cosenza at s1052751@monmouth.edu or outlook@monmouth.edu and come to our office in JP 260. We hope to see you soon!

Do Midterm Grades Have You Feeling Down?

SKYLAR DALEY
STAFF WRITER

One of the most suspenseful and terrifying things is watching the loading screen on your MyMU portal as you wait for your midterm grades to load. If the anticipation did not hurt enough, sometimes seeing that C or B- may make you feel uncertainty about the future of that class.

This should not prompt you to “give up;” midterm grades are meant to give students an idea of where they are at in a course. These are not permanent; in fact, they are often not correct since they are only factoring in half of the semester’s coursework.

Luckily that C is not far from an A, in perspective. It is easy to bring your grade up, but it takes dedication and time outside of class.

First and foremost, look at your syllabus. Usually professors offer extra credit, which normally is an extra assignment or attendance at an event that reflects the concepts in the course.

Always take advantage of extra credit, regardless of your academic stance in the class. You can never be too safe in securing your high letter grade. Extra credit is an amazing safety blanket, in that the assignments tend to not be graded harshly and are usually smaller, more lax projects.

If you are worried that an essay is subpar and lacks a central focus, make an appointment on Accudemia. You have the ability to pick the writing assistant based on your own

time and the type of class you have.

Appointments range from 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Center for Student Success in the lower level of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center. If those times are extremely inconvenient for you, there are also extended hours offered at the library from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Amanda Sorresse, a graduate business administration student who works at Writing Services, advises students to utilize it. “Sometimes,” she said, “you just need a second set of eyes; you might overlook typos or awkward sentences.”

Writing Services focuses primarily on written work, but if you are struggling with the concepts of calculus or remembering the different fathers of psychology, Tutoring Services is the place to go. It is extremely helpful to be able to talk through issues rather than trying to figure them out on your own.

Dorothy Cleary, the Director of Tutoring Services, said, “Peer tutors have experienced the ups and downs of college life and are very understanding and helpful. Many students who utilize Tutoring Services receive both the support that they need, as well as other perspectives on concepts that are otherwise difficult to understand in fast paced lectures.”

The scheduling set up is exactly the same, you only need to change the subject in Ac-

cademia from “writing services” to “tutoring services” which is at the very bottom of the list. Peer tutoring is not always available for every class. If you find that there are no options on Accudemia, you can request a tutor on the Monmouth website’s page for tutoring services.

Another key tip for raising your grade is to stay on top of assignments. Your professors give you syllabi in the first week, so there should be no excuse for not knowing that an assignment is going to be due

soon. Prepare ahead of time to get your homework and essays done so that you will have free time later. While that episode of *Friends* may seem great, there are times when you need to close Netflix and focus on your work. That show will always be there, and your assignments are only due once.

If you find that you have trouble focusing, migrate to a more academically charged setting. The library has tons of comfy couches, chairs, and private desks to sit at.

Tabitha Rahman, an English

and special education student, said, “The library is less distracting. When I am in my bed, I am cozy so I just want to sleep or slack off.”

The student center is also filled with comfortable furniture, and there is also a computer lab. Grab a coffee or some food and take the elevator to the third floor.

Remember to stay focused on your work and to use the services Monmouth University offers. Do not get discouraged, especially if this is your first semester.



PHOTO TAKEN by Skylar Daley

Midterm grades can look scary at first, but you can improve your grades before the semester is over.

Classic Halloween Movie Recommendations

SAMANTHA LOSURDO
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It’s officially Halloween. The night of the ghouls, ghosts and grouchy gremlins has finally arrived.

If you don’t have a costume or plans to go out tonight, gather up your favorite spooky pajamas and snacks for a night full of classic films.

Whenever someone is asked about Halloween, a scary horror film is one of the things on their mind.

For Heidi Bludau, Ph.D., lecturer of history and anthropology, her favorite film is *28 Days Later*. Not being a fan of traditional horror movies, Bludau has chosen a more mind-twisting film.

“It’s not a classic but I watched it on Halloween once; it’s scary so it did the job,” Bludau said. Trying to survive after a virus took out majority of the world? Yeah, I’m not sure how well that’d go.

While I’m slightly on the same page as Bludau, I do like scaring myself because of the adrenaline rush. I feel like it’s almost necessary to watch a scary movie on Halloween or leading up to it; it just puts you in the holiday’s spooky spirit.

A go-to of mine that isn’t absolutely terrifying would have to be *Scream*. While some of the later films in the franchise are slightly iffy, the original is a cult classic. With comedy, a

serial killer, and Shaggy from *Scooby Doo* making an appearance, it’s kind of hard not to love it.

The director of *Scream*, Wes Craven, is a legend in the film industry. Films of his like *A Nightmare on Elm Street*, *The Hills Have Eyes*, and *My Soul to Take* are ones that are perfect Halloween films. Not only did he direct and write a lot of these classics, he also stars in them.

A movie that has haunted me since I was a child is *Child’s Play* with the infamous Chucky.

To this day, I really have no idea why it scared me so much or why it even still does. The creepiness of a doll that terrorizes people, going around on killing sprees just has never sat well with me.

While this movie won’t be on my personal Halloween movie list, it could be on

yours. Just make sure that you don’t have a doll lying around your house that could come to life.

To end your night on a happier note, checking out some of the best Halloween movies from Disney would not be a bad idea. Because I am actually an eight-year-old in a twenty-year-old’s body, one of my all-time favorite Halloween movies has to be *The Nightmare Before Christmas*.

The storyline is pretty much genius and the claymation is beautiful. Not only will this movie get you in a lighter mood, it’ll also get you up and singing. Jack and Sally are forever relationship goals.

Sophomore communication student, Alyssa Abatemarco, had a classic throwback movie to add to the list. “*Halloweentown* is such a good one; it’s one of my favorites,” she said.

Not only was Disney’s *Halloweentown* a classic, but *Hocus Pocus* is another that has won over our hearts. “It’s forever my favorite,” said sophomore communication student, Marissa Firoentino.

Between the Sanderson sisters and their comedic tendencies to the blossoming relationship between Max and Allison, it’s hard not to love it. While it’s all just a tiny bit cliché, it’s the kind of cliché that you will be able to laugh at.

Everyone has totally different preferences when it comes to movies, especially horror films. When thinking of Halloween related movies, horrors and thrillers are automatically associated.

But if you are not an avid fan of gore and getting scared out of your wits, taking a peek at Disney Halloween classics is a great way to go.

With countless movie options, you do not need to leave your living room to celebrate this year. Happy Halloween, everyone!



PHOTO TAKEN by Jenna Puglisi

If you are not a fan of horror films, Disney Halloween movies are a great alternative to get in the spirit.

How to Fight Against Fall Allergies

LAUREN SALOIS
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Some University students are suffering from fall seasonal allergies and are feeling sick. It is very common to brush off the symptoms of allergies and say, “It’s just allergies.” But allergies can have a major impact on our health.

Fall seasonal allergies usually begin to flare up at the beginning of the fall semester. Polina Amburg, specialist professor of nursing, said, “The symptoms usually worsen around September and October.” So, if you’re suffering from allergies right now, you are not alone.

Carol Huggler, a nurse practitioner at the Health Center, said, “There seems to be the same amount of patients exhibiting fall allergy symptoms this fall semester as last year. Because we are having warm weather without a killing frost in October, we may continue to see allergy symptoms longer this fall.”

According to Huggler, the Health Center has had patients come in with viral infections, such as cold or upper respiratory infections. These illnesses could have begun with seasonal allergy symptoms.

“If your runny nose persists after trying your allergy medication daily and following the tips above, come to the Student Health Center on campus to be evaluated by one of our nurse practitioners,” Huggler said.

Amy Czepak, a senior nurs-



PHOTO TAKEN by Jenna Puglisi

Fall allergies are annoying, but antihistamines and allergy shots can help relieve pesky symptoms.

ing student who has done clinical work at Monmouth Medical and Community Nursing, said, “A key sign that it’s seasonal is that the symptoms are worse in the morning when you wake up.”

Amburg said, “Ragweed is the most common fall allergen. Although the most common known allergen is pollen, some people might experience allergic reactions to fallen leaves and some seasonal fruits.”

According to the Allergy & Asthma Specialists, P.C., of New Jersey official website, ragweed

grows in abundance in New Jersey. One plant can produce one billion grains of pollen per season and can travel up to 400 miles in the wind. Ragweed grows in vacant lots, along the side of the road, as well as in fields.

People who suffer from allergies normally experience multiple symptoms. Amburg explained, “Some might experience mild sneezing and coughing, while others demonstrate signs of severe respiratory distress and require medical attention. In severe cases, a person may need to seek

urgent medical attention, but most people usually experience mild to moderate discomfort, such as a runny nose.”

Allergies can leave people with asthma more susceptible to needing their inhalers. Other people may experience an increase in sinus infections. That is why it is important to not treat allergies as something insignificant.

“We usually recommend that patients with seasonal allergies begin taking their daily antihistamine [such as Claritin] in mid-late August when the goldenrod and

ragweed begin to bloom. Then, continue the antihistamine until the first killing frost, usually in October,” said Huggler.

Huggler offered the following tips for individuals taking allergy medications: sleep with the windows closed; shower at night to remove any mold spores from the body; avoid raking leaves due to agitation of pollen and mold in the air; track symptoms using a journal or credible online resource; and visit the Health Center, primary care doctor, or allergy specialist for preventative measures.

Czepak said, “I do think allergies are a problem at Monmouth because we have a lot of flowers and trees and fresh grass. All the foliage on campus will let out a lot of spores causing allergies to act up. But in reality, seasonal allergies can affect us anywhere in New Jersey.”

The abundance of fall allergies could have a negative effect on students’ ability to perform well in their classes. Amburg said, “Allergies, like many other health issues, take a lot of energy from the person. People might feel tired, exhausted, and have difficulty concentrating. This is especially detrimental for students.”

Allergy testing can be done to determine the specific allergens that someone reacts to. Allergy shots are another option for people who experience severe symptoms. If your fall allergies are negatively impacting your quality of life, do not hesitate to consult an allergist.

Professor Spotlight on Randall Abate

NICHOLAS COSCARELLI
CO-SENIOR/POLITICS EDITOR

Randall Abate, J.D., is the inaugural Rechnitz Family Urban Coast Institute (UCI) Endowed Chair in Marine and Environmental Law and Policy, and a Professor in the Department of Political Science and Sociology.

He teaches courses in domestic and international environmental law, constitutional law, and animal law. Abate joined the University’s faculty this year, with 24 years of full-time law teaching experience at six law schools in the U.S.

Abate has taught international and comparative law courses, and delivered lecture series, on envi-

ronmental and animal law topics in numerous countries around the world.

In April 2013, he taught a Climate Change Law and Justice course at the National Law Academy in Odessa, Ukraine on a Fulbright Specialist grant. Since 2014, he has delivered invited presentations and courses in several countries worldwide.

Early in his career, Abate handled environmental law matters at two law firms in Manhattan; however, he explained that teaching has always been his passion and purpose. “For me, the practice of law was never something that I saw as a long-term goal for my career. I knew I wanted to teach;

I knew I wanted to do scholarly writing. But [working with those law firms provided] valuable exposure to the practice of environmental law,” he said.

Abate explained that the ability in his new position to both teach and apply his research, and still work with students, provides him with greater time to be involved with the University and community, something that he said would otherwise not be possible as just a professor of law at a law school.

“It’s a position that values and seeks what I like to contribute, which is advancing discussions on the issues that I’m familiar with,” he said.

“One thing [that was] very at-

tractive to me, and made it very easy to pursue this opportunity was the idea of using what I’m doing in my writing and teaching through the UCI,” said Abate.

“They are doing things on the ground and in the community that are related to the work that I do.”

Abate also noted that the reduced teaching load allows him to participate in more scholarship, lectures, and events on campus, such as his work with the UCI to develop new programs. Among these programs is the proposed UCI Spring Symposium on “Climate Change, Coasts, and Communities” in April 2019.

Abate explained that the symposium would have, “an added emphasis on the human side of how climate change affects people’s lives, not just infrastructure and resources.” Another initiative is the proposed UCI Summer Institute, wherein work is underway to offer courses to Monmouth students and students from other universities to learn about the intersectionality between law and science on marine and coastal issues. Abate explained that one of these courses could be offered as early as May 2019.

Abate has also been working across disciplines to assemble a group of animal protection experts on campus, including Dr. Corey Wrenn (Sociology), Dr. Lindsay Mehrkam (Psychology), Dr. Chris Hirschler (Health and Physical Education), and Professor Mary Harris (Communication). They hope to establish several new initiatives on campus; including a guest speaker series on animal protection issues, a conference focused on animal law, policy, and science; and a faculty-led study abroad program in Sydney, Australia focused on animal protection issues that could start as early as summer 2020.

“Dr. Abate is passionate about the negative consequences facing marginalized communities in an era of extreme climate change; this includes nonhuman animals,” said Wrenn. “Since joining Monmouth, he’s been a driving force in organizing animal allies on campus and we’re hoping to increase the profile of animal issues in the campus community in the near future.”

She continued, “Dr. Abate is a respected and prolific scholar in the area of animal ethics and legal efforts to better the social status of nonhumans, having written several books and papers on the subject area. He’s just an all around nice guy and I’m so excited to call him a colleague.”

Abate also serves as the adviser to the Youth Activists. Davina Matadin, a junior computer science student and the club’s President said, “Professor Abate has been enthusiastic about Youth Activists since the day he joined our club. His passion for environmental sustainability and social reform inspires our whole club to get involved and make a difference in our world.”

Abate’s passion for environmental justice, law, and teaching are evident from those who have learned from him.

“When I learned that Professor Abate was coming to Monmouth, I immediately signed up for his summer course, and it was one of the best decisions I’ve made,” said Kelly Hanna, a senior marine and environmental biology and policy student. “I have learned so much from him in such a short time, and I have been inspired by his commitment to his work, his beliefs, and his desire to help his students.”

“For me, academics is the ultimate public service position because I have always treated it as a seven days per week job; it’s a labor of love,” said Abate.



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Randall Abate is the Endowed Chair in Marine and Environmental Law and Policy, as well as a beloved professor of political science and sociology.

Women's Soccer Ends Regular Season With 7-0 Win

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STAFF WRITER

Women's Soccer extended their nine-game winning streak, closing out the regular season with a dominating 7-0 Senior Night victory over Iona last Wednesday night at Hesse Field on The Great Lawn.

It was the senior forwards Alli DeLuca and Jazlyn Moya who ran the show on Senior Night, combining for five goals in their final regular season game as Monmouth Hawks.

It was a later start than usual for the Hawks offensively as it took the Blue and White until the 31st minute to get on the scoreboard via a long dribble and run from DeLuca who found the right side of the net.

Less than a minute into the second half, DeLuca continued her huge night with another goal from the top of the box, this time assisted by junior midfielder Lexie Palladino.

This was the first of a four-goal stretch for the Hawks in the first 15 minutes of the second half to break open the floodgates to a 5-0 lead.

Junior forward Dana Scheriff finished off a cross to make it 3-0 before Moya polished off back to back goals which were her first two of the season.

In the 63rd minute, DeLuca made it a career night finding the back of the net on a one timer from junior forward Madie Gibson to complete the first hat



Women's Soccer honored five graduating seniors before their last home game of the season on Wednesday, Oct. 24 against Iona.

PHOTO COURTESY of Ali Nugent

trick of her collegiate career.

DeLuca was named MAAC (Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference) Offensive Player of the Week on Monday for her performance against Iona.

"Tonight showed the hard work and dedication I've put in

over the last four years," said DeLuca. "Every day we are out here working hard as a team and the results showed it."

Freshman forward A'Liah Moore closed out the game's scoring in the 88th minute for her fourth goal of the season, all

of which have come in MAAC play.

The defense was lockdown yet again for the Blue and White who completed their 11th shut-out of the season while junior goalkeeper Amanda Knaub did not even have to make a save in

the win.

The shutout total in 2018 is now the most for MU since they had 16 in 2013.

"Anytime you can get a shut-out and score some goals it's meaningful," said Head Coach Krissy Turner. "Going into conference play we should feel very confident about our last performance."

The MAAC Tournament will come next for the 14-3-1 Hawks who will automatically advance to the semifinal where they will host the match as the number one seed in the tournament.

"We want to advance to the finals as our first goal, win the finals, and then win the first round of the NCAA tournament," said Turner.

The Hawks will square off with No. 4 Niagara in the conference semifinal. The Purple Eagles will be facing a scorching hot Monmouth team that has won its last nine games which is their longest streak since 1996 (10).

The Hawks have outscored their opponents 31-2 during this stretch, accumulating nine conference wins for the fifth consecutive year.

"We just want to get the small things done to get the big results," said DeLuca, who will begin her quest for a third straight conference tournament championship on Thursday, Nov. 1 at 5:00 p.m. at Hesse Field on The Great Lawn. The match will be televised on ESPN3.

Cross-Country Participates in MAAC Championships

ANDY STUDNA
STAFF WRITER

Both the men's and women's cross-country squads participated in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Championship on Saturday at the Crossings at Colonie Park in Loudonville, NY, placing third and sixth respectively.

The Championship meet began with the men's 8,000 meter (8K) run. Monmouth placed third out of an 11-team field, finishing behind only Siena and the eventual champion Iona.

Leading the way for the Hawks was senior Kyle Mueller.

The distance runner finished in fourth place overall with a time of 25:19.3, setting a new personal-best at Colonie Park.

Behind Mueller was fellow senior Ryan Mitchell who finished in seventh place with a time of 25:37.7.

Following Mueller and Mitchell was junior Ryan Rafferty who finished in 19th place with a time of 26:00.3, sophomore Tim Euler in 28th at 26:13.3, and freshman Louis DiLaurenzio in 30th at 26:18.2, rounding out Monmouth's top five.

"The men knew they had a chance to make history behind

a nationally ranked program," said Head Coach Joe Compagni. "We were one more big race away from second place but we are proud of their great finish."

Iona won the championship with a score of 35, giving them their 28th consecutive title.

Following the men's race, Mueller and Mitchell were named to the all-MAAC team for a second straight year. Their efforts on Saturday marked the first time in history that Monmouth placed two runners in the top 10 of a championship since joining the MAAC six years ago.

In addition to Mueller and

Mitchell, DiLaurenzio was honored by being named an all-MAAC rookie. It was the first time a rookie won the award for the Hawks since Rafferty did so as a freshman in 2016.

The Hawks finished in sixth place out of an 11-team field in the women's 6,000-meter (6K) race. The Blue and White were led by senior Chandi Piri, who finished 26th overall with a time of 22:49.2. It was the first time that Piri led Monmouth in a meet this season.

Just over a second behind Piri was Stratz. She finished 28th overall with a time of 2:50.3.

To round out the Hawks' top five runners, junior Dayna Luma finished 32nd overall with a time of 23:13.9, sophomore Kyra Velock 38th overall at 23:25.3, and sophomore Melanie Pfennig 51st overall at 23:43.0.

"The women had a super aggressive race plan and it did not work out as well as we expected," Compagni said. "They have made great progress the last few weeks, though, and their best race of the year could still be in front of them."

As a team, Monmouth compiled 154 points. The MAAC champion, Iona, recorded 21

points en route to their 12th title in the last 13 seasons.

Last season, both cross country squads came in sixth place in the MAAC Championship which was held in Holmdel Park. Like this year, Mueller paced the Hawks as their top runner.

Prior to the meet, senior Brianna Stratz was named the MAAC Female Runner of the Week. The award follows her first-place finish at the Monmouth Tune-Up meet a week earlier.

Stratz is the second Hawk to receive the honor this season, joining graduate student Christina Rutkowski who won the award for the week of Sept. 27. The Blue and White now have four runners that have received the award this season; two on the women's squad and two on the men's.

After a week off, the Hawks will resume their season at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship, which is set to be the second of three championship meets that Monmouth is participating in this season. In last year's regionals, the men finished in 18th while the women finished in 20th.

The meet is set for Nov. 9 and will be hosted by Penn State University.



PHOTO COURTESY of Monmouth Athletics

Senior distance runner Kyle Mueller finished in fourth place overall in the men's 8,000 meter run in the MAAC Championship meet on Saturday.

"We were one more big race away from second place but we are proud of their great finish."

JOE COMPAGNI
Head Coach

Football Extends Win Streak to Four at Presbyterian

ZACH COSENZA
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Football improved to 2-0 in conference play as they defeated the Presbyterian Blue Hose 24-14 on Saturday afternoon as Head Coach Kevin Callahan earned his 150th career victory.

“Really happy to come down here and get the win, this is our first win at Presbyterian, a place that has been historically difficult for us to win at,” Callahan said. “I have to give our kids a lot of credit for battling and coming up with some key plays, especially late. There were some times early on where we struggled to find a rhythm offensively but fortunately our defense was playing very well and kept us in the game right until the very end.”

On Monmouth’s opening drive, the Hawks went 28 yards on eight plays to get it to the Presbyterian 32.

Junior kicker Matt Mosquera nailed the 49-yard field goal to make it 3-0 early in the first. The field goal was a career-long for Mosquera, who was named Big South Special Teams Player of the Week on Monday.

The defense for both sides forced both teams to go scoreless for the rest of the first half with the halftime score being 3-0 in favor of the Hawks.

In the second half, Presbyterian took the lead on the first touchdown of the game, a 41-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown to make it 7-3 Blue Hose early in the third quarter.

On the ensuing drive, the Hawks threatened. Junior quarterback Kenji Bahar threw a strike to sophomore wide receiver Lonnie Moore that went 62 yards to

the Blue Hose red zone. The drive stalled though after a pass breakup on fourth down.

After three straight punts, the Hawks retook the lead on a Ba-

har to senior wide receiver Reggie White Jr. 40-yard touchdown pass, making it 10-7 late in the third.

After three more punts, the Hawks scored in similar fashion;

this time it being a 37-yard Bahar to White Jr. touchdown catch, making it 17-7 with nine minutes left in the fourth.

Midway through the final quarter, Presbyterian shortened Monmouth’s lead to just three with an 11-yard touchdown pass.

The Hawks made some big defensive stops thereafter. Senior wide receiver Vinny Grasso put on the finishing touch with a 27-yard touchdown run with only seconds left, making it the final score of Hawks 24, Blue Hose 14.

“We’ve gotten a couple of guys back, guys that missed early in the season,” Callahan said. “They are playing with more confidence and they know that on third down they are able to get off the field. We are using a lot of different players and personnel groups and I think that is paying off for us.”

For the Hawks, Bahar threw for 268 yards and two touchdown passes. Freshman running back Juwon Farri ran for 84 yards on only 16 attempts.

White Jr. and Moore both eclipsed the century mark, receiving for 117 and 107 yards, respectively.

Junior defensive back Tymere Berry lead the team with eight total tackles and an interception. Sophomore linebacker Erik Massey had five solo tackles and a sack in the contest.

Monmouth (6-2, 2-0 Big South) will next welcome Charleston Southern to West Long Branch on Saturday, Nov. 3. Kickoff is at 1:00 p.m. and the game will be streamed online via ESPN3.

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KEVIN CALLAHAN
Head Coach



PHOTO COURTESY of Willis Glasgow

Junior defensive back Tymere Berry made eight tackles and an interception in Monmouth’s 24-14 win at Presbyterian on Saturday.

Men’s and Women’s Swimming Split in Home Opener

CHRIS FITZSIMMONS
STAFF WRITER

Men’s Swimming took home a win in their home opener while the women’s team fell short against Fairfield on Saturday afternoon at Steadman Natatorium.

“Overall the team performed at a high level today,” said Head Coach Matt Nunnally. “I am encouraged by the positive progress the team is making. It is a direct reflection on the work being done during the week.”

The men won 191-67 and with the win improve to an overall record of 2-0 on the season.

Monmouth was led by strong individual performances from freshman Callan Smith, who contributed with two first place finishes in the 200-yard relay and freshman Dylan Barkhuizen who won two races in the 400-yard as well.

The women’s team lost 172-90, slipping to 1-1 on the season.

Freshman Camryn McHugh stood out, winning three races for the second week in a row as she continues to impress in her freshman year.

Monmouth’s men won first place in the 400-yard medley relay and the 200-yard freestyle relay. Smith, Barkhuizen, junior Austin D’Angelo, and freshman Valance Washington won the 400 medley and Smith, Washington, sophomore Ethan Lucas, and junior Patrick McAllister combined for the win in the 200 free.

The exciting part for the program is how well the freshman have been performing. Smith, Barkhuizen, Washington, and McAllister all contributed in meaningful fashion to the win.

McAllister won the 100-yard



PHOTO TAKEN by Karlee Sell

Freshman Callan Smith placed first in two individual races and was a part of two winning relays in Monmouth’s 191-67 win over Fairfield on Saturday.

“Conference meets are always very competitive and today was a good test for both the men and the women.”

MATT NUNNALLY
Head Coach

backstroke, D’Angelo the 100-yard breaststroke, and Washington the 100-yard freestyle. Smith won the 200-yard freestyle and backstroke and Barkhuizen won both the 100 and 200-yard fly.

It was not only underclassmen who contributed, though. Sophomores Trevor Askew and Ryan Reutti took home first in the 200-yard breast and 200-yard IM, re-

spectively.

On the women’s side, McHugh continued to dominate. She won three first places in the 100-yard backstroke, 200-yard backstroke, and 100-yard fly. Additionally, she set a new team record in the 100-yard backstroke, touching the wall in 58.65 seconds.

“Conference meets are always

very competitive and today was a good test for both the men and the women. The team stepped up to the challenge with many outstanding performances which will help build our confidence moving forward,” Nunnally said.

Next up for Monmouth is Howard and Mount St. Mary’s at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday in Emmitsburg, MD.

UPCOMING GAMES

Wednesday, Oct. 31
*Men’s Soccer at Quinnipiac**
Hamden, CT 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 1
*Women’s Soccer vs Niagara**
MAAC Tournament Semifinal
Hesse Field on The Great Lawn
West Long Branch, NJ 5:00 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 2
Women’s Bowling
Track Kat Klash
Houston, TX TBA

*Field Hockey vs Sacred Heart**
MAAC Tournament Semifinal
So Sweet a Cat Field
West Long Branch, NJ 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 3
Swimming vs Mount St. Mary’s
Emmitsburg, MD 1:00 p.m.

Swimming vs Howard
Emmitsburg, MD 1:00 p.m.

*Football vs Charleston Southern**
Kessler Stadium
West Long Branch, NJ 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 6
Women’s Basketball vs Bucknell
OceanFirst Bank Center
West Long Branch, NJ 6:00 p.m.

Men’s Basketball vs Lehigh
OceanFirst Bank Center
West Long Branch, NJ 8:30 p.m.

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HAT TRICK A TREAT



Women's Soccer won their ninth straight game, closing out the regular season with a 7-0 Senior Night victory over Iona last Wednesday. Senior forward Alli DeLuca scored her first career hat trick, earning her MAAC Offensive Player of the Week honors.

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