Music

Downloading Service Shuts Down for College Students

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NEWS EDITOR

As a surprise to college campuses across the nation, Ruckus, an online music service which enabled college students to legally download music, ended its operations on February 7th for license renewal reasons.

According to the article “College Music Service Ruckus.com Shuts Down” from TechCrunch, the music service did not pass its renewal date, and “the DRM licensing server has apparently shut down.”

Ruckus launched its ad-supported service in 2006. The service was later acquired by TotalMusic LLC and based in Herndon, Virginia.

David Bopp, Associate V.P., Telecommunications and Network Operations, said that the university signed on with Ruckus about three years ago. “At a time when the entertainment industry was increasing their efforts to eliminate illegal downloading of music, videos and movies, it afforded all students the ability to legally listen to music, watch videos and movies, it afforded all students the ability to legally listen to music, watch videos and movies.”

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Bringing American Education into the 21st Century

President Barack Obama Proposes Five Reforms to Strengthen U.S. Education System

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

President Barack Obama announced his plans for education reform, which he predicts will also help revive the economy and the job market, before the U.S. Hispanic Caucus on March 10th in Washington D.C.

“In a 21st century world where jobs can be shipped wherever there’s an internet connection; where a child born in Dallas is competing with children in Delhi; where your best job qualification is no longer just a pathway to opportunity and success, it is a prerequisite,” Obama said.

“For decades, Washington has been trapped in the same stale debates that have paralyzed progress and perpetuated our educational decline. Too many supporters of my party have resisted the idea of reworking excellence in teaching with extra pay, even though we know it can make a difference in the classroom. Too many in the Republican Party have opposed new investments in early education, despite compelling evidence of its importance. It’s more money versus more reform, vouches versus the status quo. There has been partisanship and petty bickering, but little recognition that we need to move beyond the worn fights of the 20th century if we are going to succeed in the 21st Century,” he continued.

President Obama’s plans are comprised of five reforms, each of which consists of broad and specific goals, initiatives, and challenges issues to the government, parents, and schools alike.

The first reform President Obama spoke about was the cutting of wasteful and subpar educations programs. This task will be continued on pg. 7

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BARRACK OBAMA
President of the United States

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Public Policy Forum Held to Promote NJ Tourism

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A public policy roundtable was recently held to discuss the tourism potential in New Jersey. The forum was attended by local and statewide tourism representatives as well as elected officials including Secretary of State Nina Wells and Assemblywoman Mary Pat Angelini.

Tourism is a $38 billion dollar industry that serves as a major contributor to our state’s revenue, which can greatly impact the economy. In New Jersey, one in nine jobs are tourism related, which accounts for 11% of people employed in the state. In addition, tourism funds $6 billion dollars in state, local and federal taxes.

The New Jersey Division of Travel and Tourism has launched agreements between MU and the Chinese universities will collaborate and exchange scholarly ideas and expertise, develop pathways for recruiting undergraduate and graduate students, and support opportunities for student and faculty exchange.

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Phi Eta Sigma Inducts 170 in First Annual Spring Induction

MARY GRACE BAKER
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On Sunday, March 1, the Phi Eta Sigma freshman honor society welcomed 170 new members into its chapter at its first annual spring induction ceremony. This year’s inductees made history, as they were the largest group to be accepted for membership and the first to be inducted while still in their freshman year.

The timing of the induction was changed from the fall of sophomore year to the spring of freshman year to allow the stu...
The Ruckus music downloading service that has provided college students with free music downloading ceased operations on February 6.

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Pennsylvania for Peace: To celebrate the 200th Birthday of Abraham Lincoln, the Institute for Global Understanding is joining the New Jersey State Library, the New Jersey Library Association, and libraries throughout the state to help continue his legacy of education, equality, and peace. Bring your change to the Institute for Global Understanding office in Bey Hall 101A to contribute to the national organization Pennies for Peace. Proceeds will help build school libraries in Pakistan and Afghanistan. For more information, please contact Dr. Rekha Datta at rldatta@monmouth.edu.

Sign Language Interpreter Needed: Family and Children’s Service is looking for a sign language interpreter to assist with understanding insurance issues. A volunteer is needed only once or twice in Eatanstown and must have transportation. If interested, please email volunteer@monmouth.edu with your name and contact information.

The Monmouth University Police Department is an armed, fully commissioned police force operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The department consists of 20 full-time officers and detectives, as well as the police officers, dispatchers, and traffic attendants. University police officers patrol the campus and off-campus residential facilities in marked patrol units, on bicycles, and on foot.

If you have any questions regarding the MU Police Department, or if assistance, please feel free to direct any inquiries to 732-571-3472.

Tourism Panel

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an international marketing campaign, carrying the slogan ‘great destinations in every direction’, in order to attract people to visit the Garden State. As part of their campaign, they recently revamped their website to include videos and photos from across the state. The site describes the Jersey Shore as, “more than 90 miles of pristine beaches, boardwalks and a vast array of activities and attractions. It’s no wonder why the Shore Region is one of New Jersey’s most popular destinations, drawing hundreds of thousands of visitors each year.”

Wells explained that their mission is to “change and further enhance the image of New Jersey to let people know about all of the amazing venues in our state. Our goal is to get people to think about New Jersey and have positive images come to mind, we need to let visitors know that we are much more than the turnpike.”

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“Public Transportation is a wonderful asset here in New Jersey,” said Wells. “We want to attract people to our beaches to get away to a close affordable destination instead of going to the Caribbean.”

Representatives from the Division of Travel and Tourism explained that our state has few venues that are one dimensional. We offer snowboarding, skiing, canoeing, kayaking, state parks, and a 127 mile coastline full of wonderful assets.

In addition, Assemblywoman Mary Pat Angelini stressed the importance of promoting family friendly venues that cater to children and people of all ages to get them involved in all that New Jersey has to offer.

“It is very important for children to be active and get involved in learning about nature and the rich history of our state,” said Assemblywoman Mary Pat Angelini. “The unique quality about New Jersey is that our state offers many unique indoor and outdoor venues that cater to every age group.

The panel also discussed New Jersey as a prime travel destination for its rich state that has museums, art galleries, theaters, golf courses, and wineries as we rank in as the fifth largest producer of wine. There is great potential for the export industry to continue to grow as 75 million people visited the state last year alone.

For more information on the “Great Destinations in Any Direction” campaign, please visit http://www.state.nj.us/travel/.
While there, they visited eight institutions in six cities to participate in meetings related to STE student recruitment, opportunities for faculty exchange and collaboration and to formalize the MOU-partnerships.

While visiting Nanjing, China, Dean Palladino received gifts from NJUST Vice President Song for his efforts.

Palladino commented, “During our trip we experienced vibrant campuses, faculty and administrators who are very interested in promoting exchange opportunities between our Chinese partner institutions and Monmouth University, and we met many students with a strong desire for an educational experience at Monmouth University.”

Palladino added, “We look forward to developing and supporting relationships with our MOU partner schools to create mutually beneficial opportunities for students and faculty.”

“No doubt the signing of these MOUs represents a very positive step in building cross-cultural understanding between the students at Monmouth and our partner institutes and bringing more students from China to our STE programs. It also provides a solid foundation for faculty exchange and other forms of mutually beneficial academic cooperation. The partnership will further expand the footprint of Monmouth University on the international landscape,” said Wang.

Wang and Palladino received a tour of NJUST lab facilities and a tour of Slender West Lake Park in Yangzhou. MU undergraduate student applicant Jenny Gong went along with Palladino and Wang when they were in Yangzhou. Wang also talked about the fact that China is a big market for American institutes.

Many American institutes have sent delegations to China to seek the partnership with Chinese institutes over the past five years. With the MOUs now in place and the following-up effort, Palladino and Wang plan to see the benefits in the near future to further benefit Monmouth University.

Dr. Palladino teaches undergraduate courses in biotechnology, endocrinology, genetics, and laboratory in molecular cell biology. Professor Wang actually attended Nanjing University of Science and Technology in 1991.

“Chinese have always highly valued education. Recent years China has seen great and constant growth in economy, which makes it affordable for more and more families to send their children abroad for higher education. I personally felt the change each time I went to China to attend academic conferences or visit my family,” said Wang.

Locations of Chinese Universities
1. Shandong University of Science and Technology (SDUST)
2. Nanjing University of Science & Technology (NJUST)
3. Guangdong University of Technology (GDUT)
4. Guangdong University of Business Study (GUBS)
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“Who is the Best Designated Driver?”

The HERO Campaign and the Office of Substance Awareness would like to thank all students who participated in the “Best Designated Driver Story” contest.

We are proud to announce the winners:

First place and winner of a $100 Monmouth Mall gift certificate was Jessica Davis,

Second place and winner of a $50 Monmouth Mall gift certificate was Anthony Carlo

Third place and winner of a $25 Monmouth Mall gift certificate was Jessica Freeman.

Honorable Mention goes to Dudley North who received a Monmouth University t-shirt for his story.

The HERO Campaign promotes the use of sober designated drivers to keep drunken drivers off the roads. Please continue to be the sober designated driver for your friends and loved ones; you may never know what kind of story you will have to tell!

Congratulations to the winners and thanks again to all who participated!
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This can be achieved by two of his other initiatives. The first calls for improving the teacher training, and retaining of better teachers. This starts in the classroom where these teachers are taught how to teach. By improving the education system, we automatically improve the way teachers are prepared. Obama hopes to retain teachers by give them incentives such as increased pay. That should not be a point of debate. Men and women are some of the worst paid professionals in this country and the hold what are probably the most key positions in our society. The other initiative calls for promotion of innovation and excellence in schools such as the creation of more Charter schools. While it is important to improve all schools, Charter schools are particularly important because of their flexibility in teaching and curricula which allows for the most innovation.

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A lot of people would argue that this will cost the tax payers millions if not billions of dollars, but regardless of what the money is used for, taxes will go up so we might as well put it to- ward and worthy and important cause.

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Britney Spears: Queen of Pop Makes a Comeback

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We can all recall the young teen who stole America's heart while singing “Hit Me Baby One More Time” through the halls of a high school. Britney Spears, who became the center of pop culture, the center of media cruelty, and is now experiencing a comeback in her career; has earned my respect, along with all of her other fans.

Imagine leaving the house every morning to make a trip to the grocery store with a child on each hip and hundreds of people flash- ing cameras, shouting, screaming and even throwing objects, to simply get your groceries in your store in their direction. This is the most typical morning for the pop sensation Britney Spears, which was clearly shown in her newly released documentary, “Britney: For the Record.” The ninety-minute film, aired on November 30th on MTV, expos the world to the “real” Britney, who is trying to live a normal life after growing up in the spotlight. The part of the film that elicited the most emotion was when Spears said, “I’m kind of stuck in this place and I’m like, ‘What do you do next? I just keep walking every single day. It’s better to not feel anything at all and have hope than to feel the other way... I’m just sad.'”

During this portion of the documentary Spears breaks down into tears, which shows she is just like any other girl who makes mistakes and experiences difficult times; she is only human. The media judges Spears too harshly and tries to portray her as the perfect celebrity. Spears has made and how she is becoming a better mother, rather than zeroing in on her every move, waiting to find a flaw. As Spears discussed her past in “Britney: For the Record,” she said, “I had totally lost my way. I lost focus. I lost myself.” Everyone loses his or her way at one time or another and the crisis’s treatment is no different than anyone else’s, except the she was forced to face them in the cameras. At one point or another we have misjudged Spears just like all of her other fans, until we realized the media was not giving her the credit she deserved and was displaying her in a negative light. After watching her transform into a whole new Britney Spears, it is clear to see that she will continue to exceed the world’s expectations, by blowing everyone away with the comeback of a lifetime.

High School Better Than College

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Every day, 50 percent of home- less Americans search for food to satisfy their hunger pains, a piece of clothing to shield them from the bitter cold, and a shelter for protection. The other fifty percent are doing all of these three things, but they are employed with low-income jobs.

Poverty has become an overall burdening issue in America, although millions of its citizens fail to notice the adults and children wandering the streets and sleeping on doorsteps of empty, vacant workday, but in reality high. With a country offering so much promise for its people, why should the homeless not receive their basic human rights? Even more, why should they even be homeless?

No one person should experience a life of poverty, a life of unhappiness, or a life of despair. Instead of sidewalk while watching others to the other side of the National Union of the Homeless, is a step we all need to achieve: to create a planet where all people can live the best possible.

Willie Baptist, Scholar-in-Resi- dence at the Poverty Initiative, has said “It has been said by many high school teachers for many years that high school preparation you need to be the best possible. But, what would have if they were living outside of their college baffle. While in high school or a typical job, a student has much more to worry about than just living in the like in college, a student must learn how to work with diverse sets of people. Even in high school, a student goes to the same place every day, has to deal with the same people, and if a problem arises, the supervisor must be contacted. “It’s really not much different than working in an office,” said Diane Johansen, a high school principal. “The only difference is that you have a million people working for you, and they’re all crazy.”

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be carried out by Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, who Obama notes will use "one simple criteria to determine which programs are cut and which are not: do they work?" And one could ask which programs that are not producing results, President Obama hopes to free up money for other priorities in early childhood initiatives such as HeadStart and Pre-Kindergarten. Obama also said he would sign the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, invest $8 billion in growing Early Head Start and Head Start, expanding access to quality child care, and 10 million more children into working families, and doing more for children with special needs.

"Standing here that children in these programs are more likely to score higher in reading and math, more likely to graduate from high school and attend college, more likely to hold a job, and more likely to earn more in that job. For every dollar we invest in these programs, we get nearly ten dollars back in reduced welfare rolls, fewer health costs, and less crime," he noted.

He concluded his points on this reform by issuing his first challenge to developing a cutting-edge plan to raise the quality of your early learning programs. "Show us how you'll make a difference. Be prepared for success by the time they enter kindergarten. Obama further went on to say that a second reform calls for better standards and assessments in schools to reverse what he describes as a "race to the bottom in our schools."

"What we're doing in this area where we are being outpaced by other nations. It's not that their kids are any smarter than ours, but they are smarter about how to educate their kids," explained Obama.

"The problem is that between those countries and the U.S. according to Obama is that the U.S. is focusing on teaching and not learning, that we are not fully preparing our students for high school, college, or careers. In his speech, he noted that the U.S. curriculum for eighth grade is a full two years behind the top performing countries. His proposed, solution, in part, calls for tougher and clearer standards in student assessment.

The second part of his standard and assessment reform is to supply schools with the tools necessary to track student progress from early childhood through college. In Florida, California, and Texas, tracking programs like these have already been utilized. The system has a dual advantage in that it helps track struggling students and can detect trends among students that will help educators address ineffective curricula and teachers that are not meeting the necessary standards.

He challenges states to adopt world-class standards that will shift curriculums into the 21st century and the nation's Governors and state education chiefs to develop standards and assessments that "don't simply measure whether students can fill in a bubble on a test, but whether they possess 21st century skills like problem-solving and critical thinking, teamwork, and creativity. That is what we will help them do later this year when we finally address the core curriculum to its name by ensuring not only that teachers and principals get the handbooks needed, but that the money is tied to results."

"I refuse to accept that America's children are to fall behind.

They can, they must, and they will meet higher standards in our time," he said.

The third pillar of President Obama's plan is the reform of teacher recruitment, preparation, and rewarding. "Standing here that children in these programs are more likely to score higher in reading and math, more likely to graduate from high school and attend college, more likely to hold a job, and more likely to earn more in that job. For every dollar we invest in these programs, we get nearly ten dollars back in reduced welfare rolls, fewer health costs, and less crime," he noted.

"America's future depends on its teachers. And so today, I am calling on a new generation of Americans to step forward and serve our country in our classrooms. If you want to make a difference in the life of our nation, if you want to make the most of your talents and dedication, if you want to make your mark with a legacy that will be there when we are no longer here," he said.

President Obama continued by saying, "...we need to accept more responsibility and accountability for lifting up their schools."

"Here is what that commitment means. It means that teachers and the professionals they are while also holding them more accountable."

"In addition to creating more of these schools, Obama called for reform within the already existing ones.

The second component of the innovation and excellence reform is the redevelopment of the academic calendar. "We can no longer afford an academic calendar designed when America was a nation of farmers who needed their children at home. Flowing the land at the end of each day. That calendar may have once made sense, but today, it puts us at a competitive disadvantage."

In this initiative Obama called for the expansion of after-school programs, and the lengthening of both school years are not wildly popular in a society that is more accustomed to a shorter day and five weeks out of school. The fourth component of Obama's education strategy called for the promotion of innovation and excellence in secondary schools. It means: It means treating teachers like professionals who pursue a career in education, and rewarding teachers who develop a cutting-edge plan to raise the quality of your early learning programs. "L e t  m e  b e  c l e a r :  i f  a  t e a c h e r  i s

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With the economy acting the way it is, who can blame them. The first deal in our Ground Floor circular this week deals with one of the most iconic structures of New York City and across the world. The Virgin Megastore chain announced that by June, they will be closing their grocery store chain announced that by June, they will be closing their grocery store chain.

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TAYLOR CORVINO
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Every Monday night millions of viewers watch him as Jay, Whitney Port’s long haired Aussie boy-friend on MTV’s The City. When he is not running around the Big Apple attending parties and night clubs with young socialites, he is Jay, 1/2 of the rock band known as Tamarama.

Occasionally featured on the reality show, Tamarama plays local gigs around New York City but long before hitting the states Tamarama was stuck Down Under.

Tamarama consists of longtime friends Jay Lyon and Nicolaas “Potty” Potts who grew up on a small beach just outside of Sydney, coincidentally called Tamarama.

The duo started out as models to help pay the bills, but being the starring artists that they were, they began writing music while living in Paris. Their music has an extremely laid back beachy feel to it, which has been dubbed as “surf rock.”

Their sound is a reflection of their days living on the Australian shore. It is no surprise that some of their biggest musical influences come from Jack Johnson and Bob Marley.

All of their songs make reference to the beach and falling in love. Their sweet melodies and smooth rhythm instantly puts you at ease. In their song called “Sunsets,” the lyrics enhance your senses and make you envision hanging out at the beach on a hot summer day without a care in the world, “Come on sunset fill our eyes, we love to watch the clouds roll by.”

Now based on the complete opposite side of the globe in NYC, Tamarama is beginning to see how the trendy and diverse city has in store for them.

So far the guys have shot two music videos for the singles “Everything to Me” and “Middle of a Magazine.” Both videos made sure to feature their favorite Aussie beaches, sticking to their roots.

For the most part, relatively unknown at this point, but they still hit every beat. With a movie like this having been made, movie fans like Tom Cruise or Jude Law would have distrusted the audience from the characters. Having not only a great cast, but one that does not rely too heavily on source material, director Zach could have done a lot more to make the film his own. One of the best parts of the movie is the soundtrack. The music is used in it. Artists such as Bob Dylan and Simon and Garfunkel are featured. It is very clear that a great deal of time and thought went into the development of the music chosen as each song very strongly accentuated the scene it was used in.

The Opening montage that depicts the history of the costumed vigilantes in the Watchmen universe is successful in incorporating much of the books back story that was presented in appendix style sources at the end of each chapter. In doing this, the creators cut the movie down by at least an hour. Viewers not familiar with the book may be at a disadvantage because they are unfamiliar with some of what is going on in the montage, but nothing is lost from the movie in ignorance.

The original ending should also be praised for making the story more accessible to viewers. The original ending featured in the book is very dated and extremely rooted in the trends of late 80s comic books and would not have translated nearly as well with modern audiences. The ending is not, however, better than the original. It is on par with the original and more appropriate for 2009.

In the end, the movie ranks up there with the best of them. It would not be surprising to see this movie become one of, if not the greatest movie of all time. It earns a 3 out of 5.
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Wednesday, March 18

Pre-Professional Health Careers Meeting: 2:30 PM; Wilson Aud. Drup Hall: 7:30 PM; Anacon Pizza & Sex HIV Education: 6 PM; Club 107; Magill Big Man on Campus: 10 PM; Pollak

Thursday, March 19

Anxiety Screening: 11 AM-4 PM; RSSC 202C
Proviz Film Series: Round Midnight (rated R); 6-8:30 PM; Pollak Theatre
Days With Diplomats: From MU to U.S. Department of State: 6-7:30 PM; Club 109

Friday, March 20

Economic Growth & Business Development in South Asia: 10 AM-12 PM; Young Aud. Baseball vs. Bryant: 3 PM; Baseball Field Lacrosse vs. St. Francis: 4 PM; Kessler Shabbat Dinner: Sundown Movie: Seven Pounds: 7 PM & 11 PM; Underground

Saturday, March 21

Comedian, Sex/Health Educator, Maria Falzone: Sex Rules: 9 PM; Java City Soup Kitchen, Service Day: 9:30-1 PM; Meet at Catholic Center
Spring Hunt: Residential Quad Baseball vs. Bryant: 1 PM; Baseball Field Movie: The Day the Earth Stood Still: 7 PM & 11 PM; Underground

Sunday, March 22

Softball vs. Columbia: 1 PM; Softball Field Baseball vs. Bryant: 1 PM; Baseball Field Lacrosse vs. Robert Morris: 1 PM; Kessler The Velveteen Rabbit: 2 PM; Pollak: $12.00

Monday, March 23

Alliance to End Violence Now Week: 10 AM-4 PM; Anacon Bystander Intervention for Violence Prevention: 10:15-11:15 AM; Anacon
The Velveteen Rabbit: 10:30 AM; Pollak: $12.00 Film: Milk: 7 PM; Underground

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Catholic Center Java Talks: 7:30 PM; Java City Careers in Foreign Services & U.S. Department of State: 10-11:30 AM; Turrell Boardroom, Bey Hall

Wednesday, March 25

Softball vs. Stony Brook: 1 PM; Softball Field
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**Phi Eta Sigma Induction**

Induction continued from page 1

Phi Eta Sigma is an honor society that recognizes superior leadership and academic performance in the freshman year. The society was founded at the University of Illinois in 1923, and Monmouth University established the 272nd chapter in 1987. Governed by the motto “Knowledge is Power,” the society aims to motivate students to excel academically. To qualify for membership, students must have earned a 3.5 GPA or better in their first semester. Once accepted, members are encouraged to exhibit superior scholastic achievement, a noble and generous character, a well-rounded body, and a vigorous and well-disciplined mind.

The ceremony began with opening remarks from the President, Devon Hodge, and the faculty advisor, Dr. Golam Mathbor. Both congratulated the students on their outstanding achievement and their acceptance into the society. Following the introduction, the historian, Mary Grace Baker, discussed the background and goals of the society. She then introduced the officers, including Treasurer, Shaina Chagrin, and Secretary, Ashley Hoppie, then gave a brief discussion about the characteristics required for prosperity as individuals and as members of the society. The President, Arci Guzman, was unable to attend. Informed of these qualities for success, the candidates were officially inducted by signing the Chapter Roll and receiving their keys and membership certificates. The keys contain the letters Phi, Eta, and Sigma, the initials of the Greek phrase meaning “Lovers of Wisdom.”

Following the official induction, Dr. Nancy Mezey, Associate Professor of Sociology in the Department of Political Science, gave the keynote address. In her speech, Dr. Mezey proposed that leadership, ethical decision-making, and passion are fundamental in making success. She suggested that leadership is a process of accepting new skills, collaborating with others, and being humble enough to take risks. She suggested that the students travel both physically and intellectually, reminding them that education is a journey that involves going out of one’s comfort zone to acquire new skills. Dr. Mezey also stressed the importance of learning as much as possible, to make informed ethical decisions, another skill necessary to become a strong leader. Dr. Mezey then advised the students to choose their majors and careers based on a true love for a field. She said that where there is passion and a feeling of closeness to a subject, work will be fun and satisfying rather than a burden. She then concluded with a quote from an anonymous source, reading, “To laugh often and much, to win the respect of intelligent people, and the affection of children, to earn the appreciation of honest critics, endure the betrayal of false friends, to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others, to leave the world a bit better, whether a healthy child, a garden patch...to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded!”

Following Dr. Mezey’s speech, Dr. Mathbor gave his concluding remarks, encouraging the students to “think locally and live globally” in pursuit of a brilliant mind. He then introduced the keynote speaker, Dr. Mezey’s former student, Dr. Reenie Menditto and Erin Campbell-Hawk of the School with Small gifts in recognition of their important role in the induction ceremony. With the ceremony concluded, the inductees and their families posed for pictures in front of the Phi Eta Sigma banner and mingle over refreshments.

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**Monmouth Gets Ready to Rumble**

Golden Gloves boxers are preparing to “weigh-in” on Friday, March 20 in Hoylan Gym. Golden Gloves fights are held for both men and women from around the state. The event, hosted by The Shore Industries Association of Central Gloves (SIACGU), will highlight a semi-final boxing event for amateur boxers. The event will also feature special guest, former heavyweight championship fighter, Gerry Cooney. Cooney will be available to sign autographs for the guests. Cooney is well known for his two Golden Gloves championships. This much anticipated Golden Gloves event will help prepare the public and admission starts at $25.00 or $15.00 with school identification. Doors will open promptly at 7:45 with limited seating.

**ALL LIFESTYLES INCLUDED**

The purpose of ALL is to create and promote awareness for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning community within Monmouth University. This includes providing an open and safe atmosphere for students on campus, sharing ideas among one another, offering an opportunity for social contacts, supplying resources to the GLBTQ community regarding health, well-being, and support, and educating each other and members of the campus community in issues of importance to sexual minorities. These actions will be done in an effort to encourage tolerance, understanding and acceptance at Monmouth University so no one is made to feel the need to either hide or deny their identity.

Our goals are to further acceptance for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning students and to protect the existing rights of sexual minorities at Monmouth University. In addition, we intend to encourage positive role models in the community, provide a voice for our community, and foster a sense of pride for people of all lifestyles. ALI shall endeavor to initiate and participate in programs to educate the community on sexual issues such as marriage equality; HIV Research; Hate Crimes Legislation; Adoption Rights; AIDS Education; and many other causes relative to the GLBTQ community.

In addition to this, ALI provides a forum for the discussion of the vital importance of Queer History, a platform for GLBTQ activists of the present, and an ongoing dialogue regarding a future with the promise of life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness, and equal (not special) rights and protection under the law.

Privacy is assured to anyone participating in ALL unless he or she expresses a desire to relinquish that confidentiality.

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**Monmouth Club & Greek Society**

- **Mass**
  - Every Wednesdays and Sundays 7 p.m. at the C.C.
- **Daily Mass**
  - Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12 pm in the Wilson Hall chapel (downstairs)
- **Eucharistic Adoration**
  - Mondays from 7:30-8:30 pm and Thursdays from 1-2 pm
- **Rosary**
  - Mondays at 8:30 pm
- **Women’s Bible Study**
  - Wednesdays at 2:30 pm
- **Why Believe? Series**
  - Wednesdays at 7:30 pm
- **Soup Kitchen Volunteering**
  - Third Saturday of every month- Meet at the CC at 9:30 am to carpool
- **Stations of the Cross**
  - Fridays at 5 pm followed by dinner at 6 pm
- **Java Talks**
  - Tuesday, March 24 at 7:30 pm in Java Cafe (coffee is on us!)

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SPRING 2009

Pre-Professional Health Careers Meeting
Wednesday, March 18 2:30 PM
Wilson Auditorium * Wilson Hall
* Refreshments *

Special Guests
David Kountz, MD, FACP
Sr VP, Medical and Academic Affairs
Jersey Shore University Medical Center

Yekyung Kong, MD
Director, OP Stroke Services
Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation
Assistant Professor, UMMDNJ/New Jersey Medical School

Joseph L. Monaco, PA-C, MSI
Assistant Professor, Physician Assistant Program
Seton Hall University

Bill Schroeder, DC (Alumnus ’78)
Chiropractor & Certified Chiropractic Sports Physician
21 Years – Private Practice, Manville, NJ

TOPICS

• Pre-Professional Health Advising Office – Howard Hall, Room 541
• Pre-Professional Health Advising Website – Monmouth University
• Pre-Health Registration Form & E-mail notices
• Affiliation Agreements:
  ♦ Seton Hall University – Physician Assistant Program
  ♦ Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara School of Medicine
  ♦ Monmouth Medical Center Scholars’ Program – Drexel University College of Medicine
  ♦ Hackensack University Medical Center
• Requirements for Admission to Professional School
• Strategies for Verbal and Writing Sections of Tests (MCAT, DAT, etc)
• Letters of Recommendation
• When To Start The Application Process
• The Interview
• 2009 Accepted Students to Professional Schools
• Foreign Medical Schools

Pre-Professional Health Advisory Committee (PPHAC)
Dr. James Mack, Professor, Biology and Director of PPHAC (35 Years)
Dr. Donald Dorfman, Professor, Biology
Dr. Dorothy Lobo, Associate Professor, Biology
Dr. Datta Naik, Professor, Chemistry and Dean, Graduate School & Continuing Education
Mary Fox, Secretary PPHAC

Additional PPHAC Support
Dr. Mary Lee Bass, Educational Leadership and Special Education

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 18, 2009

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11AM-4PM
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Women’s Basketball Wraps Up Season With Gutsy Playoff Run

ANDREW SCHEETER
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Monmouth entered the Northeast Conference tournament as the fifth seed, which put them in a tough matchup with fourth-seeded Quinnipiac. The Blue and White won a thriller 69-67, as Marbly Montas stole the ball from Quinnipiac’s Erin Kerner on their last possession to seal the win for the Hawks.

The game did not look like it would come down to the wire early on as the Hawks led by 20, in the first half but the Bobcats would not quit in the post-error. The Hawks led 32-32 with just over 5 minutes to play in the first half. Quinnipiac then proceeded to go on a 10-0 run, that was capped off by a three pointer from Brianna Roney. The score was now 32-22 with 2:13 left in the frame. The momentum was completely shifted in the Bobcats favor as they closed the half on a 16-1 run, as the Hawk 20 point lead evaporated to 5 at half.

To open the second half, the Hawks showed their trademark resiliency as they quickly brought the lead back to double digits. However, the Hawks again ran into a wall and chopped the lead down to, two points. A Sacred Heart run, fresh out of gas at the end.

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Monmouth had lost in the Semi-finals in the past two years. Their opponent was not only the number one seed, and host of the tournament, but they had not lost a conference game the entire season. Despite the lofty odds, the Blue and White did not lay down for their opponent; instead they gave them all they could handle before running out of gas at the end.

Monmouth lost the game 64-54 closing out their season with an 18-13 record, tying them for the most losses in a season since 1987-88. 18 wins is quite an impressive record for a team that’s under its first year with Coach Gaitley at the helm. The Hawks looked poised for bigger and better things in 2010, with the opening of their new home the MAC also on the horizon. Early on in their contest with the conference leader, things were going well for the Hawks as they fell behind 8-0 out of the gate. Monmouth coming out a media timeout turned up the defensive pressure, as they held the Pioneers scoreless for nine minutes during the half, cutting the home teams lead down to 14-10. After a Sacred Heart run, freshman guard Alexis Canady showed the veteran mindset as she capped off a 7-3 run with a three pointer as the buzzer sounded at the end of the half. Heading into the locker room the Hawks were down 21-19,

The victory moved the Hawks to 18-12 on the year. The Blue and White offense that led the conference had scored 27-27, dropping all three contests.

After a 12-day hiatus, the squad traveled south to Orlando to take on Central Florida for a three-game series. Once again the Hawks were outscored by the home team, falling in two out of three games, dropping their record to 1-5. In their lone win, in the second game of the series, the Blue and White produced a season-high 11 runs and gave up only four. Bach earned the win for the visitors, giving up four runs in five innings of work. Before leaving the Sunshine State, the Hawks will look to improve their .421 in the Hawks’ 4-week.

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Eric Walsh
SPORTS EDITOR

Being selected as the favorite in the NEC Preseason Poll is an honor that baseball team is no stranger to. The Hawks have been bailed by their veteran pitching staff and chopped the lead down to, two points. A Sacred Heart run, fresh out of gas at the end.

The Hawks entered the season with a team that had a very good season and it’s good enough for all-time in program history, was on second on the team this season scoring with 127 points per game.

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Each March Madness characterizes not only the fanatic love of the NCAA Tournament but also the thrill of the March madness. This year is no exception, with teams racing for a national title. Many teams are sure that a spot in the final four is within reach, but nobody can be sure just what a lock. However, there are certain constants that do not know where they stand come judgment day.

The sports world has developed the term “on the bubble” for these hopefuls. Some teams are still hungry for a NCAA Tournament bid, while others are already looking to next season. Yet, every team has a reason to be excited about the possibility of a national title. Many teams are sure that a spot in the final four is within reach, but nobody can be sure just what a lock. However, there are certain constants that do not know where they stand come judgment day.

The Wildcats, who fell to 1-4 on the season, jumped out early on proving to 1-5 on the year. Defeating Villanova 15-12 and improving their record to 2-4. Franzi dished out three assists and gave Monmouth a 4-3 lead early when Kelly hit her first collegiate goal with an assist from Carissa Franzi. Kelly and Rybinski, who scored three goals and added two assists. Taryn McKenna added to the run with an additional two scores before halftime. Taryn McKenna added to the run with an additional two scores before halftime.

Monmouth returns to action on Friday, March 20 when they begin the final leg of the regular season. The St. Mary’s Gaels have by far the best argument of all the teams that bubble bubble. They tied the highest victory total (26) not enough. One pick that all the experts like is the classic 12 over 5 seed upset. It happens every year, at least once. This year there are two such matchups that are intriguing. In the Midwest Region, twelfth seeded Arizona is actually the Vegas line favorite to defeat fifth seeded Utah. I would tend to agree with that. Even though Zona may not even belong in the tournament, they still have a talented team led by Chase Budinger, who can catch fire at any time and take over a game. They also have a good big man in Jordan Hill who averages a double-double a game and a talented young point guard in Nic Wise who can distribute the basketball well. With this lineup they should be able to pull off the upset.

The other interesting 5 vs. 12 matchup is in the South Region, with fifth seeded Illinois taking on twelfth seeded Western Kentucky. The Sun Belt regular season tournament champion and twelfth seeded Missouri State, which defeated the Wildcats 7-3 and 8-7 advantage when she intercepted a pass from the opponents and gave Monmouth a 4-3 lead early when Kelly hit her first collegiate goal with an assist from Carissa Franzi. Kelly and Rybinski, who scored three goals and added two assists. Taryn McKenna added to the run with an additional two scores before halftime. Taryn McKenna added to the run with an additional two scores before halftime.
Led by the strong left arm of starting pitcher Nick Vallillo, Monmouth went 4-0 in Annapolis, defeating Navy and U. Mass twice apiece. 

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