Asbestos Abatement Completed in Howard Hall

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The first floor of Howard Hall underwent an asbestos abatement which lasted for five days at the end of December. Amid the process, public access was prohibited. Facilities Management discovered the problem as a result of loose tiles damaged by water infiltration.

Patricia Swannack, Vice President for Administrative Services, says that knowledge of what to look for is important when dealing with the suspicion of asbestos. “In our experience, we are aware of certain things that might indicate the presence of asbestos and that it can be hazardous if not properly handled.”

The indicator, in this case, was the dimensions of the tiles present in the affected area. According to the New Jersey Department of Health website, asbestos has been linked to specific tile dimensions that are used in flooring. Those dimensions are nine feet by nine feet and some 12 feet by 12 feet tiles. To be certain that asbestos was in fact in the tiles of that particular part of Howard Hall, samples were tested by an independent laboratory and confirmed present in minimal amounts.

In taking precautionary measures to assure proper removal of the tiles, the University hired an asbestos consultant to carry out an asbestos abatement protocol.

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Books@monmouth
Website Plans to Give Students Bargains

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A new platform for purchasing books called books@monmouth.edu has arrived at the University. The website helps students buy their textbooks by integrating Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and all of their book necessities.

Developer Sean Hauffler, a junior studying computer science and economics at Yale University, spent three months developing the website with one specific thing in mind, “I chose to build the website after I realized how much more expensive school bookstore prices were than online prices,” Hauffler said. “I wanted to make the online shopping process as easy as possible so more people would take advantage of these lower prices.”

The site allows for easy navigation, and provides a procedure for searching and purchasing textbooks. Joshua Lewis, a University student who promotes and markets the site, attested to its simplicity. “This allows for quick purchasing and convenience,” Lewis said. “Also, other websites do not compare books that are used, new and from the Monmouth Bookstore.”

The site is free to use. As stated on the site, a tax of seven percent is included on purchases from the University bookstore, as are shipping charges on purchases from Amazon.

To get started using the website, enter the department in which the class is in. Upon doing so, all classes will appear below case and other campus spots. Graduating students were not the only people on campus; there was a high volume of security for commencement speaker, Michael Oren, Ambassador of Israel to the United States. Oren, besides giving the keynote address, also received an honorary degree at the ceremony. The Princeton and Columbia University graduate is formally the Lady Davis Fellow of Hebrew University, as well as the Distinguished Fellow at the Shalem Center in Jerusalem.

As a writer, Oren has had several books published, including bestseller Six Days of War: 1967 and the Making of the Modern Middle East, and has served as a contributing editor to the New Republic. He has also written for the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal.

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Increased Attendance at 2012 Winter Commencement

The ceremony, which started promptly at 1:30 pm, began with welcoming remarks from President Paul G. Gaffney II. Gaffney spoke of the students before him as “a class that I’ve seen grow with confidence. See, you took care of each other.”

Oren opened up his commencement address with his roots. “Thank you for opening up your campus to me, a former Jersey boy...exit 145.” Oren said Oren emigrated to Israel in 1979, and currently resides in Washington D.C. When asked what he considers his biggest accomplishment, he said, “my children – without hesitation.”

In an interview prior to the ceremony, Oren said, “Though it may be hard to fulfill your dreams immediately, right now, graduating into tough times actually has its benefits, in that it toughens you and steels you. To actually has its benefits, in that it may be hard to fulfill your dreams immediately, right now, graduating into tough times actually has its benefits, in that it toughens you and steels you. To

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outside contractor who specializes in asbestos abatement. A second company was in- tended to further complement the safe removal of the asbestos.

“We also engaged Birdsell En- gineering to monitor the work to ensure that the project was per- formed in compliance with es- tablished guidelines and procedures,” said the university. Those guidelines, enacted by the Environmental Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the New Jersey Depart- ment of Labor, not only enforce a stringent protocol of asbestos removal, but also accredit abate- ment companies to safely dispose of the building material.

The word asbestos alone can alienate, but it is impor- tant to remember that asbestos-containing materials are safe as long as they are in sound condi- tion and untouched. According to the U.S. Environmental Pro- tection Agency’s website, the problem with asbestos usually occurs when remodeling or de- molition when the disturbance can cause the microscopic fibers to become airborne and cause a threat to the public’s health. If the asbestos is considered fri- able, inhalation of the material poses problematic respiratory repercussions. Friable asbestos material is an object that, when dry, can be easily granulated and disintegrated by hand into a pow- der.

Asbestos does serve several beneficial uses in the building in- dustry. The most important one being its ability not to burn in the presence of fire. The EPA’s web- site credits it with being a poor conductor of electricity, an excellent insulator, and an impressively non-corrosive material. The fact that it does not corrode explains why the material still exists in buildings which are 75 to 100-years-old. Jesús Rinaldi, a sophomore, was pleased to hear about the Univer- sity’s prompt and attentive re- sponse to the issue. “It makes me feel safe that they [the Uni- versity] acted in a timely manner and hired professionals to do the job,” she said. “It reiterates the high standard of safety here and it is comforting.”

To make certain Howard Hall poses problematic respiratory repercussions. Friable asbestos material is an object that, when dry, can be easily granulated and disintegrated by hand into a pow- der. They will be displayed in the Pollak Theatre Gallery during a free exhibition on weekdays from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm from Janu- ary 30 to May 5, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The exhibition is entitled “Samina Quraeshi: Reflections on a Safi Life.” Quraeshi’s work reflects her pilgrimage to the Sufi shrines of the Indus Valley. During the exhibition’s opening night, Quraeshi also will hold a book signing from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on January 30.

Quraeshi explained how she feels regarding the University choosing Islam this year. “This is not a preference for Islam over other faiths,” she said. “It is an exploration to widen the dis- course that the mystical tradition of the Sufis is an important in- fluence in this region.”

The exhibition, organized in Oc- tober 2009 at Harvard University’s Peabody Museum, Quraeshi has been involved in the exhibition and has devoted her life to cultivating the vital relationship between art and culture through national and international initiatives as a way to foster greater understanding among people, according to a press release that announced the exhibition’s opening at the University.

“The PROVOST’S FILM SERIES 2012

SCHERAZADE: TELL ME A STORY

(2009) Not Rated

Monday, January 30, 2012: 7:30 pm

Pollak Theatre, Monmouth University

Discussion: Dr. Maya Hayward, Dean of E-Learning, Ocean County College

Free of charge and open to all

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Three first-year students created an idea last semester that would al- low MU Hawks to spread suicide awareness and express their concern with suicide.

Antonia Pope and Alexandra McLean got inspired when they viewed a video from a Quinnciapac Student entitled “100 Reasons To Stay.” They both decided to create the same concept using University students and asking them about their 101st reason to stay.

“We were so moved by the origi- nal video and we wanted to expand it at Monmouth,” Pope said. With the help of a friend and first- year student Courtney Locke, they created a web-site through Zorki and promoted it in the Monmouth Class of 2015 A c b o o k p a g e. The girls watched their concept spread as students posted their pictures on their Facebook page. Each student held a picture in front of the camera with a reason to stay.

“Within a few hours of posting the photos,” said Pope, “we never expected the website to be- come such a hit and plan to have it up for as long as students keep posting pictures. Both students have person- al reasons for raising suicide aware- ness at the University.

It’s still a premature idea, but walks, bracelets, anything to get it out there. Eventually, we want to donate any profits to a suicide awareness charity.”

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Author and Political Influencer Robert Putnam to Speak at University

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The University will welcome renowned author Robert D. Putnam to speak in Wilson Auditorium on January 27. Putnam has written many political books including his most famous, Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community and Making Democracy Work. Putnam is also the Malkin Professor of Public Policy at Harvard University and the director of the Manchester Graduate Programme in Social Change.

Putnam has been called “the most influential academic in the world today,” according to the London Sunday Times. His books, although controversial, discuss American politics and what he feels has gone wrong with our government and what needs to be done to fix the situation today. Putnam is credited with developing what is known as, “The two-level game theory,” which assumes that international agreements will only be successfully brokered if they result in domestic benefits. It is only another aspect to his long resume and contributions to society. Aside from the books he has written and the theory that has changed the way governments think and interact, Putnam has also helped change and shape the globe first hand by serving as an advisor to presidents and national leaders around the world. Putnam is a member of several societies including, the British Academy, the American Philosophical Society and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

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JAMES SEIP
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Putnam is the former President of the American Political Science Association and the recipient of the Skytte Prize, which is an award given yearly to the person who has made the most valuable contribution to political science. Putnam is also the winner of the American Political Science Association’s 2011 Woodrow Wilson Foundation’s award for the best book on government, politics or international affairs. Because of his vast experiences, the University knows that not only does he have a lot to share about his success as an author, but also much to share with students interested in political government and international affairs.

James Seip, a senior history major, is particularly excited for this event and shares his thoughts on Putnam’s visit.

“It’s amazing that someone that has done so much in the field of political science and for our own government is coming to share his thoughts and views with us here at Monmouth. I’m excited to hear about his books, but also listen to what he feels is important to share with us on his visit here,” Seip said.

Tyler Bischoff, a senior political science major who is currently interning in Washington D.C., wishes he could attend the event and urges students to attend.

“I think it can benefit students because many times, Putnam shows why politics matter and how civil engagement is important, especially at a college level,” Bischoff said.

The presentation will be free and open to all students and the public. It is scheduled to begin at 2:30 pm. Space is limited and reservations must be made to ensure a spot. The Honors school is sponsoring the event.

Textbook Website Exclusive to Monmouth Students

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The department search bar. If the student is unsure of the department that his or her class is in, he or she can hit the “show all” button that displays all departments.

Next, select the green plus button on the side column and add it to the search selection of the website. Click generate (or reset if necessary to start over), and the website displays the used, new, and University bookstore prices for the searched textbook.

Haufler said that he included bar graphs in the price comparision because it helps people make their shopping decisions without thinking too much about numbers. “The correct shopping decision just seems to pop out at you from the webpage,” he said.

After selecting all of the texts necessary to the student, select the “export to Amazon” button. This will allow the student to complete the transaction and purchase all selected textbooks.

Kathy Booth, Assistant Manager of the University bookstore, doesn’t think this will have an effect on our sales,” Booth said.

Booth also discussed other options at the bookstore that will save students money.

“We have implemented the renting books option last fall and we also have the used books option. Both options will surely save students money,” Booth said.

As far as the projection for the website in the coming semesters, Lewis said that he has high hopes. Lewis said that its popularity continues to grow.

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ATTENTION STUDENTS

Welcome Back!! At this time, we also recommend that you begin to consider how your career at Monmouth University will end.

In order to be on target to complete your degree requirements and graduate, the ORR urges you to apply for graduation no later than 1 year prior to your anticipated graduation date. By applying early, this affords you the opportunity to receive an official degree audit from the Registrar’s Office indicating if you are ‘anticipated complete’ with your registered courses. If you are not ‘anticipated complete’, having this additional time allows you the opportunity to register for any additional required courses or requirements.

Good luck with your coursework this semester!

*The ORR

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THESE IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE MAY 2012 GRADUATION:

March 1st, 2012: Deadline to submit Graduation Applications through e-FORM’s
April 15th, 2012: Deadline to submit any additional e-FORM’s requests (i.e. Substitutions, Waivers, Declare/Remove Minor, etc.)

**Please note: e-FORM requests received after the deadline dates will not be processed**

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THINKING ABOUT LIVING OFF-CAMPUS IN 2012/2013?

Begin your search for off-campus housing by visiting the 2nd Annual Off-Campus Housing Fair. You’ll have a chance to meet with local realtors and apartment companies, as well as officials from the surrounding communities and representatives from the University.

Sponsored by the Monmouth University Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services
Before You Leave the Great Lawn...

Once mid-January came around, Hawks were bustling back to class-es, anticipating (or not) for another semester. Many students may have been groaning at how quickly winter break passed as they were already spending hundreds of dol-lars on more textbooks. But for approximately 1,000 seniors, they have been feeling like the opposite end of the spectrum.

For those graduating, including several Outlook editors, these next few months as Monmouth Hawks will be our last. And if you're not, well, you still need to take advantage of the last opportunity surrounding community has to offer. Not to get all sentimental about it, but seniors, you can be miserable in their absence. Not to get all sentimental about it, but seniors, you can be miserable in their absence.

So why not take advantage of it? Okay, so the real world is creeping up on all of us. One of the things college students struggle with is landing a job after graduation. It's reality everyone has to face however, every beginning of May. Take as many random trips as possible, whether it's to Atlantic City, New York or anywhere in between. It might be the last chance to do something like that; once you get a 'real' job you may not have the option to take vacation time for quite a while. Don't forget about your own back-yard here at the University. Never been to Pier Village to eat at It's Greek to Me or the Turning Point? Try them both, you won't regret it.

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Sorority, Hawks. Not literally, but get on a plane and do some trav-el! If you had the opportunity to study abroad in Italy, Spain, England or Australia, that's great news. If you're a senior and weren't able to fulfill such a wish, you can still do your own travel-ling in the tri-state area, or even West Long Branch itself with the friends we'll be surrounded with until May. Take as many random trips as possible, whether it’s to New York City, New York or anywhere in between. It might be the last chance to do something like that; once you get a 'real' job you may not have the option to take vacation time for quite a while. Don't forget about your own back-yard here at the University. Never been to Pier Village to eat at It’s Greek to Me or the Turning Point? Try them both, you won’t regret it.

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When’s the Next Election?

RACHEL GRAMUGLIA

All we know how ridiculously famous Beyoncé is: there is no one out there that doesn’t know of her existence. She can even make grocery shopping look fierce.

No one can resist bursting from of their chairs every time her hit “Single Ladies” comes on, doing their best interpretation of Beyoncé’s moves. “I am going to do more for myself,” “I’m going to quit smoking,” “I’m going to go to the gym and sign up for a class,” are a few things you may want to do this year. It is the most, don’t deny it. A New Year is a time by an hour” or “I’m going to drink less.” And if you want to increase your route by going to the gym once a week can be less stressful, and if you want to keep your New Year’s resolution, or just do not give a damn about it, it is easier as following @MnmthUProb or donating a few hours to an animal shelter by volunteering. They are more important in life than we think.

Beyoncé’s Blue Baby

ANNA CHAMBLEAN

“I’m going to get back in shape.” “I’m going to quit smoking.” “I am going to do more for the community.” These phrases seem to be part of every conversation from December 26 up until New Year’s Eve. New Year’s resolutions seem to have become a cultural norm during the holidays, but at the same time people have become so desensitized that there is really no true desire behind these self improvements for the New Year.

If we make these empty promises every New Year, why don’t we get through a question comes to mind, why don’t we get through a question comes to mind, why don’t we get through it, most of us who decide to take on a New Year’s resolution and end up forgetting about it before Valentine’s Day rolls around. So why bother if we are not going to follow through? Advertising gets back in part in it.

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Usually around the holiday season, there are tons of commercials that offer great deals on gym memberships, or support groups to help you quit smoking. Even restaurants and other vendors create drinks, food, and hold retail sales that will “help you start off New Year resolution right.”

Having all these tools for self-improvement advertising 24/7, is hard not to get swept up in the spirit of improving for the New Year. If you have set a resolution, it is really hard to break, because there are a few things you may want to think about before you start hinting turning up its loudness. This time, the performance she’s dancing and singing, making it seem even more glittery and not just a glittery blazer. Beyoncé is shown finishing dancing around with the microphone stand, she struts (more like walks, but struts) along the runway of the stage. After she carries her blazer until its very last beat, she unfastens the buttons on her blazer to reveal the blouse she wore underneath it, unveiling her baby bump, and the curve of her new baby belly. And that’s what started giant shockwaves, the press and the paparazzi trying to get pictures of her and her baby bump. It was like looking for America’s Most Wanted, except the person that was most wanted wasn’t a terrorist, it was a baby, and wasn’t a criminal.

Everyone was waiting for Jay-Z to introduce his new baby. It was his turn to catch the baby of the little newborn. Finally the baby came, given the full name of Blue Ivy Carter.

The MTV VMAs 2011 was when Beyoncé revealed her pregnancy.

With a name so unique, the story comes with it.

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The “Blue” portion of her name drives the entire album Blueprint that is a major hit. The album features “Glory,” the new single of the year, the recording artist on the music billboard. The “Blue” part of her name comes from a number of things, most importantly the number four. Both Beyoncé and Jay-Z share the same birthday. Jay’s IV tattooed on their ring fingers, they were married on the 4th of September. Beyoncé’s birthday is the 4th of July. Both Jay and Beyoncé shared a baby. It was born, post pregnancy rumors began to stir. People questioned whether or not Beyoncé faked the pregnancy, and adopted a baby. Really people? How can one question a woman who openly announced her pregnancy on the VMAs, the same night she gave birth? What could she have done, stuff her shirt to make it look round? What are we, five-years-old playing house? Beyoncé wasn’t a teenager looking to be on the show “Teen Mom,” she just wanted a little bit of privacy.

She wanted to keep her family from being a target of public ridicule. She should do nothing but applaud her! Most celebrities would be soaking in all the attention to only crash and burn later (Kim Kardashian, wedding/marriage/ divorce would be a prime example).

Feel like certain things are blurred for celebrities when it comes to their private lives.

I understand that they are celebrities and are always in the public eye, but shouldn’t be showcased for everyone to know. We all found out Beyoncé was pregnant, but that doesn’t mean we have to track her life and hunt her down for the first baby photos.

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When’s the Next Election?

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Three...Two...One...Happy New Year!

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Friends or enemy of the president of the candidates?

To feed my own curiosity, I asked a few fellow students what they knew about the election, and who they thought they were going to vote for. The answers, to be honest, did not surprise me. Most people my age could not tell me more than two candidates, and most had no idea what political party those candidates should be. We are all about living life without cares, without worries, and there is nothing wrong with that. In reality, we do need to start making real decisions. It will be the next leader of our country?

The 2012 election will affect us the most. Our parents for the most part are on the brink of retirement; they have worked, paid their dues, and raised their families. We, the next generation, are going to be the next leader of our country. I urge everyone to follow the 2012 presidential candidates. Learning about their standings is as easy as following @MnmthUProb or browsing the internet, while they may be less entertaining, they are more important in the long run.

For example instead of say “I’m going to quit smoking” or “I’m going to go to the gym once a week can be less stressful, and if you want to keep your New Year’s resolution, or just do not give a damn about it, it is easier as following @MnmthUProb or donating a few hours to an animal shelter by volunteering. They are more important in life than we think.

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Ron Paul: Who is He?

As Republicans still decide on their choice for a presidential can-
didate and ultimately choose an oppo-
tent for President Barack Obama in
the 2012 Presidential election, Congressmen Ron Paul from Texas
turn to continue to gain appeal and sup-
porters particularly among college
students.

This is Paul's third run for the U.S. Presidency. He first appeared
as a candidate of the Libertarian party in the 1988 Presidential Elec-
tion. In 2008, Paul ran for President again, seeking the Republican
nomination and gaining a lot of support and donations from young
voters.

This year, as Paul is the only age bracket and from a time where
elections were still in the older percentage of voters in the last few
years, not the first time. But Paul continues

Ron Paul at a rally during her run for the Democratic Nomination in 2008.

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Ron Paul at a recent CNN debate stating that he believes the Constitution is what should guide America.

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dent might be something seen in the future.

Hillary Clinton at a rally during her run for the Democratic Nomination in 2008.

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Also he wants to audit and end the Fed because their reckless print-
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inflation and debt," said Wood. "What makes Paul really stand
apart from the rest of the Repub-
lie Party are his stances on for-
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stated that the U.S. should not be
involved in "nation building" or
supplying funds to foreign
countries, such as allies like Israel,
saying "Our national security all-
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"There is more hatred towards us
because of our warmongerings. We
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not war," said Wood. "Eisenhower
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Over the summer, Speaker of the House John Boehner and President Barack Obama held several talks to try to negotiate a long term deal on the deficit. They were making seri- ous strides in a major compromise, which would have created the first concrete plan to solve our nation’s growing deficit. President Obama made a major politi- cal sacrifice by putting Medicare and Social Security on the table during the talks. In return, the President asked the Speaker of the House to include revenue increases in any deal. These included closing corporate tax loopholes, ending federal sub- sidies for airlines, reducing medicare recording profit records, and slight tax increases on those making over one million dollars a year. Those talks subsequently broke down. The idea of tax increases in any amount had forced the Republican leaders back to their gunpowder line. Why had the Republicans backed down when they were so close to a deal which would have saved our country? The answer to that question is not one that the Grover Norquist (which almost every Republican politician has signed) pledge to never agree to. The pledge will never agree to in- creases in taxes at all. In return, the Grand Old Party has promised the Republican Association or NRA, a Political Ac- tion Committee, that it will spend unlimited amounts of money to attack Democrats challenging Republicans were holding up the Republicans last year, will remain in the leadership to negotiate which nomina- 2010 banking reform bill. The White House will have a director, in order to begin following finan- cial regulations and managing the bureau, the new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and the National Labor Relations Board. The President named former Indiana Democratic Attorney General Virginia Seitz. “In this context, the President therefore has discretion to con- clude that the Senate is unavailable to conduct a governmental function and to exercise his power to make recess appointments,” it continues. The memo, dated two days after January 25, 2012, Politics The Outlook 9 the memo, justifying appoint- ments made last week while Con- gress was technically not in recess, concludes what the White House claimed at the time — that Congress isn’t able to conduct business during “pro forma” sessions so it counts as a break. “The convening of periodic pro forma sessions in which no busi- ness is to be conducted does not have the legal effect of interrupting an intra-session recess otherwise long enough to qualify as a ‘Recess of the Senate in accordance with Article I, Section III of the Constitution,’ ” the memo says. “Accordingly, the Senate is not in session.” Three times the three temporary members of the Senate, the Bureau, are all Democrats. The Senate will not sign off on any other nomi- nees in limbo, well aware that their mission is to block the rules to block some or all of them. The White House justified the appointments. Republicans were holding up the nominations to paralyze the two boards. The Office of Public Liaison was established under the 2010 Wall Street reform law, which charges the bureau with a direc- tor in order to begin policing finan- cial transactions, checking accounts, credit cards and payday loans. The White House wrote in its request to Congress that the Senate has ruled that the five-member NLRB must have a three-member quorum to function. In their 127 decrees in union-employer disputes. “White House spokesman Jay Carney added that the Justice De- partment’s legal opinion “was based on the decision was made by the President.” “That’s my understanding,” Carney said. “The opinion was rendered verbally prior to the date of the opinion itself. The opinion itself was based on advice provided by the OLC and it is very standard, for ex- ams, for a long time. We can use this style to get the truth out of schools like Monmouth. If we can gain support for these new tax policies, we can make the front towards a lowered tuition rate. The President’s job bill is also being challenged by Republicans who have paid for just by a simple increase in taxes for those who can afford tax revenues, with unemployment a huge problem in this country the only certainty to create jobs is having the federal government physically create them. So in other words you will argue that mil- lionaires and billionaires are the job creators; however we should wonder why handing over money and hope that may create some jobs with or if we should take the money and use it to fund federal government to directly create jobs. The government can create con- traction. But, in the words of President Barack Obama’s former law professor and Harvard Law School to study conducted by Stanford University’s School of Political Sci- ence, in 1969 the top bracket was paying a Federal Income rate of 91% on all taxable income. 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The method was refined in the United States in the 1970s, and since then, fitness enthusiasts on the East and West Coasts, as well as celebrities like Madonna have caught on. In the last year alone, at least sister-in-law Paula Warford opened the Barre in downtown Wayzata, Minnesota. The same month, Tina Dunlap opened Balanced Barre and Pi—just a block away. "I always said it would be a matter of time before barre came to Minnesota," said Dunlap. "It’s half its population can never achieve meaningful progress. There are signs of hope on the horizon, however, as some women are challenging authority and demolishing stereotypes that label them as passive and secluded. Lina Ben Menni, a prominent Tunisian blogger and activist, addresses freedom of speech, human rights, social problems, and organ donation awareness in her opinion blog, "A Tunisian Girl." When the unrest in Tunisia began during the latter half of December 2010, Ben Menni traveled across Tunisia to document the government’s armed crackdowns. The images she generated became a symbol of the brutal baton of the Zine El Abidine Ben Ali regime.

Abdel-Fattah, also known as “Facebook Girl,” is a

"We cannot achieve democracy and lasting peace in the world unless women obtain the same opportunities as men to influence developments at all levels of society.

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Dunlap, an avid marathoner and triathlete, had her first barre experience last January in California and became “addicted."

It was the most challenging exercise I’ve ever done in my life, she said. “I’d planned on running a half-dozen barre programs have launched in the Twin Cities, among them, Barre, Barre, Barre. Barre, Barre!”

The method was refined in the United States in the 1970s, and since then, fitness enthusiasts on the East and West Coasts, as well as celebrities like Madonna have caught on. In the last year alone, at least
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RACHIDA, one of the films in this year's Provost Film Series, is about an Algerian-traveler who is caught between her country's culture and its domestic turmoil in the 1990s.

The real treat of the movie is the beautiful score by Ludovic Bource that helps transcend the mood of scenes, being lovingly majestic as the stars gaze in each other’s eyes and mysteriously eerie and dismal as George falls into a lonesome depression. It’s peppy and lively as audience comes to understand how the rest of the world is living or existing,” Sarar said. “We have no real agenda to say we are advocating over-haul of society, but we are asking people to become educated and create positive change.”

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With the dawn of a new year, questions and rumors arise of what to expect from the 2012 concert season. As buzz builds, bodies are ready for the start of the new year, and a glimpse into the events scheduled is awaited by many.

10.) Van Halen

Formed in the 70’s, Van Halen was one of the most iconic rock bands of all time. Led by the ever-energetic Eddie Van Halen, the band has released 14 studio albums, with their 50th anniversary tour coming up. Although Eddie Van Halen was the band’s lead guitarist, other influential players such as Michael Anthony and Sammy Hagar have graced the stage with the band. With the recent addition of Wolfgang Van Halen, the lineup is complete. This tour is set to be spectacular, as the band has sold out venues across the country.

8.) Mayhem Fest

Rockstar Energy Presents Mayhem Festival is considered one of the most popular metal festivals today. In 2012, the festival will be held in Philadelphia later July. This moving festival will be making stops throughout the states, with some of the biggest names in metal and rock. One of the best metal events of 2012.

7.) The Beach Boys

50th Anniversary Reunion

The Beach Boys announced they are planning a reunion tour to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their first album, Surfin’ Safari (1962). According to the official press release on Brian Wilson’s website, the remaining members Wilson, Mike Love, Al Jardine, Bruce Johnston, and David Marks are working in the studio and plan to announce a 50-date world tour starting with headlining The New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival. This is the first time the members have played together on an album in decades. The Beach Boys have won the Academy’s Lifetime Achievement Grammy Award as well as been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The chance to see these legends live will be a huge moment in 2012.

6.) Bamboozle

The festival returns to its homeland of Asbury Park for 2012. Bamboozle is an annual New Jersey music event that will be taking place May 19 to 20. According to Bamboozle’s website, the festivals goal was to help launch musicians’ careers and provide great live entertainment. This year’s Bamboozle announced one of the best line-ups yet.

5.) At the Drive-In Reunion

After 11 years of hiding, heavy post-hardcore rock band At the Drive-In is reuniting in 2012. First formed in 1994, the band split after the release of their third album, Relationship of Command (2000). The split created two new bands, The Mars Volta and Sparta, both were successful. With hundreds of fans attending At the Drive-In getting back together surfaced until the announcement of Coachella’s line-up was released with the band on the list. However, stay tuned for tour dates. Cult fans are surprised and thankful for the reunion and expect nothing but greatness from the band.

4.) Madonna

Move over Lady Gaga, the sen- se of shock-pop wants her spot- light back. Madonna has been confirmed to play the 2012 Super Bowl XLVI halftime show and is expected to bring the best to the stage. According to MTV News, the half- time show is being created with the aid of Madonna’s signature style and choreography. This show could be the kick-off for a tour and bring forth a brilliant comeback or a complete embarrassment to the Queen of Pop. Speculations of a possible tour have been leaked online by source- ful fans but nothing has yet to be confirmed. If Madonna does tour as washed, the shows could potentially be historic.

3.) Camp Bisco

Since the first Camp Bisco in 1999, the camp site has gradually increased annually. What started as a tiny camping experience grew into The Do Co Biscuits, eruped into one of the most hectic sold out events of 2011. According to Camp Bisco’s 10’s attendance rose over 10,000 fans a day. Camp Bisco 10’s attendance rose over 62,000 fans at Camp Bisco 9. With the rise of Electronic and Dub-step music, the lineup contains artists such as the headliners The Black Keys, Radiohead, and their plans to go on tour. Look for the Black Keys to announce a tour that August 5; it plans to be one of the most anticipated musical events of 2012.

2.) Tool Reunion Tour

After Tool is a popular band, their reunion tour has finally returned to play a 2012 tour. Tool is considered one of the best metal bands of our time and is known for their unique five members, both musically and aesthetically. The lead singer Maynard Keen- an has had a tumultuous relationship with his side project, A Perfect Circle, which left fans to believe that he would not be working with Tool anytime soon. Tool announced November 29 that their tour began January 21 in Texas. Tickets for the show at the Susquehanna Bank Center in Camden had sold out. This tour for the ticket’s show for the Izod Center in East Rutherford on Janu- ary 31 are still available for about $70, but not for long.

1.) Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival

The Coachella Music Festival has always seemed remarkable due to the beauty and warmth of the location, but this year seems too good to be true. Coachella is a camping included festival that is being held April 13, 14, and 15 on the Empire Polo Grounds in Indio, California. A variety of different camping options are available from tra- ditional camping sites to luxurious safari honeymoon tents. Makes this event highly antici- pated for the hopeful hopeful fan list of artists playing. Headliners include Mumford & Sons, The Black Keys and their upcoming album, The Rise, The Re- d, The Rainglow. The Beach Boys, and Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg while other artists include Swed- ish House Mafia, Swedish House Mafia, Coldplay, Recommended tickets are The Black Keys, Radiohead, and their plans to go on tour. Live music is an experience a person can have without dying. This festival is an experience that you will never forget.

Modern Warfare 3 Finishes the Trilogy on Target

Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3 is an enjoyable game that gives my Call of Duty Fix a boost. I can admit, I’m a Call of Duty fan and my Xbox is always on when a new Call of Duty: Modern Warfare (MW) title is released. With the game being released the same day as the release of Van Halen’s 50th anniversary tour, it is clear that I would rush to get it done and just sell the games with the idea that there is another tour coming up. The title of the hate it when I’m right about a game. Modern Warfare 1 and Modern Warfare 2 was fun, but it needed some improvements. Modern Warfare 3 was. After I get my game at Gamestop, I drove back to the house and had a disc in my PlayStation 3, eagerly waiting for the game to load. After playing the game for a few hours, I knew that this game was a winner. With the addition of a new single player campaign game. The game picks up right from the ending of Modern Warfare 2 (and other Call of Duty games), you switch back and forth between the missions to play as different characters. The United States at war with Russia, and the U.S. military is led by Captain John Price is on the hunt for Vladimir Makarov.

With Makarov playing a small role in the game, the storyline revolves around a Russian spy who is the team’s leader in MW 3. Somehow, he became responsible for tricking the Americans to work together against Russian soldiers which I still don’t understand how the Russian army managed to bring together a gigantic army to attack Washington D.C. in MW 2. This adds an air of realism to the game and makes it feel more believable. The story starts out with the camera facing the Russians in New York City, Bos- torvitchevsky, who is the fiction- al head of the Russian military, conference with the U.S. However, Makarov arranges to have the Presi- dent captured to hold off the peace conference. After the kidnapping, Makarov manages to have Russia invade all of Europe and is a devas- tating chemical attack in the capital cities. Again, it’s really unrealistic to have the Americans and players to invade all of Europe in a single day, but it’s a vid- eo game, what do you expect? With the adrenaline rushing ad- diction to MW 3, short game even on the hardest diff- cult settings. With the added older game engine, the game is still visually appealing. The lighting is bright and colorful, believe they are fighting a hope- less battle in Paris against an army of Russian soldiers. However, with today’s Call of Duty games, it’s all about the online multiplayer. Multiplayer in any Call of Duty game is dangerously addicting, and Modern Warfare 3 does not disappoint.

After playing the game, changes how the game plays, enticing players to continue the Modern Warfare series never of- fered before. In this type of mode, everyone drops a dog tag when they get killed. In order for the kill to count, the person has to also be killed and get to hold the dog tag. A few artists performing are the Black Keys, Radiohead, and their plans to go on tour. Look for the Black Keys to announce a tour that August 5; it plans to be one of the most anticipated musical events of 2012.

If you are interested in this game, you can find prices on websites such as Perez Hilton and other websites that have your teams and your opponents. This game is a definite don’t miss.
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Thirty-Four Years and Counting at the University

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As busy members of the University community, we sometimes forget all that goes into running our professors, organizing our esteemed curriculums, and financing the educational experiment that is higher education. However, standing behind all of these imperative decisions is our Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, standing proudly in the Northeast.

Pearson's specialization is in Russian history, a field which he describes as "a land of fascinating paradoxes. It is the largest landmass in the world, a history of strong state power, and yet people are still able to evoke it and challenge it." He said that even when you think you're flipping through an atlas, Russia always had a "paradoxical quality" to it that he was attracted to. Plus, he grew up during the 1960's, the Cold War period, which increased its perplexing characteristics.

He went on to study Russian history as an undergraduate at Princeton University, and then as a graduate student at the University of North Carolina. However, Pearson did not ever intend to become a professor. In 1978, he started as an assistant Russian history professor, brought for the provost position at Monmouth College in search of the ability to develop as a teacher. When Pearson took the provost position in 1978, the then-college was facing some tough times as the faculty went on a two-week strike in 1979, which led to the removal of President Richard B. Leggett Sr. and Visiting Provost Sam Magill succeeded him in 1980.

Following his hiring, Pearson served on several committees, was Chair of the Academic Policy Committee, Director of the Honors Program, Chair of the Bachelor of Sci- ence, and Chair of Faculty Council, and eventually rose to the Provost position.

After four years at the University, Pearson stepped down as History Dep- artment Chair so that he could work on his second book. Two weeks later, in 1981, Magill asked him to be his Provost. He accepted the job, thinking that it was temporary and he could try his hand at becoming a provost. Magill then still holds the position as Provost. Throughout his time here, Pearson has seen the University go through many changes. Starting out, Pearson said Monmouth had quite a few issues to work with. "It was in very poor condition. The finances were troubled. The enrollment and academic programs were weak. We followed what we have now, and there was a lot of worry of month-to-month how the place was going to survive," he said.

Throughout the drastic positive turnaround that the University has gone through, Pearson said that his role has been used as a model for other institutions. "We have become a university that is mu- tated, respected, and has a strong aca- demic reputation," he said. "We have built the strong Centers of Distinction that exist throughout the campus, such as the Russian history, the Rapid Response Institute, Kislak Real Es- tate, the Political Institute, and the various and schools programs that exist throughout. Moving in a directional role, the Pro- vost is now accountable for all matters concern- ing the faculty. Pearson hires faculty, sets goals and expectations for the University, and determines if they will re- ceive tenure or receive a promotion. The Provost also makes the final decisions for the University commu- nity. He works with the faculty council.

"I always try to figure out the resource that we need to continue educating students with the highest quality of education that we can pilot. It's been very enjoyable to see the University develop as it has," he said.

"When we began to build up enroll- ment, we had resources and money that came in and we had to decide do we spend that money on work and superior professors could be hired here. "We can always continue the provost's job," Pearson said. "We should continue to stretch ourselves, since when you're stretched, you feel good at what you accomplished and you feel better about taking the job." In the working world, you're going to be stretched all the time. There aren't many free rides any more." Pearson said that he dis- tresses when he hears that stu- dents say they graduated Monmouth easily, since that means that students are depriving themselves of a true undergraduate experience.

"People always say it's the best time of your life, but that depends on the circumstances. You never have an opportunity like you do in these four years to explore who you are and to tap into something of in- terest," he said. The Provost teaches the only undergraduate software engi- neering program in the country. On the same note, Pearson hopes to continue educating students with teachers. "We can't just produce and publish high quality work and research while teaching students. One of Pearson's pro- west accomplishments was decreas- ing the professor course load so that professors can have more time to work and research while teaching. Pearson said, "I can find him to be enthusiastic about Russian histor- y." Pearson said, "I think it's pretty good if you're studying a subject, you're still excited to continue with it. I'm still learning about Russian history. I'm working with the students. It's a cli- ché that the students keep you young, but you can still learn a lot about the students. Elias suggests that people openly share their New Year's resolutions be- cause it may help act as a motivator to encourage people to stick to their plan. It places a certain level of ac- countability on the individual. However, if the individual does not set a plan, their goal becomes harder to achieve.

"There may be several things a person needs to achieve their New Year's resolu- tion. That's the likelihood that he or she will succeed with a New Year's resolution," McCar- thy said. "First, set a realistic goal, and it is probably best to iden- tify one instead of numerous goals at the same time. Finally, don't be discouraged if you have a 'slip up.' No one is perfect, and many people make a mistake taking a change, and some 'slip ups' happen, but don't give up, and continue working toward the goal."
From athletes, to icons of entertainment, to intellectuals who have made astounding contributions in their particular fields, many great names have attended our own university. Though some of these people may not have made it to MTV, we can still call them hometown heroes and celebrities.

Who hasn’t heard of the racy reality series Bachelorette started practically in our own backyard? The idea for “Jersey Shore,” which was born at the University, originating from the imagination of Anthony Beltrone, 1998 graduate Professor of Communications, professor, said that she taught him in several production classes as well as a theory class in the 1990’s.

The next “Jersey Shore” name that was once on the rosters at the University may be more familiar. From Manalapan, New Jersey, Mike “The Situation” Sorrentino attended the University as a business student. A Fox News interview in 2011 revealed the entire history of his college education.

Moving to Brookdale Community College and received an associate’s degree before transferring to Kean University and then to Monmouth College, I was always an advanced storage system, which allows scientists to actually manipulate the atomic configuration of the 12 antiferromagnetically coupled atoms that were used to store the bit of data for hours. This research may lead to microprocessors in base in quantum mechanics which can be utilized to solve big problems. Possessing similar properties to the magnets on your refrigerators, the ferromagnets “used by IBM have a unidirectional spin, which is the origin of the atoms’ property of magnetism. They are, according to IBM, a major obstacle for downsizing magnetic data storage to the atomic scale because of the inevitable interaction of neighboring bits with each other due to the presence of magnetic fields. According to IBM’s major obstacle for downsizing magnetic data storage to the atomic scale because of the inevitable interaction of neighboring bits with each other due to the presence of magnetic fields.

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The Other Girls

Monmouth Dance Team Takes Third in The Battle of the Northeast Competition

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If you have ever been to a University football or basketball game than you have certainly seen this hard working group of students perform, whether it be during a time-out of a basketball game or half time at a football game. I’m not talking about the Cheerleaders or the Band. I’m not talking about the Pep Band. I’m talking about the Dance Team.

The University Dance Team was officially recognized during the spring semester of 2001. The team performs at every home football and basketball game as well as every home men and women’s basketball game. This year the dance team consists of nine girls; three juniors, one sophomore, four freshmen and one senior.

Lauren Buonpane, junior math education major, is captain of the dance team, and has been dancing for 15 years. Buonpane came to the University with plans to join the dance team. “I love being able to dance after all these years,” explained Buonpane, “and being involved with the University is great.” As captain Buonpane holds the responsibility of running practices every Monday, Wednesday and Sunday, helping choreograph the dances and being a leader. Buonpane said, “Being a junior and being captain is a lot of work, but the team has really come together this year and I am proud of all the girls for the effort they put in every week.”

In addition to dancing at football and basketball games here at the University, the Dance Team also takes part in competitions, their most recent one taking place in January of this past winter break. The competition took place at South Brunswick High School and was called The Battle of the Northeast. The team placed third in the jazz dance division, finishing behind Rutgers and Providence College. According to Kristen Isaksen, advisor to the team, this was the best the team has ever placed at that particular competition.

Isaksen works at the University as the Associate Director of Financial Aid and has been involved with the Dance Team since it began in the spring of 2001. Isaksen referred to herself as the team’s strongest supporter. “My job is to handle as many administrative tasks as possible so the team can focus on what they do best – dancing,” said Isaksen. She is the middle man between the team and University, attends practices, performances, meetings and travels with the team. Isaksen said, “I really enjoy the time I spend with the team. All of the members are committed to making this team the best it can be. I’m proud of how far the dance team has come over the last 10 years and so years and I’m glad I could be a part of it.”

Lindsey Irwin, is a junior English elementary education major and treasurer for the team. Irwin has been dancing nearly her whole life as well and came to the University with intent to join the team. Irwin handles most monetary tasks for the team such as collecting fees for competitions, clothing and fundraising. Irwin and Buonpane both agreed they prefer dancing for basketball games over football games, because the team has more involvement during the basketball games. At the football games the dance team performs once before the game and once during halftime as opposed to the basketball games where in addition to half time they also perform during time outs. “I love dancing for the University,” said Irwin, “More students should go the games though, the games are more fun when the MAC is full and it’s great to see school spirit.”

The dance team has competed at the NDA Nationals in Daytona, Florida for the past two years and although they are skipping it this semester they plan to come back strong next year. Buonpane said, “It’s an expensive trip but it’s also a lot of fun. With five new girls on the team this year and only one graduating next year we decided to skip this year and practice hard with plans of competing march of 2013.”

Nicole Dobron, junior health studies major, is co-captain of the team. “I love dancing for Monmouth and doing something I love as well as being part of a close group of girls that share the same passion I do,” said Dobron. The position involves helping choreograph, helping with makeup before performances and pretty much whatever the team needs me for she explained. “Sometimes I feel the student body doesn’t realize how hard we work and what really goes into getting prepared for events; it’s not just simple games. Getting prepared for the games, nationals, and or competitions is a ton of work and is extremely time consuming,” Dobron said.

Kick-Off Relay
For Life!

WEST LONG BRANCH – Relay for Life of Monmouth University will be kicking off their fifth birthday celebration on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at 2:30 pm in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center – Anacon Hall. Enjoy free food, activities, and prizes as we kick off this year’s Relay Season.

If you were previously on a team or a participant of Relay and you have pictures from fundraisers you have done, we would like to showcase your fundraiser at this year’s kick-off! Please email your pictures to us at relay@monmouthu.edu.

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All Lifestyles Included

ALL is sending a warm welcome back to the University’s returning students and newcomers!

Just a reminder that ALL meets every Wednesday on the third floor of the Student Center (in the corner near the Afflilo conference room) at 3:30 pm.

We have a lot of exciting events and fun social gatherings this semester including our fabulous, annual drag show and so much more!

Come check us out, we are always doing something entertaining and getting everyone involved!

Begin by Believing

Begin by Believing is having a general club meeting Wednesday, February 1 at 3:30 pm in the student center’s carol affiliate conference room. We will be talking about spring events.

Alpha Xi Delta

Welcome back to another exciting semester! We hope everyone had a fantastic break.

Just a reminder that Formal Spring Recruitment is January 27-29.

We encourage all eligible girls interested to come out and see what all the sororities have to offer!

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If you won the lottery, what would you do with the money?

COMPILED BY: JACKLYN KOUEFATI

Nicole
sophomore
“I would put a portion in an account for my kids and then buy a house for myself.”

Peter
junior
“I would take off and concentrate on things I love doing, like music.”

Allison
sophomore
“Pay off my college tuition.”

Matt
junior
“I’ve always wanted a Great Dane, so my money would go towards that.”

Marisa
sophomore
“Probably travel. I would definitely go to Europe.”

Allison
sophomore
“I’d give half of it to charity and do something crazy with the rest of it.”

Phil
sophomore
“Buy a house on the beach.”

Tehya
sophomore
“I would put a portion away in savings and I would buy a car since I live out of state.”

Nicole
sophomore
“I would pay off school and save the rest for after I graduate.”

Liz
sophomore
“I would probably travel the world and see everything that I’ve always wanted to see.”

Tahya
sophomore
“Buy a house on the beach.”
all your favorite beauty brands, makeup application & so much more!

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Overall, when it came to making a comic book in general, getting it published, and having others read it, Frederick summed up this excitement by saying, “There’s an adrenaline rush when you’re holding your book in your hands. That’s you.”

“Alexander Kristov” is about a young boy who runs away after his dad dies in an “accident,” and as he matures, he becomes a mercenary for the KGB. The story also required a large amount of research for Frederick, who studied Russia and its cities like Leningrad.

She described the experience as “frightening, gut-wrenching, and awesome. If they still had the competition, I’d do it again in a heartbeat.”

Frederick explained the zuda competition by saying that it was not only the United States, but other countries like Russia and China competing against each other with their online comics. “Everybody had the same tools starting out, and whatever you did with the pages was up to you.” She also mentioned how creators were successful immediately in the Zuda completion, and that the comments sections were alive with conversations.

Yet, Frederick mentioned that not all of her projects worked out quite as well as that’s the part of playing in the comic book industry.

Sarah Savarese, Director of Enrollment Publications and Communications, is quite familiar with Frederick’s comic book escapades and said, “I think it’s great that Janine is so engaged and active in comic book writing. She enjoys it very much, and I’ve seen her garnered increased attention to her talent in this area since she started working in my office.”

Savarese herself has a connection to the comic book world with her husband, who attended the Joe Kubert School in Dover. “What’s cool is that he recognizes names of people he went to school with when we’re looking at what’s new in the comic book shop. Who knows, maybe I’ll see Janine on those racks one day too,” she continued to say.

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She said, “I wanted [the story] to feel cool but I didn’t think I’d do anything with it at all. By way of [her husband] Ken drawing comics, I wanted a crack at writing comics.”

Since then, her foray into the comic book industry has included stories with small publishers as well as second place in a competition by Zuda Comics (DC Comics defunct online comics’ site) in 2010 for “Alexander Kristov,” written by Frederick and drawn by her husband, Dorian, in the comic book anthology, “Out of Our Minds.”

Writing “Awaken” took about three hours to write. “You are communicating with a writer and an editor and telling them what’s in your head. You have to picture things as writer, producer, and director all in one. Writing comics is the most challenging thing”, Frederick added.

For Dorian’s art, Frederick said, “I wanted [the story] to feel ether real. You can look at the pictures and study the pictures. He lays out the pages so it isn’t messy, it’s interesting.” Their collaboration continued throughout the story and the layout of the pages to make sure the art matched the script’s tone.

From here, Frederick saw that Dorian understood her story, and “he made it even more beautiful than it was in my head.” Dorian, who studied under artist Mark Texeria ("Ghost Rider"), also used Wilson Hall as inspiration for the story as well as places in Italy where he had studied art.

While Frederick would write her story independently, she found guidance for trying to tell the best story possible online. Experience, where eager writers and artists communicate online, but those in the program will meet each month for sessions in the evening. Frederick said, “We all want to see each other succeed.”

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Women’s Basketball Team Picking Up Steam
Hawks Have Won Their Last Seven Games After Starting 3-8

MAGGIE ZELINKA STAFF WRITER

The saying “there’s no place like home” could not have been truer for the Lady Hawks basketball team this past weekend. All five of the students of the University were reunited with a winter break, the same could not be said about their team. From December 21 to January 1, the Lady Hawks played six games. Heading into the month long break, the women held a losing record of 3-8. By January 15, the Hawks managed to improve their record to an even 8-8 by winning five consecutive games.

The first team the women opposed this weekend was the Monmouth Hawks, who held a 5-1 record. The Hawks were no match for the Hawks. Monmouth was the dominant team throughout the game. The key player of that team was the Monmouth was the dominating record of 3-8. By January 15, the Hawks managed to improve their record to a winning 8-8 by winning five consecutive games.

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SPORTS

RJ Allen Selected
Fifth Overall in MLS Supplemental Draft

The Outlook Staff Writer

Allen's career came to a close with a total of 37 points on seven goals and 23 assists. He was monument-
ally honored in helping Monmouth make three straight NCAA Tournament appearances and four-straight conference regular season championships. He was named to the second straight All-American Honor and third All-Re-

First Team honors.

Monmouth University:
Where Leaders Look Forward...To The Pros

DAN GUINDERMAN
Staff Writer

Monmouth University; the small private college planted in the heart of New Jersey has never before been a place where professionals
surrender. The Hawks have to have a smattering of soft fighters to get professional contracts,-counterattends the opinion that they were heading in.

They were number one in the nation, number two in the league. Once his sophomore year
came around, he only continued to improve, contributing more and more to the team.

Although Clark played midfield he still recognizes the meaning of 'team,' and what it means to work together in order to win. "I couldn't imagine anything without my team," expressed Clark. "You're not just going to receive any awards if you don't win." With a mentality like that, it is no wonder why the Universitiy's soccer team is one of the best in the nation. Being named the player of the year is a huge accomplishment. "It's pretty exciting," Clark explained. "I worked really hard so it's good to see that all my hard work pays off!"

Clark's road to success starts right and early at six in the morning when he wakes up to ensure that he can get his full workload in before practice and class. With such strong dedication and a cliché "I can't sacrifice what I'm doing now to better my future," are words that Clark lives by.

Looking up to professional soccer players Christian Renaldos and Zen-

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Continued Over Winter Break

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