New Dorm Building in the Works

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Plans for another student residence hall are in the making at the University. Construction will begin in the spring of 2013 semester and open in the fall of 2014 for sophomore students. Further changes will be brought to campus in result of the residential hall.

“President for Administrative Services, Patricia Swannack stated the residential hall will be built in Lot 6 near the library and confirmed the hall’s opening in fall 2014. “Lot 6 is close to all the halls with the exception of the Garden and Great Lawn Apartments. There are limited utilities to relocate which saves money and there are not any local residents that could be negatively impacted by building a residence hall at this location,” said Swannack.

According to Associate Vice President for Student Services, Jim Pillar, the new dormitory will primarily house sophomore students. “Our goal is to make sure that the new building will ensure that every first and second-year student will have a bed on campus,” said Pillar.

Construction on a new residential hall will start in the spring and will finish in 2014.

Associate Director of Housing Operations, Raymond D. Gonzalez, who viewed the floor plans, explained the rooms will be similar to Elmwood. “It’s a good size, your traditional corridor style,” said Gonzalez. The hall is expected to be equipped with air-conditioning and have primarily double rooms with possibly a few triple rooms.

The Hawk’s Nest convenience store located in the student center will be moved to the first floor of the residential building. “It is my understanding that the convenience store in the student center will be closing and an

Hawks Fly Together in Hurricane Relief Efforts

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The University proves its goal to be true with the new organization created to help Hurricane Sandy victims called Hawks Fly Together for Relief. The Student Government Association (SGA) was chosen to run the new-found program. “We didn’t want people going to the same group time after time. We just thought if there was one group that was the focal point and spearheaded the challenge, that it would be a little more organized,” said Patti Swannack, Vice President for Administrative Services.

Oscar Sanchez, the President of SGA, did not expect SGA to get to monitor all of the relief efforts. He said, “The voice of the students we were glad to take on the responsibility to make sure that things ran in an organized manner.”

However, a person does not have to be a part of SGA to make a donation or hold a fundraiser. Delta Phi Epsilon was selling silicon bracelets before the Thanksgiving break in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center. On the bracelets reads the repeated motto for Hurricane Sandy relief efforts, “Re-vive Rebuild Recover.”

Along with the bracelets being sold, the sorority was also selling donated items from Work Out World Gym (WOW). Kate Muller, the President of Delta Phi Epsilon, explained that their fundraiser would not have been as successful as it was if it were not for WOW. The sorority raised around $600, according to Muller.

Heather Kelly, the Assistant Director of Student Activities for Multicultural and Diversity Initiatives, said that there was also an event called Pie a Greek/Professor that was held on November 15 to raise money for Hawks Fly Together for Relief. She explained that other events are coming up; it has just been difficult for people to pull together quickly. There is one big event the program is working on for December.

On December 14, the Wave of Hope Benefit Concert will be held in Anacon Hall. Kelly Craig, the Vice President of SGA and the Chair of the benefit concert, explained that there are going to be about seven or eight bands performing throughout the day.
Comedian J. Chris Newberg performed “Comedy Meets Music” at the Oakwood Hall lounge on November 13. Newberg’s act included jokes, songs and dance directly to the audience. “I do things that are adult oriented,” Newberg said. “If I offend someone, it’s OK.”

Race, sex, gender, abortion, history, religion and health were all utilized topics in his performance. Many times during the show, he would stop and ask someone in the audience what they wanted to hear or respond to an individual’s reactions. “Were you afraid of that joke?” Newberg asked an audience member after watching her reaction.

Jorge Santiago, a sophomore, said his favorite part of the performance was when Newberg personally joked with him about his first name being Jorge instead of George. “I thought it was pretty funny, I liked it,” Santiago said.

Twenty-one students attended the comedy show. “I’ve been stressed out lately so I figured I’d come and have a nice laugh,” said Jackie Shugard, a freshman. At the end of the performance she said, “I didn’t love it, but I didn’t hate it. I thought it was good.”

Newberg said he enjoyed performing for the students because they were polite, laughed at his jokes and paid attention to him. “You were my favorite audience to play for,” he said. “This is why I do it.”

“Coffee House” was the theme of the event so the SAB provided coffee and refreshments for the students who attended. The SAB brought Newberg to the University in order for the students to enjoy a comedy show after a long break due to Hurricane Sandy.

Comedian J. Chris Newberg has appeared on television shows like “Jimmy Kimmel Live” and “Comedy Central’s Premium Blend.”

Plans to Build New Residence Hall for 2014

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extension will be opened in the new hall,” said Swannack.

The convenience store will have an exit and entryway to campus so it will be accessible to all students, not just residents of the hall. Pillar said, “It will be convenient. However, Memphian already has a store that would help with the University’s goal of getting effective meal service on the North Campus.”

The Hawk’s Nest convenience store in the new hall will continue to be run by ARAMARK. Edward R. Gomez, Sr. Food Service Director of ARAMARK, said, “It will be a great opportunity to provide equipment and more space to offer a larger variety of items.”

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PARTI SWANNACK
Vice President of Academic Services

There are already several benches for students to sit.

Some students, such as senior Emily Blanchette, worry about the affects of building a residential hall on Lot 6 will have on parking at the University. “I think that another dorm is necessary because many sophomores are forced to move off campus due to lack of housing. However, Memphian already has a parking issue. If they are going to build a new dorm on top of a parking lot, they should build a new parking lot as well to counteract this issue,” said Blanchette.

Swannack stated that MUPD monitors parking spaces every two hours to report how long a space is occupied. According to these reports, due to students entering and leaving campus at various times, there are allegedly enough parking spaces for students. As for the spaces that were in Lot 6, “Parking for library users and non-resident students will be accommodated in Lot 23 and in areas on the North Campus,” said Swannack.

In order for students to safely enter the library from Lot 23, there will be a walkway built. Swannack stated, “As part of the Library and Residence Hall Zoning applications, we proposed constructing a pedestrian walkway from the corner of Norwood and Cedar Ave at a 45-degree angle to the front of the library. The walkway will be very similar to the walkway in front of Wilson Hall and will include several benches for students to sit.”

According to Pillar, students are not expected to see the cost of the upcoming construction impact their tuition. “Residence halls over their long run pay for themselves,” said Pillar. Currently, a name has not been decided on for the residence hall. In the meantime, students and faculty of the University can anticipate for the future addition. Pollak Theatre and trips for shopping in New York City and the Jersey Shore Premium Outlets this year.

Some students were unable to attend the show because Newberg was not on time. “I wanted to go to the show and I was planning on it, but when it got delayed 45 minutes I couldn’t go,” said Elisha Hendelson, a junior. “I had to go to work so I was pretty disappointed about him not coming on time.”

Newberg’s flight was delayed. His appearance was planned for 7 pm, although, he was unable to arrive until 7:45 pm. His show was over an hour long.

At the end of the show, Newberg gave the audience his twitter name, @thechrisarmy. He offered a free CD to anyone who followed him on the website.

Newberg has appeared on “America’s Got Talent,” “Jimmy Kimmel Live,” “Last Comic Standing 4,” “Comedy Central’s Premium Blend” and has performed with comedian, Dane Cook. He has been doing comedy for 12 years, he said.

“Newberg has spent much of his adult life on the road. Whether it was performing in a bar just shy of capacity or to his eventual gathering and collecting members of the Chris Army, his loyal fans,” according to laughfactory.com. “With his friends at Comedy.com, Newberg has written and produced dozens of short humorous videos that have received well over seven million views.”

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NON RESIDENT STUDENTS
& LIBRARY PATRONS ONLY

The new residential hall will be built on Lot 6 near the library.
University Students to Take a Trip to Russia

FLYING FROM KIEV TO MOSCOW ON MAY 28, those on the trip will then be staying in the Pekin Hotel, which is one mile from Red Square and the Kremlin. It is also very near to theaters, restaurants and the Tchaikovsky Concert Hall, which is across the street. From May 29 to May 30, attendees will experience the Golden Ring, which was the center of Russian civilization during the 13th and 14th centuries. The group will go to Suzdal to see the local monasteries, the Navalny Cathedral and the Museum of Wooden Architecture. They will later go on a tour of Vladimir, which will include the Golden Gates and the St. Dmitry and Assumption Cathedrals of the 12th century. Lunch will be provided on both days.

During the period of May 30 to June 2, the tour will involve sightseeing throughout Moscow, the city with the largest number of billionaires. This excursion will involve seeing Kremlin and the Red Square, the armory Museum and the Tretyakov Art Gallery, among other attractions. The following day will be a free day.

The ensuing trip through the area will include the Peter and Paul Fortress, the Hermitage Museum, and a tour to Pushkin, the summer palace of the Tsars. Peterhof is known for lavish gardens and gold fountains.

In discussing The Hermitage, Pearson indicated that the group would have two or three scheduled time to tour the building. He added that free time is scheduled for immediately thereafter, so people who want to continue touring can do so. Pearson said, “I told them that if you were to spend half an hour in each room, it would take three and a half years to see everything.”

The group will then experience an academic visit to the university in St. Petersburg or the Russian Law Clinic to discuss, with faculty and students, current developments in Russia, with the specific topics to be defined by the touring group.

“I try to take groups to Russia. I see it as part of my teaching and a learning experience in general,” said Pearson.

The trip is well worth the price. It was also not that expensive. With everything included (travel costs, hotels, food, and souvenirs) the trip cost me less than $4,000. So really for all that we did while on the trip it was actually pretty cheap,” said Woods.

Hawks Fly Together for Relief

From May 25 to June 7 of this year, students will have the opportunity to travel to Russia and Ukraine. There will also be donation drives, and vendors selling items to raise money. There will be a donation drive at 11 a.m. and a van to raise money.

Joe Ford, president of the Student Center, is a ban-

ner that was sent from students in Florida. Heather Kelly said, “We’ve really been spending almost as much time replying to people who have absolutely no ties to the community and around the United States as we have to request to Monmouth. The MU Sandy Relief Funds created by Governor Chris Christie and The MU Sandy Relief Funds. The MU Sandy Relief Funds are aimed at students, employees and alumni who have been affected by Hurricane Sandy. Heather Kelly explained that the people who will be chosen for this donation will be through an application process. She think it’s important too that we don’t forget the people around us and there are people who are truly suffering at the University right now,” said Heather Kelly.

Heather Kelly continued to explain that the group has raised about $700 to date. She said that the exact number is still a mystery but the previous fundraising has reached the $700 mark.

According to Swannack, the University has never done anything like this before. “We’ve never ever experienced a super storm where it had such dramatic impact on so many people,” she said. However, she explained that the University would absolutely do it again if it were warranted.

If anyone wishes to get involved or get more information on Hawks Fly Together for Relief, go on the website at www.monmouth.edu/relief. The website has information on how to make a donation, who to contact, how to volunteer and stories from previous volunteers.

Sanchez said, “Nobody can do everything, but everybody can do something. Lend a hand, hug or smile wherever you can as we make it through this tough time.”
November 28, 2012

University News

Many doctors are starting to feel that the pill Plan B should be given under a prescription rather than just over the counter.

It's a pressing issue, Brunner added, because babies born to teens have been shown to fare poorly compared with their peers. Among other problems, they are more likely to do poorly in school and suffer behavior problems such as truancy and early sexual activity.

Emergency contraceptives such as levonorgestrel, if taken within three to five days, can prevent pregnancy by stopping the ovary from releasing an egg or by stopping sperm from fertilizing an egg. The drugs are also thought to change the uterine lining, thwarting a pregnancy that might otherwise take hold inside the National Library of Medicine.

But emergency contraception pills are most effective when they're used within the first 24 hours after unprotected sex, Brunner said, and teens are more likely to use them if they're readily available. That's why it's imperative to get those prescriptions ahead of time so that, when condoms break or they forget to take their birth control pill, they can still get them over the counter. The doctors can also prescribe levonorgestrel as a brand name like Plan B and Next Choice, and their possible side effects include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and an unusual and unpredictable menstrual cycle.

Young women who are 17 or older can already get emergency contraceptives over the counter, provided they can show proof of age and can cover the cost. They don't have to be paid for, though it varies.

Younger teens require prescriptions, and some pharmacies require parental consent, according to the Emergency Contraception Coalition, a joint project of the Association of Reproductive Health Professionals and Princeton University's Office of Population Research. There are no state or federal requirements that parents of teens be notified when their children seek contraception, the site says.

Younger teens who want to go to gynecologists for advice, pediatri- cians must be ready to provide as much information as possible about abor- tion options as possible, said Dr. Jodie Liples, an OB-GYN at Marina Del Rey Hospital in Los Angeles who wasn't involved in drafting the academ- ical statement.

Pediatricians don't prescribe emergency contraceptives for patients under 13, and if the teen said may be linked to doctors' beliefs about whether it's appropriate for teens to sexually active.
Hurricane Sandy Causes Professors to Revamp Finals

Some professors have not yet figured out or explained to their students how final exams, papers and the last week of classes are going to play out, giving students less time to prepare.

Even if the changes to class schedules were clear, some of The Outlook editors still find the adjustments frustrating. Professors who opt for final exams still have to fit them into the end of the semester without designated exam periods and therefore still have to cram so many weeks of material into a shortened time. With students confused and overwhelmed, and even possibly unaware of schedule changes, the always stressful final week of the semester just became that much more difficult.

Students don’t even get a reprieve during all of the schedule confusion. Once they catch up on the work they missed during the power outage it’s time to start cramming for finals. There has been no chance to take a break and chances are students will not be able to until winter break. When it comes down to it, the editors at The Outlook understand why it was necessary to change finals week to meet federal requirement. They understood that professors had to get a reprieve during all the chaos so many weeks of material into one week to meet federal requirement.

While others just simply had to cut back and make due dates and final exams fit the new schedule. Many are thankful, however, that there was no other option that allowed students to go home after December 21. The Outlook editors (unless otherwise noted) or members did not have the luxury of being able to look into the future or take a week off to plan their strategy. Most due dates had to be adjusted accordingly, but most likely there will still be as many exams as there would have been without the storm.

Overall, the amount of work has changed, but some students are confused as to what they have to do for their individual classes. Students are used to basing whether or not they have to go to class the last week of the semester on the exams they have to take. This year, both students and faculty members will have to adjust accordingly in order to be prepared for finals week.

Many of the editors said that they would be fine with the schedule change as long as they knew what was going on in their individual classes. Some professors have not yet figured out or explained to their students how final exams, papers and the last week of classes are going to play out, giving students less time to prepare.

The opinion of most of The Outlook editors is that the coursework they were given at the beginning of the semester is not going to change. Very few professors altered the content of their syllabi due to the storm. Most due dates were adjusted accordingly, but most likely there will still be as many exams as there would have been without the storm.

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Classic movie just never seem to fade away. You all know exactly what I mean. It’s about ‘The Goonies’, ‘Grease’, ‘Pulp Fiction’, ‘Die Hard’, and ‘The Muppet Christmas Carol’ – all classics, if you will. These are the movies that come to mind when you hear the holiday season. Home Alone, A Christmas Story, It’s a Wonderful Life, and Frosty the Snowman. These movies have a special place within all of us; they are too good not to love.

What’s the big deal about these movies anyway?

Well besides the fact that they are PHENOMENAL, they were passed down from one older sibling to another, and our parents. I remember being five years old sitting around the television with my family, watching ‘That’s How the Grinch Stole Christmas’, a movie that my parents had watched when they were kids.

They even watched Frosty the Snowman and Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer when they were young. There is a tradition that comes with each classic movie. How could you not respect such holiday classics?

Considering that the holiday season has been here for a few weeks. Why is it that we are only just now realizing that Christmas is right around the corner? I mean, I can understand that it’s November, but is it really that late?

It seems that over the past few years the holiday season has been getting longer, and every year all of the holidays seem to be becoming more and more commercial, especially Christmas. I started seeing ads about upcoming Black Friday sales in October, and it all seems ridiculous.

Yes, stores do need to make money, but they already know that this is the most profitable shopping season of the year. I’m telling you. There is no need to start people’s buying habits in November. There are other sales throughout the year, but not this early. It’s not about increasing sales, it’s about increasing the sales.

What goes on inside the stores is a whole other story. When I was shopping for Halloween decorations in late September, there were aisles already filled with bright red and green ornaments and silver tinsel. It was barely a month into school. Why did I need to worry about decorating for a holiday that was two months away? The whole idea that people were already preparing for Christmas seemed inconsiderate and absurd. Why did anyone need to buy decorations in September? They are just going to end up being knocked off shelves.

Holiday traditions can also be brought to campus. Bringing in 500 sugar cookies for Christmas, it’s sitting in on a Wednesday night watching the turkey, the Christmas Carol, and the entire ‘Grease’ collection hits the radio hardcore, 24 hours a day for a month and a half.

The holiday season is a time to spend with family and friends, but it can also be stressful. The pressure to buy the ‘perfect’ gift for someone can be overwhelming. But remember, it’s not about the gift itself, it’s about the gesture and the thought behind it.

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University Community Adjusts to Schedule Changes
Superstorm Sandy Causes Professors, Students to Alter Original Plans as Semester is Shortened

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It has been almost a month since Superstorm Sandy has hit, and both students and faculty are trying to get back to a sense of normalcy. There has been some dispute as to how the rest of the semester will go now that the storm has brought a shortened semester.

Students have had to meet their original deadlines as professors continue to follow the original schedule, although adjusting and trying not to over-load their students.

“My professor has been making adjustments to a lot of assignments, and I had to go to a make-up class, so it has been a bit more stressful because there is even more of a workload than there usually is this time of year,” said Mary Fulco, junior. “I have been spending a lot of time at the library trying to get things done because now I do not have a lot of extra time.”

It is not only the students that have been stressed about the constrained semesters. Several professors have had to change test dates, due dates, and to revise their syllabi schedule for the rest of the semester.

“For the most part, my courses are following their current syllabi,” said Dr. Stanley Blair, English professor.

“Because of several university closures on assignment due dates, some of those due dates necessarily had to be shifted later by a week or two. In the case of a few courses of one of our instructors, I have changed the course content delivery method from student presentations to lecture and discussion to ensure that course content is delivered effectively. The post-Thanksgiving portions of my courses are generally unaffected,” says Dr. Blair.

There have been a lot of adjustments for both students and professors alike, especially seeing as some are still having issues with transportation and power. Even with all the extra students of one of our classes, the professor remains optimistic.

“I firmly believe in working hard but with all the work that’s due it has been hard,” says KevinDevlin, sophomore. “I am planning to graduate this spring. “I believe that if students work hard, they can rise to the challenge. I have just been working longer and working more on my schoolwork. That is all I can do.”

Most professors were just affected by the storm as students were, so it seems that there is a general understanding that it will be a while before things get completely back to normal.

“I, myself, was fortunate in that my home neither lost power nor sustained any flooding. I do know, however, that many of my students were not so lucky,” says Dr. Johanna Foster, gender studies professor. “From what I can tell, most students lost power to try inside. It is, however, good that they are following their current syllabus while others are revising their syllabi while others are loading their students.

“While the Superstorm caused destruction, hardship, and inconvenience, it also had more positive effects, providing an opportunity for us individually to reflect on what is important in our lives and collectively helping to foster sincere sympathy and communal solidarity."

Dr. STANLEY BLAIR
Associate Professor

Exercising indoors Made Possible with Some Creativity
Use Imagination to Keep Cold Weather from Standing in the Way of Staying in Shape

RACHEL GRAMUGLA
STAFF WRITER

As the temperature drastically takes a turn for the chilly-willies, people are finding it harder and harder to keep up with their workout routines. Everybody is susceptible to the cold, not just the people who are cold outside to get a workout in your yard.

Get ready to work up a sweat. Because I know I did.

I decided, in order to give you guys the best at-home workouts I possible can, I will list the best at-home workouts, the best, “As people, the entire university community was affected by Superstorm Sandy. Regardless of the role each of us plays in that community, we are all here first.”

It will take months for all of us to recover from the devastation that has occurred from Hurricane Sandy, especially in our area which did suffer significant damage.

However, it seems that returning to normality is the best thing we can do, as we should not let what happened rule our lives. As a community we have and all strive towards one goal- successfully finishing the semester and growing from these experiences to become more prepared and more appreciative of what we do have in our lives.

We all need to remain as a community and remain strong.

Exercise should now be a possible alternative to making the drive to the gym. Raquel Warehouse (above) demonstrates how people can perform the art of yoga at home in their own living room.

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The national debt clock keeps track of United States debt at all times. The United States debt is over 18 trillion dollars.

Gridlock: Where No One Wins

Republicans and Democrats are Digging in and not Будding on Crucial Issues

The political gridlock in Washington D.C. is a stalemate between Democrats and Republicans when they disagree about how to proceed. Assistant Communication Professor Michael Phillips-Anderson says, “Gridlock refers to the two parties not finding a way to compromise on legislation.” According to a CNN article, in 2011 the gridlocks were due to budget talks. In the state legislature, “Now, as the year 2012 comes to a close, and tax hikes and spending cuts are slated to kick in, Congressional leaders and White House officials find themselves dangerously close to that stalemate.”

Dr. Charles Cotton of the Political Science Department says that “gridlock is a system in Washington, there will always be a focus on opposing each other. Yes, because the parties (Republican and Democrat) are so similar, there will always be gridlock.” Cotton said, “They’re never going to be friends and to respect each other more than people think. Politicians do their job because they care about people. They just go about it in very different ways.”

Gridlock in Washington often creates economic stress. In fact, at the end of 2011, Congress’s approval rating amongst the public was the lowest it had ever been recorded. The year 2011 also happened to be Congress’s least efficient year in getting legislation passed and signed.

So, as a college student, one may be wondering how this gridlock affects college students. It affects you at all. Katelyn Na- roy, a senior communication and political science major, said, “College students should care about how they vote and the increasing spending.” Phillips-Anderson agrees, “It’s [gridlock] stopping the negotiations that has an impact now and will continue to affect students when they graduate.”

As far as the fiscal cliff and gridlock are concerned, Cotton said, “National interests supersede politics. The decision is really about whether we should let the Bush-era tax cuts expire, if we should let them continue, or if maybe it is time to try something new.” Part of the reason is that government almost shut down last year was because an agreement could not be made as to how to solve the national debt crisis. Congress managed to extend the talks and buy some time, but the debt is not going away on its own, and a decision needs to be made.

Now, some are probably wondering how the fiscal cliff problem can be solved. Unfortunately, it seems that as long as people think and take interest in politics, there will always be opposition. But that does not mean that students cannot make a difference if they really want to.

According to Cotton, “Young people can make a difference. If more people get involved, we can see change. The trends are progressing in a certain way. These trends are moving towards the Democratic majority. The middle line that separates the two parties is shifting too. If young people want to see change, they need to get involved at an early age. They need to vote, and get others involved and change will happen. They will see it.”
The College Democrats Club Comes to the University
The College Democrats of Monmouth University Hope to get Campus Talking about Politics

JESSICA ROBERTS
Staff Writer

University students are joining together to form a College Democrats club to campus. The College Democrats of Monmouth University (CDMU) is an organization that will focus on spreading and promoting the beliefs of the Democratic Party and getting students more involved in the political scene.

The College Democrats of America (CDOA) was founded in 1932 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt was running for office. President Roosevelt’s campaign recognized the importance of the youth vote and used that to their advantage by getting college students involved in the campaign.

It was not until 1980 that the organization became an official branch of the Democratic National Committee. Ever since then, the College Democrats of America have worked extensively on campaigns, making a huge difference in the youth vote turnout, notably President Barack Obama’s.

Elizabeth Anderson, an upper-classman and one of the founders of CDMU stated, “The goals of our club are to further the Democratic organization and political activism among students who are apathetic to political events. We want to get involved in local campaigns, and are excited for the upcoming Governor’s Race.”

According to the College Democrats website, College Democrats support the views of the Democratic Party which spread from social issues to economic issues as well. The Democratic Party has mainly advocated this year for civil rights, the environment, health insurance reform, and energy independence. Their belief is to have equal rights and opportunities under civil rights for everyone, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, or disability.

They advocate for the LGBT community rights for Civil Unions, and having equal benefits. They also support women’s rights in health care and equal pay. They believe in energy resources that can help not only the economy but the environment as well. By using green energy, the party believes not only will the United States become energy independent, but it will create green energy companies that will boost the economy and protect the environment, which will act as a stepping stone to have a culture here on campus with very conservative and very liberal students that can disagree on issues but still be friends.”

DR. JOSEPH PATTEN
Chair of the Political Science and Sociology Department

It’s really important to have thriving young Democrats and Republicans to help spread political awareness. It is really nice to have a culture here on campus with very conservative and very liberal students that can disagree on issues but still be friends.”

MU Fly High at Rutgers Tournament

The Debate Hawks won six trophies at Rutgers during their most recent tournament.

PHOTO COURTESY of Joseph Patten
Wave of Hope

Benefit Concert

Friday, December 14th
7:00 pm Anacon Hall
doors open at 6:30 pm
tickets are $7 at the door

all proceeds benefit those affected
by Hurricane Sandy*

*50% of our proceeds will go to the Hurricane Sandy New Jersey Relief Fund, and 50% will go to the MU Sandy Relief Fund which directly benefits Monmouth University students, alumni, and employees who were impacted by Hurricane Sandy.
Do you believe the holidays have become too materialistic?

**COMPiled by: Alexis Orlacchio**

Megan
**junior**
"I do because I feel like it’s more about presents than being with your family."

Nick
**senior**
"Yes, but I also feel that it depends on the age."

Ray
**junior**
"Yes, there is too much of a focus on the buying instead of enjoying and appreciating."

Daniel
**freshman**
"For Thanksgiving I don’t think it’s too materialistic because it’s about being together. But I think the people who go out for Black Friday are."

Sarah
**junior**
"My friends and I set a spending limit and usually make each other gifts, so it’s not materialistic among us."

Jeremy
**freshman**
"I think we’ve lost touch with the spirit of the holidays with Black Friday and Cyber Monday."

Jenna
**junior**
"I think people still have Christmas spirit, I don’t think that will ever go away."

Lou
**senior**
"Yes, people are getting too caught up with gifts. We should be thinking about who we’re going to spend the holiday with not just the gifts we’re going to get them."

Allie
**senior**
"I guess it has in some ways. I think people have a lot of wants. I think it’s important also to realize the holidays are about family and not forgetting that when you’re buying your new TV."

Robert
Professor of Communication
"It depends on what your definition of ‘materialistic’ is. I don’t think that my celebration is materialistic. The faith-based origin of things may be lacking but it’s still a celebration."
Inexpensive Gifts Certain to Please

**Taylor Swift** and her music are part of the reason country has become widespread on the airwaves.

Taylor Swift, by giving his own opinion on why country has recently captured America’s attention. “Country is not country anymore,” he said. Many people believe that country music is just a music style, and not a genre. Swift has recently captured a large audience because he is not just making music, but he is also making music that is personalized for his fans. He has made music that is relatable to his fans, and it has become popular all over the world. Swift’s music is not just about making money, but it is about making music that is relatable to his fans. He has made music that is relatable to his fans, and it has become popular all over the world.

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The Foreigner, Monsters, and French language

Justin Franco, Staff Writer

The Foreigner, a new film that recently played in the Weinberg Theatre, is directed by Ousmane Sembene, who is a major figure in West African cinema. This film is a major milestone in its treatment of human rights issues, focusing on the mistreatment of soldiers who fought for the French during World War II. The film is a powerful reminder of the importance of remembering and learning from the past.

The plot of the film centers around a former black soldier, Charlie, who has returned to France after the war, only to find that he is shunned by society. The film explores themes of racism, justice, and the importance of remembering the sacrifices made by soldiers of all races.

The film features an all-black cast, with outstanding performances by Bryan Hargen and Zoe Bulitt. Bryan Hargen plays Charlie, the main character, and Zoe Bulitt plays his wife, Ellie May Simms. Both actors deliver powerful performances, bringing the characters to life with depth and emotion.

The film is a study in the prejudice black soldiers face even when they risk their lives to save others. The camp where the soldiers are stationed is located in the desert, and the pace is very barren, dry, and lonely. The soldiers have to turn to each other for support. The film explores the theme of resilience and the importance of community in times of adversity.

Racism is the Real Battle in Camp de Thiaroye

Ian Silakowski, Staff Writer

This past Monday I had the pleasure of seeing the film Camp de Thiaroye, which is the basis for last year’s Provost Film Series. It was hosted by Dr. Thomas S. Pearson, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

“I believe these films will give us a deeper appreciation of not only the configuration of Africa, but the culture of the different factions, but also we will come to appreciate the traditional cultural practices and emphases of various African cultures,” said Pearson.

This movie, set during World War II, tells the stories of the African soldiers who fought for the French during the war. The film explores the challenges faced by these soldiers as they were treated as second-class citizens by the French military. The film is a powerful reminder of the importance of remembering and learning from the past.

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ENTERTAINMENT

“So You Think You Can Dance” Comes to the MAC

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The top 12 finalists of FOX’s reality show “So You Think You Can Dance” kicked off their 30-city tour at the MAC on Saturday night, one of the last few stops on a 30-city tour. The tour finale was a chance for contestants to show off what they learned during their time on the show, as well as entirely new routines.

“So You Think You Can Dance” is also an opportunity for the audience to vote for their favorite dancer. The Emmy award-winning show was started in 2005 by Simon Fuller, creator of the TV series “The X Factor,” and is set in the minds behind “American Idol.” In his pre-recorded introduction of the show, Fuller said, “We want to give America’s favorite summer program” a chance to set the tone.

The audience was mostly female. The few men there looked to be fans, mostly around 30 or so years old. The pre-show included commercials for sponsors such as London Fog and Windex. It’s safe to say that this was their expected demographic. Of course, not only little girls went with their parents. Danielle Febus of Hackettstown is 27 and attended the show with her parents. She said she was attracted to the show because she was interested in dance. Many attendees had dance experience. Sue Szuezo of Ocean Town-ship was introduced as a finalist in a selection series since the beginning. She used to coach gymnastics and currently attends a mostly water-based golfing school classes. Suezo said that she could have won the show, but that gives a great opportunity to young people to share their talent. The jets were once again the focus. One of the people is finalist Amelia Lowe, a native of Butler, New Jersey. The 18-year-old started dancing since she was three. In an interview with FOX.com, Lowe described dance as being very important. “Not only are you dancing that you’ve done on the show, but you’re doing new ones,” she said.

Occasionally, the audience would recognize a routine as one of their favorites and they would applaud in the beginning of the dance. One such recognition was during a hip-hop rec- ture. Applause was reserved for the end of performances. Early on, a young boy clapped during a jazz piece, and the viewer might think that was worth clapping for. Oh no, the only thing worthy of mid-performance appla- use was when one of the male finalists performed as a female. There is something particularly impressive about being able to hold a girl up while jumping on her calf.

So why would viewers pay to see people they can see on screen every week? The answer is that these are little girls going up against some of the best dancers in the country. Female winner Eliana Girard explained to FOX.COM, “Watching the performance on TV is as good as getting to come into your living room. But the thing is with the cam- era, you lose a lot of the emotion and energy of the piece. So you’ll be able to see certain things you didn’t get to see on TV.”

In the in-show, each dancer had their own dedicated group of people dancing in the spotlight. In between those numbers, the audience saw a segment where Green Day doesn’t fit into the fi- nalist’s time to shine. The segment followed a pro- fusion of solo performances, duets, solo per- formance, usu- ally with a boy partner, and dance teams.

“Dancing with the Stars” got a lot of criticism for having Season 14 cast members perform in Season 14, so I was surprised to see that the main cast members performed in their own number in Season 15, which definitely earned applause. The main cast members performed in their own number in Season 15, which definitely earned applause. The main cast members performed in their own number in Season 15, which definitely earned applause. Unfortunately, I don’t have the answer to this question, but I can assure you that there will be no Daytime Emmys for this season.

The creators really did save the best movie for last; it reminds audiences why they fell in love with the franchise in the first place, and at the same time reemit the franchise’s potential. The movie is wonderful, the cinematography captures the essence of 40-year-olds’ setting was beautifully done, and the special effects are mind-blowing. What’s more, the main cast members performed in their own number in Season 15, which definitely earned applause. The main cast members performed in their own number in Season 15, which definitely earned applause. The main cast members performed in their own number in Season 15, which definitely earned applause.

In between the dance numbers, we also saw a brief appearance by Debbie Reynolds, who was a dancer in the original production. She was with her daughter Carrie Fisher, who was in the original production. She was with her daughter Carrie Fisher, who was in the original production. She was with her daughter Carrie Fisher, who was in the original production. She was with her daughter Carrie Fisher, who was in the original production.

Part two of the fourth and final season of “So You Think You Can Dance” is expected to return for a tenth season this summer on FOX.

So You Think You Can Dance

PETER QUINTON
STAFF WRITER

Time sure flies, doesn’t it? It seems like it was less than two months ago that the first album of new material from Green Day was released, or is this just another over-hyped release? rock bands that are better at composing than playing. The band’s production flaws again, as some punk jam, but quickly falls into this production, poorly planned song structure, when it’s played with such passive intensity. Surprisingly enough, the albums strongest tracks are the softer, more subtle songs (or at least as subtle as one can expect the director and producers team to put it with. They took something that was supposed to serve as a nice companion to a beloved book and completely twisted it in a way that even the most dedicated Twilight fan will be caught off guard. However tempting, it is best that this specific scene is kept a surprise, for it would not have the same effect had audiences seen it beforehand. Because it is a movie based off a book, what the audience gets is the same. However, the audience gets only a glimpse of what could have been role that is a bit too pompous. That is the most common thing that I was reviewing the last album. There is a real sense of melancholy, as the band to reclaim their glory years, and they were ready to try again. In his pre-recorded introduction of the show, Fuller said, “We want to give America’s favorite summer program” a chance to set the tone.

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Children whose parents have separated are more likely than other children to get divorced later in their life.
Residents across New Jersey have been in a need-to-know state of mind over the past few weeks due to Hurricane Sandy and newspapers have been the main source of information.

In the world of journalism, it is up to local staff writers to provide their neighbors with such news.

Many daily newspapers across the east coast still update their readers on conditions in the surrounding areas.

A prime example of this is The Asbury Park Press.

Gina Columbus, staff writer for The Asbury Park Press explained that many of the newspaper’s staff writers were not only journalists, but residents of the shore areas affected by Hurricane Sandy. Like many residents, Columbus could not go into work immediately following the storm, but that did not mean she wasn’t working. “They sent us out into the neighborhoods we were living in to take pictures. We used our phones since we didn’t have power and sent everything to our editors. They kind of understood,” said Columbus.

The first official assignment Columbus was given regarding the hurricane was breaking the news to Ocean Park Hospital. She covered the overflow of emergency patients and the mobile emergency unit. Still, Columbus said the Asbury Park Press is mostly covering local updates on hurricane damage.

Anthony Panissidi, another staff writer for The Asbury Park Press covered stories such as the devastation the storm could be and a story on The Red Cross as far as what they needed for donations and volunteers.

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Once reporters were able to leave their home towns, they were assigned shifts in other local towns for general storm coverage. Reporters worked in pairs to constantly update the latest news on Sandy. Columbus recalls one day where she had to provide updates covering volunteer work in Monmouth and Ocean County. Along with condition updates the APP has also been providing Q&A, phone contacts, federal aid, insurance Q&A and personal stories and experiences.

“The headlines have been very emotional, but residents of the shore areas affected by Hurricane Sandy were not only journalists, they were our editors. They kind of understood,” said Columbus.

Panissidi said that covering the storm was different than other breaking news that he’s covered. “These were articles where there weren’t any gossipy people looking to read them, it was something all real!” he said.

The Asbury Park Press has an online resource center titled Road to Recovery. The center on the home page of app.com offers assistance in areas such as town-by-town updates, rental information, emergency contacts, federal aid, insurance Q&A and other stories and images.

Most New Jersey residents were unable to turn on the television to find out what was happening so newspapers—especially on the online platform—have been drastically in the amount of readers. “People were going to our website constantly,” said Columbus. “We had over a million views the week of the hurricane. People depended on us to know what was going on around them.”

Now that the power is on, cable is back and gas is readily available, stories of hurricane destruction have turned into stories of recovery and rebuilding. Newspapers such as the APP are still updating on the storm and they are available for readers.

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“I think many of us underestimated the damage this storm would cause,” said Paula Burns-Ricciardi, history professor. “In all my years, I have never seen a storm of this magnitude followed within days by a snowstorm and I am heartbroken over the damage Sandy has done to so many people and to our treasured landscapes. I am impressed, however, at how this tragic event has moved people to come together to help one another.”

Eight million people across the Mid-Atlantic and New England states, according to CBS, were left without power, leaving many facing $844 million in damage. The cold winds following the storm. The elderly especially, many of whom require medical equipment that uses electricity, were left trapped in high-rise buildings with no power.

At the latest count, officials had attributed more than 100 deaths to Hurricane Sandy, more than half of whom were elderly residents aged 65 or older. Many of those who passed away in coastal neighborhoods were those who were stranded during the storm, drowned by the surge, according to The New York Times.

The storm, whichoriginated far out in the eastern Atlantic Ocean as a seaweed and debris circled the knee-high murky water, covering the shorefront streets and beyond. The property damage there was pretty extensive, according to Mayor Lorenzo Langford who said in an article in CNN, “I’m happy to report that the human damage, if you will, has been minimal.”

Governor Christie said he saw the damage left behind by Hurricane Sandy as “overwhelming” according to CNN.

“We will rebuild it. No questions about it,” Christie said. “But for those of us who are my age, it won’t be the same. It will be different. Because of the iconic things that made it what it was are now gone and washed in the ocean.”

“A hurricane is a tropical cyclone, comprising a rotating weather system spreading over tropical ocean regions. It is typically accompanied by thunderstorms and by a counterclockwise circulation of winds in the Northern Hemisphere. According to Forbes, the 900 mile wide Hurricane Sandy launched its storm surge at moon tide, the highest possible high tide, and merged with another storm system, causing Sandy to become the unprecedented storm in history.”

The total damage of the storm left by Hurricane Sandy is estimated between $70 billion to $90 billion. The losses which have continually being piling higher and higher, including the $70 billion loss of Hurricane Sandy alone. The hurricane has caused of the hurricanes which have stricken the US, and even on par with Hurricane Andrew in 1992 said Kenneth Rapoza of Forbes.

Jonas Colmer, fourth year chemistry major at the University of Delaware, said, “As I was watching the events that have occurred on the shore, I am amazed by the sense of community our towns have demonstrated over the last month. Every day we are making great progress in rebuilding because of our willingness and kind heartedness to help each other.”

Power outages during a coastal cold front threatened residents with hypothermia which reportedly killed one Long Branch resident.
With the holidays upon us, drivers have to be more cautious on the roads when it comes to safety. Experts say drivers should keep their hands on the steering wheel and remember the 10 and 2 position signals that you have control and are respectful to the officer who pulls me over, an angry spur-of-the-moment opinion. The moment opinion. "Drivers should not respond ining an officer an angry spur-of-
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Hosted by the Monmouth Area Vegetarian Society (MAVS)

Sunday, December 2, 2012
1:00 pm

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Delta Phi Epsilon Helps to Raise Money for Hurricane Sandy Relief


Delta Phi Epsilon recently participated in helping raise $585 so far, in donations for charities and foundations in charge of the Hurricane Sandy recovery efforts. Being a University recognized for its location on the shore, Delta Phi Epsilon chose to give back to not only the Monmouth community, but to all of those who have also been impacted. All funds went to Hurricane Sandy relief foundations in addition to students and faculty from the University who were personally affected.

On November 13 and 14, the sorority set up on campus in the student center and sold “REVIVE.REBUILD.RECOVER” bracelets in order to raise donations. Work Out World generously donated products such as towels, stickers, bumper stickers and other merchandise, which states “Jersey Strong” on them, in order to help Delta Phi Epsilon’s fundraising efforts.

Marisa Meiskin of Delta Phi Epsilon, the creator of this fundraiser, explains, “The reason I put together the event was because we are a school so close to the beach.” Meiskin said, “We see the first hand damage that the hurricane has done to surrounding areas. And although, thankfully, we were not impacted as brutally as other areas, we want to help out and raise money to give to all of those affected.”

Meiskin continued by stating, “We were so happy with the money we raised and the interest the student body had in helping donate and give back, it was a really successful event!” Kristine Lee, a senior, explained how the sorority encouraged her to personally become more involved herself. Lee stated, “I went home, went through my closet and pantry and ended up filling five whole bags of clothes which I was able to donate to relief shelters.” Lee explained how donating made her appreciate everything in her life more, and acknowledged how lucky and fortunate she was in suffering minimal damage after the storm. Students were not the only ones to appreciate the fundraiser, but faculty as well. Marry Harris, public relations specialist and professor at the University, stated, “There is a great need, and will continue to be a great need, during the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. Delta Phi Epsilon’s fundraising efforts have set an excellent example for other Greek life groups.”

Although Delta Phi Epsilon’s fundraiser was distinguished as a success, they originally intended to have their annual “Lip Sync” event, which remains a tradition within their sorority. However, Hurricane Sandy hit on the specific weekend this event was supposed to take place. Despite the fact that much hard work was put into setting “Lip Sync” up another year, Meiskin noted how the sorority realized there were bigger issues at hand and was happy to utilize all 50 sisters to help out.

She also explained how overwhelming the outcome of the event was, and how Delta Phi Epsilon had raised a much larger amount of funds than anticipated. Their quick and efficient efforts to create a new event on campus proved worthwhile since all proceeds went to a relevant cause. “There’s no better feeling than getting involved to help those in a crucial time of need,” Meiskin explained.

Delta Phi Epsilon will continue selling products while supplies remain. For more information on how to donate or buy merchandise, contact Marisa Meiskin MMeiskin@gmail.com.

Delta Phi Epsilon had originally planned to host their annual Lip Sync, but it was ultimately cancelled due to Hurricane Sandy. So far DPhiE has raised $585 dollars towards hurricane relief.
Plenty of Pie to Go Around

Alpha Sigma Tau Hosted "Pie a Greek or Professor" to Help Sandy Victims

They had many volunteers sign up to be pied. Volunteers from Greek organizations such as Delta Phi Epsilon, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Tau Gamma, Phi Kappa Psi, and Alpha Kappa Psi signed up to support this cause. Some professors also signed up to help out with this great cause. These professors were John Tiedemann, Assistant Dean of the School of Science, Per- dram Daneshgar, As- sistant Professor in the Chemistry Department, and Dana Ehret, Lecturer from the Biology De- partment. Ferraro said, “The volunteers getting pied liked the event. Espe- cially because it was for a good cause and the event was pretty fun.”

Eva Rosamilla, junior and member of Delta Phi Epsilon, signed up to volunteer as a pie tar- get at their event. Ros- amilla said, “I like get- ting involved in other organisations’ events. It’s a lot of fun to do. This event was espe- cially fun though be- cause we were helping out our own community as well as friends and family who lost their homes during this storm. The event was a great idea.”

Many organizations and clubs donated time and money to help those in need after the storm that hit New Jersey in late Octo- ber. There are many ways to get involved. Ferraro gave advice for students and faculty looking for more ways to help out with this cause. She said, “Students can help donate through other events going on around campus or donating money online. If you check Monmouth’s website under Student Government Asso- ciations’ Hawks Fly Together for Relief, you can see other sched- uled events that are helping out Hurricane Sandy victims.”

As of November 17, SGA announced through their Hurricane Sandy relief Facebook Page that the University raised close to $900 so far.

Students looking to volun- teer to directly help families who have been displaced can do so within Monmouth County. Monmouth Park Racetrack is currently a shelter for families who have been displaced by the storm. Volunteers can de- note their time to help families that are moving into new homes or cleaning what has been destroyed.

The sisters of Alpha Sigma Tau and volunteers at the event were pleased with the turnout and donations they received. Ferraro said, “It was awesome that the Monmouth community was able to come together to raise money for victims of Hur- ricane Sandy.”

The sisters of Alpha Sigma Tau hosted Pie a Greek or Professor on Thursday, November 15 out- side of the Student Center in an effort to raise money for Hurri- cane Sandy Relief.

The event allowed for students and faculty to have fun while raising money for a good cause. It cost $2 to pie someone and other donations were welcomed. This was the first time AST hosted this event and was very pleased with the turnout, which was primarily promoted through a Facebook event page.

Active sister Jenna Ferraro, a sophomore and criminal justice major, organized Pie a Greek or Professor. Ferraro said, “The turnout of the event was great. A lot of students made donations, and a lot of people from various Greek organizations and profes- sor participated. I was extreme- ly happy with the event.”

All together, AST raised $270 which was donated to the Student Government Association that sends the money to two charities that help families in New Jersey affected by Hurricane Sandy.

Originally, the event was scheduled to raise money for the American Red Cross Foundation, which helps aid New Jersey fam- ilies with children battling cancer. When Hurricane Sandy hit, Alpha Sigma Tau changed the event to support those affected by Hurricane San- dy, as many other organizations had decided to do as well.

Jennifer Kellethorn, senior and sister of AST, said, “We felt it was the right thing to do to send money and support to an event to Sandy Relief. We even had sisters affected by the storm and thought we should help out.”

Upright Citizens Brigade is Downright Hilarious

Student Activities Board Hosts Improv Comedy Night

On Friday, November 16, the Student Activities Board held an improv comedy night featuring the Upright Citizens Brigade in Pollak Theatre. The event was free of charge and started at 8:00 p.m. in Pollak, and many people who came out to see the show.

The Student Activities Board advertised for the event through means of Twitter, flyers, and e-mails. Emma Traun, freshman education major, was intrigued by the pictures that were fea- tured in the e-mail. “I wanted to come because the pictures were cool and it seemed like it would be funny,” said Traun.

The comedians were running a little bit late so the show did not actually begin until 20 after eight, however they made up for their tardiness through their jokes and show for the night. The Upright Citizens Brigade has two the- atre companies in New York, and the other in Los Angeles. They were comprised of two fe- males and three males, including latasha, Audra, Terry, and Matt. Their skits for the night were improv, which means that noth- ing was prepared and it was made up on the spot. They asked one of the audience members to volunteer to come on stage and then interviewed him to get their material for the night. The student they chose was Valerie Estepan, freshman biology ma- jor. She asked her questions such as “What is your major?” “Do you have any siblings?” and “What is your motto about life?”

The comedians performed eight short skits based on the information they received from Estepan and the show was an hour long. Their first skit was about Hurricane Sandy and stu- dents being upset about missing classes. Latasha acted like she was nervous about missing her classes and wanted to hold class in her dorm room. She asked, “Can you imagine not learning for a day?” and her collaborating comedian respond- ed by saying “I do it every day!”

Some of the other skits were about the squirrels that are all around the University, Estepan’s sister, and urban vernacular. When asked what her philoso- phy about life is, Estepan replied “YOLO.”

She said was not nervous about going up at all and en- joyed watching the comedians perform. “I thought it was really funny and cool that they were us- ing my information as their ma- terial and that they went above and beyond with their answers,” said Estepan. All of the cast members seemed relaxed while performing the skits. They all seemed to be en- joying themselves and laughing at their co-workers jokes.

The running time of the im- prov comedy night was about an hour long. There was constant laughter from the audience.

Haley Matisinger, freshman psychology major, was among one of the members who liked the improv. “I wanted to come back to rehearsal, because I thought it seemed cool and I was really happy I did it, it was very amazing,” said Matt- inger.

The Upright Citizens Brigade used University students as inspiration for their material.

The Monmouth Mock Trial team competes in its first invita- tional tournament this weekend at Temple University. If you see any of the team members on campus, please wish them, “Good Luck, Counselor!” 2012- 2013 team members are: Kate Nawosky, Lexi Todd, Jenna Ferraro, Susie Pagano, Cara Turcich, Bryan Epstein, Mike Luca, and Joe Delleria.

We will be having a general meeting this week on Wednesday November 28 in Bey Hall Room 132 at 3:30 to discuss upcom- ing events.

Come join the brothers of Theta Xi on the night of Tues- day, December 4 as we co- sponsor Project Pride with the Office of Substance Awareness in Pollak Theatre from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. We would also like to congratulate our new member class upon being inducted into the bonds of our fraternity.

WMCX

WMCX will be hosting a showing of Elf Wednesday December 12 in Pollak Theatre from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Admis- sion is free, all are welcome.
Monmouth University
Presents

PROJECT PRIDE

Real life stories of how drugs landed three young inmates in jail...and changed their lives forever.

“These speakers definitely made me think about my choices.” - Jeff, Junior at Monmouth

December 4, 2012 • 5-6 pm • Pollak Theatre

This event is cosponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha • Alpha Kappa Psi • Alpha Sigma Tau • Alpha Xi Delta • Artists for Change • Delta Phi Epsilon • Greek Senate • HERO Campaign for Designated Drivers • Lamda Theta Alpha • Office of Substance Awareness • Phi Kappa Psi • Phi Sigma Sigma • Sigma Pi • Sigma Tau Gamma • Social Work Society • Tau Kappa Epsilon • Theta Xi • and Zeta Tau Alpha

Questions please call: 732-263-5804
...bring a friend!
To get the advantage, check the week rating:

10 is the easiest, 0 the most challenging.

Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19) - This week is an 8
Be ready to present your luck and intelligence soon. Start with what you know and then move on to what you need to know. So set your priorities and prepare to supply those bright ideas, the time will be soon.

Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) - This week is an 8
Surprise! You have finally obtained the advantage financially and otherwise. So go for it, realistically of course, but slow down the pace for a couple of days. Remember to replenish reserves in order to keep on going.

Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) - This week is an 9
You’re handed with a challenging task but don’t fret. It may be more difficult and time consuming but you can bet it will be more rewarding too. Keep in mind that deeds speak louder than words. Remember that and you can move mountains.

Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) - This week is a 6
Prepare yourself because you are about to enter a two-day pensive phase. Your ideas will reach further through a result and with exceptional practice you might just hone them to the peak of perfection. Keep up that stride and who knows, a little trip might be in store for you.

Leo • (July 23- Aug. 22) - This week is a 9
Exceptional practice is required right now, and luckily, your friends are right there when you need them. Let them help you build up your assets and increase the leverage needed to get the jump start on that next task.

Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) - This week is a 7
There is going to be a change in routine coming your way. You’re going to take up some more responsibility but don’t sweat it. However remain independent for now and don’t be going around asking for favors and handouts. If you prove you can support yourself, then perhaps a nice opportunity will come your way.

Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - This week is an 8
If you place realistic goals there is no way you can’t accomplish them by your due date. It all starts with that first step, so make the necessary changes as you progress and use technology when needed. Remember you can do it, just keep at it.

Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) • This week is a 7
Working on your finances isn’t the most fun thing to do but you don’t have to let that spoil your mood. If you look on the bright side you will end up on top of things. Keep the happiness rolling by giving an unusual gift or laugh until your sides ache. Do whatever you need to!

Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) - This week is a 9
You have a lot on your plate right now and in order to get it all done you might have to delegate some of the tasks over to others. Use your intuition to make the right decisions and avoid the distractions when you can. Don’t worry, stay calm and it will all work out.

Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - This week is a 7
Times are getting busier and there are more temptations around than ever but stay focused. There will be more work coming your way so now is certainly not the time to get sidetracked. Get your work done, that’s what is important. And if you need a little help, hey, that’s ok too just be sure to ask for it.

Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) - This week is a 7
Clean up time! Get rid of some of the excess you’ve been accumulating, but be sure to separate the good ideas from those not needed. You might even find something of value as you clean up! Keep in mind that a clean workspace will make getting things done easier and times go by faster; it will also, however, allow you to get busier.

Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) - This week is an 8
Take some time to slow down and listen for the next day or two. Use this time to take a break from your busy lifestyle and broaden your scope. Don’t think that this is all for naught though, you’ll be glad later when you put in the extra effort to create exemplary work. Just remember that it all starts with an idea.
Men’s Basketball Competes in Coaches vs. Cancer Classic

The men’s basketball team competed in the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic last week with three games last week at the GSU Sports Arena in Atlanta, Georgia. The Hawks lost their first game against Georgia State and then went on to beat South Alabama and Tennessee State.

Ratner said that the general feel from the Presidents of the NEC is, “I have to get these guys to relax and get our best guys to play like themselves.”

“I was a team effort. Our older guys did an unbelievable job, and our younger guys stepped up when they were asked to. Our team is continuing to get better and if our team stays together, we have a chance to have a great, great season.”

Andrew Nicholas led the team in scoring against Georgia State with 10 points, shooting only four of 13 from the field. Dion Nesmith added eight points as the Hawks only managed 49 in the game.

The Blue and White shot only 27.8% from the field. That’s not good to get the job done when they allow the Panthers to connect on 51.2% of their shots.

Steele and Ware each scored 12. The Hawks closed out their trip to Atlanta with an 81-70 win over Tennessee State.

“That was a great win for our team,” Rice said. “South Alabama is a tough team with big, strong guys inside. I think this is a game that our kids really grew up in. We fought to the end, and when you do that, good things happen.”

Nicholas led MU in scoring against UMBC with 10 points, shooting only 3 of 14 from the field. Huntington also led the game in rebounding, a pair of games to No. 20 Notre Dame and Rider. The Fighting Irish handled MU easily, defeating them 84-57. MU played a tough contest against Rider and came up short, 65-62.

The Hawks left Georgia back at .500 at 3-3 and look to build off their two wins against South Alabama and Georgia State and carry that momentum throughout the season.

Follow The Hawks with NEC Front Row

NEC Front Row was designed for the Northeast Conference this past year in order to obtain a centralized viewing for all of the conference games for easy access.

NEC Front Row was created by both Ron Ratner, an Associate Commissioner of the Northeast Conference, and 1Cardinal, one of the Co-founders of the Pack Network. The two have been working on the website for the past two years and have been able to get just about all of the twelve teams in the conference to hop aboard and work with NEC Front Row to stream the broadcasts for free through www.necfrontrow.com.

“I look at this as the 1.0 version of NEC Front Row,” said Ratner. “I think anything that we can do to put us (as a conference) on the map is good for us.”

So far, ten out of the twelve Northeast Conference schools are working with NEC Front Row.

The two schools still in contract with their current on-line streams are Robert Morris University with RoMo TV and Monmouth University via HawkVision which are powered by the company Neuilon. However, both schools will still be able to see the Hawks road games through NEC Front Row via a streaming of the home team that they visit, unless the game takes place at Robert Morris.

Cardinal commented, “We are really eager to get Monmouth and all the other events onto the site because we know that they are doing a great job... they are really trying to put forth the most professional product on the board.”

Cardinal also stated that this a great thing for this website overall, as other schools will strive to be like Monmouth and help create a better product that will make NEC Front Row look that much better. Currently the price to view games on HawkVision ranges from $7.95 per month to $69.95 for an athletic year and a single game can be purchased at $6.95.

NEC Front Row will broadcast all of the games on the website for free. Though the home games for the Hawks will not be broadcasted, Michelle Rooshhouse of the women’s golf team is excited to watch games through NEC Front Row.

Rosenberg, who believes it will help the conference, said, “I think it will bring the NEC Front Row to a broader audience and may create a better product that will make NEC Front Row look that much better. Currently the price to view games on HawkVision ranges from $7.95 per month to $69.95 for an athletic year and a single game can be purchased at $6.95.”

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One of the features is their Break- In feature, where an alert would come onto the screen in the action. NEC Front Row also focuses on a heavy interaction with social media. Users are able to tweet from the website while watching the game as well as interact while using Instagram. Finally, the Control Room feature, “Looks awesome,” according to Ratner. “Basketball season hits and there is a Thursday night where you could potentially watch up to six games at the same time on one screen.”

The Cape, captain of the MU men’s basketball team, is excited for the season as well as the fact that NEC Front Row will help fans follow the team. “I think that it is great for our fans because now they get to watch us even if they can’t make it out to the game on a stormy night.”

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Men’s Basketball Grinds Out Win Over Lafayette

The men’s basketball team beat Lafayette 65-60 on Monday behind 18 points from Jesse Steele and Andrew Nicholas.

“They gave us everything we could handle today,” head coach King Rice said. “First off I want to say that my kids have grown up a whole bunch. This team last year really put it on us over at Lafayette. We talked about it all week, the opportunity to maybe have a win over a team that beat us last year. I’m just proud of my kids, it wasn’t easy.”

“It feels great to get this win,” Steele said. “They really kicked our butt last year when we went there. So it feels really good to get this win and puts us over .500 and we’re on a streak right now, three in a row. Just need to keep going.

In the second half, the Hawks (4-3) led 42-35. Over the next 2:45, a 9-1 run put MU ahead by 14 with 10 minutes left to play. The Leopards (1-6) scratched and clawed their way back into the game, but never got within one possession.

MU’s up-pace defense played a key role in the win. The Hawks had 27 turnovers, with 19 Hawk points coming off of them.

“We do a lot of trapping on defense,” Dion Nesmith said. “When we see the ball we’re flying to the ball trying to get steals. We’re not trying to deflect passes, we’re just trying to take bounds. We’re trying to steal the ball and go the other way and score two points. So every time we see the ball in the air we’re going after it aggressively. Sometimes we get fouls on it. But I think that’s why we win games, because of our defense going after those steals and getting points on the breaks. The defense also stepped in side the lane and drew charges in the game.”

“We have tough kids,” Rice said. “Before this game, early this year I think we had a couple. I thought we were just going to be the draw-charge team. But when you’re on defense and give up a lot of points, the way ours has, you want to stand in there for your team-mates to charge.”

The game opened as a back-and-forth battle. Teams traded the lead with each possession until Lafayette opened up a 17-13 lead. Rice had the first six points of the game for the Blue and White. After hitting a runner, three-pointer and one of his free throws, the Hawks led 4-6.

During the see-saw of an opening stretch, one of the teams needed to find a spark. As he so often does with hustle and determination, Max DiLeo stepped up for the Hawks.

“Max is one of the most athletic kids at our school,” Rice said. “He just is. He can jump. He was a great soccer player. He probably wouldn’t want the dunk coming if we had everybody doing it.”

Steele made two free throws to put MU ahead 36-30. Steele sandwiched a Lafayette three-pointer from Tony Johnson south with two triples of his own. The second three had the Hawks ahead 42-35 with just under 13 minutes left in the game.

Baskets by Nesmith, Waite and Steele had the Blue and White ahead 50-36 and feeling comfortable.

John hit another three, which was short, but the Hawks were still in control. The Hawks defense was pressuring all game and they came up with a turnover at the most opportune moment.

A three-man trap caused a turnover at halfcourt and Waite came away with the ball.

“We did a little early. Good thing it worked minutes into the game. MU was being out-rebounded 10-4. After a timeout, the Hawks trotted out their biggest lineup of the night. Aside from Steele, the smallest man on the floor was 6’4”.

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Steele was getting double-teamed. He said. “So when I shot the ball, I was going to get that ball back and go at eight seconds. He just did a little early. Good thing it went in through.”

They huddled up the floor and matched Steele’s three for Lafayette, 63-58.

Steele made two free throws on the Hawks next possession and Levi Giese made a bucket for the Leopards with 35.5 remaining.

Steele and Nicholas couldn’t convert on free throws, but Lafayette’s defense wouldn’t get on the board again.

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MU shot 46.9% from the field opposed to Lafayette’s 43.7%. From three-point range, the Blue and White shot 31.8% to the Leopards’ 33.3%.

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**Women’s Basketball Wins Two After 0-3 Start**

**RYAN ClUTTER**

The women’s basketball team has started its season with a 2-3 record. After going winless in their first three games on the road, the Hawks were able to win two straight games over the holiday weekend.

Opening the season in Baltimore on November 11, MU fell to UMBC 71-64 despite a 21-point effort by Alysha Womack.

Traveling cross country to Washington on Friday, November 16, the Hawks came away with a victory, losing 79-69 to Washington State.

Womack led the Hawks with 25 points and Ahigail Martin added 8 rebounds. The Blue and White lost the third straight to Gonzaga 77-51 on Sunday, November 18.

“Our west coast trip were playing really well,” said head coach Jenifer Palmateer.

The Hawks returned to the MAC on Friday for the second annual Thanks-giving Challenge, where they defeated the Lafayette Leopards 62-43.

Womack scored a double-double with 20 points, adding 8 assists. The performance marked Womack’s second game this season (The other came in the game. They continued to play hard all the way to the end. It’s an excellent way for our seniors to end their careers.”

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**Football Survives Colonials Comeback To Win Finale**

**ED MORLOCK SPORTS EDITOR**

The football team ended the 2012 season with a win over Northeast Conference rival Robert Morris 26-21.

“I’m very happy for our seniors to finish the season off with a win,” head coach Kevin Callahan said. “I’m happy for all of the players on this team. I’m proud of the way they battled in that game. They continued to play hard all the way to the end. It’s an excellent way for our seniors to end their careers.”

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The football team won its season finale against Robert Morris 26-21. The win raised the Hawks to 5-5 on the 2012 campaign and placed them third in the Northeast Conference.

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