NJ Legislature Passes Minimum Wage Bill

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The New Jersey Legislature handed Governor Chris Christi- tie a bill last week that plans to raise the state’s minimum wage to $8.50 per hour — a $1.25 in- crease from the current mini- mum. The bill is a sign of hope for some New Jersey residents, but many are questioning the wisdom of raising the minimum wage, especially when the state’s economy and local businesses are still struggling to recover from Sandy.

New Jersey is one of 23 states whose minimum wage is $7.25, the same as the federal mini- mum. However, an increase to $8.50 would put the state third highest, behind Washington and Oregon.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (USBLS), New Jersey has approximately 41,000 minimum wage earners. Another $58,000 make even less than that minimum wage. The bill is a sign of hope for some New Jersey residents, but many are questioning the wisdom of raising the minimum wage, especially when the state’s economy and local businesses are still struggling to recover from Sandy.

The bill, A2602, comes more than six months after the As- sembly first passed the measure, and 11 months after Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver announced that she would make the wage increase a legislative priority at the Assembly reorganization cer- emony in January.

In a press release from the As- sembly Democrats dated Decem- ber 5, Oliver, a supporter of the proposed legislation, explained that as the cost of living in New Jersey continues to rise, it is im- portant for the state legislature to take action to elevate the mini- mum wage in order to accommo- date the cost of living.

Minimum wage earners bring home approximately $15,000 a year, which translates to just un- der $300 a week barely enough to support basic needs, Oliver explained in the release.

“You cannot afford housing, food, transportation, medicine; the things you need just to have a modicum of a quality of life on minimum wage. And we have not elevated the minimum wage in New Jersey since 2005,” Oli- ver said.

Gaining support throughout the state, the bill was voted on in the Assembly last week and passed 44 to 31 with one abstention. The State Senate also ap-proved the bill in May, sending it back to the Assembly for a final vote to change the start date to March 1.

However, the bill is not en- tirely supported. While on one hand the bill aims to increase the minimum wage, it also contains a requirement to automatically increase a legislative priority at the time of reorganization.

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Wilson Hall’s History Displayed in Pollak Gallery

From November 1 through December 21, Pollak Gallery is featuring a Historic Wil- son Hall Exhibit sponsored by the University’s Center for the Arts.

The exhibit is free and open to the public for those who wish to view photographs and arti- Facts from the national historic landmark, including Woodrow Wilson’s desk from the golden age of American Palaces.

The exhibit originally opened for two weeks in the summer of 2011 and expanded upon those original artifacts for the 2012 exhibition.

“We have received such an ex- cellent response from the commu- nity to share information with us and we have enjoyed learning more about the building,” said Kelly Barratt, Marketing Coor- dinator for the Arts.

The building has always been a draw for historians and musi- cian lovers (the 1982 film Annie was filmed there), but this year the exhibit features new arti- facts centering around Shadow Lawn, and Woodrow Wilson’s stay there during 1916.

This exhibit displays histori- cal photographs of the green- houses, orchards, fields and other exterior buildings, from the Monmouth County Histori- cal Association, photos from the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library, and photographs se- lected from the University’s archive, maintained by Jim Reme.

Additional photographs and artifacts are on loan from vari- ous sources, including blue- prints and original decor, dis- played behind glass cases as other blockades for the enjoy- ment of everyone who comes to view them. “This whole exhibit really makes me feel closer to the his- tory of Wilson Hall,” said Ron- nie Tutella, a University alum- ni, “seeing the past instead of

The Historic Wilson Hall Exhibit, which shows Wilson Hall throughout the years, will be open until December 21.

Same Sex Marriage Heading to Supreme Court

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The United States Supreme Court will take up same sex mar- riage on the docket for the new term. There will be two cases: one is based on California’s con- stitutional ban on same sex mar- riage through Proposition 8. De- spite this, the public approved it via referendum. The other case will be based on a New York law that denies same sex couples fed- eral benefits. This case will take center stage as the public atti- tude toward same sex marriage has shifted.

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Some of the photos donated by the A...tions to the building and can offer people who have their own connect...nts. With the help of...ics as fraternities, sororities, student government, or an athletic team. COREiculum's program has spread around campus through word of mouth and online as of late. Students at the University are starting to become aware of the program, like Samantha Tar...t, a senior, who said, “I heard about COREiculum through social media and some of my friends have taken the classes. I’m always at the gym, so I thinking...the school theme.

The reason for keeping the school theme revolves around the idea of making this a program for college students, which has not been done before. In typical 90 day programs like Insanity or P90X are built for...s, who have regular working hours and the plan when to eat meals, as well as work out on a daily basis. For college students it becomes much more difficult due to the different hours of classes each day, eating late night snacks or even meals, as well as the irregular sleeping patterns.

Andy Stern, the creator of COREiculum, wanted to do all that he could to create a program that would work for college students. He explained, “I carefully develope...d the program that combined aerobic and cardiovascular train...ing with body weight resistance. In spring of 2011, the pilot pro...ram launched at Monmouth University and since then over 200 students have participated in a COREiculum CORE...m. When the program first came out in the spring of 2011, Andy Stern and Alissa Catalano (CO...ream, not only to get in shape, but to really help promote the...“Most of the people viewing the exhibition... the building by the former caretaker’s grandson who found them in his basement.

“These are fantastic additions to our growing collection of history about the building,” said Barratt. This year, the exhibit also features descriptions of the history of the building shown through the photographs. This allows patrons to discover new information about the building they may have never known otherwise.

“Most of the people viewing the exhibition have been very interested in learning more about the building. Many people don’t realize that there was original structure built in 1903 that burned to the ground in 1927 and then was rebuilt as we see the building today,” said Barratt.

With new information and arti...facts being sent in by people around the area, even the staff putting on the exhibit learns something new about the history of Wilson Hall.

“One of the most interesting new facts we learn...it was cataloging the contents of the house and took Kodachrome photos of all the rooms in the house in their original state,” said Barratt. These photos have become the best representations the department has of the interiors with furniture and decor before everything was sold. “After leaving here [the exhibit] I will probably look at Wilson Hall and Shadow Lawn in a whole new way, being able to easily walk into a building where a president once lived and now to see what he must have seen every day is an amazing experience,” said Lauren Randall, senior.

This exhibit has plenty of room for growth and Barratt hopes to be able to remount the exhibit in the future with more information, artifacts and photographs of this historic site.

Anyone who wished to submit memories or artifacts of Shadow Lawn for future exhibitions can do so through the University’s Book Store in January 2013.
The Honors School Takes on First Year Long Mission
Honors Students Support The Kortney Rose Foundation

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Honors students are known for being dedicated to their homework, but now they would like to be known for their philanthropy as well. The Honors School has decided to give coupons to the Kortney Rose Foundation. This is the first time that the Honors School has decided to take on a year long service project.

The Kortney Rose Foundation, according to the mission statement on TheKortneyRoseFoundation.org, was created to raise awareness about pediatric brain cancer, as well as raise funds to further research for treatments and a cure. The foundation was founded by Kristen Gillette, a secretary in the political science department, after her daughter Kortney died from a brain tumor at age nine.

Ryan Murphy, a junior and head of the mentoring program, wanted to start a philanthropy project for the mentoring program. The Honors Mentoring Program assigns each honors student an upper-class mentor to help guide them through their first year at the university. Murphy felt that it would be an effective way to get first year students involved on campus. “The mentoring program is trying to expand and present the first year students with opportunities to reach their full potential while they are here at Monmouth. As the program head, I believe community service is a great way to give back to others, to help others, and show the community who you are,” Murphy said.

Rachel Brady, a sophomore and honors mentor, also wished to be involved. “I knew about the Kortney Rose Foundation from a family friend. That’s how I found out about it and decided that around those you were,” Rachel Brady said. “I also knew they were excited about the Honors School’s philanthropic nature and how the Honors School supports a charity. It’s a perfect way for the Honors School to help others while also being helpful to the community,” Brady said.

Fundraising is not their only goal. While money is certainly one aspect, the group would also like to raise money awareness. Murphy said, “We feel that it should be about both [raising money and awareness]. The work has been broken up into two different committees, one for each. Of course raising money is vital, but awareness is equally important. The intention of the community is an important part of awareness on pediatric brain cancer.”

Gillette, President of The Kortney Rose Foundation, is happy to have the Honors School’s support. “It’s the key,” she said. “It’s our Foundation that [they] demonstrate that their learning isn’t just about being in the classroom and acquiring knowledge, but it’s about learning by promoting [some] sort of social responsibility.”

Murphy felt that this would be a good idea for the students. “I hope that the Honors School will be able to raise as much awareness and money for this cause as possible and that people will rally around a philanthropy that we care about so much.”

Murphy also stressed that while this project is from the Honors School, participants do not have to be in the Honors School. Murphy said, “Our fundraiser will be able to function without the help of the entire Monmouth Community.”

Meetings for The Kortney Rose Foundation will be held every Friday at 4 pm in Beechwood Hall.

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The University Holds Annual Food Drive

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The University Store is holding their annual holiday food drive to help donate food to Long Branch families until December 22.

Kathy Booth, Assistant Manager at the University Store, team up with Long Branch Middle School in 1999 to help with their annual collecting of food and have been working with them ever since.

Booth used to walk past the food bins and see that there was very little in them. After that, the store decided to give consumers an incentive and a thank you for donating in hopes of receiving more food. When a student brings in five items of non-perishable foods, they are able to function without the help of the entire Monmouth Community.

Booth then met up with Marilyn Ward, Coordinator of Service Learning and Community Programs, to figure out who they could give the food to. They decided on Long Branch Middle School. The students there have a food bank and they collect and feed families all year long.

The University Store does two food drives each year: one for Thanksgiving and one for Christmas. “We do it for the whole month of November and December and try to get food for both holidays,” said Booth.

When donating, foods need to be in original packaging and unopened items can be dropped off at the front desk in the University Store where they will be exchanged for a coupon. Baked stuffing, canned vegetables, cranberry sauce and other non-perishable foods will be accepted.

Valerie Siano is a junior psychology major, has participated in the food drive, but wishes to. She believes the coupon is a great idea, but it should not be the sole purpose of why students donate. “The coupon is an advantage but [its] advantage is in itself,” she said.

The amount of food collected always varies year to year. This year has not been the best due to many lost days. So far the University Store has collected 7 boxes full of food. “Because of the storm, we didn’t really get a start until Thanksgiving,” said Booth. But with the time that the food drive has been running, they’ve been doing well. Booth added, “After a day and a half we’ll have the orange bin up front full.”

Booth shares that the amount of food they collect also fluctuates with the amount of “other” food collected on campus. “There are usually about 25 boxes of food for November and about 20 to 25 for December,” Booth said.

To get the word out about the food drive, the University Store uses signage and contacts all the media outlets at the university, such as the newspaper and radio and television stations.

Booth also emails everyone on campus the information. “I usually try to do the email twice. Once in the week before November starts and then the first week of December just to keep it in everybody’s minds,” Booth said.

The Middle School gives the food drive a new spin on things. “They do not work with another group. All of the work is done by the students and faculty so they are a middle man. According to Booth, the Long Branch Middle School donated over 300 families that they donated food to last year.”

“The Long Branch Public Schools have a long history of helping their neediest families during the holidays,” said Ward. “Food donations are collected at the Middle School and,with the help of their teachers, they get ready for delivery to individual families.”

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Before their presentation, four inmates were once just like the students who sat in the audience. “These students, before they ever stepped into this room, were like me,” said Evan. “I had to make the decision to go to jail,” said Evan. “I couldn’t pay any of my bills and my family became nearly impossible. I didn’t take long for my finances to dwindle down and feeding my habit, I was handed an armful of armed charges and more. But I couldn’t pay any of my bills and my family became nearly impossible. “I acted on impulse,” said Evan. “I couldn’t pay any of my bills and my family became nearly impossible. I didn’t take long for my finances to dwindle down and feeding my habit, when I was handed an armful of armed charges and more. But I couldn’t pay any of my bills and my family became nearly impossible. I didn’t take long for my finances to dwindle down and feeding the night she left a New York City motorcyclist who died from the accident occurred, Sophia smoked marijuana, but regardless of the fact she wasn’t high at the time of the accident, she still tested positive for THC, the chemical found in marijuana,” said Ridder. “Her positive drug test was enough evidence to convict her.”

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**Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?**

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Many times in our lives, situations occur that are unexplainable and leave us with the unanswered question, “Why did this have to happen?”

This question can lead us to focus on the bad and cause us to contemplate all the negative aspects within the given situation.

By frantically searching for the answer, we may find ourselves hinging on every small detail of the struggle that led to the bad. We may begin to think that these events are a result of some hidden challenge or struggle that is placed in our way, which means that we are most likely wrong in our assumptions.

I believe that the answer is knowing for certain through the assistance of quotes and clichés, such as “everything happens for a reason.”

Others may avoid these types of sayings since they appear so vague and complex, and may not seem to bring them enough closure.

Today, I would like to prove that everything does happen for a reason, and that this may be a reason why bad things happen to good people.

By doing so, I would like to share a personal story as an example.

November 26, 2012, I received the unfortunate news that someone very close to me had passed away. She was my coach, my teammate, and my friend. She was an absolute mess, as I am sure anyone else that crossed Amy Jones-Eades path in their life was as well.

She was the type of person that walked through this world with her warm presence and beautiful smile, which was often combined with a witty comment or two. Her passion, positivity and never ending determination in all aspects within her life are qualities that are found few and far between, and just a small percentage of the many qualities that shone bright possessed.

In January of 2011, at the age of 27, Amy Jones-Eades was diagnosed with stage 4 colorectal cancer. This diagnosis meant that Amy was no longer able to compete as an all-star cheerleader or as a competitive dancer. Besides dealing with her health and having to give up many things that she once kept close to her heart, the long road ahead was also going to make it difficult for Amy to continue coaching her dance teams, which meant the world to her.

This type of news is devastating for anyone to hear and the initial blow can hit each person in a different way. Many would expect it to be normal if Amy chose to break down and be devastated with the news and fear the long and difficult journey that lay ahead of her.

If Amy had these emotions at all, I know that they did not last long. Amy chose to take this challenge head on and not let it keep her from doing what she loved. She still had a long illness to not one, but two back to back world championship titles. She also recently received the coveted 2012 Dance Coach of the Year award.

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I see both of these circumstances as our advantage because, with this in mind, we have the idea that there will be problems, but knowing others have made it this far, is simply not an option for us.

In addition, it made me promise myself never to say “yes” if I didn’t believe I was ready.

On the other hand, being engaged has brought its own issues to my life. A few of my friends have almost completely broken off contact with me. It’s as if I’m too mature for them now, as if I’m grown up and a disease that they do not want to catch.

Others now see me as moth, asking me for advice rather than out on a shopping and gossip date.

In contrast, some of my family sees me as the silly niece who’s going to be the first to get married in my generation. I’ve heard “Are you sure?” and a few disapproving whispers.

My parents are okay with it, more or less. My dad, since day one of my dating my fiancé, has told me that we have a “good thing going on” and advised me not to “let him go.”

My fiancé’s parents suffered an similar fate. They were married for 29 years and they divorced 5 years later. She too, tells me that she was too young when she married and not an option for us. She also received the coveted 2012 Dance Coach of the Year award.

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Amy has touched so many lives through her many roles as a daughter, a sister, a family member, a teammate, a friend, a coach, and a fiancé.

I am sure all of us who knew her or who have heard about her are spending most of our days asking ourselves, “Why her? Why do bad things happen to good people?”

Although it seems unfair and no answer can fill the hole in our heavy hearts, I believe she both came and went as a lesson.

I believe bad things happen to good people as a lesson for us all. I’ve always been the classic 21 year old who is going to be the first to get married. I’m only 21. I believe I’m lucky.

In fact, I’m hoping not, since I don’t want to “let him go”.

It’s important to note that marriage is a ring pop or twist ties. It is not all going to be “My Fair Wedding” and white doves.

It will not all be “My Fair Wedding” and white doves. Some of us attempt to cope by frantically searching for the answers and reasoning be cause we are not to “let him go.”

It’s important to know how you let something go. Sometimes, it’s impossible to do so, even if it seems unfair and causes us to contemplate all the time like that.

Who can put an age on something that is placed in our way, we are forced to give up and always gave thanks and credit where it was due.

“AMYzing” personality, knowing that these next few weeks, months and years are not going to be easy to with her, what we can do now is help her legacy live on and learn from the unintentional lessons she has left behind.

After all, as Amy always said, “Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass, it’s about learning to dance in the rain.”
Ways to Spend the Holidays, From Traditional to Unique

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Want to spice up your holiday season? With all the milk, cinnamon, a little nutmeg, and a dash of pumpkin spice (this combination would hopefully taste delicious, you'll find yourself a super-awesome-fantastic-unforgettable holiday season. Okay, so adding spices to your holiday might not exactly "spice" things up, but you get the point.

A lot of people are looking for new and creative ways to make their holiday season more unique and special. Sometimes the holidays can be so frantic that people forget to sit down and relax or even have a conversation with their family. But, there are ways to get to where we all want to be.

What about spinning the holiday season 180 degrees, doing things that you hadn't done before, or maybe doing the same thing but amp it up a little? One idea that could freshen up the holiday season would be to host a potluck. All of your friends and family can come together and bring their favorite dishes to make for the holiday season. But, you’re not done yet; there would be all different kinds of food, ranging from entrees to deserts. Talk about something new and creative. Lovers of leftovers? There will also be plenty of food, laughter, conversations, and memories.

Another idea that could sizzle the season up would be having a holiday scavenger hunt. This can take place with all of the families in your neighborhood or hey, maybe even in your dorm floor or building. And every time they get a holiday item, they have to take a photo with it. By the end of the scavenger hunt, they'll have a holiday photo album.

Now I’m going to pull out the big guns, but don’t worry, tickets to this show happen to be free. Pinterest is the Holy Grail when it comes to crafts and recipes for the holidays. If your sweet tooth and craft hands are calling for you, answer the call. It is the greatest thing you can do.

Go through your Pinterest (if you don’t have one, it’s not a problem) and search for holiday recipes and crafts. They have their own tutorial on how to create your own gift tags for presents and recipes that will have your guests jaw dropping just by looking at the photo. Pinterest has plenty of monthly changes, so for December, bake something or craft something every day.

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But if what you just want to do something is on a whim during the holidays? Buy a plane ticket and don’t look back on the past year unless you are New York City's Rockefeller Center. There are ways to make the holidays special no matter what. There are always ways to spend the holidays. It is perfect because it supplies the freshest memories for a brand new year.

Not everyone decides to make New Year’s resolutions. Some people get the motivation to continue it throughout the year is lacking. Not everyone decides to make a New Year’s resolution. Some see January 1 as a day of simply trending traditions just the way they are. And others who can’t, but everyone is there for the same experience and to make memories that they’ll remember forever. Seeing the lights, listening to holiday carols, being a part of a global New Year’s celebration can make anyone’s holiday special.

We would think that going ice-skating would be a no big deal, but during the holidays it is a little bit surreal. You’re surrounded by all of these people, some who can skate and others who can’t, but everyone is there for the same experience and to make memories that they’ll remember forever.

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Victoria Jordan Staff Writer

Invincible.

That is how most of us feel when we think about our New Year’s resolution. Our goals, hopes, and dreams that we face today have nothing to do with yesterday or tomorrow. But, the New Year’s Eve? It is a day of simply being a part of a global day, yet you view exercise as a burden, your goal of losing weight or improving your physical health will not be achieved. If your resolution is to instantly cut out all desserts yet you find yourself miserable at the thought of no late-night sweets, this resolution will not be met. If any of your resolutions are going to make you less happy, they are not worth making.

As mentioned before, the most important part of making a resolution is the short-term goals. Say your going to become vegetarian. Rather than immediately cutting out all meats from your diet, select a few days a week the first month to eliminate animal products. The next month you can add on another day and so forth.

Now I’m going to pull out the big guns, but don’t worry, tickets to this show happen to be free. Pinterest is the Holy Grail when it comes to crafts and recipes for the holidays. If your sweet tooth and craft hands are calling for you, answer the call. It is the greatest thing you can do.

Go through your Pinterest (if you don’t have one, it’s not a problem) and search for holiday recipes and crafts. They have their own tutorial on how to create your own gift tags for presents and recipes that will have your guests jaw dropping just by looking at the photo. Pinterest has plenty of monthly changes, so for December, bake something or craft something every day.

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Physician-Assisted Suicide May Become Legal in N.J.

Terminally Ill Patients Will Have the Option to Have “Death with Dignity”

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Physician assisted suicide may become legal in the state of New Jersey. The bill, A3328 or “Death with Dignity Act” was proposed by Assemblyman John Burzichelli but if passed will need the voters to approve it. Some doctors feel that the public might follow suit with such a decision, in light of recent Supreme Court decision. Dr. Joseph Patten, Chair of the Department of Political Science and Sociology stated, “A few years back the United States Supreme Court upheld a physician-assisted suicide bill in Oregon, known as the Death with Dignity Act, on the grounds that the doctor patient relationship links to privacy rights and that the state of Oregon was within its rights to allow terminally ill patients some say in the manner and timing of their passing. Some public polling also reveals that most Americans support this as a privacy right as well,” says Patten.

Dr. Stephen Pressman, a professor of Economics and Finance Department at Monmouth University, says “Coupled with the decision six months ago in New Jersey, the state's minimum wage now rests on CPI projected trends, the minimum wage would rise to an estimated $8.50 an hour in 2014. The bill, if passed, could prove a blessing in disguise while New Jersey residents await the terminal diagnosis and send the written request, and have two witnesses in accordance upon the written request, in order to receive a lethal dose of medication. In addition to the already complicated process, two doctors would need to certify the terminal diagnosis and send the patient for counseling. Sophomore Marine Biology student, Renee Kelsey, contests that such a law would be a beneficial gain to the state as a whole. “Everyone needs more money to help them live and be alive. When they are terminally ill, or some other condition, the life is not worth living,” said Kelsey.

He continued, “It’s unfair to expect people to be able to raise and raise themselves up at a wage that does not take them beyond the poverty level.” Wisniewski vowed, “It’s our obligation as a legislature or a state to make sure that any family needs that need this money. There are families that are working playing by the rules, but struggle to make ends meet.” Sweeney explained, “More and more people contribute to local businesses, from minimum-wage earners and low-income families across the state. As more low-income earners contribute to local businesses, the local economy might see positive results. If the bill is passed however, a six-month to live” condition may be put forth [proving] that some patients with particular afflictions, medical conditions, or certain family matters in the case, there could be an open question as to liability, possibly due to die under the act problematic; an issue which comments was initially explored by the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of Cruzan v. Director, Missouri Department of Health. “These problems among others could have led to reasons why, despite early support in the fall of 2012, a similar bill was not passed by Massachusetts voters last month,” Bordelon states.

The final resolution will now be up to the voters and those who may, one day, have to make that choice.

Bill Now Awaits Governor’s Signature to Raise Minimum Wage by $1.25

If this helps keep students out of debt, or reduces their spending more money. Therefore, local businesses will also benefit from an increase because consumers will spend more in local economy.

He explained in the release that if Gov. Christie doesn’t sign the bill, that Democrats would want to let New Jersey voters decide. Sweeney explained, “More and more workers will try to get by with paying fewer workers higher wages,” said Pressman.

Dr. Josh Mann, a business management major and President of Alpha Kappa Psi, the University’s Business Fraternity, expressed that he agrees with the minimum wage increase. “I think it should be done more often because the cost of living continues to rise and wages should reflect that,” he said.

Mann also believes that the increase will have a considerable influence on students. “Most college students don’t have the time to work full time jobs, so they get local jobs that often pay minimum wage. With an increase in wages, students would see a direct increase in their paycheck and have more expendable income which would help the whole area’s economy,” he said.

Christian Klein, a senior business management major, also supports the minimum wage increase saying, “With the current state of the economy and the rising cost of living, I think an increase is a good idea.”

“Everything gets more expensive over time, so it would only be right to raise the minimum wage,” Klein explained. “By raising minimum wage. It helps people be able to afford the things they need and cover their bills, especially in lower income brackets.”

As New Jersey residents await Gov. Chris Christie’s decision, the debate between the state’s legislators continues, drawing reactions from minimum-wage earners and low-income families across the state.
Newark Mayor Cory Booker has taken on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) challenge, during which he will live off the food stamp program for a full week in order to gain a better understanding of the SNAP program. He hopes to serve as a virtual role model to single parent households and to help low-income households alleviate the burden of not having enough to purchase a necessary to meet their basic food needs at all times.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) benefits received by a single person, there was a record amount of 14.5 percent of American households who received SNAP. This required the assistance of programs such as SNAP to ensure households received food. Virtually half of SNAP participants are children, with about 47 percent of single parent households relying on SNAP. The households that have children in them add up to about 71 percent of the SNAP’s participants. Some have suggested that if both parents were working, those who are living below the poverty line would no longer be eligible to receive SNAP benefits.

According to Bookor’s blog, on which he updates his SNAP diet each week, he receives 200% of the SNAP benefits and can only spend $29 a week on food alone. He尽早 stressed that he and his family have to consider what meals will accept his SNAP dollars and plan accordingly. However, perhaps his biggest challenge, having to stop and figure out what he was going to eat, was that he was unable to obtain cafeinates drinks. For example, he stated, “I was forced to realize that I could not be a coffee lover. In his first day’s blog, he stated that for the first time in his life he was having to start his days without a cup of coffee.

Booker stated, “More than this though, the constrained food options that I have for this short week highlights how much I struggle with having to plan my food, and the only way to overcome this is to pay a vending machine for a coffee or soda.”

Booker’s second day blog, he began to feel the full effects of the SNAP challenge. He stated that in the first day of the challenge he was unable to eat at all and having to balance food costs and plan accordingly. He once again addressed his poor planning of what would have been the ideal meal. There is a good reason why he never needed to put that much thought into what he was going to eat. He realized that he is starting to realize the food choices that he takes for granted, as well as the energy it takes to plan each meal, much like a vending machine for a coffee or soda.

During his second day of the challenge, Booker explained that he had a hard time deciding between what was convenient and healthy. He stated, “We’ve been raised to believe that our food and a ruling on California would be (and am) pretty confident that the USSC will vote in favor of Prop 8 and the Defense of Marriage Act are unconstitutional because the states have the right to determine the nature of marriage.”

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What is your ideal job?

COMPiled by: Alexis Orlacchio

Steven
junior
“My major is finance and my goal is to work on Wall Street. Hopefully I get there.”

Jessica
senior
“I’m a psychology major and I would like to use dolphins as therapy with veterans and special needs children.”

Sean
sophomore
“I want to be a fantasy writer because it’s so cool.”

Payal
freshman
“My dream job is to work in Washington. I’m a political science major and I would like to work in the Department of State.”

John
freshman
“I’m a biology major, so I’d like to become a doctor.”

Adriana
junior
“To work for National Geographic as a photographer and travel the world.”

Mia
senior
“Probably to be a plastic surgeon since I’m a pre-med major.”

Raven
junior
“I want to be a wedding and party planner. I want to host the events that people will remember for the rest of their lives.”

Michelle
junior
“Sports broadcasting. I want to work for ESPN or the Golf Channel.”

Yvette
sophomore
“I always wanted to be an actress on a TV show.”

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Holiday Bites Sure to Entice

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Yet again, it is the glorious holiday season. We know all that makes this time of the year so wonderful, one may ask? For starters, the holiday season is typically comprised of family gatherings, winter festivities, frosty air, holiday cheer, and all things giving. Perhaps the most delightful of all, however, is the delicious desserts that one may consume throughout the duration of the season.

Let’s take a moment to be honest with ourselves: eating desserts is inevitable during the holidays. Quite frankly, this time of the year is an excuse to devour these mouth-watering goodies that we may otherwise feel guilty even contemplating. After all, it’s Christmas! Hopefully, you have that you have been reassured that ingesting great quantities of holiday desserts is not only acceptable, but encouraged. So, take a look at some creative and delicious holiday treats that you bake to impress your family and friends with the originality as well as taste.

Instead of cooking regular vanilla or chocolate cupcakes, you can spice up the appearance by turning them into Reindeer Cupcakes. A batch of 24 of these cupcakes can finish within two hours, and all you need is a simple Betty Crocker recipe. The ingredients needed are 1 box Betty Crocker Super Moist cake mix, 1 box Betty Crocker Super Moist chocolate frosting, 24 licorice twists, 24 mini marshmallows, 24 red cinnamon chips on the front of the snowman. The licorice can be used for the snowman’s arms by placing them on either side of the scoop of ice cream. This holiday dessert Hosting a party and needs a last-minute dessert idea. This holiday season, many have been trying to tie in something healthy in dessert. If this sounds like you, than Santa hats are what you wish to make.

In order to make Santa hats, you will need 24 mini marshmallows, and icing. To begin, you need to either make or buy the brownies. You will need to make or buy the brownies in a small circle shape unlike their usual square appearance. Once the brownies have baked, you can place them on one of the circle sides. Then, cut the top of your strawberry off and proceed to place the rest of the strawberry on the brownie’s icing. Next, add a dab of icing on the point of the strawberry. What you now have is Old St. Nick’s hat. Sophomore Lindsey Pielsch did not mind what she is cooking, as long as she is cooking, she is content. “I just like keeping traditions, cooking with my mom every Christmas while we listen to Christmas music. It’s a tradition and of course they are yummy,” Pielsch claimed.

Though all of these desserts mentioned are creative and yummy, Professor Jerry Cook of the English Department prefers more traditional desserts. “During the holidays, I prefer to eat pumpkin pie that is baked with pecans and spices. That way, you can actually taste the pumpkin,” Professor Cook stated. It is evident that people tend to prefer different types desserts, whether it is classic chocolate chip cookies or Reindeer cupcakes. Either way, desserts have been trying to tie in something of the season. It can be well assumed that every student has been trying to tie in something of the season. It can be well assumed that every student has been trying to tie in something of the season. It can be well assumed that every student has been trying to tie in something of the season. It can be well assumed that every student has been trying to tie in something of the season. It can be well assumed that every student has been trying to tie in something of the season. 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Oh, There’s No Place Like Philadelphia for the Holidays

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While many North Jersey residents refer to New York City, South Jersey residents prefer the smaller city of Philadelphia. While South Jersey residents have a plethora of activities Philadelphia has to offer, many tend to overlook the Pennsylvanian city in favor of the promoted New York City. With a wide range of activities from ice skating to plays to just enjoying the holiday décor, Philadelphia has everything to get in the holiday mood.

With a shadow of Philadelphia’s most treasured holiday traditions would be none other than the annual New Year’s Day Mummers parade. These Mummers parade through the city commonly doing what is known as “the mummer’s strut” in elaborate costume like feathers and hear the banjo music. Another local of the area, sophomore Jennifer Hoffman enjoys watching the Mummers parade but from the comfort of her home. “While I have never gone to the Mummers parade, it is fun to watch it on TV because it is unique to the city of Philadelphia. My family and I always watch it every New Year’s Day as a tradition to see all the string bands and colorful costumes that the Mummers wear,” Hoffman stated.

While the Mummers tradition is not until the New Year; there are many other options Philadelphia offers involving the holidays in December. One of the most beloved areas to go to Philadelphia during this time of year is the Pennsylvania Ballet. The Nutcracker was formed in 1963 by a protégé of the world renowned George Balanchine. The movie, most known for the phrase “You’ll shoot your eye out!” and the infamous leg lamp, has a就算不 Counts to Christmas in 1940s Indiana. There are also many different options to help you feel merry and bright.

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Staff Writer

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Dyslexia: The Movie

This past Monday, December 3, I saw a very exciting and involving documentary called Dyslexia: The Movie, directed by Harvey Hubbell.

This was part of this year’s On Screen, In Person film series, once again moderated by University specialist professor Andrew Demiri, who chose this film, along with a commitment of people, “Because I think it operates on lots of different levels, it’s really smart, it’s really funny, and it has an important message and it really makes you reconsider how you view other people and how you think about disabilities.”

Did I think it operated on different levels, was smart, was really funny and carried an important message? Yes. And it is.

In this film, Hubbell, a dyslexic himself, seeks to inform and educate the audience through his own life experiences as well as by discussing the topic with people who are researching dyslexia. He also involved other dyslexic individuals who came forward about their lives and how they dealt with the condition. Many of them were celebrities such as Billy Bob Thornton, Sarah Joy Brown, and Steven J. Cannell, the creator of television shows such as L.A. Law.

Sprinkled throughout the film are facts about dyslexia and clips of Hubbell randomly asking people on the street what dyslexia is. Many people knew of it, but a lot of people, sadly, can’t give the audience every single piece of information throughout the film has a central “character,” not a “subject,” to focus on. Not only is he passionate about his point of view, but he makes fun of the stereotype that’s the story of my life.’ Basically we all share the same exact situation, the story is told the way he wants the audience to hear it. The film is chugging along at a very good pace; not fast but certainly not slow. There is plenty of information throughout the film. This film mixes comedy, facts, and awareness with ease. It’s not jarring and it gets the point across. When appropriate, the film will speed up, but it stays focused and engaging. The choices for interviews are both interesting and personal. By interviewing celebrities, the film shows the audience that even people who are successful and famous aren’t invincible. These people are the same as you and me, they have dyslexia. Billy Bob Thornton describes having dyslexia as like seeing a ghost.

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Undergraduate music students and University professors gathered on Thursday, December 13, to enjoy the annual Holiday Concert. Student performers and various musical ensembles entertained a packed crowd of students and faculty in Wilson Hall. The annual concert was sponsored by the Performing Arts Committee of the Student Government Association and SGA's Special Events Committee.

This year's concert started at 7:30 p.m. with the Penn State University Men's Chorus, a University Choral Society of 90 members. The Chorus sang with energy and professionalism. The director shared that he was very pleased with the performance and thanked the performers. The vocals were beautiful and harmonized well, creating a pleasant and festive atmosphere.

The next act was the University Concert Chorus, conducted by Prof. Mark Wilson and featuring 130 voices. The chorus sang renditions of popular Christmas songs, including "O Come All Ye Faithful" and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." The performers were seated on the stage and the audience was captivated by their emotional and powerful vocals.

The final act of the concert was the University Wind Ensemble, conducted by Prof. Carl Schmalzel. The ensemble performed a variety of festive and traditional Christmas songs, including "Jingle Bells," "Sleigh Ride," and "Adeste Fideles." The ensemble's arrangements were challenging and well-executed, and the audience was treated to an engaging and entertaining performance.

The Holiday Concert was a wonderful way to celebrate the holiday season and to appreciate the musical talents of Penn State students and faculty. The performers showcased their skills and dedication to their craft, and the audience was treated to a memorable and enjoyable evening. The success of the concert is a testament to the talent and passion of the performers and the support of the University and SGA. The Penn State Holiday Concert is a beloved annual event that brings joy and holiday spirit to all who attend.
**Local Paleontologist Harbors Ancient History**

MARISSA WEBER  CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On the outside, the yellow, bun
gelow-style home looks innocent
enough, just like any other house
on the block. A passerby would
have no idea that this home that
was back millions of years into
an archaic landscape filled with
relics of inconceivable but true
species now absent from the eco
system.

The house’s resident is Ralph
Johnson, an older gentleman
with perhaps more hair on his
chin than his head, who curates a
palaeontological research mu
seum in his basement. There
are specimen cases percent full
of specimens from extinct crea
tures that live, once again, in
Long Branch residence. It is
home to: a 30 pound piece of
dinosaur bone from a dinosaur
that weighed eight or ten tons;
re mains from amonites, which
are relatives of squid that lived
in coiled shells and traveled in
schools; shells so well preserved
that even after 75 million years
the mother of pearl is as inde
cent and shiny as ever.

The house is more than a home; the
living room is incomparable with
its plush carpets and chairs
with velour cushions as well as
glass and ceramic figures rest
ing on tabletops. A fancy dining
room sits adjacent, seemingly
more for show than for use. It
is the descent down the short
staircase that transports you and
makes you forget that you’re in
Long Branch in the 21st century.

The sloped ceiling above the
stairs is concave and even Ralph,
at no more than five-and-a-half
feet tall, needs to bend awkwardly
to fit beneath. A sign above
deters creationists from enter
ning.

The house itself is a time portal. It
was four years old, but at the
time spent with others that germs
spread so easily. The deadly con
ditions that occurred time and
again. When the days get busier
and the stress of the semester ending,
early mornings and later nights,
it’s almost impossible to avoid
getting ill.

Bitter cold weather equals
spending more time indoors and
it’s because of this additional
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Coughing, sneezing, runny nose; its like germ central. All it takes is 15 seconds with hot water and antibacterial soap to kill the germs.防备下, using decongestant medicines. There are so many
coushing effects that can occur when
you're not using the right medication and those effects can be
detrimental.
ERIN MCMULLEN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

From the time that we first begin to interact with others, we become acutely aware of what is supposedly ‘cool’ and what is not. Still today, as students in college, we are surrounded by things that define what is the coolest, the most popular, and the best liked by our peers. But what exactly does it mean to be cool?

In today’s society, there seem to be many variables that play into the definition of the word, but regardless of the ambiguity of its meaning, it is a widely acknowledged term that everyone strives to define?

If you search for the definition of cool in the dictionary, Merriam-Webster explained, “In sociological terms, we would say that ‘cool’ is a social construct, meaning that in every society, and within smaller groups in that society, people in interaction with others define the standards of ‘cool.’”

As a society, we depend on one another when it comes to almost all things, and defining what’s considered to be “cool” is no exception. We decide whether or not people that we interact with, as well as ourselves, make the cut when it comes to what’s “in” today. People’s opinion on what’s “cool” continuously change, which makes it even more difficult to properly and elaborately define the term.

“Cool” is a word that even our standards of “cool” continuously change over time because people are always changing, which means that their thoughts and opinions are changing too. What’s cool to you is not going to be as cool to you in a year or two. The expectations of someone who is deemed “cool” in college are obviously not the same for the “cool” kids in a fifth grade class.

Many of the meanings of ‘cool’ are generally connected to the status hierarchies in a social system such that those with more social power, prestige, and wealth are more accepted in stores today is backed by a celebrity. Fame is cool, so naturally, the product with a famous athlete or performer’s face on it is too. Celebrities hold a large amount of power over our society, and it appears that it is mostly the men and women in the limelight who define what’s ‘cool,’ whether it is intentional or not.

“Cool” is basically dependent on the majority. Whatever the majority thinks is popular is what we consider to be “cool,” Zwernemann explained. As a whole, people in our society are easily swayed by the opinions of others. This makes it easier for the concept of “cool” to change for some people as the definition of what is considered to be “cool” by the majority is the way to go, but for others, it is the exact opposite. Although there are obviously a lot of people who feel pressured by the standards of ‘cool’ in today’s society and who are willing to change themselves to meet them, there are just as many people who take a different approach.

In college especially, I think it has more to do with being yourself and not trying to be some thing you’re not more so than conforming to the beliefs of others that makes a person ‘cool.’ Zwernemann explained. It takes a lot of courage to stand up to the majority, but there are plenty of people who do it by creating their own idea of ‘cool’ and neglecting the already constructed standards placed in front of them by society. Not conforming is a hard thing to do in today’s world, especially with all of the pressures of the media and those around us. Everyone wants to be accepted, and everyone wants to be thought of as “cool,” but who is to say that there is certain criteria that needs to be met in order for that to happen?

In order to be seen as “cool,” according to Foster, it’s unspoken; that person has your back and you’ve got theirs, no matter what. The friends you have now may very well last longer than the friendships before it. We’ve just always been there for each other, said Michael Pirrotta, psychology professor.

Others would say that it is the foundation that really matters. The value of compassion, understanding, honesty, trust, reciprocity, etc., the list can go on forever. These are the basic fundamentals to developing a true, lasting friendship. Seniors Nicole Fera and Rachel Gentry defined what makes their best friends. “It’s those memories of jamming out in the car or staying up till four in the morning just talking about life,” said Gentry. “Or like that time we were racing to the car and you tripped and knocked your keys out,” laughed Fera in response.

For these two girls, friendship was built around the memories they’ve shared over the past eight years: the good and the bad, the ups and the downs. From a psychological perspective, friendships are considered the most vital relationships in the emotional life cycle of adolescents. “By building these bonds with others, pleasure and happiness are satisfied, and that is why we pursue such a connection,” explained Pirrotta. By experiencing good qualities of friendship, self-esteem is heightened, self-confidence is retained and social development increases. We are more comfortable and accepting of who we are as individuals if we find others who are practically the same.

“We’ve been friends since, I don’t know, second grade? We did track to gather our whole lives and just built a friendship from practicing, traveling and competing together,” said Dakota Dalzell about his friendship with best friend, Eric Thomas.

Sharing similar interests, participating in sports, clubs, or activities, being assigned the same classes or living arrangements are all open invitations for a friendship to begin. “We’ve just always been there for each other and we always will be,” expressed Gentry, proof of a typical best friendship.

A study from Perdue University found that friendships that began during post-secondary school years last longer than the friendships before it. “The friends you have now may very well be your friends forever,” explained Fera. “But when you have a bond like that with someone, it’s unspoken; that person has your back and you’ve got theirs, no matter what.”

We rely on our friendships to get through the hardships of life and to share the happiness; without friends, it’d be much harder to define and accept who we are as individuals.
Extended Use of Breast Cancer Drug Increases Remission

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A wide variety of breast cancer drugs are currently in use to treat the symptoms of the horrific disease. One specific drug, which has recently been noted for its ability to prolong cancer remission, is Tamoxifen. According to BreastCancer.org, it is the second most prescribed breast cancer treatment. The use of Tamoxifen can reduce the risk of a new cancer developing in the other breast by about 40 percent and has shown promising results in keeping cancer away from undiagnosed women who have family histories of breast cancer.

Typically, Tamoxifen is prescribed to breast cancer patients for approximately five years. However, in a new study called “Vela,” Tamoxifen was assigned to one group of breast cancer patients for the average five years and for an additional 10 years. The results of this study showed that the group taking Tamoxifen for 10 years developed breast cancer at a slower rate.

A difference is highly signifi-
cant, especially when viewed through a personal and realistic lens. Fresh-
men and seniors major Kristen Patel comments that, “If it is scientifically proven that taking Tamoxifen reduces the chance of breast cancer, then returning, then diagnosed patients should invest in the extra five years of treatment. Five years can save them a lifetime. My cousin was diagnosed with breast cancer a year ago, so these advancements in medicine are the reasons why remission is possible.”

Breast cancer initially starts in the milk ducts of the breast, or in the lobes of the breast that produce milk. Further, breast cancer comes in two forms: invasive breast cancer, which is one type of disease. The other type of breast cancer is susceptible to being controlled with hormone therapy. This cancer is hormone-dependent. Those cancers are called estrogen-receptor positive. To help reduce the risk of breast cancer for those women who fit this category, a deemed estrogen- receptor positive cancers is that it blocks the effect of estrogen. This means giving back to his for-
ter (RA).

An RA is someone who is in charge of a floor in a dormitory and acts as a mentor to the stu-
dents community in which he or she lives in. This provides valu-
able experience to both students and the RA.

Their duties include planning programs, supervising closing periods for break and acting as peer mediator. “I was encour-
gaged by my sister, who attends another institution, to apply for the position here at Monmouth,” said Nick Rossi, the head RA in Elmwood Hall. “It has also given me the chance to learn a lot about myself in the process as well.”

Dan Roman, also an RA in Elmwood, wanted to apply as a means of giving back to his for-
mer RA who was a major help during his freshman transition last year. “I became real close with my RA and I wanted to do something that would allow me to give back to people who were a big help to me,” said Roman. “I want others to know that they can be successful and are strongly encouraged to give back to the community.”

One of the major responsibil-
iies of an RA is to plan both edu-
cational and social programs for their residents.

For freshmen, these represent the S.H.A.D.O.W. program (Ser-
vice, “Hawk Pride”, Academics, Diversity, Occupation and Well-
ness) and can include a range of activities from pizza parties, go-
ing to basketball games or help-
ing out charities by creating spe-
cial holiday cards. A highlight is when food (particularly cookies) is offered as it attracts an abun-
dant number of people to par-
ticipate. With some exceptions, such as making Japanese Origami,
programs must have at least ten participants to be considered offic-
ial and are encouraged to attend.

Building security is another im-
portant factor as RAs are assigned duty nights as coordinated with the rest of their building staff.

Prior to the start of each semes-
ter, all RAs go through an exten-
sive training process that involves workshops such as conflict resolu-
tion and how to handle residents who are disruptive. There are also fun events built in such as a trip to Sandy Hook Beach for a day by the sea. This process lasts for two weeks in the fall semester and five days in the spring semester. This position is also great on a resume for anyone, but particularly those who want to become school teach-
ors.

“People who have been an RA are better prepared for the un-
predictabilities life throws at us,” said Mark Holfender, Director of Residence Life. “The training is long, but students end up having fun and learning a lot about them-
able.

Applications go out February 4, 2013 and are due on the 15. Inter-

cultural meetings will be held again at the end of January and must be at-
tended prior to applying.

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* - Wed., Feb. 20
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* - Sat., March 30 – 18th
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9:45 AM to 5 PM
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The 2012-2013 cheerleading season is different from any other before. "It is not only a sport," said the University for one main reason: MU Cheer will be competing in the University Nationals. January 18-20, 2013, in Orlando, Florida at Walt Disney World Resorts. They will be fighting against other Division I schools for a national title. Courtney Ball, current coach of the cheer team, said, “Our girls work very hard to be enthusiastic and energetic during football and basketball seasons and come out with another attitude to demonstrate their dedication and skills. Collegiate teams from across the US come to compete at UCA Nationals because this is the most prestigious college cheerleading championship in the country.” The top teams that ranked in the top ten last year at the UCA College Nationals include: Indiana University, University of Memphis, Morehead State University, San Diego State University, University of Minnesota, Florida State University, University of South Florida, Western Kentucky University, Rutgers University and Temple University.

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Students Speak up for Activities
Megan McGowan of SAB Discusses Upcoming Plans

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The Office of Student Activities and Student Center Operations, and the Student Activities Board have begun creating their annual survey in hopes to receive direct feedback from students for upcoming events of the spring semester.

The survey is 20 questions that both of the Office of Student Activities and SAB can use. As Student Activities Board, as well as the Student Activities Board, use to measure student participation, satisfaction, and interest. The survey asks a set of their questions every year, but will also highlight a specific area of interest to learn more about an explicit area of programming.

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cess. The trip also had great feedback from those who attended. These two questions were important to take into consideration because ‘travel’ and ‘tour’ was the highest rated category that students stated they wanted to see more of. We also ask students what past events they most enjoyed so we had an idea of what we should or should not bring back to campus,” said McGowan.

Every student will be emailed the link to take the survey. The survey will be sent out on the last day of classes. Keep a look out in your email and do not miss out on getting involved with the planning of events here at the University.

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Ro b v i  s a d h a n , senior and dance major, who leaves May-July for the team to train at home. Besides preparing for additional information, contact Courtney Ball at chball@mum.edu or visit Monmouth University’s website at go-mumawks.com.

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Rob Vihan analyst for the event through Facebook and the clubs and organizations page on eCam.

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The Student Activities Board held its first-ever stress-reducing event this past Wednesday, December 5, to provide some stress-free entertainment to students. The “Keep Calm...” event took place in the Student Center in hopes of involving both commuter and residential students. The SAB board consists of students coming out and picking up the idea of keeping calm during the final weeks of the semester. They believe it could be an opportunity for newly admitted students to learn about the University’s proposal for the first time. “People loved it! It went very well,” said Centurion, “in total, that’s what makes me think the next year or so...really well being an option for students, people was so great. Hopefully we will be able to do this again in the future.”

The achievement of the event was ap- preciated by the Student Activities Board when students created their own “t-shirt”-sized items with the idea that we could pick which say- ing and colors we all wanted indi- vidually. I decided that I needed to take a twenty-minute break from the craziness of school and have some fun and wait on line to create my own souvenir while I could! As a senior, I’m really go- ing to miss the bond of students helping each other during stress ful times such as this. We really are a community.”

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New Sorority to Join Greek-Life

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Over nine million college students across the nation are partici- pating in Greek Life. Whether the purpose of joining the Greek community is to make friends during college or attend parties, college students from state to state are looking to become a part of the Greek life that has been a part of the campus culture for years.

With hopes of incorporating a thriving social atmosphere and expanding the philosophy of their founders, the international women’s group Alpha Omicron Pi (A01) will be recruiting women on campus in the spring of 2013. The women’s fraternity, often referred to as “sorority” in Europe, was created in 1897 at Barnard College. The organization, found- ed in the early 1920’s under the name of Pi (A01), is now a part of the National Panhellenic Council (NPC), and has expanded to 192 chapters on over 200 American and International campuses throughout the world.

The University’s interest in ex- panding Greek life has come from the rise in numbers for recruitment. From 2006 to 2008, active members in NPC increased by 12%. Over the past few years, Men’s social fraternities have been expanding at a rapid rate and were chartered in 2010, and the profes- sional business fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi. The vote to open for the creation of a new chapter was approved and passed on April 19th at the NPC Triennial Convention. Members of NPC are also known as the governing body of women’s Greek organizations, released an Extension Bulletin to the twenty-six members. After viewing the University’s propos- al, A01 was interested in estab- lishing a chapter based on a num- ber of mines, such as alumni and university support, the size of the proposed colony, and whether the values of the campus aligned with the values of their organization.

Kara Mantooth, Director of Recruitment and Marketing for A01, has been spearheading the movement thus far on campus. The organization has been preparing for the organization since March, has been spreading word of the University’s proposal to brochures, social media websites, and informa- tion sessions.

Among others, A01 empha- sizes the objects of character, cooperation, scholarship and collegiate loyalty. The women’s fraternity works to teach their members how to expand and utilize these char- acteristics both inside and outside the organization in order to ben- efit both themselves and others.

For interested members, Man- tooth says A01 is looking for talented, creative, and motivated students who love the idea of keeping calm during the final weeks of the semester. A01 is open to anyone who wants to join and be a part of the Greek community.

The first one is Monmouth Idol. It is held in the fall semester; tick- ets are five dollars in advance and four dollars at the door. At the event, any student is eligible to participate if they would like to. There are prizes given to first, second, and third place and the proceeds go to The National Kidney Foundation.

The second event is the pancake breakfast, held in the fall semester and the tickets are also five dollars. The sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma make pan- cakes, and it is an all-you-can eat event. This event takes place in the Continent, check out their website: www.csps.org. With the addition of A01 to the Greek community, the University is very excited to get to know and see what the future holds for this new chapter of the University. Phillips said, “I think it was a very unfortunate...as you all can eat. I am definitely very ex- cited about this event. Although it is the first time we are hosting something like this it is definitely for a very good cause. It seems like a good place to help out some un- fortunate families by involving the whole Monmouth University community as well.”

Phi Sigma Sigma will be col- lecting donations in the Student Center from 11:00 am to 4:30 pm on November 14, December. All donations are welcome. To learn more about Caleb’s Foun- dation, check out their website: http://www.calebspennies.org/.
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♈ Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19) - This week is an 8
The more that you invest this week the more you shall receive in return. By carefully planning where your time is going and by thinking ahead of the others you will be productive to the max. As a result a few new responsibilities might arise for you to take.

♉ Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) - This week is an 6
Go over that paperwork very carefully this week, you don't want anything important falling in-between the cracks. You do have a real productive mindset going and listening is going to be key for that skill to be utilized effectively. Consider your plans, and then move on quickly to get the most satisfying ending.

♊ Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) - This week is an 8
Times are tough now, but take a chance and tackle that challenging assignment. Remember that just because something is difficult does not mean that several smaller, less challenging tasks should be obtained instead. However do not overwhelm yourself with too much in these trying times.

♋ Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) - This week is a 7
An amazing development is in the works for you. Although there are several meetings going on that could conflict with what you currently have occurring, remember to keep you sight on where the future will place you; that is going to be where you will end up after all.

♌ Leo • (July 23- Aug. 22) - This week is a 9
You’re about to get some brilliant insight about you current happenings. Make your move when the time comes, and relax when it doesn’t come just yet. Do not spend your energy worrying about any negative events that might roll around; stay focused on the positive and all will be well.

♍ Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) - This week is a 9
Mistakes are a part of the learning process, so do not fret. These could always lead you to a special surprise, or an unusual task perhaps, that you might not have been exposed to before. Save yourself the trouble and don’t look too hard into how you came to these moments; instead savor the moment fully.

♎ Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - This week is an 8
Perhaps you should look into an upgrade in your technology. And there is no better time than now with these great shopping deals! You’ll love the fact that you are getting a little something for yourself, and along the way you might just find the perfect gift for that special someone!

♏ Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - This week is a 7
The time of rewards has come your way! A beneficial result is about to show up and you’ve really earned it. Do not let your good fortunes cloud your vision though. Respect and appreciate the people around you for all that they are worth, if not you will be celebrating by yourself.

♐ Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) -This week is a 9
Express your affections at work in words that are easy to understand. Provide support for the person in your life who might need it most and you will feel accomplished, despite the sullen atmosphere

♑ Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - This week is a 6
It is a period of intuition and musing for you. Some of your theories succeed, as you have suspected, but there is still much to learn. Someone can teach you what you need to know, but don’t get picky over the details; simply appreciate that they are helping you out.

♒ Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) - This week is an 8
Get organized to avoid the frenzy of the end-of-the-year. Reassess those expenses, put more into your savings, and gather up all of the perks that come with it. As a result your financial expertise is going to attract some positive attention.

♓ Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) - This week is an 8
You are looking good and feeling good! There is an important question that you need to answer though and you might have to give something up. Listen to your inner voice and you can do no wrong. The time to launch that decision is fast approaching.

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HOROSCOPES ARE STRICTLY FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES
Students Sport Their Colors on Campus

“it think it might be the time to be most passionate about my favorite sports teams. I’m young and don’t have things to worry about like a real job or raising a family.”

JOLEY EVANS
Junior

Hawks’ Frazier Snubbed From All-NEC Teams

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So lets take a quick overview at what we have so far. Among the three, Frazier’s team was second best, but defeated both of the other two at their home field. The Hawks’ quarterback threw for the most yardage, touchdowns and the highest completion percentage by a landslide. Frazier is tied for second in passing interceptions.

The three quarterbacks are very similar with their rushing stats. Doscher averaged 44.1 yards per game with five touchdowns. Duquesne’s Patterson averaged 19.6 yards per game and scored five touchdowns. Frazier ran for 23.1 yards a game and scored three touchdowns. Every week during the season, an NEC Offensive Player of the Week twice. Doscher won the award twice for Wagner. He won it on October 1 and November 5. Patterson claimed the title once, for the week of October 22. Frazier was named NEC Offensive Player of the Week three times. He won on September 10, September 24 and October 15. One else in the conference won the award three times.

Put all of the numbers together and this is what it boils down to: Doscher totaled 2,198 yards, 18 touchdowns, one interception and a 5.4.5 completion percent age. His team finished first in the conference and he went 1-1 against the other top quarter- backs. He was named NEC Offensive Player of the Week three times. The stats are right in front of you, and you can make the decision.

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Men’s Basketball Loses to Navy and Syracuse

Head Coach King Rice Ejected From Navy Game and Suspended Against Syracuse

The men’s basketball team fell far from the pedestal of glory this past week as they endured a tough 85-66 loss against Navy and a 108-56 loss to the Syracuse Orange.

Head coach King Rice was ejected from the Navy game after receiving his second technical foul and criticized the officials in the post-game press conference, resulting in a suspension for the Syracuse game.

The last time MU played Navy, Navy was almost a year ago, when the Hawks won 69-67. This time, looking for redemption and a chance to reach .500, Navy gained the early lead.

Within the first seven minutes of play, Navy led by seven points as they furthered their lead one of us could get back to block.”

Sophomore Max DiLeo said. “Fortunately, our teammates were able to dominate the rest of the game.

Senior forward Stephen Spinella and sophomore guard Andrew Nicholas each sank a three-pointer giving the Hawks a 37-32 lead at half.

Winning the first half battle was largely due to their persistent defense. Sophomore Max DiLeo said, “They got us fast breaks and we were trying to get back,” DiLeo said. “Fortunately, our teammates bought each other enough time so one of us could get back to block.”

MU entered the second half strong as they furtured their lead to three at 50-47. Twenty-five seconds after Waite’s basket, the Hawks found themselves behind Navy 51-50.

Navy then sank another shot, bringing the game to 53-50. MU was able to tie the game up with a three-point shot from Nicholas forcing the scoreboard to read 53-53, this would be the last time the Hawks were close to their opponent.

In the blink of an eye, Navy seized the game. Taking their first ten-point lead as the clock read 8:39, Knott took over the court.

MU quickly attempted to cut their lead by two, but Navy fought back and with 6:35 left in the game, the Hawks were still losing by ten points at 67-57. A questionable call was made by head official Brian Dorsey with 6:23 left in the game.

A single minute had passed since the call was made and MU let their deficit increase to a 16 point margin of 75-59.

By the one minute warning, the Hawk’s aspirations of victory was crushed by a 19-point gap. Navy scored the last basket of the game with 21 seconds left, securing the final score at 85-66.

Sophomore guard Andrew Nicholas scored 20 points and dished out five assists in the Hawks two losses last week to Navy and Syracuse.

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“I should have done a better job of coaching them throughout the day. When the head coach doesn’t get it done, then the team gets embarrassed 85-66,”

King Rice
Head Coach

37-32 within the first 30 seconds of play, but came close to losing their lead within seven minutes of play as Navy’s star Kendall Knorr made his free throws.

Senior forward Ed Waite gave MU come comfort room as he pushed the lead to three at 50-47. Twenty-five seconds after Waite’s basket, the Hawks found themselves behind Navy 51-50.

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With the loss against Navy, MU’s record stood at 5-4.

Their next game was Saturday against the fourth best basketball team in the nation, Syracuse. Assistant coach Rick Callahan assumed the head coach position for one night due to Rice’s suspension.

Waite led the team at the Carrier Dome on Saturday night with ten points accompanied by eight rebounds while teammate Gary Cox notched nine points for the Hawks. Khalid Brown’s eight points proved a season high.

Nicholas helped MU gain an early 5-4 lead over the Orange as he scored all five points. The Orange were quick to retaliate as they sank two three-pointers making it a 10-5 game.

MU scored the next six points in order to regain the lead at 11-10. With 10:32 showing, the game stood at an even 19-19.

At 9:35, the scoreboard showed 24-21 but Syracuse quickly capitivated the game as they were able to score 25 points in the next seven minutes while MU could only connect with the hoop twice.

By half, the Hawks were down 57-28. As the first three minutes passed in the second half, Syracuse increased their lead by 20 with the scoreboard showing 70-30.

The rest of the half was dominated by the Orange as they increased the point gap to 57 with 2:55 remaining in the game. The final score posted 108-56 in Syracuse’s favor.

With this win, Syracuse remains fourth best in the nation as well as continuing their 28-game home winning streak and their undefeated 8-0 season.

With this loss, the Hawks come to an even 5-5 record.

Next, MU heads to the Comcast Center this Wednesday night to face the 8-1 University of Maryland Terps. They host Villanova at the MAC on December 22 at 7 pm.
**Sports**

**Dave Trottor and Jerseys Amount More Than a BCS Title?**

Imagining the stress, fatigue, and dedication that comes from going 12-0 in a college football season. Now picturing what it means for players and staff members when they find out they’ve been selected to compete in one of the nation’s largest invitational bowl games. All that hard work then has a purpose, a way to funnel the effort and sacrifice into one monumental goal.

As well as an Ohio State Buckeyes fan, there is nothing more upsetting than finding out your team, after a BCS Championship-contending season, will not be able to enjoy these perks. Getting to see the world through the lens of one unseeded team’s bowl experience is a necessary action to consider the days that lie ahead. The AP had the team ranked at number four at season’s end, and now, after a team in the bottom of the bowl pecking order defeated the best team in the country, it is time for the Buckeyes to stand tall and come together.

Alysha Womack led the Hawks in scoring against Georgetown with 17 points.

**The Outlook**

**RYAN CLUTTER**

Hoyas Top the Hawks 61-48

**MAGGIE ZELINKA**

Track & Field Shines at Princeton

**RYAN CLUTTER**

In the final game of the fall semester, the women’s basketball team fell 61-48 to the Georgetown Hoyas on December 22. The Hoyas dominated in every category, holding the women’s team to one of their lowest-producing performances in MU’s vast history to run the indoor track and field meet.

Coming off a strong performance in the MAC’s Fourth Annual Classic, the track & field team traveled to Princeton, N.J., for their first meet of the season. The Hawks had their sights set on the B-10 conference meet and the NCAA championships.

During the meet, the women’s relay team placed fourth in the 4x400 relay with a time of 3:52.49.

**MAGGIE ZELINKA**

Head Coach

**JENNY PALMATER**

**RYAN CLUTTER**

In the 60 meter hurdles as MU sent teams. Both the men and the women were higher level in this week’s Princeton event. Jeffrey the Giant is physical enough to be able to cause he was one out of three male throwers in the entire nation to ex cause

But, it was Jeffrey the Giant who crossed the line with a time of 17:55. With this time, Eller becomes one out of four women in MU’s history to throw the 300 meter dash with a time of 8.45 took sixth place. But, it was Jeffrey the Giant who crossed the line with a time of 17:55. With this time, Eller becomes one out of four women in MU’s history to throw the 300 meter dash with a time of 8.45 took sixth place.

Alysha Womack led the Hawks in scoring against Georgetown with 17 points. The trap you feel like you can’t go anywhere. Sometimes we worry too much about things that are out of our control. Personally, I felt like I couldn’t go anywhere and it just resulted in turnovers. They were against us.

"They’re a team that forces 28 turnovers in a game, we knew that they were going to be trying to trap the entire game, whether it was full court, half court, three quarter court, or four quarters with a half. "They’ll do it for the whole game within reach. Chevannah Panday led the Hoyas with 30 points off of the 37 turn overs. She scored 30 points off of the 37 turn overs. She scored 30 points off of the 37turn overs. She scored 30 points off of the 37turn overs. She scored 30 points off of the 37 turn overs.

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Despite the poor offensive outing, the Hoyas were relentless on defense, forcing 34 MU turnovers that resulted in 17 in the first half. Facing a 1-2-2 zone press with MU’s 34 turnovers, 17 in the first half. Facing a 1-2-2 zone press with MU’s turnovers in the first half. Facing a 1-2-2 zone press with MU’s turnovers in the first half.

The Hawks pulled within two points in the second half, dropping Georgetown’s All-American Sugar Rodgers to make it a 43-41 game, but the Hoyas scored 16 of the games final 21 points to seal the deal.

"A lot of press you face you get it [the ball] over half court and they back off. Georgetown stays in it. They trap the entire possession.

At the season’s end, Urban also felt obligated and entitled to enjoy these perks. It’s tough to see an undefeated team that has lost only one game in the Big Ten be榜首．Although the team found itself in the BCS championship game, it was eliminated because it was not ranked high enough.

The Hoyas stayed in the top 25 for the entire season, but they were not as competitive as the team ranked just below them, the Michigan Wolverines. The Wolverines were ranked 13th in the final BCS poll, which put the Hoyas at 26th.

The team went undefeated this season (just the sixth time in school history), beating teams like Michigan 10-3 and Wisconsin 10-3. They were ranked number four at season’s end, and number three for the bowl season. The AP had the team ranked at number four at season’s end, and number three for the bowl season. The AP had the team ranked at number four at season’s end, and number three for the bowl season.

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The men’s basketball team lost by 52 points against No. 4 Syracuse on Saturday night, 108-56. MU is now 5-5 this season after losing two games last week.

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