Winter Storm Nemo Finds MU

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Winter Storm Nemo caused the cancellation of classes last Friday starting at 2:30 pm and all Saturday, while dropping nine inches of snow on the West Long Branch area and accumulations over two feet in parts of Connecticut.

President Paul G. Gaffney II explained that on Thursday at noon when he stood in front of 300 faculty members and said that the storm was supposed to be light, only a couple of inches. He assured everyone that no one was going to go home early and in response received a big sigh from the staff. However, the University did wind up closing. Gaffney, who once was a meteorologist and oceanographer, stated that he was constantly watching the weather forecast and noticed they were changing as it was getting close to the day of the storm. “That got my attention because they had been saying for two days one to three inches and all of a sudden now it’s three to six inches,” he said.

This was when he called the other Vice Presidents and told them that they all needed to keep an eye on Winter Storm Nemo. That weekend, Bill McElrath, Chief of Police, stated that during storms, there is a “Storm Watch” policy that they follow. He said, “The purpose of the policy is to make sure that all major parts of the University (the Provost Office, Student Services, Facilities Management and the police) are all aware of the storm and are working together to prepare for the storm.”

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Legislature Juggling Jug Handles

CHRISTOPHER ORLANDO  POLITICAL EDITOR

There is a bill in the New Jersey State Senate, Senate bill 207 that will “...prohibit the planning, designing, or construction of any additional jug handles on the public roads or highways in the State.” The bill has been proposed by State Senator James Holzapfel of Ocean County, “New Jersey has at least 600 jug handles, more than any other U.S. state, according to Tim Greeley, a spokesman for the state Transportation Department. The article also said, “The turns were engineered to remove left-turning vehicles from higher-speed lanes and control the congestion approaching a traffic light. They send drivers on a right-hand exit, then onto a U-shaped stretch that ends at the intersection with the original road. Cars go straight across the road and continue on their way - a three-step left turn.”

Jonathan Weissman, sophomore marketing major, said, “I come from Pennsylvania where there really aren’t too many jug-handles. While they’re convenient so you don’t have to sit in the turn lane waiting for a green arrow to turn left, they can be confusing and sort of a pain to deal with. Like the one on Route 36 near the mall.”

University police captain Dean Volpe said that despite not having jug handles within jurisdiction, “I am not aware any ‘dangers associated with jug handles in New Jersey.’ It may be inconvenient but, it is in my opinion, safer than the dangers associated with jug handles in New Jersey. There are a number of cases where jug handles have put people in danger and if they would no longer be built in New Jersey if S207 bill passes. I would support this bill.”

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Jenna Tshudy, junior history and art history major and Co-Chair of Colleges Against Cancer, recommends that his goal in visiting Saint Petersburg is "to give students an understanding of the changes and challenges that Russia faces today. Pearson, who has taught Russian history for over 40 years and has visited the country seven times (and lived there for ten months) feels that Russia is not an easy place to navigate for those traveling alone, but in a tour group, attendants can gain a full understanding of the life and culture of the country. The tours are run with the help of the Russian American Consulting Company in New York and Intourist in Moscow. The University has been an active participant in Relay for Life for six years. Tshudy said, "I love being involved in Relay for Life because I am very passionate about our cause and I enjoy inspiring and encouraging others to support the American Cancer Society and Relay for Life. During our fundraisers and events, we always get people who come up to us and share stories of some one they know who has been affected by cancer in some way. It is very empowering and heartwarming to come together and fight for such an important cause."
Final Presidential Candidate Visits the University

Dr. Stanley Preczewski, Vice President for Academic Student Affairs at Georgia Gwinnett College

SAMANTHA TARTAS
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Stanley Preczewski, presidential candidate, opened his presentation to faculty and students by introducing himself as ‘Stas’, giving students a sense of who he is, what he has experienced, and what he could offer if ultimately selected as the next President of the University.

Preczewski currently serves as the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at Georgia Gwinnett College (GGC). He has also served as the Interim President of Georgia College & State University, along with multiple positions with the United States Military Academy at West Point for 11 years.

Questions about athletics, Greek life, extracurricular activities, commuter parking situations and academics buzzed throughout Wilson Auditorium and Preczewski acknowledged each issue while listening to each student’s concerns.

“I get my energy from students and I understand that I have a job because of students. No students, no job,” Preczewski said.

Preczewski cited examples from GGC of how administrators and faculty work to provide multiple leadership opportunities for students in and out of the classroom. “We even created a leadership institute to support the study and teaching of leadership so that our students would have a solid foundation in applied leadership,” he said.

Alan Jean, senior Political Science major, explained what he took away from Preczewski’s conversation with students. “I feel like ‘Stas’ left a presence and has a passion and drive to bring a piece of himself to wherever he works and wants to use that presence to improve wherever he works,” Jean said.

Preczewski also explained an exercise that he had participated in to understand how students, faculty, staff, alumni, donors, the community and trustees would describe the college. Preczewski said, “Students would say they were ‘enlightened.’ Such that their eyes were opened to new ways of viewing their world intellectually; faculty would say they were fully ‘engaged’ with their students, research and community in meaningful ways; the staff would report that they are ‘supported’ by the administration and that they dedicate themselves in total support to the students and faculty; that alumni report the campus they left will always be ‘home’ to them – a place to return to join lifelong friends they had made here.”

Preczewski continued, “Donors who came to know Monmouth would be ‘inspired’ to contribute their resources to continue to enhance the mission of the college in producing truly outstanding graduates; that our surrounding community viewed us as ‘partners’ in building the community in service to others; and that if all of this were indeed accomplished, the Board of Trustees would view the university as ‘respected’ among its peers and beyond.”

Preczewski also explained how he visited the campus on multiple occasions prior to submitting his application for the presidency. “In a ‘secret shopper’ fashion, I visited the campus three times before the two interviews to get to know the students, faculty, some staff and coaches to see if Monmouth was the type of community I wished to join. I am pleased to report that it was an overwhelmingly positive experience,” he said.

The University’s immaculate, modern and historic structure caught Preczewski’s attention and he described how he met warm and genuinely happy people. “The visits inspired me to work even harder in my pursuit of the position. It would be an absolute privilege to be able to join this campus team for the next decade or so and see just how far we can take the University together,” Preczewski said.

Joseph Deliera, President of Tau Kappa Epsilon, commented on the conversation and on Preczewski’s membership and character. “I think ‘Stas’ was very personable and clearly knowledgeable. Being in Greek life was definite plus too,” Deliera said. Preczewski is a New Jersey native and married with three children. He enjoys rowing, personal fitness and traveling.

The Presidential Search Committee’s finalist campus visits concluded with Preczewski’s visit last week. Prior visits to the campus include candidates Dr. F. Javier Cevallos, Dr. Donald H. Sebastian and Dr. Paul Richard Brown. The Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet on February 26 to discuss its appointment of a new president. Grey Dinnenna, Vice President and General Counsel of the University Administration, said, “Once a decision is made, the next step would be for representatives of the Board of Trustees to negotiate a contract for that individual to serve as president of Monmouth. Once agreement is reached, the announcement of the new president will be made.”

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Dr. Neil Graves Hosts Oxford and London Summer Trip

JACKLYN KOUEFATI  ANAMANDA EDITOR

This summer, students are welcome to take Dr. Neil Graves abroad to England for ten days while taking a three-credit course EN398/HS398, Literature and cultural events of the UK.

Throughout the Oxford and London summer trip, students can visit places such as Abbey Road, Stonehenge, Scotland, and Wales. Pictured above are students in front of Blenheim Palace, the home of the World War Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

Graves stated that the trip abroad starts on August 25 and ends on September 3. Graves organizes the trip and explained that he picked the 10 days for several reasons. “The first reason is that I wanted students to be able to work during the summer if they want to take other courses at MU,” Graves said. “By placing this trip after the end of MU summer courses, the end of the summer, students can take this course and do all their normal summer activities.”

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THE OUTLOOK STAFF OPINION

Every year since 2007, the University has held its Designated Hero of the Year Award Ceremony, a national movement to prevent drunk driving accidents that came as a result of the death of Ensign Elliott, a May 2000 graduate of the United States Naval Academy who was killed in a head-on collision with a drunken driver on July 22, 2000.

In this ceremony, students nominate themselves or someone they know as the HERO Campaign Group at the University chooses a winner. The purpose of this ceremony is to prevent tragedies that come as a result of drunk driving by awarding the usage of sober designated drivers.

However, is this definition of a “hero” one that is universal to those outside of a university community? According to some of The Outlook’s editors (unless otherwise noted) or their authors. All students and faculty are welcome to respond to any opinion piece that appears on these pages, and everyone is encouraged to submit an article for consideration.

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Being Single on Valentine’s Day

ANN ANA CHAMBERLAIN STAFF WRITER

The other day I was in CVS picking out Valentine’s Day cards to send to my grandparents and family. As I was looking through the rows of cards, I noticed a voice from behind saying something that caught my attention.

“Someday my prince will come.”

It’s such a waste. It’s just another excuse for couples to buy presents for each other. As I was about to say that it was a bunch of rubbish, I saw that it was a teenage girl talking to an older woman. The reason why I was so intrigued by the girl’s statement was because while I was in high school, I had said exactly the same thing. The sudden flash of déjà vu back to last year, the excitement and nervousness about what makes people so angry about this holiday that is supposed to be about love.

As a girl who, sadly, has never had a boyfriend, I can understand the hostility that comes from those who are single during this time of year. Women can feel that they can’t do enough to win someone’s heart, or encourage their heart to stay put on anyone but them. Men may feel that they have to be charming enough to win that special someone to make her fall for them. As a girl who has been alone for the past six years, I know what it feels like to wait for your princess and never find her. I’ve never understood why this year is so special. There’s always been Prince Charming and Snow White, Cinderella and Prince Charming. He should be tall, dark and handsome; brave, nice, and oh so chivalrous. Being royal does not mean you have to be perfect.

But then we grow up, and we enter the real world where we may find things are not as magical as they are in the movies. When you look at Valentine’s Day at the Quick Check down the road between classes and who is only thinking about Valentine’s Day is who is on their phone waiting for their date to come. You will never get a chance to find out for yourself. It’s not like we planned for it.

As little girls, many of us watch princess movies with such a passion that it is almost religious. We drink in what these movies give us, letting love fantasies that are in them influeuce us way past our coonsby and Spice Girls stage.

So what do princess movies teach us about love, what about life lessons we are absorbing while sitting in front of the television? Let’s go down the list.

Cinderella, arguably one of the most famous princess tales, teaches young girls to cook, clean and be nice to people who are utterly terrible to you. Talk to animals and you are totaly normal. Don’t try everything all the time while he wavered in and out of consciousness. Hopefully she can learn that she is not the only person based on nothing but her looks, risk the lives of everyone she knows and loves in the process. She then marries him and agrees to be mean and not stick up for herself. She is single does not mean you can’t enjoy the holiday. The holiday, the holiday, holiday... You are supposed to be with your significant other, and if you do not have one, it’s not the end of the day. A fun day for new people thinks that it is but I disagree.

People do have a tendency to romanticize for a man who saw her once, she has seen this especially with the few who feel that if they have no one, they are stuck in the wrong with them. I learned a long time ago that it is not the end of the world is to you find yourself feeling lonely on the day. There are so many other people who have felt it. I feel that anything that could swing me in the opposite direction, unless if you are my best friend.

To my surprise, it seems that those who are single are more positive about the holiday than I expected. After all, why can’t Valentine’s Day be a fun day for new people to meet while also celebrating long term relationships? While I do hold the belief that being single is no excuse to slack off on the romance during the rest of the year as long as can play the role of a hopeless romantic on February 14. Show your significant other that as long as you treat every holiday like you will be the crazy lady crying in the store yelling at everyone who will listen, telling them how much you want their help, your little sister who is about to graduate and take care of your children, you will be the crazy lady crying in the store yelling at everyone who will listen...

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The true test of whether he is the one is how much he cares about you simply because it is Tuesday, he simply because he took you on his way home from work just so that he can give you the chicken wing without asking. Because you have not been sick all week, he is a good guy. If he opens the door for you, he is doing it because he is a good guy. If he is at the grocery store and an upscale restaurant, he might be the one. A man who does not do something as simple as cause my boyfriend bought me flow- ers and candy on Valentine’s Day, Would that I have a ten year old single male who just because he actually took me to a restaurant where we did not have to read the menu through the car window at a drive through, I want to count him as a significant other on a regular basis, and if I am not in a relationship, I want to give him a Valentine’s Day.”

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At the end of the phone calls, I could not help but ask myself, do these women really needed to call someone in order to find out that they were not in a relationship? Why was it that they were so upset that their boyfriends had not done anything nice for them? And why are their boyfriends never anything nice for them, so they expect to be taken to a restaurant and given flowers and chocolates? Is this really necessary? How about being single, just because you are not in a relationship with someone?

What Do Fairy Tales Really Teach Us About Romance?

MORGAN HOLLINGSWORTH CONTRIBUTING WRITER

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The only difference between the two groups is that undocumented citizens are not for stricter borders first.

McAin, who was an advocate for immigration reform in 2007 has attempted to pass a bill that he worked on with the late Senator Ted Kennedy that was never passed. McCain is quoted in an article saying, “We have been too... our food, clean our homes, and even... and unnecessarily bureaucratic... and crack down on the hiring of... necessary documentation, which... would be a popular idea.

Although the President has not yet passed the Immigration reform that is a part of the United States. Immigration reform has become a major topic of discussion thus far in President Obama’s second term and could affect millions of Americans.

Debate Hawks Mentor Asbury Park High School Students

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The proposal by the “Gang of Eight” is one that President Obama optimistical due to its similarities to his own.

He is quoted saying that the proposal is very much in line with the principles I’ve proposed and campaigned on for the last few years. So at this moment, it looks like there’s a genuine desire to get this done soon, and that’s very encouraging. But this same, action must follow it.

The difference between the two groups is that undocumented citizens are not for stricter borders first.

Barbara Caparr Nitzberg, Assistant Director International Students and Faculty Services, thinks that students being offered green cards would be a popular idea.

The costs that have been funding the deportation process are only another reason to stress the importance and need for the Immigration Reform bill to be presented.

The President, however, reminds us all that “This not just debate about policy. It’s about people. It’s about... people who want nothing more than the chance to earn their way into the American story. And throughout our history, that’s only made our nation stronger.”
Buono Begins Bout For Governor
State Senator from Metuchen Hopes to Win Democratic Nomination for November

Barbara Buono, a New Jersey State Senator from Metuchen, made clear why she is a Democratic nominee for governor this November. 

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Buono began her campaign rally at New Brunswick High School. In her speech she promised to help the middle and working class families of New Jersey.

She took a few jabs at the governor in her speech as well. "I was taught that treating others [well] was a responsibility of New Jersey."

Her main points of the speech centered on attacks that Christie cut from our education instead of asking millionaires and billionaires to pay their fair share. She is also pushing hard against Christie for not signing the same sex marriage bill in New Jersey. However, a number of women were elected into Congress, Buono who was running at the perfect time. Also, in a state as Democratic as New Jersey, women will turn out the most. Fifty five percent of women voted for the Democratic President Obama over Mitt Romney last November.

Buono's policy proposals mirror President Obama's, freshmen psychology major, thinks it's time for a woman to become Governor of New Jersey again. "A woman will have great support in this state."

She also thinks that women are very successful in politics. "A female has been elected in New Jersey before, and I think that a woman will be tough enough to stand up to Christie's attacks and forceful politics."

Buono definitely has an uphill battle in her race for Governor. Christie has seen his popularity rise following his response to Hurricane Sandy.

State Senator Barbara Buono is the only Democrat to officially file her paperwork to run for governor this November. If nominated, she will be up against Republican Governor Chris Christie.

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We thought it was quite odd that we could not make left turns and for people who aren’t from NJ, this is very frustrating. Although it does alleviate traffic concerns at times, it causes people to go out of their way to get where they want to go,” said Bailey.

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However, Holzapfel does acknowledge there are conflicting reports of whether jug handles are dangerous or not. The alternative that he suggests is adding in left turn lanes which would allow both lanes of traffic to go left and prevent accidents.

“Jug Handles May Take Place In NJ”

If you are a current resident student and are planning on participating in the Room Selection Process for the 2013-2014 Academic Year, you must pay your $150 housing deposit. Housing Deposits will be collected at the following locations:

Online Via Webadvisor February 11th through February 22nd OR February 13 and 20 - In the Dining Hall from 11:30am to 1:30pm

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Housing Deposits

If there is a five lane highway, then the two on the left would be used for turning purposes. As a Drexel grad, I am from Connecticut, and I’ve never seen a jug handle before. I came here. They seem pretty useless and confusing to me, so if there is an easier way to make a left lane turn, I would gladly be in support of that,” said Holzapfel.

Holzapfel believes that safety is the biggest issue with jug handles but jug handles also hurt businesses. By having to make property into jug handles it prevents the development of more businesses. This was one of the main inspirations behind the bill when he introduced it back in 2003. "This is not the way to go as far as the future is concerned," said Holzapfel.

Professor Peter Reinhart, Director of Kislak Real Estate Institute, said “They have some impact on real estate shopping centers, small and larger, by impacting access to the centers. Signage for stores is impacted by requiring specific directions at times.”

Holzapfel also believes that it is pointless to make a vehicle go right to go left. "Why should the car go through the same intersection twice," said Holzapfel.

Reinhart agrees with Holzapfel. "I do think jug handles designed many years ago are often inefficient since they were designed with lower traffic volumes than today. The result is sometimes lengthy backups for cars entering the jug handles.”

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Nearby Restaurants To Impress Your Valentine

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Although cliché, dinner for two is one of the most valuable Valentine’s Day traditions instilled in us since the holidays. The holy day is coming up right around the corner, so these romantic restaurants in our college town will provide you with a memorable meal this season.

Long Branch is a great place to start looking for romantic places. The most convenient town in regards to travel, Long Branch has the best places are located in your backyard. Long Branch offers a number of different dining styles. If you and your date are looking for a romantic location with a great view, McClone’s Pier House located in Pier Village would be a great start.

Pier Village, Government Association President, Oscar Sanchez Jr., adores the hot spot Pier House, “McClone’s is a great date spot. Besides the amazing seafood they offer, you can enjoy the beautiful ocean view. That, combined with the dim lighting, can really create a romantic evening for a couple.” Although a little pricey for college students on a budget, junior Katrina Harz says, “The food is worth the price. It is very delicious.”

An advantage of McClone’s is it’s proximity to the beach. After dinner, you and your significant other can take a walk on the beach.

You are looking to stay in Pier Village, Sawa Steakhouse and Sushi Bar provides a unique set- ting. Sanchez suggests this restaurant is a group for a date rather than a couple date. “You get dinner and a show with the bibachi cooking so it’s a lot of fun for everyone,” Sanchez adds. Sawa also has another restaurant located next to Best Buy on Route 36.

Another great find which many often skip over is Tre Amici. This restaurant is closer to campus than Pier Village and is also located on Ocean Avenue and is not too ex- pensive. Sophomore food enthusiast Lau- ren Weber believes this restaurant is one of the best eats of Long Branch. “The food was really, re- ally good. It’s cool to know that the man cooking for you was on Food Network,” Weber said. “That might not be as neat to other peo- ple, but to me it was pretty great.”

Matthew Zappoli, chef and owner of Tre Amici, won Food Network’s Chopped competition. Zappoli has also been named one of the “Five Chefs to Watch” by Bon Appetit magazine. The restaurant has secluded areas which are worth- while of a look include The Avenue, Sirena, Rooney’s Oceanfront, and Charley’s Ocean Grill.

For a classy Valentine treat, take a short 15 minute drive to the Red Bank where you will see reflec- tions of New York City’s down- town atmosphere. Surrounded by a number of lounges, bars, restaur- ants, and boutiques the town has a number of possible date locations.

Harz suggests Tomato’s Coal Fired Pizza. A quiet location, Tomato’s provides candles and dim lights for the ultimate romant- ic evening, and tastes like authentic Italian food. “It’s a great different from other places,” Harz stated.

The Melting Pot, located in the same area as Tomato’s, offers an interac- tive dining experience with their fondue cooking style. While expensive, The Melting Pot offers a unique take on the traditional meal.

Harz describes the location as “very romantic” and notes “you can cook your own food and the food is made right there at the ta- ble, which is good and not many places have anything like it.” The restaurant has secluded areas and they wish to have some privacy and in- corporates low lights. Other locations in the Red Bank area include Gaetano’s, La Pas- teria, Downtown, Dish, and The Bistro.

If you and your significant other are on a budget, do not let money be an obstacle. There are a number of relaxed chain restaurants with a variety of food options close to school. Friday’s, Chili’s, Ruby Tuesday’s, Applebee’s, Olive Gar- den and Houlihan’s are only about five to ten minutes travel time.

If you plan on taking your date out to dinner this Valentine’s Day, choose a restaurant that best fits your relationship. If you are look- ing for a romantic evening, pick a secluded location with low lights and quiet conversation. If you are relaxed, inviting evening can be planned at a local, more popular restaurant. This way you remember to enjoy the alone time you have with your special some- one.

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If these three do not sound like your boyfriend, there is always the default of giving him something musical. For instance, you could buy him music sheets if he likes to play a certain instrument, give him an iTunes gift card, or maybe if you are the musically talented one, you could write him a song. Obviously, this can also be a pres- ent for a girl.

There are plenty of other op- tions to choose that could be for girls or guys. One choice would be making a build-a-behrt that resem- bles your boyfriend or girlfriend’s interests. If you have some artistic abilities, you could always use that to your advantage and either draw something or have your art friend pen it. Gift ideas can easily be accompanied by candy.

Gifts Ideas Galore For Those In Need of a Quick Fix

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It’s that time of year again! Sweethearts- the day filled with red hearts, roses and endless boxes of chocolates is fast approaching. Then there is tomorrow which means another gift giving holiday for that special lady a subscription to her favorite magazine. She will appreciate the little mailbox gift every month. Along with magazines, you can buy her a book or get her a gift card to a book store. Luck- ily, Valentine’s Day is one of those holidays where gift giving can get expensive. Your significant other does not necessarily have to break the bank for us college students.

Another simple, yet thoughtful gift idea for her is a movie night basket. Include her favorite DVD, a package of popcorn, some candy and a cozy blanket for a roman- tic night in. According to Better Homes and Gardens magazine “thoughtful, handmade Valentine’s crafts make the day extra special for her sweetheart where the thought and gesture goes a long way.”

As girls will always love jew- elry, an easy gift can be found at Kay Jewelers on Route 35. While the prices do vary, one can find an affordable present whether it’s earrings, bracelet, necklace, or anything of the sort that a girl will really appreciate.

For those boys who want to splurge a little for their loved one, take note from communication professor Dr. Marina Vujnovi- c about her most memorial gift. “My favorite Valentine’s Day gift was a spa day my boyfriend got for me,” Vujnovic recalled. “It’s an awesome gift and something every girl needs!” A nice touch for this luxurious spa day treat would be if you both attended.

Ocean Place Resort & Spa is one of the closest luxuries as it is located on Ocean Avenue in Long Branch. If you are instead purchasing a present for a guy this Valentine’s Day, you have plenty of gift op- tions to choose from. A typical boy is interested in either sports, video games, comedy or music. If you are dating a jock per say, you could buy him some extra gear, his favorite player’s jersey, get his favorite player’s autograph, or even go as simple as buying a football. Other gift ideas could be tickets to a game or you could compile a tailgating kit he could utilize during every home game he attends.

Another man’s favorite is video game savvy. Options for you include buying a gift card to GameStop, getting him a controller for his gaming system, or buying a game he has not shut up about is a must. The attitude of choices if your boyfriend enjoys a good laugh. Conveniently, Nick Offerman will be appearing at the MAC on March 28. Tickets go on sale this Friday at the MAC and Pollak Theater box offices.

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MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY
WHERE LEADERS LOOK forward
The University was host to the renowned poet Janice Harrington on Tuesday, February 5, as part of the Visiting Writer series. The event took place in the atrium of the auditorium at 7:30 p.m., where she recited her work and discussed the inspiration behind it to a nearly full house.

Harrington has written two books of poetry, the first of which is titled *Everything My Body Made is Gone*, which was a Poet’s Prize from BOA Editions as well as the Kate Tufts Discovery Award. Her second book is *In the Hands of Strangers*.

She has also published several children’s books, titled *Going North*, *The Chicken-Chasing Queen of Lamar County Walks Home*, and *Busy-Busy Little Chick*.

According to her website, she is also the winner of a 2007 National Endowment for the Arts Literature Fellowship for Poetry and a 2009 Rona Jaffe Foundation Writer’s Award. Additionally, she teaches in the creative writing program at the University of Illinois.

Harrington’s enthusiasm and spirit were evident from the beginning of the meeting. She began by joking about the faces of the Congressional staff during the inaugural poem, during which she displayed several un-rhymed expressions, and that she hoped none of the audience members would give her the “goat-faced girl, though it’s terrible,” she confessed, “As a poet, I do that to people!”

Harrington explained the origins on the WMCX specialty show “Alternative Riot.”

During the assembly, she chose to read selected works from her two poetry books, beginning with *Everything My Body Made is Gone*. From the start of the first piece, it was easy to see why the group Stellar Young, an up-and-coming indie band, explained its origins on the WMCX specialty show “Alternative Riot.”

Centered primarily on rural Alabama, where Harrington spent many of the early years of her life, her readings from this book had a vibrant imagery that evoked a deep sense of the 50s-70s. Some of her work spoke on the Civil Rights movement, others on Baptist church revivals (replete with exaltations of “Praise Jesus!”) while others touched upon the delicate, simple nature of her childhood through subjects like fried apple pie.

One of the most vivid from this selection was called “If She Had Lived”, which is an imaginative exploration of a sister that had been born deformed, with many describing her as a goat-faced girl, though she died shortly after birth. The fact that the poem’s contents were fiction, but based on one real event, is testament to her imagination.

Another notable moment was during a poem on the Civil Rights Movement when Harrington asked all of the audience members to stand. She encouraged everyone to yell, whisper, and sing along to her poetic cues.

Though some murmurs of dis- content were heard, the majority of the crowd smiled and seemed eager to engage with the poet.

The interactive nature of this scene was matched later when she instructed those in attendance to turn to someone they did not know and describe either a terrible job that he or she once held or the scar behind a scar (she also reminded everyone not to remove any clothing to display said scar).

Her rationale, she explained, is that these are things we all have in common: most people have been hurt, had an awful experience in the work industry, or both, and that understanding the ways we are alike can help us better understand each other’s differences.

This activity led into her reading from *In the Hands of Strangers*, a book full of accounts of mechanical nurses, elderly persons haunted by a life of turmoil, and the emotional strain involved with caring for those who are in the final stages of life.

Lauren Schmidt, adjunct professor of English, was glad to have attended, “I loved the general quality of her work,” said Schmidt. “I thought it was really different because she made us talk to each other and do things and sing.” Luk said. “I also liked how she incorporated music into her poems.”

A brief Q & A session was followed by her reading a final poem. At the event’s closing, Harrington was available to speak with and autograph copies of her books, eager to give attendees regardless of whether or not they liked her work because, as Harrington herself said, “It’s not that you don’t understand poetry, it’s that you don’t understand me.”

Stellar Young

Stellar Young started by the WMCX studio this past Tuesday to talk about their tour and latest album, *Everything At Once*. John Glenn (Vocals/Keyboard), Erik Flora (Guitar/Vocals), Curt Mulick (Drums), Kyle Hatch (Guitar) and David Parker (Bass) pulled up to the Plangere Center for Communication in their white mini shuttle bus, and attended hit the airwaves hours before their show that night at The Trash Bar in Brooklyn. The band was featured on indie rock with some pop-rock influences to the table, we all agree on indie rock with some pop-rock influences. I read a review a little while ago that called the new CD “Atmospheric indie rock with a healthy dose of pop” and I kinda like that. It’s indie rock but it’s got some nice catchy hooks so you’ll leave with a song stuck in your head.

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“Actually, the way this little tour came together, we were just trying to book shows around the area and they kind of all came together in the same week and we were just like, ‘let’s call it a band’ we glad it came together the way it did so we can just hop on the bus and make a little trip,” said Parker.

“We all met each other in Al-bany,” explained Glenn. When Mu- lick, who is in high school, they formed a band called The City Never Sleeps. Shortly after, they asked Hatch to join the band who (replied enthusiastically “Yes!” and then they there were they were introduced to Parker, an ex- live keyboardist for Coheed and Cambria, at an open-mic.

When the final line-up released their eight-track album Madison, they were still The City Never Sleeps. However, they quickly re- alized people often got their name wrong (examples: City Sleep, The City Never Sleeps, The City is Sleeping). It became too much of a hassle, and after two years they went with the name “Stellar Young” instead, figuring it would stand out more and would be harder to remember.

When asked to describe their sound, Hatch explained, “It’s kind of mixed, we all bring our own influences to the table, we all agree on indie rock with some pop rock influences. I read a review a little while ago that called the new CD ‘Atmospheric indie rock with a healthy dose of pop’ and I kinda like that. It’s indie rock but it’s got

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“Even though they are constant-ly in the writing process, Stellar Young explained their focus at the moment is to talk to the listeners. They convert their listeners to Everything At Once before they come out with another record. “With Madison we were still kind of learning what our sound was as and playing around and see- ing what we could come up with. Everything At Once was more like ‘Alright, we figured out what we’re about now,’” said Parker.

After their show in Brooklyn, the New York boys headed to Nyack, Saugerties and last but not least, Albany on February 9 for their CD release party at Megerby’s Pub.

The digital version of Everything At Once is available on the Stellar Young’s website and you can name your own price (even for the price of zero that’s what you can af- ford). For more on Stellar Young, flute told WMCX listeners, “Just go to stellaryoung.com and all of our links are listed on there, sim- plest way to find us.”

Stellar Young, an up-and-coming indie band, explained its origins on the WMCX specialty show "Alternative Riot."
I don’t think I single album released this decade will have had a more immediate and lasting impact than m b v, the long, long, long-awaited, teasingly released 300-page, 30-track live album from the Irish indie rockers My Bloody Valentine. Now, you might be asking, “why so long? Because they—what? Or—who? Or that I hated that movie, still stick with me, as it’s quite true.”

Before mbv, the world had not seen a new album from the group since 1991. Yes, 22 years ago, before some of you reading this were even born or just barely in diapers. And let’s just say that this album, the magnus opus known as Loveless, is, to this day, regularly considered a masterpiece of such unique and groundbreaking quality that it single-handedly defined an entire genre known as “shoegaze.” Now, after 22 years of break-ups, reunions and near total silence, save for a few dispursed hints and rumors, a follow-up is abruptly released almost out of thin air. No pressure, right?

Living up to those expectations is just about impossible, and My Bloody Valentine, like the world, the group’s guitarist and driver, has no business waiting to go on, even the guts to finally put out an album after keeping fans in the dark for so long seems almost insane. In the past few months that the finished product was teased, this band was, without a doubt, the talk of the town. Could this be the greatest album of our generation, a catastrophically missed opportunity? Or was this just another gigantic practical joke played on unsuspecting fans?

These expectations even made me nervous before I first listened to the album, but as the next 45 minutes of harrowing guitars and gorgeous melodies washed over me, my fears were soon thoroughly quelled. It was hard to judge how it lived up to the long-standing hype and all of the needless hype and expectations, mbv stands out as a compelling and extraordinarily outstanding record that could have come from no other band.

In essence, mbv is undoubtedly a My Bloody Valentine record, and is heavily influenced to me. It’s a dreamy, ethereal, introspective deluge of dissonance, and the guitarist’s post-graduation experience.

The next three tracks, “Is This and Yes,” “If I Am,” and “New You,” are some of the calmest and prettiest sounding tracks that My Bloody Valentine have ever produced. “Is This and Yes” even dares to forego the serrated guitar riffs that we usually find on this album. It’s a beautiful, elegant and sentimental song. It’s the antithesis of what we would expect from a My Bloody Valentine album. It’s the antithesis of everything expectations. You may be wondering, what the hell is going on here?

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The album starts with “The Tesla” and “The Whirlwind,” two songs that are both intense and mesmerizing. The guitar riffs are dark and moody, and the vocals are haunting and otherworldly. The next two tracks, “A Dance, a Drown, a Call, a Thrown,” and “You Made Me Realize” are both intense and emotional. The guitar riffs are dark and moody, and the vocals are haunting and otherworldly. The album then transitions into a more somber mood with the next few tracks, including “I Am,” “New You,” and “You Made Me Realize.” These songs are all quite introspective and emotional, with the guitar riffs being quite minimal and the vocals being quite haunting.

The album then takes a more upbeat turn with “I Like You” and “It’s All Over Now, Baby Blue.” These songs are both quite catchy and upbeat, with the guitar riffs being quite intense and the vocals being quite triumphant. The album then transitions into a more somber mood with the next few tracks, including “I Am,” “New You,” and “You Made Me Realize.” These songs are all quite introspective and emotional, with the guitar riffs being quite minimal and the vocals being quite haunting.

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Charlotte Carne explains the difference between universities in England and the United States in terms of academics, living, and extra curricular activities.

notes that her learning has never ended and in fact expanded.

"Everything I’m learning while I’m here is valuable and I am nowhere near done learning yet," said Carne. "I believe the small things I’m learning that will really add up are the differences in the culture, the way we speak and the acceptable behaviors which are completely different from those in England."

The University’s number of athletes is of high interest to her. She said, “Athletes play such a huge part at this school whereas back home I wouldn’t be able to point out a single person on any type of sports team. The experiences I’m gaining while being here are all valuable and worth exploring. However, if there is one very valuable thing I’d really, really like to learn it would be how to use the coins here. I’ve been taught a thousand times and I just can’t seem to get it!"

Living with a roommate is another experience that she is enjoying and will be valuable even though she has shared a dorm briefly with her sister in the past. "The best thing about college was building her expectations on, Carne is a little anxious about not getting along with her roommate. While she and her roommate do not get on or socialize together, she found that they work very well living together.

Carne discovered, however, that the dorm arrangements are not optimal for getting work done. She added that having friends just across the hall can make for a difficult study period.

In Carne’s term here, she is in a difficult study period. She currently works as a student associate at Regents College and has provided a few things to keep in mind while working in the office. Although there may be other guidelines and rules that are to be examined by the Assistant Dean of Career Services here at the University, there has been a few things to keep in mind while working in the office. It’s just common sense.”

Hill added. “No surprises there. It’s just common sense.”

Employers, in general, look for employees who are smart, considerate, level-headed, and not only can inappropriate touching be deemed as harassment, but any kind of crude, offensive or disrespectful behavior can be considered as such. Be respectful of your peers and keep your work and personal lives separate. Catalano brought up that had not already been said by Hill. "I believe that you need to have two separate lives. You shouldn’t bring any personal, un-work-related problems into the office because it can affect your work and your coworkers around you," Catalano said.

By dragging along your personal issues with you to the office, your work may start to suffer, which is definitely not a way to move up the ranks within your company. Pushing away problems that are not work related while you’re in the office will enable you to finish your work projects and succeed.

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Charlotte Carne discovered, however, that the dorm arrangements are not optimal for getting work done. She added that having friends just across the hall can make for a difficult study period.

In Carne’s term here, she is in a difficult study period. She currently works as a student associate at Regents College and has provided a few things to keep in mind while working in the office. It’s just common sense.”

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Valentine's Day: Stigmas, Plans and Pancakes

RACHEL GRAMOGLIA

Here it is the one holiday that sends single ladies to their couches as they pop in The Notebook, snuggling with their Calhouls to build them a porch, followed by a Mount Everest of tissues. It’s also the one holiday that sends couples reeling to the tick-tap-top of their relationship peak.

Everyone welcome to Valentine’s Day, full of candy hearts and fluffy bears. It seems impossible not to feel the love in the air. But how do the singles and couples plan to spend their Valentine’s Day? It’s time to open up a box of chocolates and see what’s inside.

First, one must address that it is impossible to have a Valentine’s Day in February. Secondly, one must realize that tomorrow is Valentine’s Day. We can officially conclude that the month of February is going by fast. Since tomorrow is the big day of love, break out the candy hearts, get out the freshly cut roses and summon all the chocolate lovers! There is about to be an overload of sweets a’comin’.

Despite all of the decadent treats around Valentine’s Day, how do people go about planning and spending the day with their significant others if they are single or in a relationship? Does everyone on this jacked love fest of a day get a teddy bear with “Be Mine” stitched on the belly? Maybe if they were giving them away for free.

We were curious to see the day that people have planned.

There are a lot of stigmas that center around Valentine’s Day. For some people, Valentine’s Day is the beginning of the single life for this holiday, people tend to assume that they will spend Valentine’s Day alone and complain how they will for ever be alone. That’s right, I’m talking to every girl who says she will be a cat lady for the rest of her days. It often feel excluded from the celebration just because they have no one else to proclaim love to. According to www.getty.edu, a Gettyburg College professor of sociol- ogy and women’s studies, Jean Potteck, explains how single- ness is often looked at as failure for women, especially on Valen- tine’s Day.

“If many of these women find that singleness is often difficult it is not because they find their daily experiences of single life difficult, but because other peo- ple’s reactions to or assumptions about their lives are so difficult to deal with,” Potteck said.

Single women seeing people en- gaged in PDA or public displays of affection can definitely affect their Valentine spirit. For sophomore Jessica Costello, it is pointless to even have the holiday at all.

“I just don’t see why you need one specific day to express how much you love someone when you should be doing it everyday,” Costello said.

However, women who do want to celebrate aim to find comfort around other women who are single as well. Single people who have friends who are in a relationship and celebrate with each other. It is a much better, and positive, way to go about Valentine’s Day. But we must not forget about the stigmas of people who are coupled off.

For men, as many stigmas as there are for the singles, there are just as many for the couples. Valentine’s Day is often seen for the day one can whisper “I love you” in the ears of their be- loved.

According to www.valen- tine.org, that is the proper way to start the day off. “The romantic gesture is usually ac- companied with an eternity ring, red roses, chocolates, cards and other gifts,” the website ex- plained.

It is the traditional love- story way to spend Valentine’s Day.

And yet, as for the students and faculty of the University, they have other plans in mind for this year’s Valentine’s Day.

For students who are going to spend their Valentine’s Day on the single side of the relationship spectrum, they may be found get- ting in to the movies attending their late classes, and working in the Residential Halls.

Senior Tara Cooney will be seeing a brand new film star- ing Josh Duhamel and Julianne Hough. She has a very quirky and refreshing attitude about what she is going to do for Valentine’s Day.

“I am going to be going to the movies alone to see Safe Haven and indulge in popcorn, and if any hot men want to meet me there, this is your invitation,” Cooney said.

Some students who cannot at- tend the movies simply in class. Brian Boeher, senior, is going to spend his Valentine’s Day alone.

“I have two classes at night, so I won’t be doing anything,” Boeher said.

However, junior Ashley Pacifico is not letting work get in the way of spreading the love to other people. Pacifico will be on duty in Cedar Hall on the holi- day, but that doesn’t mean she won’t be celebrating in her own special way.

“I will be holding down the fort, I plan giving valentines to my residents in Cedar,” Pacifico said. As for the couples at the Uni- versity, some roam as any other day, and others really want to make some pancakes.

Pancakes, you ask?

Yes. For senior Christopher Down, he wants to spend his Valen- tine’s Day with his girlfriend… and pancakes. Well, not just pan- cakes.

“I am going to spend it with ro- cies from the Superbowl. Stephen A. and pancakes,” Down said. It’s a new spin on an old tradi- tion on how to spend the holiday.

Professor of communication, Donna Dolphin, doesn’t stress over Valentine’s Day.

“Don’t pay much attention to the holiday, and it sneaks up on you. I’ve been married to a great guy for a long time, and we try to appreciate each other in every other way,” Dolphin said.

So what is the big, bolded and underlined, sealed with a kiss, point of Valentine’s Day? Valen- tine’s Day is for celebrating love, with a side of love.

If you’re single, you can spread your love to your friends and family or hey, maybe even some good food. You can catch the premiere of a highly talked about movie or even give out some homemade valentines to people close to you.

If you’re in a relationship, share it with a special someone you love. It can be spending a lot of time or make that special some- one of yours pancakes. Who knows, maybe pancakes will be the new chocolate.

Valentine’s Day is not only about chocolate and roses, but friends, family, new releases and personal traditions.
So We Meet Again
With a New Semester Comes Another Introduction Night for the Greek Community

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Meet the Greeks was held on Tuesday, February 5 at 10:00 pm in the Multipurpose Activity Center.

“The purpose of Meet the Greeks is for the fraternity and sorority community to come together in order to showcase their chapters and reach out to potential new members interested in Greek life,” stated Vic Nazario, Greek Senate President. Meet the Greeks is the initial step within the process of joining both fraternities and sororities in Greek life at the University.

Ten representatives from each chapter are chosen to attend Meet the Greeks with the duty of informing potential new members about their specific organization. They are asked to decorate a table with their individual letters, pictures, banners and other symbols in order to represent their chapters and provide an idea of who they are as an organization. Students are asked to sign a list at each organization's table which they are interested in and provide their name, student ID and GPA as the first step towards making that destiny a reality.

Assistant Director of Student Activities for Fraternity and Sorority Life, Jan Badhams, further explained the event by stating, “Meet the Greeks is usually a preliminary contact for people to meet each chapter at the beginning of recruitment. You hope to make even more friends by joining a fraternity or sorority.”

Casey McCabe, Chief Panhellenic Officer, is assisting in the formation of Round Robin this year. McCabe explains, “Round Robin is the overall process which matches potential new members with their best fit fraternity or sorority.”

The three-day process allows potential new members to meet each separate chapter, while the chapters have the ability to explain who they are, what they stand for, and the benefits of joining their organization.

McCabe went on to say, “Throughout this process, potentials are able to narrow down the organization of which they feel is their perfect fit, while chapters also collaborate with these preferences in order to choose who they feel should receive a bid in return.”

“Meet the Greeks is to him, being a senior of the Greek life community. His passion for not only his fraternity, Theta Xi, but for the wellness of all chapters at the University shows how close-knit this community truly is. “We have the ability to control our destiny as the Greek life here at Monmouth, and I hope we all take our destiny as the Greek life here at Monmouth, and I hope we all take steps towards making that destiny a place that more people desire to become a part of.”

Alessandra Buonincontri and Stephanie Friccia, potential new members and attendants of Meet The Greeks, both displayed their excitement for joining Greek life and how they can both hardly wait for the recruitment process to begin. “I’m excited to meet some new girls and make even more friends by joining a sorority. Everyone is so welcoming,” Buonincontri stated. Friccia agreed by explaining, “Everyone seems so remotely excited for us new girls coming out. All of the chapters are so friendly and inviting!”

Lambda Theta Alpha Sorority Incorporated put on their traditional performance of the night. It is customary for the sisters of this sorority to “stroll.” The rest of the Greek life community, as well as the potential new members, stood back in silence as they watched the sisters of LTA dance their hearts out. This performance exhibited sisterhood and pride of their sorority. The sisters of LTA have been featuring their traditions ever since their foundation in 1975.

Meet the Greeks leads to the process of Round Robin, which is the next mandatory step within the procedure of joining either a fraternity or sorority.

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“Joining Greek life enhances your college experience at Monmouth University,” McCabe added, “It is such an amazing community to be a part of and I could not be more excited for everyone who decided to come out and join this year.”
Here at the University, The Council for Exceptional Children works towards educational successes of children and youth with disabilities, gifts or talents. Kate Muller, President of the Council for Exceptional Children, said, “We plan events that involve interacting and engaging with special needs students, visit other schools or facilities to help out with their events, and also attend lectures and workshops about inclusion and disabilities among others.”

The main goal of the CEC throughout the school year is to obtain as many opportunities as possible to work with individuals with disabilities. The club meets to discuss future events plans once a month on a Wednesday at 12:30 pm in McAllan Hall.

CEC has paired up mostly with the Harbor School in Eatontown to host some of their events and work with disabled individuals. They hope to soon work with The Shore Center for Students with Autism in Tinton Falls. Other e-board members include senior education majors Leah Russo and Aly Yager. Yager said, “CEC works hard for the individuals with disabilities. It is something each member feels very dedicated about. We like that we give Monmouth students the opportunity to make a difference in these individuals’ lives. We encourage anyone who is interested to come to the meetings or join the mailing list. It is one of those experiences you would never regret and be thankful you joined.”

Carol McArthur-Amedeo, lecturer of Educational Leadership, School Counseling, and Special Education, and Stacy Laurendi, Assistant Professor of Curriculum and Instruction, advise the club. CEC has about 50 active members attending meetings and working on the events that are put together throughout the year. The CEC has multiple events coming up within the next week. On Wednesday, February 13, there will be a general member meeting at 3:30 pm in room 125 in McAllan Hall.

Later that day, CEC will be attending a Behavior Lecture at The Shore Center for Students with Autism given by Dr. Vincent Carbone from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Dr. Carbone is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst-Doctoral with over 35 years of experience designing learning environments for persons with autism and development disabilities, according to Carboneconsult.com. On February 14, the club will be hosting a Valentine’s Day Dance at Harbor School with disabled students from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Kristine Lee
Senior

“I love being a part of CEC [Council for Exceptional Children]. It works perfectly with my schedule, looks great on my resume and is one of the most rewarding groups I have been a part of while at Monmouth.”

Kate Muller, President of the Pre-Law club is seeking officers for the fall 2013 semester. If you are interested in attending this event or would like more information, please email Professor Borde- lon, University pre-law advisor at borde@monmouth.edu or visit the “MU CEC Club” group on Facebook to receive quick updates.
What is your least favorite time slot for classes?

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Taylor senior
“7:25 to 10:05, because it’s too late and three hours is too long.”

Mike senior
“8:30, because I’m not a morning person.”

Lauren graduate student
“All of the night classes. I’m a grad student and play softball all day. So from 4:30 on because it’s a long day and getting out at 10 is too late.”

Isabel Spanish professor
“7:25 to 10:05, because everyone is sleeping.”

Maria sophomore
“8:30, because I don’t like going to bed early or waking up early.”

Nicole freshman
“7:25 to 8:40, because it’s inconvenient. I have that time slot on Tuesdays and Thursdays and I miss the boys basketball games on Thursdays.”

Joe freshman
“4:30, because it’s too late in the afternoon and I wouldn’t be able to concentrate.”

Jessica senior
“1:00, because I just wish my day would end by then.”

Tim junior
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Marc sophomore
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♈ Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19) - This week is a 9
The time has come to quit with the dilly-dallying and surrender to your passions wholeheartedly. The action lies behind the scenes at first though so don’t be discouraged if everything isn’t falling together as fast as you thought. Confer with family and friends about any inhibitions and you will make it through to success.

♉ Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) - This week is a 6
There is a light at the end of the tunnel, finally! But you’ve begun to realize why rush out when you can dance in the dark? Embrace your silly side and do things that suit you and make a smile appear on your face; no matter what people might think.

♊ Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) - This week is a 7
This week is all about partnership and togetherness! Rely on those around you, whether they be family or team members, and get inspired to work together towards a common goal. Even if you are not in love with the work load, if you pretend that it is fun it will be. Just remember, in the end, to share the winnings.

♋ Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) - This week is an 8
It’s a good time for romantic plans, obviously with Valentine’s day right around the corner. Seize an opportunity and you might just have a great outcome. Make subtle refinements along the way and learn to be happy with what you have, the results will be that much sweeter.

♌ Leo • (July 23- Aug. 22) - This week is an 8
Dress well and relax, for your confidence is doing all of the work for you this week. Your friends are saying nice things about you which helps maintain your positivity, but remember that ultimately you are in charge of your happiness.

♍ Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) - This week is a 7
The time to bring out your leadership prowess has never been better, especially since the work that you love is paying well. If you find yourself spending a little more than you would like then try to do some trimming in the monetary output. Shop carefully and give yourself a pat on the back for your increase in self-control.

♎ Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - This week is a 9
Looks like it’s time to get your planner because a good amount of opportunities are about to come forth. Consult with an expert about anything you might have your doubts on and accept the words of someone close to you. Take into account all that you learn and stay true to your word; you will go far.

♏ Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - This week is an 8
Any of the recent problems you have been having are now easily solved with a creative solution. Get others to help you out in this endeavor and be a team player. You will impress those around you with your work ethic, cooperation, and well executed planning.

♐ Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) - This week is an 8
Follow your partner’s advice, for it is surprisingly wise, and take their encouragement to heart. You’re receiving good news from far away which also adds to your motivation. Take that energy and invest in something that will grow in value; just don’t forget all of the advice you’ve obtained along the way.

♑ Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - This week is an 8
You’ll find this week that you have valuable resources hidden. Use them to your advantage, once you find them of course, and think about the benefits they could offer; perhaps even use them to finally pursue studying what you love.

♒ Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) - This week is an 8
What you give freely returns to you tenfold. Build up that income by saving it and avoid letting others spend it for you. It may seem alien at first to be denying certain requests by peers but you will find it easier to do as time rolls on; people will also find this new will-power in you fascinating.

♓ Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) - This week is an 8
You’re learning good stuff this week but remember to keep your long term goals in mind. Everything isn’t all about strict work though, so have a nice social gathering and receive a pleasant break.
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CHIRS RUFTHERFORD
Senior Sprinter

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The Hawks bounced back in the second half, led by Tyrone O’Garro and junior forward Jesse for being the older guys on the team and really stepping up. Jarett O’Garro cut the lead to one and two as he finished at 8.14 seconds and 8.07 respectively creating a two day meet, it is often hard to stay physically up to par and mentally drive. However, the team that can handle the pain and work through the mental beating will always come out victorious and that team was no other than the Monmouth University Hawks. I am happy to claim my second indoor title and look forward to outdoor where we will win our 5th straight outdoor NEC title,” Rutherford said.

This victory counts as the 32nd and 33rd NEC Championship title for the Hawks have won in cross country and track and also counts as the win which the track team’s final NEC title as they move to the MACC conference next year. They will next travel to New York this Friday to compete in the NYU Meet on Friday and the Millrose Games Saturday.
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I’m really happy to have the experience of playing against a really tough team. It’s going to be a really tough game for us and we are going to take advantage of that,” she said. “They are a really tough team. It’s going to be a great challenge for us and I’m really happy to have the extra day to prepare.”

The rematch of the NEC Semifinals game last season will take place on Wednesday February 13 at 7 pm.

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The men’s and women’s track and field teams won the Northeast Conference Championships last weekend in dominant fashion.

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