Sequester Cuts to Affect Student Loans

University students who receive federal loans, but those reductions would be relatively minimal, as to Claire Alasio, Director of Financial Aid and Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management.

Previously, federal student loans carried an origination fee of one percent of the loan’s gross value, but the fee rose to 1.05 percent for loans distributed after March 1.

“The only students impacted will be those who did not complete their financial aid paperwork in a timely manner,” Alasio said, adding that approximately 40 students were affected by the change. “To give you a sense of the impact, the maximum loan for an undergraduate would be $12,500. The old fee was $125 and the new fee is $131,” she said. “As you can see, this is a minimal reduction.”

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Former United States Ambassador to Israel Daniel Kurtzer Visits University

Former United States Ambassador Daniel Kurtzer paid a visit to the University on March 5. In Wilson Auditorium to discuss political situations in the Middle East and his experiences as a United States Ambassador. The event was attended by approximately 50 people including community members and students.

Kurtzer served as United States Ambassador to Egypt from 1997 to 2001 then served as the ambassador to Israel from 2001 to 2005 before becoming a professor at Princeton University and co-authoring the book, “Negotiating Arab Peace.”

A theme throughout the event was how Arabs and Jewish people could co-exist in the Middle East. Kurtzer believes it is up to the United States to help in diplomacy but that it is everyones job to be willing to work together.

Kurtzer did criticize the United States for their lack of incen-
tives recently. “U.S. has been an instrumental player in doing the hard work to bring Arabs and Is-
aeels together but somehow has lost the capacity or will to have
the diplomacy that will bring this peace,” said Kurtzer.

However, as Kurtzer continued, he does expect that the United States may be “tired.” He said, “Political influence is not in charge. The ideology that is very different in a region where hundreds of thousands of soldiers, and countless billions of dollars have been spent on the Middle East.”

The ambassador also reccomend that the United States focus on other areas of the world. He also suggested that the US should pivot away from the region and then invest the diplomatic resources.

Kurtzer said that there are reasons that the United States is still involved in the Middle East, some that the public does not know about. “We cannot

Unruly Behavior in Redwood Hall

Residential Life Area Coordinator, Rhy Harris experienced an encounter with a Redwood resident at 3 am Friday night. The guest, according to University Administrators, was under the influence of alcohol.

The Coordinator did not know the individual, nor were the actions reciprocated in any way, and upon her outrage, the guest retreated back to the lobby and did not bother her again.

According to University Director of Residential Life Mark Holfelder, Harris notified him of the incident “as soon as possible.” The two then screened security cameras in the lobby of Redwood for a positive identification of the perpetrator.

Although a positive identification has been made, it is unclear as to who actually identified the perpetrator. “So we were very prudent in trying to make sure we knew who it was. Once we determined who was who we contacted the police, they came out, between us and the police we kind of figured out who it was,” Holfelder said. “We dealt with the resident whose guest it was and went back with proper protocol.”

Harris was available for interview but declined to comment directly.

Residential Life indicated this was something they can handle internally, however, the following Thursday, March 8, they officially notified the Monmouth University Police Department (MUPD).

MUPD was notified of the event at the same time as Redwood residents. The Redwood residents were notified via email from Harris, who advised residents from Holfelder, to describe what happened as “a recent incident” and went on to explain that the proper University procedure for having visitors enter the dorm.

On Friday March 8, Vice President Patricia Swannack sent an email to all residents making them aware of some de-
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Origination fees on Parental Loans for Federal PLUS loans for parents also increased, from four percent to 4.2 percent. “This was a huge impact on families,” Alasio said. “At this time, we don’t know how much, or how, or when the cuts would be implemented. This will impact about 50 students.”

Federal opportunity grants and work study programs will be slashed by a total of 8.6 percent nationally under the sequester, but the reductions to the University’s funds for these programs is still unknown, according to Alasio. “At this time, we do not have a dollar figure impact to Monmouth University,” he said. “I think there will be an impact to Monmouth University and its students, but I do not believe that the impact will be as devastating as the government increased taxes by $264 billion for 2013, budget cuts are a necessary follow-up step,” he said.

“The long-term impact of the budget cuts will hinder the government’s ability to continue spending in the manner in which it has become accustomed.”

Other University students expressed some apprehension about the cuts, but declined to comment further until more concrete details about them are available.

University professor and Director of the Center for Entrepreneurship, John Buzzo, said the cuts to federal education programs could end up benefiting students once they graduate and move into the workforce. Buzzo believes if students have to work harder to obtain their education, they will set themselves apart from the rest of their competition in their respective career fields.

“I’m the biggest proponent in the world for education. You don’t want to have somebody to not be going to a school they got accepted to just because they don’t have the money,” he said. “But in the long run, if you have to work a little harder for it by paying more out of your pocket, or taking out another loan and paying it back upon graduation, is that a bad thing? Having to go through those extra steps teaches you something that our country is lacking: a work ethic. And if you have that type of work ethic and mentality, you can leapfrog a lot of the other people out there who don’t have it.”

Buzzo said that over the years he has seen the United States become a “lazy” economy, and many students and employees don’t work up to their potential because they are not proving certain entitlements that may not be warranted. “I think there’s a lot of fat in our system and our institutions. There are some programs out there, including education grants, which people are taking advantage of. No cuts are ever easy, but if we have the opportunity to look at the big picture and say this cut is warranted, and it does make sense, then it’s good as a whole,” he said.
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Serving on the ASRC, O’Halloran often deals with students falling behind in class and having to work to support themselves. He advises students to make time for themselves to work rather than complete homework. He explains, “We usually limit the number of jobs offered because it demonstrates physical proof that students are taking their education seriously. However, we encourage students to work as long as they are on probation and emissions. More students would be able to work per week.”

A student president is different than the next, what one student may be capable of can differ tremendously from what another student can accomplish. “I have worked all throughout my life and said, “I will,” after being read that paper flag on a wall. Jeffrey Newman.

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A Delicate Balance: School vs. Work

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with daily living expenses, I think it’s excellent opportunity for students. “The position may be multiplied,” Robert Scott, working in the field he/she is interested in for this 9/11 aftermath project. While working on-campus jobs, University policy limits those readmitted from disciplinary probation to have opportunities that otherwise I would not have. Jessica Duda, freshman education major, also agreed that this would open a wide variety of opportunities for her in the future and stressed on how it means a lot to be involved in something as big as PES.

Sarah Caldwell, freshman English major, said, “PES is a great community of people who are as passionate about learning as I am.”

Rebekah Varis, freshman English major, is glad that it establishes a good start on her academic career and keeps her on the right track, but as the president of her high school’s National Honor Society, she is used to ceremonies like this and was not nervous at all. In the crowd, parents of freshman Angela Morre stressed how important this opportunity was for their daughter. They said, “It will keep her on the right track and help her continue to get good grades and keep us proud.”

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When I was in the first grade, I remember writing down all of the things I wanted to be when I grew up: astronaut, basketball player, gymnast, puppy. I wanted to be anything I found inspiring and fun.

As I grew older and realized that I could be anything but a puppy, I realized the most important part was to be along with my original ideas: a lawyer, a doctor, and an actress.

I thought that if I had my dreams limited down to what I wanted to study in college, I would have never been and work in New York City.

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I couldn’t tell you.

The truth is that I can see myself doing a lot. I still feel like the little girl who imagined flying to the moon in a space shuttle, teaching kids the alphabet and becoming a movie star.

Although those dreams have slightly changed a little more realistic and tailored to my current interests, I find myself constantly wondering the same question: “What do I want to be when I grow up?”

This has been the toughest question I have had to answer during my entire college career. I still tend to get caught up in moments of stress thinking about it. I am sure every senior feels overwhelmed thinking about what they will be doing after graduation.

There are things I do wish I would have considered pursuing, possibly some of the careers listed above from my childhood. Thankfully, I can say I am genuinely happy with the path I chose to study. Finding a job that makes you happy is every person’s goal.

The question is how can we avoid the stress of finding a perfect career match?

After speaking with a close professor of mine, I have come to understand that I do not have to know exactly what I want to do right out of college. In fact, I am learning to find it easier to market myself as a diverse candidate for many areas of work.

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Spending Spring Break at Home
Ways to Spend the Week For Those Not Traveling

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Kurtzer Discussed International Dilemmas in Israel, Egypt and America

New Jersey lawmakers passed 22 new gun laws on February 28 that focus on gun and ammunition sales, improving mental health, stopping illegal gun trafficking, school security, and stopping gang violence.

Gun control has always been a touchy subject. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said the Second Amendment allows them the right to own firearms, but the Second Amendment has been misinterpreted all these years and it simply allows us the right to form a militia, which we already have in the form of the United States Armed Forces.

In the past two years alone, there have been shootings: the shooting in Arizona at a grocery store where former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords was shot in the head. Eleven others were wounded and six people died that day. Recently, the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School killed 20 first grade students and their teacher, killed 20 first grade students, and their teacher. “I knew he was accomplished, but I was very impressed by the amount of time he spent with the students,” said Gaffney. In discussing urgency, Kurtzer claimed that in order to fix these issues, it’s time for the U.S. to get serious and develop a policy strategy that will lead to a serious policy.”

Another topic addressed by the ambassador was the Israeli-Palestinian conflict over land in the Middle East. “The narratives of Israelis and Palestine’s mirror each other — injustice, exile, etc. both have suffered the same classic mutually destructive stalemate,” said Kurtzer.

According to Kurtzer, in 2008 there were 5,000 deaths and 15,000 injuries between Palestine and Israel in which the United States was involved in. “We must be aware of the issues and help to resolve them,” said Sarsar.

Kurtzer added that in order to have peace in the Middle East, three crucial areas must be set: Urgency, Democracy and Democracy, and a Pathway to Peace.

In discussing urgency, Kurtzer said, “We cannot sit back and watch a large number of citizens die from gun related deaths. We have to do something.”

In discussing this issue, Kurtzer also explained that the issue of gun violence is not just a problem in the United States, but also in Israel and Palestine. “We must be aware of the issues and help to resolve them,” said Sarsar.

Democracy and democracy are two areas in which Kurtzer discussed Israel in detail. Israel has a long history of democracy and the right of non-citizens live and cannot vote. Kurzter believes this will end in the near future. “We believe it won’t end until 2040 or 2050. Kurzter that equal voting should be provided to all and Israel should look to remove “Jewish state” title.

Pathway to peace, Kurtzer believes, is a job for the United States. “You cannot leave it up to the parties to bridge their differences. It is not our conflict but it is in our national interest to fix these issues and we cannot rely on these parties to fix these issues. It’s time for the U.S. to get serious and develop a policy strategy that will lead to a serious policy,” said Kurtzer.

Former United States Ambassador David Kurtzer spoke at the University on Tuesday about how America can help the Middle East peace process.

Asking Ambassador Kurtzer to campus makes possible the interaction our students, faculty, administrative staff and public servants and public intellectuals and such events enable the campus community to interact with attend- ees from outside the University,” said Sarsar.

Sarsar believed that Kurtzer offered a chance for the University and surrounding community to interact.

Dr. Saliba Sarsar, Associate Vice President for Jewish Cultural Studies Initiatives, said that he enjoyed this event and was impressed with the discussion. “We need to have more events like this to bring in the community,” said Sarsar.

Sarsar recommended that all interested in global events attend the Global Understanding Conference on April 8-12 on the University campus.
Medicinal Marijuana Has High Expectations

Brittany Hardaker

The New Jersey Senate was handi-
capped last year when it failed to enact
a bill that would legalize medicinal mari-
juana. Sponsored by state Senators Joseph
F. Vitale (D) and Nicholas F. Scutari
(D), the legislation was a response to
New Jersey’s Senate Health, Human Ser-
dvices, and Financial Institutions Com-
tee and is now headed to floor vote in
the NJ Senate.

The bill, Senate Bill 2240, re-
quires that “any registered, qualify-
ing patient’s authorized use of med-
ical marijuana be protected against
medical providers equivalent to the use
of any other prescribed medica-
tion,” according to the NJDOH website.

“The thought that someone would be
denied treatment that could help reliev-
their condition or greatly re-
duce their suffering because of their
legal status is chilling and abhorrent. We must addres-
s this issue,” said Scutari in a press release release.

The proposed legislation, Senate Bill 2240, would “guarantee the Constitu-
tion,” (S19) which legalized medicinal
marijuana for New Jersey residents with cancer and terminal
diseases in 2010. The Act explains that modern research mod-
ernized medical marijuana, “the right for marijuana in treating certain
‘debilitating conditions’ and their symptoms.”

The New Jersey Department of Health defines “debilitating condi-
tions” that can be resis-
tant to conventional medical ther-
py and are approved by the state’s
medicinal marijuana program. Some of the approved conditions include:
epilepsy, cachexia, cancer, muscle atrophy, muscle spasticity, and glaucoma.

Patients who have cancer or who are positive for HIV/AIDS are also eligible under the bill, explaining debilitating side effects associated with their treatment and therapy, the NJDOH explains.

Although federal law currently pro-
hibits the use of marijuana, a num-
ber of states, including New York and Washington D.C. have enacted laws to legalize the drug for medical use. Califor-
nia, Colorado, and Washington passed
medical marijuana, programs, enacted
in 1996 and 1998 respectively. In 2005, states such as Colorado and Wash-
ington, have legalized marijuana for recreational use.

Despite criticism, many physi-
cians throughout the state have ac-
cepted marijuana as a remedy for a number of conditions. However, implementation of New Jersey’s legal medicinal mari-
juana use has been a slow and daunting process for many residents and their physi-
cians. On August 9, 2012, more than two years after the act was signed, government has only to open its doors, accord-
ing to an article from politico.com. “New Jersey also
ified patients eligible to receive medical
marijuana, but Greenleaf, a dispensary
week, has been able to serve about
patients each week. For the state’s first
a two-month wait for an appointment,” the article explains.

Chairman of the Community Public
Science Department said, “Medi-
cial marijuana has certainly proven benefits. NJ has received the
mission of the Holy See to eliminate
AIDS?”

Fr. William Cotton said, “Men-
dical marijuana will continue to be controversial until the federal government takes a firm stance on the
issue, and even then, the con-
troversy will not fully rest.”

He continued, “The United States and thirds of state pass medicinal mari-
juana, federal law and support on this subject is unlikely.

Chief William McErlath of the New Jersey Catholic Conference explained his support for the use of medicinal
marijuana in the treat-
ment of individuals suffering from chronic or terminal diseases.

He said, “The United Police and Fire Commission, and the New Jersey Attorney General’s Office on how to handle medical marijuana and the new medical marijuana program.”

However, “it is important to remember that only those individuals who have lawfully op-
ined or, otherwise endorsed, by a state
industry Identification Card are entitled to participate.”

A member of the Woodsard, a soph-
more political science major said, “Medicinal marijuana helps patients to
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cent studies have shown the benefits of medicinal marijuana.”

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Local St. Patrick’s Day Parades and Pub Crawls

Get ‘Em While They’re Hot: Irish Recipes

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St. Patrick’s Day is a unique day when people nationwide all of the sudden find their Irish roots. Unlike the stereotypical broad who may not be much gift giving but instead there is a need to attend a parade. March 17 marks the day when America gets painted green. Practically everywhere where one turns, they can spot Irish flags, green attire, leprechaun accessories and numerous “Kiss Me, I’m Irish” stickers running around the town.

Junior communications major, Mike Migliaro, reveals that he will be celebrating St. Patrick’s Day by dressing up and getting his fraterly brothers.” In his opinion, college students “can still enjoy the holiday while on a budget by staying close to home.

If you are planning to go out on the town to honor the day, it is almost certain you are bound to find an event celebrating this March holiday. Both local and major cities will be featuring events in the early weeks of March to the end of the month to honor and celebrate St. Patrick’s Day.

Depending on who you are, you may want to join St. Patrick’s Day parades right in the beginning of our spring break lucky. This coincides with the St. Patrick’s Day holiday which people often choose to celebrate. There are Still traditional Irish foods you can incorporate into your celebration for the day.

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The St. Patrick’s Day Parade in New York City has been an annual event since Irish soldiers who were part of the British Army began the tradition in 1762.

Once the parade is over and you want to keep the celebration going, the question now is where to go next? If a bar or pub is not real your scene and are looking for more of a family atmosphere, try Regis High School on 60 East Eighth-Fifth Street for the second annual alcohol-free party, “Sober St. Patrick’s Day.”

On March 16 from 3-6 pm, spectators can enjoy participation of celebrities from the arts, world-class musicians, as well as dancers and singers. The parade concludes at Seventy-ninth, around 3:00 pm.

With more than 150,000 participants marching in the parade and more than 2 million spectators lining Fifth Avenue, the St. Patrick’s Day Parade in NYC is billed as the largest parade in the country. All participants are on foot, there are no floats, no motorized floats, no balloons, and no marching bands.

Corned beef and cabbage is a well-known Irish meal, which take a little longer to prepare than the Shepard’s pie but is worth the wait according to sophomore business major Kyle O’Grady. “Corned beef is one of the most delicious dishes my mom makes.

My family is starting our first annual O’Grady’s St. Patrick’s party this year, so we will be serving it,” O’Grady shares. The party will be held on 461 North Third Street, located in Brooklyn. People are encouraged to come and show them the luck of the Irish.

Whether you choose to stick to Irish foods, you can offer green vegetables such as peas and green beans as sides. Lay out a tray of fruit including strawberries, oranges, pears, grapes, blueberries and blackberries to reflect a rainbow. Put Rolo candies at the end of the plate to symbolize a pot of gold.

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For example, Tavern on Broad Street will be open from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm with a ticket price of $15, but as previously mentioned all pubs will be in corresponding hours. Philadelphia holds a plethora of Irish pubs, two of the best known being McFadden’s and Fado’s. Lo Cal education major, Mike Kulik, said.

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1:00pm
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March Movies On Hawk TV

Argo
A Beautiful Mind
Benny and Joon
Looper
Pitch Perfect
The Perks of Being A Wallflower
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Justin Townes Earle Rocks Pollak

The soulful Justin Townes Earle made his way to Pollak Theatre at the University this past Saturday, March 9. The blues inspired country-alternative singer nearly packed the theatre and the charging country artist Tiff Merritt was there to open for his performance. The show was originally scheduled for November 4 and had been rescheduled due to Hurricane Sandy.

Merritt opened with her powerful, yet soft acoustic song “Sunday” off of Bramble Rose. She appeared to be running off of nervous energy and halfway into her set she accidentally told the audience how great it was to see the crowd and how much they had missed her. Moving to call out, she’s struck another survivor, but they can’t see her. "I couldn’t be happier. I was really looking forward to the second time I’ve seen him," said Earle.

Yet, at the same time, you know she’s not an expert survivalist. She hasn’t had any training; she’s not used to combat and it shows. Without spoiling the scene, the first time she really kills someone is probably one of the most heart-breaking murder scenes I’ve seen in a game in years. When injuries are incurred during a fight, there’s no magical quick fix. There’s no first aid bandage百年ething for her to patch herself up, and she still shows signs of the pain afterwards.

The plot of the game is that a group of stranded raiders have kidnapped Croft’s best friend, Sam, whose ancestors supposedly descended from Himiko, the sun goddess. Croft is left to round up the surviving members of the Endurance, enter the raider stronghold and free her companion. Though the plot seems inconsequential, at times, due to the small number of scenes, the protagonist frequently gives herself pep-talks, reminding herself and the player that a very important life is going to end without your help.

A clever weapons-and-upgrades system, combined with a smooth combat dynamic and a variety of fighting styles makes this a very enjoyable game. You can be stealthy, another creative option to be able to kill your enemies by one, or you can fight your way through and blow them apart. Certain skills allow for extremely dramatic finishing moves which only add to the throb of the action experience, but can be a very satisfying way of taking out that last heavily armed foe.

The only downside is that some of the side quests seem unnecessary. It’s not the first time I’ve seen the feeling of country. “The reason why country is no good more is because it lost its connection to the blues,” Earle stated.

She kept the audiences attention by switching up the tempo of his set. One second we were engrossed in the full sound of piano and the next we were captivated by Earle with just his guitar and blues licks. "You can put a blue lick pretty much anywhere, where you just gotta own it," Earle teased. He went on to explain how even though happy songs piss him off, they “don’t have to be all sad and teary.”

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Digital Demise: The Social Media Takeover

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We're under attack, and it isn't looking good. The ear-splitting echo of what seems like the slow trickle of acid rain. There is no silence. There is no calm. There is nothing but the sound of drowsy machines in a world that is overflowing with media madness.

And if heaven forbid you choose to leave your house and embark on a journey outside of the confines of your Wi-Fi connected technological wasteland, it will be cloudy with a chance of tomorrows and a forecast of the past, technology has allowed us all to live in a digital duel. Please, I'm begging you. Just follow @GrumpyCat on Instagram for some advice: "Row, row, row your boat, gently off a cliff." If you're not careful, technology has created a whole new breed of calamity. According to Forbes magazine, Facebook alone has over 1.6 billion users, or should I say 1.6 billion voyeurs spying on each other without ever having been forced to have face-to-face communication.

Social media keeps you connected to all of those people you swore you'd never talk to again. The Internet has made the never-ending search for privacy next to impossible. If that isn't bad enough, technology has created a generation of agoraphobics, an entire population of demoralized hermits who refuse to leave their homes for fear they'll miss a groundbreaking social notification. Technology makes an excellent excuse by sucking the imagination out of us all. Meanwhile, our hypnotic eyes remain fixated on fuzzy dancing pix- els and our bodies begin to mold into our sectional sofas. We have become the world's most accessible psychopath. I can't wait to hear more about how horrible your day was. Look out Sigmund Freud, Zuckerberg is coming for you. Pale demonstration? What's that? The Internet breeds a population of world-class debaters. Oh, so you want to argue? BRING IT. I got my CAPS LOCK on and I'm ready for a digital duel. Please, I'm begging you. Just follow me on Twitter. I'm @GrumpyCat for some advice: "Row, row, row your boat, gently off a cliff." Tell me why you have zero mutual friends but you're still trying to add me to your list for face-to-face communication becomes a thing of the past, technology has allowed us all to live in a digital duel.

Oh, sure, random guy on Facebook, I definitely believe that you are a fitness model judging by all your lovely (stolen) Sports Illustrated and GQ magazine pictures. It's like the entire world is wrapped in a cloak of invisibility, far away from any other human interaction. It is a world where you can be free to engage in a world of anonymity.

Technology has provided the world with the ultimate method of procrastination capability. It's too easy. Procrastination isn't a major at most colleges and universities. If you don't feel that this is a problem, you're lying to yourself. If you're really seeing the effects, you might consider getting an accountant to help you sort through your bills or a personal organizer to help you get your life back on track. A truly world-class debater.

Okay, time to hit the books. I need to get this assignment done to- morrow and I'm freaking out. Let me just sit down here and crack open this book. No age old to Game. After all, he created the Internet, didn't he? Didn't he?!?! BRB, must consult Google. Seeing as it seems to be all the rage these days, I'll leave you with a little proverb of my own: "May your life someday be as awesome as you pretend it is when you come home for your spring break."
We Stand Corrected: Adjusting Another’s Behavior

EMILY TAYLOR STAFF WRITER

Frustrated on Larchwood Avenue as a driver fails to abide by the four-way stop, you have a split second decision to roll down your window to express your anger or you can simply accept another careless act of driving. Unfortunately, in today’s crazed world of political correctness, we hesitate to say what we really think in fear of being chastised or worse. “Keeping your opinion to your self will refrain you from controv- ersy,” said junior communication major Danielle Rakowitz. A lot of times we are forced to bite our tongue in some pretty terrible situations. So when should we speak up about our grievances? And what stops us from truly conveying our thoughts? Rakowitz said, “It’s appropri- ate when something needs to be addressed and changed.”

In matters of public safety, like witnessing a fender bender or an intoxicated stranger attempting to start their car is without a doubt the best time to speak up. “Many times I have heard that a student has approached an administra- tor because he or she saw something troublesome. In most cases the situation was resolved without anyone suffering,” said Gaffney.

He added, “There is a fine line between being a tattle-tale or butt in and getting some help. If there is real danger, one should act.”

Ever taken an exam next to a student sounding obviously un- prepared? Clearly their inability to study for the test is demon- strated through an over embed- ding of exahales and a series of fist pounds to their desk. Did anyone say anything or did the class secretly pretend like they weren’t bothered by their classmate’s tantrum? It’s the classic observation of wasting time and neglecting up in pub- lic and parents who completely neglect the situation. You watch and the look on your face says it all. You roll your eyes, shake your head and whisper to your- self, “I’m never having kids,” un- knowingly as the matter of your own and realize you’re that parent.

Hypocrisy may be the reason we fail to bring attention to some- one else. Besides, correcting an- other’s behavior is often not justi- fied and may come off as rude. Rakowitz said that happy atti- tudes should be embraced if you want to correct another. “I have been corrected and have corrected others before for simple things. If you approach the state- ment in a polite way, taking it offensively shouldn’t be an issue,” said Rakowitz.

Adversely, senior business ma- jor William Crane said, “I don’t feel it’s my place to correct other people I’m not close with.”

Appropriate behavior defined in the Student Handbook of the University’s Student Code of Con- duct is for students and employees to “act responsible, respectful and professional at all times.”

Senior criminal justice major Christopher Monahan had, “I don’t feel like physical contact is necessary at all when correcting someone’s behavior, just talking to them is the way to go. I once had to calm down a friend at a party who was being just plain loud and obnoxious. You have to remember that under certain situations a per- son may become really offended and the situation might escalate if you try to help someone out.”

Professor Sherrif Sukenik of the Communication Department said, “We sort of have to judge situations. I don’t know if we can necessarily classify things as black and white and we have to recognize the circumstances someone is in and use common sense.”

Spending Saint Patrick’s Day Abroad

GAVIN Ó CIANÁIN
Study Abroad Student

We go to lunch and have a glass of wine. I’ve been doing that since I was like 17, it’s really a casual thing to do. I also mentioned how it was rather odd, in his opinion, that people would ask each other if they planned to get drunk later that night, a concept which is quite unusual to “act responsible, respectful and professional at all times.”

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We Stand Corrected: Adjusting Another’s Behavior

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Frustrated on Larchwood Avenue as a driver fails to abide by the four-way stop, you have a split second decision to roll down your window to express your anger or you can simply accept another careless act of driving. Unfortunately, in today’s crazed world of political correctness, we hesitate to say what we really think in fear of being chastised or worse. “Keeping your opinion to your self will refrain you from controv- ersy,” said junior communication major Danielle Rakowitz. A lot of times we are forced to bite our tongue in some pretty terrible situations. So when should we speak up about our grievances? And what stops us from truly conveying our thoughts? Rakowitz said, “It’s appropri- ate when something needs to be addressed and changed.”

In matters of public safety, like witnessing a fender bender or an intoxicated stranger attempting to start their car is without a doubt the best time to speak up. “Many times I have heard that a student has approached an administra- tor because he or she saw something troublesome. In most cases the situation was resolved without anyone suffering,” said Gaffney.

He added, “There is a fine line between being a tattle-tale or butt in and getting some help. If there is real danger, one should act.”

Ever taken an exam next to a student sounding obviously un- prepared? Clearly their inability to study for the test is demon- strated through an over embed- ding of exahales and a series of fist pounds to their desk. Did anyone say anything or did the class secretly pretend like they weren’t bothered by their classmate’s tantrum? It’s the classic observation of wasting time and neglecting up in pub- lic and parents who completely neglect the situation. You watch and the look on your face says it all. You roll your eyes, shake your head and whisper to your- self, “I’m never having kids,” un- knowingly as the matter of your own and realize you’re that parent.

Hypocrisy may be the reason we fail to bring attention to some- one else. Besides, correcting an- other’s behavior is often not justi- fied and may come off as rude. Rakowitz said that happy atti- tudes should be embraced if you want to correct another. “I have been corrected and have corrected others before for simple things. If you approach the state- ment in a polite way, taking it offensively shouldn’t be an issue,” said Rakowitz.

Adversely, senior business ma- jor William Crane said, “I don’t feel it’s my place to correct other people I’m not close with.”

Appropriate behavior defined in the Student Handbook of the University’s Student Code of Con- duct is for students and employees to “act responsible, respectful and professional at all times.”

Senior criminal justice major Christopher Monahan had, “I don’t feel like physical contact is necessary at all when correcting someone’s behavior, just talking to them is the way to go. I once had to calm down a friend at a party who was being just plain loud and obnoxious. You have to remember that under certain situations a per- son may become really offended and the situation might escalate if you try to help someone out.”

Professor Sherrif Sukenik of the Communication Department said, “We sort of have to judge situations. I don’t know if we can necessarily classify things as black and white and we have to recognize the circumstances someone is in and use common sense.”

Spending Saint Patrick’s Day Abroad

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Roll the Dice with SAB
SAB Hosts Monte Carlo Style Casino Night

The Student Activities Board (SAB) hosted their annual Casino Night at 7:00 pm on Saturday, March 23. Students were invited to join the club in the Student Center’s Anacon Hall where displays of a Monte Carlo venue decorated the room. Students participating in this event were given the opportunity to partake in various games, mimicking an actual casino.

Game chips were given to the guests upon their arrival to use at the game tables located throughout the hall. Betting on the games with chips was up to the players, as they could be exchanged for raffle tickets. At the end of the event, the raffle winners were announced and claimed the gift baskets they won. The night also featured a DJ booth, food buffet and photo booth available to all the guests.

SAB worked together in organizing the event from purchasing decorations to booking a DJ; they contributed what they could to create a fun night for the students. Sami Kosky, junior and festival chair for SAB, ran the event. Anticipating a successful event with regards to previous years, Kosky hoped to have a good turn out. Her expectations were fulfilled as guests continued to arrive with the crinkling of game chips in their hands.

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Casino Night has proven to be a success among students with a good reflection on the proceedings of SAB.

Students participating in the event flooded the game tables, taking full advantage of the fun the night had to offer. Freshman Rosemary Felix, being a frequent participator in school events said, “I had a lot of fun. I especially liked the photo booth.” She then added that she would definitely attend SAB’s next event.

Along with Casino Night, SAB holds many events taking place on campus for students’ benefits. Students participating in the club come up with ideas for all students to enjoy. The club is always taking new members and they meet on Wednesdays in room 106 of Wilson Hall.

SAB intends to hold their next event on March 14 in the Dining Hall at 6:00 pm. The event, The Pie Day Cash Grab, will be held with the theme of pi day where students will be held in a booth with money blowing around. The members of SAB expect another successful event following Casino Night.

The Verge

Monmouth’s Online Magazine is intently searching for new writers to help expand our base. With close to thirty writers at the moment, any sort of contribution from a Monmouth student will help to exemplify the magazine’s growing presence on campus.

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Sociology Club

The Sociology Club will be hosting their second annual Stratified Streets Tour on Saturday, April 13. This visual tour of inequality will include a guided tour of the Tenement Museum in New York City’s Lower East Side. Here, students will see the Lower East Side through the eyes of the immigrants who have lived there for 150 years.

A bus will be leaving for New York City at 7:00 am on Saturday, April 13 and will be returning to campus at about 7:00 pm on that day.

Please contact Amanda Divita, president of the Sociology Club at st0736434@monmouth.edu or come to a meeting if you are interested in attending this event.

WMCX

WMCX will be hosting their “12 Hour Music Fest” on March 14 from 10:00 am to 11:00 pm (yes, there are actually 13 hours). Each hour, we will have a different band performing a live acoustic set and interview- ing with one of the WMCX DJs. Tune in to WMCX 88.9 fm and check it out!

Outdoors Club

The weather is getting warmer, and OCD is back in full swing! We will be having a general meeting today, March 13 in Bey Hall 133. We will be talking about day trips, and a camping/kayaking trip in Wharton State Forest sometime in April. As always, feel free to bring any trip ideas.

Future PRSSA events said, “I had a lot of fun. I especially liked the photo booth.” She then added that she

PRSSA is a pre-professional organization that strives to prepare students for jobs in public relations and related fields. The mission of PRSSA is to serve its members by enhancing their knowledge of public relations and providing access to professional development opportunities and to serve the public relations profession by helping to develop highly quali-
fied, well-prepared, professionals.

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West Long Branch, NJ – The Monmouth University Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) will host sports PR information session with Zach Rosenberg, Director of Sponsorships of the Lakewood BlueClaws minor league baseball team. Presentation will be held in Plant- gene 234 on March 13 at 3:00 pm. Attendance is free.

Information session features the ins and outs of sports PR, specifically baseball. All those interested in any type of sports PR are encouraged to attend. Come with questions, resumes and/or business cards.

Zach Rosenberg of the Lakewood Blue Claws Speaks at PRSSA

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Delta Phi Epsilon Raises Over $2,000 for Cystic Fibrosis

Delta Phi Epsilon hosted over 400 people in Pollak Theater for their annual lip sync event and were able to raise over $2,000 towards The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

CHRISTINA GROTHUES  STAFF WRITER

Delta Phi Epsilon raised over $2,000 dollars at their annual lip sync contest. On Wednesday, March 6, at 10:00 pm over 400 people arrived at Pollak Theater to support this event that provided funding and awareness for The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Eight acts performed. Casey McCabe, a junior in Delta Phi Epsilon who organized the event said, “It has been tradition to do our lip sync event in the fall and this year, even though it got canceled due to Hurricane Sandy, we rescheduled and tried our best to make it a success because we still really wanted to support The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.”

Delta Phi Epsilon’s lip sync competition consisted of performances by students who danced and sang to an array of different genres of music. These performers not only had to impress the spectators, but also had to earn the votes of the judges. The judges for this event were Stephanie Marte of Phi Sigma Sigma, Travis Whitney from Sigma Pi, Brielle Dousress from Zeta Tau Alpha, and Raven Lake from Alpha Xi Delta.

The hosts of the event were MBA students Autumn Marisa Meiskin of Delta Phi Epsilon and Thomas Borgsorno of Sigma Pi.

Eight student, Cameron Nichols, also known as DJ Cam, provided the music for this event. Nichols said, “I provided the DJ services for free, but it’s for a great cause and it was an awesome show. Anytime I can provide my services to Greek life for a cause such as raising money for Cystic Fibrosis I will.”

All the performances had the crowd laughing or clapping along. The show began with Phi Psi executing a hilarious lip sync of a remix of songs from the movie Grease. Tau Kappa Epsilon followed with a remix performance that had the crowd cheering them on. Three members of Alpha Kappa Alpha entertained with “No Scrubs,” by TLC. Beyoncé’s “Single Ladies,” was executed by Theta Xi.

Joseph Nardini, a junior and a member of Theta Xi fraternity said, “We were so excited to be first but once we all got out there it was a lot of fun!”

Second place went to Sigma Pi. The show began with Phi Psi performing the Flobot’s song, “Handlebars.” Next, Alpha Xi Delta performed a remix of “I Knew You Were Trouble,” by Taylor Swift and Beyoncé’s “End Of Time.” Sigma Pi performed Justin Biebers’ “Beauty and a Beat.” Lastly, Delta Phi Epsilon performed a remix of “Pon De Replay,” by Rhianna. “One, Two, Step,” by Ciara and “When I Grow Up,” by The Pussycat Dolls.

The first place winners were the women of Alpha Xi Delta. The second place went to Sigma Pi. Freshman Andrew Mucci, who performed with Sigma Pi, said, “I was a little nervous at first but once we all got out there it was a lot of fun!”

The third place prize went to the Phi Kappa Psi. All three winners walked away with a combination of prizes including gift cards to Michael Angelo’s Pizzeria, Scala’s Pizzaria, The Windmill and Cake and Bake and Roll.

Jon Buchalski, Assistant Director of Student Activities For Fraternity and Sorority Life, said, “These events are a fun way to celebrate one of our community’s values: service. The members of the community really come together to raise funds and awareness for great causes.”

Greek Senate President, Victor Nazario, said, “I am very proud of how this community is so closely knit that each organization shows up and supports the others events. Other schools do not have the same luxury as us.”

Stephanie Friscia, a new member of Delta Phi Epsilon, said, “This event has definitely been a success. Many organizations from Greek life are involved in the show and a huge part of Greek life is here supporting us and our philanthropy.”

Buckalski also said, “Whether a student is performing on stage or cheering on from the crowd, everyone gets to enjoy themselves.”

Throughout the show, people were clapping, singing along and even dancing themselves. Nazario said, “The cause of Greek unity is by our actions and not by our words. It is only by our attitudes and actions alone that we can show how united we are as a community.”

“The event went very well,” said McCabe. “The chapter and I are so happy with the way the event went. We had a great turnout and amazing acts.”

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Halley sophomore

“It’s important to get involved because school can get boring, and this gives you something to look forward to.”

Lauren sophomore

“Yes. I’m a transfer student and I think it’s important to get involved and meet people. There are so many activities and people should take advantage of them.”

Jon sophomore

“It’s very important because you don’t want to be sitting around doing nothing all day.”

Brandon freshman

“Yes. It helps me meet people and learn more about the school.”

Joe senior

“Yes. It’s different for me because I work a lot so it’s hard to get involved. But if you have the time, yes.”

Carson sophomore

“Yes I do. It makes you feel better to help out and do other things and it’s great for meeting people.”

Stephanie freshman

“I would assume so. I’m not very involved and I regret it sometimes.”

JoAnne Assistant Education Professor

“Yes because it’s a good opportunity to meet other people and learn about programs you might not know about.”

Bryana Junior

“Yes, it is good for future jobs to see that you were active on campus.”

Kevin freshman

“I guess it’s important. It gives you a sense of community.”

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10 is the easiest, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (Mar. 21 - April 19) - This week is a 9
The planets are all aligned for you this week. You experience great delights as a result so bask in the joys, you’ve earned it! Try to remain objective though and try to make a commitment to something you’ll keep on enjoying.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) - This week is a 7
If you find any old managing problems lying around, now is the time to tackle them. Don’t feel afraid to have people help you, and maybe even supply a little emotional support, when you’re stuck. If you have any further doubts trust your intuition and you’ll go far.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) - This week is a 7
Not everything is what it seems; keep on the lookout for strange requests as a result and remember there is no shame in turning anything down if you have your doubts. Keep your head about you and make wise investments that will take you to the next level.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) - This week is a 7
Good new and fresh ideas come in from far away. Listen carefully to what they say, but keep your objectives in mind. The more you take the time to think out and plan your next steps, the surer you will be in actually making them; people will be impressed as a result.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) - This week is a 7
Take a walk on the wild side this week and live it up a little! You’ve been working very hard and the needed break will do you some good. Just because you are feeling happier though doesn’t mean you should allow yourself to be taken advantage of; let others earn their own keep.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) - This week is an 8
Throw yourself into a potentially explosive moment. Controversy could arise in turn, but if you play your cards right it could turn into something beautiful. Remember that if it is too wild though, it won’t work; the simpler is the better option in this case.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - This week is a 7
You have what you need to make all of your current endeavors work this week. Clear away any confusion before you proceed and use your intuition now, for it is very strong. If things don’t work out at first, remain calm and just think it over; otherwise you will just trip over your own feet.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - This week is an 8
A serendipitous moment of connection occurs, so open yourself to all that is offered right now- especially to love and learning. You know what is right in your heart so allow it to point you in the right direction. You never know you might just discover another treasure.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) - This week is a 7
You’re starting to realize how much you actually have. It could be a chaotic moment, with confusion heading the cause but do not fret all too much. Keep gathering that valuable information and let go of any unattainable expectations; a brilliant revelation will come about.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - This week is an 8
Take a theory to heart and act accordingly. The possibility of error is high though so proceed with much needed caution. Discipline will be required, but allow your intuition to assist in the decision making. Let your work inspire you to find new goals worth achieving.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) - This week is an 8
Explore new work possibilities that could open those important doors for you. Write it all down so you don’t forget anything that could be of use in the future, and remain dedicated to your goal. You’re about to attain some popularity because of your devotion, just don’t let it ruin anything already in the works.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) - This week is a 9
Take a chance this week and go out on a limb! In a hint of blinding insight, perhaps consider taking that chance via investing in your career. Associates will contribute worthy ideas to your cause, and having a meticulous partner will help. Remain a bit skeptical as a small form of defense, but be assured you are right on the mark.
The women’s basketball season came to an end Sunday in the quarterfinals of the Northeast Conference (NEC) tournament when Mount St. Mary’s suffered a 59-50 loss to Mount St. Mary’s in the third meeting between the two teams this season.

Mount St. Mary’s guard Ashley Christie hit the game winning layup with eight seconds left to stun the Hawks. Mount St. Mary’s also held a 24-point lead at one point.

Women’s Basketball Knocked Out by Mount St. Mary’s

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Maggie Zelinka
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

The men’s and women’s track teams took home two first place prizes in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference and Inter-collegiate Association of Amateur Athletics the first weekend of March.

The men’s distance medley relay (DMR) team took home a huge win. Racing against 30 teams on Saturday in order to qualify for the finals on Sunday were sophomores Andrew Langille and Alex Leight as well as freshmen John Malespina and Gage Filozof. Replacing Malespina and Huggins-Filozof in the finals on Sunday were senior captains Ford Palmer and sophomore Ben Boyd.

According to Palmer, the reason behind a six-man squad was because the competition lasted two days. When asked if he was nervous that his squad would be at a disadvantage because of their youth, Palmer said, “No, not at all. We were working day in and day out throughout the year, so it was only a matter of time for their time to shine.”

Head Coach Joe Compagni agrees with Palmer’s opinion when it comes to the young team. “It’s great to see them [underclassmen] the experience of not just being there, but being there and competing with the best folks of the east.”

With the DMR win, this became Palmer’s second IC4A victory in his career at MU. “Palmer actually won the thousand last year,” Compagni said. “He was the first person to win a track event [in the IC4A]. We had the field balls, the relay balls, but we never had anybody win a track event.”

Some may think an individual victory would be more rewarding than a team victory, but not in Palmer’s eyes. “This year is completely different because we won as a relay,” Palmer said. “Running the relay is ten times better because you get to celebrate with someone else.”

All six members of the relay team were awarded All East Honors for their work.

Although junior Mariah Toussaint did not win in the ECAC, she was also awarded with an All East Honor.

“Mariah did a great job. We always want to get to the end of our season and be our best,” Compagni said. “Maybe do something we haven’t done before. Sometimes that’s hard to do, but that’s what she did in her long jump.”

Junior thrower Errol Jeffrey took home the team’s second win in the IC4A meet. Jeffrey was able to score on an error on the throw home which tied the game. Four seniors and sophomore Ben Boyd joined Jeffrey on the track.

“You can just see it, I think the unity of this year’s team is going to lead us to great things.”

Northeast. To be All East, you have to be in the top eight for your event. “It’s [All East Honor] hard to get the opportunity you have to take advantage of it,” Berndt said. “I think the unity of this year’s team is going to lead us to great things.”

On the second day of the tournament, the Hawks did not find as much success in the final day of the tournament. The Hawks were up early in the game after Schumacher brought in a run in the first. The lead was then cushioned by RBL’s from sophomore Vanessa Cardoza and junior Alícia DeSanto, extending the lead to 3-0 in the second.

Senior distance runner and captain Ford Palmer was a member of the MU distance medley relay team that finished in first. It was his second IC4A victory, after winning the thousand meter last year.

Senior pitcher Jordan Barnett threw a ten-inning complete game in the Hawks’ first tournament game against George Mason.
Silence and Tears

Also in Sports
Softball continues its winning ways.
Full Story on Page 23

Senior guard Alysha Womack described the locker room scene as “silence and tears” after the women’s basketball team was eliminated from the Northeast Conference tournament by Mount St. Mary’s 59-57 in overtime.

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