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## Obama Signs Loan Reform into Law

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**P**resident Obama signed a new law designed to free up more money for higher education by eliminating the role of banks as middlemen in the college lending process, a measure he estimates will generate \$60-\$70 billion over the next decade. The new law came as part

of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act that was signed into law on March 30. The education portion of the bill mandates a shift in all lending from the bank-based Federal Family Education Loan program to the Direct Loan Program by July 1, 2010. Savings created by the shift

will be used to protect and strengthen the Pell grant Program, a program designed to assist low-income student by providing them with grants that do not require repayment. Currently, 860 Monmouth University students receive  
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## School of Science Hosts Ninth Annual Student Research Conference

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The Ninth Annual Student Research Conference on April 14, 2010 took place from two to four pm in the Versailles and Pompeii rooms of Wilson Hall, as its purpose was to highlight the results of applied research, independent study, and thesis projects in the departments of Biology, Chemistry/Medical Technology & Physics, Computer Science and Software Engineering, and Mathematics. Of 11 participants, including three graduate students, Devon Hodge, a senior poised to graduate this coming May, emerged victorious by examining the growth and decline of coral. Working in close conjunction with Dr. Donald Dorfman, a Professor of Biology here at the University, Hodge won the Dean's Award of Excellence in Undergraduate Research by measuring "the growth rates of six different species of coral in

a controlled laboratory environment," in an attempt to bring attention to the declining presence of coral reefs around the world. "I really wasn't expecting to win, but it's good to know that your research is appreciated and your hard work pays off," said a smiling Hodge. Hodge also won a monetary award of \$500, which the generous members of the faculty and staff of the School of Science made possible by making donations specifically intended to support the research conference. There were numerous other projects on display, such as Nicole Starinsky's which dealt with the effect of water contaminants on the behavior of larval fish. Starinsky, a junior, spent three months researching this topic. "This project was applicable to my future because I'm very interested in animal behavior and I might possibly be applying to

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## Sigma Pi Repeats as Greek Week Champions

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After a week of competition in numerous athletic and academic events, it was the fraternity Sigma Pi who was named the overall 2010 Greek Week Champions. This year's Greek Week was unlike any other Greek Week ever held before. With the addition of the co-ed fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi, the overall format on Greek Week had to change. Instead of having a men's winner and a women's winner, this year there was to be only one clear cut winner. This meant that on some events, fraternities and sororities will be going head to head with each other instead of the events being separated by gender. This was something that could have brought Greek life closer together because they were all doing events together and were not separated by gender. There were a few changes to the events this year as well. Football, soccer, and the talent show got cut and instead a kick-off block party, dodgeball, and

Wii bowling was added. Greek Week is a week intended to expand on Greek life unity, while taking part in some friendly competition amongst one another. It also creates an opportunity for Greek organizations to show themselves off to the school and possibly increase student interest in joining Greek life. The theme of this year's Greek Week was "Superheroes" and this was displayed in the t-shirt contests, in which every organization participated in. Throughout the week, the organizations wore their shirts around campus and to the events. The superhero shirts were all worn for quad games, which took place on the final day of Greek Week. Phi Kappa Psi won the t-shirt contest with a shirt with the batman logo on the front with the Greek letters inside of the bat symbol. On the back, was the old-fashioned "Pow!" in a speech bubble, with the saying "Holy Phi Psi Batman..It's Greek Week 2010!"

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## Professor Named Vice President of Information Management

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Associate Professor of Management Dr. Edward Christensen was promoted to Vice President for Information Management last week, a new position the University recently created because of the rapid rate of growing technology and the need for information security. Associate Vice President for Administrative Information Systems John Sonn said Christensen was elected by President Paul G. Gaffney II. For more than a decade, Christensen explained, there were three separate technological groups that reported to three vice presidents, them being Vice President of Finance Bill Craig,

Provost Thomas Pearson, and Vice President of Administrative Services Patricia Swannack. The three groups were Network Computing Support, Administrative Information Systems, which WebAdvisor belongs to, and Instructional Technology Services, which deal with the educational aspect of the University's technology, such as E-campus, the Student Help Desk, and different software for classrooms. The first two groups, Network Computing Support and Administrative Information Systems merged together, and when former Associate Vice President of Telecommunications and Network Operations David Bopp retired last semester, it led the  
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PHOTO COURTESY of Gina Columbus  
**Christensen was promoted to the new position Vice President of Information Management last week.**

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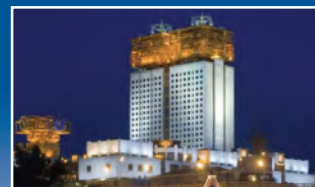
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# Sigma Pi Repeats as Greek Week Champions

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According to Tyler Havens, the Assistant Director of Student Activities for Fraternity and Sorority Life, believed that Greek Week 2010 was a very successful week.

"This year our fraternities and sororities showed an unbelievable amount of sportsmanship and cooperation for the week. Those are things that non-affiliated students will see and, hopefully, want to be a part of," said Havens.

Greek Week kicked off on Sunday, with a guest speaker and a block party, which all organizations were able to attend and enjoy some free food and beverages.

## MONDAY

Monday night was the kickoff of the actual events, as it was a night of competition in basketball in Boylan Gym. This was a split event, as sororities competed against only other sororities and fraternities played other fraternities. The first basketball event was the free throw contest. For men, Theta Xi finished in first place and for the women, Delta Phi Epsilon captured first place.

Following the free throw competition, the three point contest took place. Each participant had five shots from five different points behind the three point line. When all was said and done, it was Sigma Pi defeating Tau Kappa Epsilon and Phi Kappa Psi for the men's and Alpha Xi Delta won first place by beating out Phi Sigma Sigma and Zeta Tau Alpha. After the three point contest it was time for the three on three basketball games. For the men, it came down to Sigma Pi and Phi Kappa Psi. It was a very close game, but in the end Phi Kappa Psi pulled it out thanks to late basket. Tau Kappa Epsilon finished in third place. For the women, Delta Phi Epsilon took first place by defeating Alpha Xi Delta in the final game, while Lambda Theta Alpha won third place.

## TUESDAY

The Greek Week events continued on Tuesday night with

Academic Bowl, which was held in the cafeteria. The Academic Bowl was an event which challenged to the intelligence of the organizations. Five members of each organization took part in it and attempted to answer each question to the best of their abilities. In the end, it was Sigma Pi outsmarting all of the other organizations and they took first place. Theta Xi finished in second place and Sigma Tau Gamma won third place.

first place in dodgeball.  
**THURSDAY**

Day four brought about a few different events. The first was the fact that it was the last day of penny wars. When penny wars came to a close, the over winners were the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. Phi Kappa Psi raised \$166.89 towards the Boys and Girls Club of Monmouth County. Overall, Greek life was able to raise \$980 dollars all together for the Boys

MAC. Phi Kappa Psi was very successful in these events as they were able to grab first place in both events. Wii bowling was a combined event, while volleyball was separated according to genders. Phi Kappa Psi knocked off Sigma Pi to win volleyball, while in women's volleyball, Zeta Tau Alpha grabbed first place when they defeated Phi Sigma Sigma. In the evening, the track events were held on the indoor track inside of the MAC. The track

zations of Greek life gathered at 9 am for a Long Branch beach cleanup. All organizations received 15 points except for Alpha Sigma Tau and Zeta Tau Alpha who picked up only 10 and Theta Xi received no points for the event because not enough members were in attendance. Following the clean up was the softball throw, football throw, and kickball. Sigma pi and Delta Phi Epsilon took first place in the softball throw, and Sigma Pi and Phi Sigma Sigma took first in the football throw. In kickball, Tau Kappa Epsilon defeated Phi Kappa Psi to win first place and Delta Phi Epsilon beat Lambda Theta Alpha.

## SUNDAY

On the final day of Greek Week, quad games were held in the residential quad. Quad games consisted of a pudding eating contest, tug o war, the egg toss, and the three legged race. Tau Kappa Epsilon took first place in egg toss and they defeated Sigma Pi in tug o war to win first place. Sigma Pi continued their dominance in Greek Week by winning the three legged race, pudding eating contest, and the hula hoop contest. In the women's events Alpha Sigma Tau won tug o war, Delta Phi Epsilon won the pudding eating contest, and Alpha Xi delta took home first place in the hula hoop.

The final standings of the week were as follows: 1st Sigma Pi, 2nd Phi Kappa Psi, 3rd Delta Phi Epsilon, 4th Tau Kappa Epsilon, 5th Alpha Xi Delta, 6th Lambda Theta Alpha, 7th Phi Sigma Sigma, 8th Zeta Tau Alpha, 9th Alpha Sigma Tau, 10th Sigma Tau Gamma, 11th Alpha Kappa Psi, and 12th Theta Xi. Additionally, Lambda Theta Alpha was given the sportsmanship award by the Greek Senate Committee.

"To me the points and the winners aren't important, what is important is that our fraternity and sorority raised \$980 for the Boys and Girls club of Monmouth County and we helped the City of Long Branch preserve one of its treasures through our beach cleanup. Additionally, what made the week a success is the display of sportsmanship of the majority of the chapters," said Havens.



PHOTO COURTESY of Tyler Havens

**Fraternities and sororities** gather at Long Branch Beach for the community service project, beach cleanup, of Greek Week.

## WEDNESDAY

Wednesday was day number three of Greek Week and it featured one combined event and one separate event. Fraternities and sororities competed against each other in the bag toss and dodgeball was split by gender. In bag toss, Sigma Pi captured first place, while Tau Kappa Epsilon placed in second, and Delta Phi Epsilon finished in third. Sigma Pi and Alpha Sigma Tau took

and Girls Club. Later on that day, Greek Feud took place and it was another combined event with everybody competing against everybody. Theta Xi was able to pull out the victory and take first place in the event.

## FRIDAY

Friday brought about day number five of Greek Week and it was a day loaded with events. In the afternoon, Wii bowling and volleyball took place at the

events had winners in men's and women's. In the 60 meter sprint, Alpha Kappa Psi took first place in the men's, while in the women's Lambda Theta Alpha won and they also won first place in the 800 meter and the 2 by 400 meter. For the men, Phi Kappa Psi won the 800 and Sigma Pi captured first place in the 2 by 400.

## SATURDAY

Saturday morning all organi-

# Club and Greek Announcements

## PRESTIGE WORLDWIDE

Prestige Worldwide has set up a team and is participating in a Relay For Life to help raise funds for the American Cancer Society, scheduled for Friday, April 23 and 24, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Monmouth University. To join or donate to Prestige Worldwide, go to [http://main.acevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLFY10EA?pg=team&fr\\_id=20666&team\\_id=663305](http://main.acevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLFY10EA?pg=team&fr_id=20666&team_id=663305).

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is an overnight community celebration where individuals and teams camp out, barbecue, dance, and take turns walking around a track relay style to raise funds to fight cancer. At nightfall, participants will light hundreds of luminaria around the track in a moving ceremony to honor cancer survivors as well as friends and family members lost to the disease. The American Cancer Society Relay For Life represents hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be elimi-

nated.

Several Monmouth University student organizations, such as the Chapter of the Public Relations Students Society of America (PRSSA), and two fund-raising classes being offered through the department of communication (undergraduate and graduate) are forming teams and spearheading comprehensive fund-raising campaigns. Dr. Sheila McAllister-Spooner, Assistant Professor of Public Relations and advisor to PRSSA said, "The Relay for Life offers a perfect opportunity to apply the concepts that they have learned in the classroom to practical situations." "It's a win-win situation," McAllister-Spooner added. "The students learn the tricks of the trade as they raise money for a worthy cause such as the American Cancer Society."

## PHI KAPPA PSI

Phi Kappa Psi will be holding a Sports Night in Boylan Gym on Saturday, May 1 at 8 pm. The event is for all of those who are interested in the organization and

are considering coming out for Fall semester. We urge all of those interested to please stop by.

Additionally, our meetings are open to all who are interested in coming out and seeing what we are about. We look forward to seeing you.

## TAU KAPPA EPSILON

Tau Kappa Epsilon would like to congratulate the following members for being nominated for Fraternity and Sorority Awards from 2009-2010, Andre Renaudo has been nominated for Fraternity Man of the Year. Thomas Fagan has been nominated for Outstanding Senior. Michael Geib has been nominated for Outstanding New Member. Award winners will be announced on Wednesday April 28th at the Blue and White Club in the MAC. Tau Kappa Epsilon also has a few events they will be doing and participating in over the next few weeks. They will be participating in Relay For Life on Friday April 23rd. They will also be doing a beach clean

up on Saturday April 24th.

On Tuesday April 27th, the will be hosting a fundraiser outside of the Student Center called Dunk-a-Teke. It will be a dunk tank and we will be selling throws to dunk the Teke. It will be \$2 for one throw and \$3 for 3 throws. The proceeds will be donated to St Jude Research Hospital, which is Tau Kappa Epsilon's national philanthropy. On Friday April 30th, they will be bagging groceries at the Shop Rite in Eatontown also raising money for the St. Jude Research Hospital. The Kappa Kappa Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon is proud to announce that they will be donating over \$1000 to St Jude this year. TKE is busy these next few weeks, and welcomes anyone to join us in these events!

## GREEK SENATE

It's hard to believe that another year is almost over. We want to thank the entire fraternity and sorority community for a great

year. This past week was one of the most enjoyable Greek Weeks we have experienced. We would like to congratulate the 2010-2011 executive board: Megan Tracey, Chris Mills, Caitlin Dwyer, Rosario Pucci, Andre Renaudo and Tina Onikoyi.

Also, April is advisor appreciation month, and we would like to give a shout out to our advisor, Tyler Havens, for all of the hard work and dedication he puts forth to help our community!

## OUTDOORS CLUB

The Outdoors Club will be going on their annual White Water Rafting Trip on May 1-2. There are still a few spots open and the trip costs \$85. If anyone is interested in going on the trip, please contact Professor Reynolds at [wreynold@monmouth.edu](mailto:wreynold@monmouth.edu) or Paul Mandala at [s0644483@monmouth.edu](mailto:s0644483@monmouth.edu). We are also having another Deal Lake cleanup this Saturday, April 24. Any student is welcome to come and participate. We look forward to seeing you there.