D Phi E raises cash for charity

Mona YOUNG STAFFWRITER

Delta Phi Epsilon’s annual Lip Sync Contest was held Wednes-day, December 8, in Pollak Theatre at 10 p.m. Over $1,800 was raised, and all profits went to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

From the shows open- ing act of My Prerogative by Britney Spears, performed by sisters of D Phi E, to its ending act of two love birds and a Christmas medley, this year’s annu- al lip syncing contest was a huge success. The show was co-hosted by D Phi E sisters Tara Weston and Maria Vecchierno.

When asked what her expecta-tions for the night were, D Phi E sister April Chichelo stated that, "We just want to raise a lot of money for our philanthropy and we want everyone to have a good time."
The audience consisted of a mixed crowd of alumni, fraterni-ties, sororities, parents, friends, and students just looking to have some fun. Every act was greeted with screams, cheering, and im-mense support from the crowd.

Among the performers were the Monmouth Dance team, sis-ters of Zeta Tau Alpha, Lambda Theta Phi, Monmouth cheerlead- ers, DPE, and a group called The Lovebirds. Each act lip synced songs from various art- ists such as Christina Milian, Brit- ney Spears, and Mariah Carey as they danced to a variety of self-choreographed routines.

After act, the crowd was brought to their feet while singing and dancing along to the music. All of the work put in by the per-formers was easily shown as one of the performers, Dino Flammini stated, "We spent hours and hours practicing our routine."

He also stated that, "We are different because we are not a bordering windows and corners is dry." Nearly every wall on the mansion's inside is cracked, some on the upper level. A number of serious age-related problems, on the house's exterior, roof shingles are missing; columns are crumbling brick col- umns located in the basement that hold up the mansion's support beams. When the house was built in the early 20th Century, sand from the local Long Branch beach was used to hold together the bricks. But almost a century later, salt content from the sand is slowly corroding the bricks. ThThat was the method of building back then, said Swannack.

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Even renovations made decades ago have shown signs of damage. Water leaked into a basement sliding on the outside of the house, coupled with front steps weakened from years of use. Dead wires pro- trude from modern lighting fixtures in several rooms.

Swannack said that the house was badly in need of repairs years ago when it was the University’s School of Education. Past presidents McGill and Stafford later lived in the house during their respective tenures.

President Gaffney doesn’t live in this mansion on Norwood Ave due to the condition it is currently in.

President Gaffney

School officials are considering what the fate will be for one of the oldest buildings on campus. The President’s Mansion, located on Norwood Avenue adjacent to the Great Lawn, has sat empty and in disrepair for nearly three years, un- livable due to a faulty foundation. The Monmouth University Board of Trustees, according to Vice President for Administrative Services Patricia Swannack, are debating if an engineer’s recent estimate of $2 million is worth fixing the house's severe foundation and structural problems, which exist Afroem the basement to the third floor.

A recent tour of the house with Swannack and Robert Cornero, as- sociate vice president for Campus Planning and Construction, revealed a number of serious age-related problems. On the house’s exterior, roof shingles are missing; columns are crumbling brick columns located in the basement that hold together the bricks. But almost a century later, salt content from the sand is slowly corroding the bricks. That was the method of building back then, said Swannack.

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The National Council of Negro Women (Umoja-Nia chapter) presented the Annual Kwanzaa Celebration in Ana-cona Hall on Thursday, December 9, at 7 p.m. For first-time attendees and veteran alike, the celebration was both beau-tiful and informative.

"Kwanzaa is a celebration that unites family and the community," said Zena Bull, the president of the Umoja Nia (Unity and Purpose) chapter. "That is also the purpose of our organization. We hosted this event to bring everyone together."

The ceremony started with opening remarks from Bull. She gave a brief overview of the holiday and what it celebrates. People from all racial backgrounds were present and welcomed with open arms by everyone.

The ceremony ended with singing the Black National Anthem. After, Bull told every- one to create a celebration of the history of the National Coun-cil of Negro Women and what they have accomplished for African Americans across the country.

The National Council for Negro Women was established on December 5, 1909 in New York City by Mary McLeod Bethune. Its original mission was to advance the education and the quality of life for Afri-can American women, their families and communities.

Since its creation the National Council of Negro Women has grown to include more than 35 national and 250 commu-nity affiliations. Presently the council, whose headquarters is stationed Washington D.C., has more than four million women across the nation.

Kwanzaa is a non-religious African American holiday which celebrates family, community, and cultural pride for seven days from December 26 to January 1. It was first instituted to pay homage to the ancestors of the African American community and their contributions to society created by Dr. Maulana Karenga in December of 1966. "Kwanzaa," as said in the information pamphlet given at the ceremony, "was born out of the whirlwind of social and political changes of the sixties decade. The sixties represented one of many eras during which the African and African- American struggle for free-dom and self-identity reached its historical peak. By creat-ing Kwanzaa, Karenga sought to create a holiday specific to African Americans.

Sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha performed a Christmas Medley at Delta Phi Epsilon’s annual Lip Sync Contest.

Higher Education: How does it affect you?
The top five scorers of the Monmouth University College Bowl tournament will be competing in the Regional College Bowl tour- nament on February 18 and 19 at the New Jersey Institute of Tech- nology. They will be competing against the top five scorers from other schools in the region who partici- pated in the regional tournament.

Freshman Amicie Babin, Junior Joe Bacher, Senior Ryan Camp- bell, Freshman Matthew Zorner, and Junior Alex Biese were the top five contestants in the campus’ tournament. There were eleven teams in the tournament, and the winning team was Sigma Tau Gamma. However, not all of these are all join- ing together from different teams.

Mike Patterson, Associate Di- rector for Academic and Student Center Operations, who also runs the College Bowl pro- gram on campus, said, “We take the best performers from all of the teams. There is a formula that ex- ists to identify the best performers by how many questions they heard, how many rounds they played, and their strength. Basically, it’s a power rating of the strength of each player. We take the top five performers from the group of the eleven teams.”

Babbin is the only contestant in the top five from the winning team. He received the second highest score out of all of the participants of the tournament. Babbin was the power scorer, receiving the highest score out of all of the rounds. Zorner was the highest scorer, Zorner was the fourth, and Biese was the fifth.

The College Bowl is a nationwide academic trivia tournament. Three-Hundred schools partici- pate and there are 15 regional ar- eas. In order for a school to partic- ipate in the regional tournament, they have to host a campus tourna- ment. The school then sends their top five students, who have the highest score out of all of the participants of the tournament, to the regional tournament. Each region has its own tournament and the top two teams from the regional tournament will compete in nationals which will be held in Seattle, Washington. The final winners of the national tournament will be named the national champions.

Patterson said, “[The tourna- ment] is a lot like Jeopardy ex- cept it has a lot of different types of categories but you don’t know what category is coming up. It’s already in a predetermined order in its random order in the type of question that is coming up.”

There are questions from your standard academic areas like history and philosophy, but there are also categories in pop culture and sports.

Preparation for the tournament is decided by the contestants. There is no set practice for them to learn. The most ef- fective strategies. Patterson said that they suggest figures out each oth- ers strategies and weaknesses in terms of what will be delegated to answer questions in a particular subject area. He said it is also im- portant to learn strategies, for ex- ample how to handle the situation of being either behind or ahead of the game.

Monmouth will pay for the con- testants to participate at the re- gional competition. They do not have the money in their budget to send students to nationals, how- ever there are some scholarships for the College Bowl program the students can apply for. If they win, Patterson said he will in- quire about the school assisting in funding their trip to nationals or providing the students at the school to contribute.

Campbell is excited about the oppor- tunity, he said, “I feel lucky to be in the top 5, as well as proud that we will be able to represent Monmouth at the regional tournament...”

RYAN CAMPBELL
Monmouth Senior

“Of my hobbies each summer is to assemble myself new software so I can keep current in my field,” said Professor Simoes. One of her past positions has been as a Dream weaver and at the moment she is learning Adobe In-Design. In addition to this, she also spends her spare time working on projects for small busi- nesses.

Before work- ing at Monmouth University, Pro- fessor Simoes was a director of Public Relations for a computer school.

“I oversee all of their marketing and promotions,” said Professor Simoes. “I also did student training for career prepara- tion.”

In her position as a professor, she taught students such skills as how to assemble their resumes and cov- er letters.

“I did do career seminars in the computer school,” added Profes- sor Simoes. She helped people to assemble themselves as put an interview to- gether.

In addition to teaching her clas- ses, Professor Simoes is involved in other ways at Monmouth University. She is a department advising coordinator working under Lorna Schreiber. She says that she has several special topics classes in one of the regular course load here and in the department’s web haven, she said.

“I also produces a lot of the col- laborative for the department like brochures, news- letters, and fac- ulty web pages,” Professor Simoes said.

MEET MU: Kristine Simoes
Specialist Professor of Communication

Professor Kristine Simoes is a specialist professor of communica- tion at Monmouth University.

“I bring a skill set from my field to the academic context. I like to have a conversation with the students here, so aside from the theoretical concepts, we need to engage in practice to come from a public relations cor- porate background,” said Professor Simoes. She said that she likes her set from the field to the classroom.”

Professor Simoes teaches such courses as corporate writing, public relations campaign, and introduction to public relations at Monmouth University. In ad- dition, she teaches trends in public re- lations, and in the future she will teach a layout design class.

“Primarily everything I teach, more than half of it comes from field applicable experience,” she said.

This is Professor Simoes’s sixth year at Monmouth University, as well as that she works on television.

Originally from Kenilworth, New Jersey, Professor Simoes received both her undergraduate and graduate education at Rowan Uni- versity where her major was corpo- rate public relations.

“I am studying for Accreditation in Public Relations through the Public Relations Society of America (P.R.S.S.A.),” she explained. “She is hoping to take this exam in the spring.

She also keeps busy with her husband Tom Simoes and their two children Grace Ann and Tom, Jr. She has a lot of love for her family and of- ten jokes about the funny things her son will learn to say or how impressed she is with her daugh- ter having a strong vocabulary and enjoying educational programming on television.”

Professor Simoes enjoys every- thing about her position at Mon- mouth University and looks for- ward to the new semester and the new little man that I’ve had,” said Simoes. “I love it here. I love the students, I love my colleagues, and I love the communication program.”

Professor Kristine Simoes
in her office which is located in the Communication Department.

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The first semester for two new languages is coming to an end

MIKE URBANSKI

The Pamela Alexis Markowitz Award was given to Nevin Navarro

The Pamela Alexis Markowitz Award was awarded in the fall semester and the reasons for their selection in the senior class.

The winner for this award was selected by the Senior Seminar CJ490 class.

Professor Sever explained the criteria upon the how the winner was selected.

The real requirement is that the person they select has the most positive energy that they [students] want to work with while they are out. The person who goes out and motivates others to work with them and influence them to try and get along and try to make anything work, said Gail Markowitz.

Arabic and Portuguese are languages that are nowadays highly in demand.

Many different kinds of American businesses to invest and develop there.

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Students at Monmouth are taking two new language courses this semester. Many students are interested in the studies as different as the languages from each other.

Two of the new classes offered by the Department of Foreign Languages are Arabic and Portuguese.

Those who are interested in the classes are those who are in the Criminal Justice major. Gac-Artigas said, “Most students taking Arab language do not care in working for the Government agency.”

Joe Franchi is a senior at Monmouth and a Criminal Justice major, who said, “This is the first time I have done one of his cross-cultural classes. It’s good to have a specialty,” he said.

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Toys for Tots, the Giving Tree, and other programs are the most prominent programs.

This year from December 15, 2004 to December 19, 2004.

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The Orleans Community Foundation formed in about the next six months, it would be a scholarship fund.

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Kwanzaa celebration in Anacon Hall

The NCNW, introduced a guest speaker. Michelle Washington-Wilson was there to tell the audience of her own experiences and how the ideals of Kwanzaa relate to our society today. A former alumna of Monmouth University, she connected well with the audience and was a very passionate and knowledgeable woman. She read poetry and stories of her own celebrations of Kwanzaa, gave gift ideas, and explained the symbols used in Kwanzaa.

The symbols used in the Kwanzaa celebration are derived from Stokely Carmichael. The Mkeka is the straw mat on which the other symbols are placed. The mat represents the earth and is in the shape of a fish, symbolizing life. The Muhindi are ears of corn placed on the mat. They represent the children in the household. The amount of children there are in the family is equal to the number of corn ears used. The Kinara is the kinara, which holds a collection of seven candles called Mishumaa Saba. Three of the candles are red, symbolizing blood. Three of the candles are green, representing the land and the act is black, symbolizing the people. These three colors are the same colors present on the African American flag brought about by Marcus Garvey in the Universal Negro Movement. The youngest child in the family is always the one to light the candles every night. This is to incorporate them into a celebration.

All the gifts given to one another during Kwanzaa have to be handmade, a memento of the ancestors. The Kikombe Cha Umoja is the community unity cup used in the whole family was taken away. You can share the candleholder with a person of color and come from the heart. Mrs. Wilson said that some exceptions are made by Dr. Karenga.

The seven principles of Kwanzaa, called Nguzo Saba, were a set of ideals created by Dr. Karenga. Umoja, or unity, is to strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation, and race. Kuumba, or creative, is to define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves and speak for ourselves. Ujima, or collective work and responsibility, is to build and maintain our community together and make our brothers’ and sisters’ problems our problems and to solve them together. Ujamaa, or cooperative economics, is to build and maintain our own stores, shops, and other businesses and to profit from them together. Nia, or purpose, is to make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness. Kuumba, or creativity, is to do always as much as we can, in the way we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.

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Fall 2004 Writing Proficiency Examination (WPE)

The Writing Proficiency Examination will be offered next on Thursday, December 16, 2004, from 9:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and Friday, December 17, 2004, from 5:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Check-in for the December 16th exam will begin at 8:45 a.m. Check-in for the December 17th exam will begin at 4:15 p.m.

Check-in for both exams will be held in the lobby of Pollak Theatre

Eligibility Requirements for the Exam

In general, you are eligible to take the December 2004 WPE if and only if you meet all three of the following conditions:
1. you are a current student at the time of the exam (that is, you have a start date that falls before the date of the exam),
2. you have previously completed EN 101 and EN 102 or their equivalents (such as transfer equivalencies or Credit by Examination), and
3. you have not previously attempted the WPE.

Eligibility Announcement for Incoming Transfer Students

The faculty recently approved changes to the Writing Proficiency requirement that are effective May 1, 2004. One of these changes affects incoming transfer students and the WPE. Qualified incoming transfer students who start at Monmouth on September 7, 2004 (Fall 2004) may take the December 16/17, 2004, WPE or any WPE thereafter. Qualified incoming transfer students who start at Monmouth on January 18, 2005 (Spring 2005), may NOT take the December 16/17, 2004, WPE; however, they are eligible to take the May 5/6, 2005, WPE or any WPE thereafter.

Requirements for Attempting the Exam

The mandatory reading set for the WPE will be available at the University Bookstore for a minimal fee, beginning Monday, November 29, 2004. Before the exam, students must purchase and read the reading set, and must bring it to the examination.

In order to be admitted to the WPE, students must present a Monmouth University Student Identification Card. If you do not have an ID, you may obtain one at the ID Center, located in the Student Center.

Resources for Preparing for the Exam

To prepare for the examination, students should pick up and read the Writing Proficiency Requirement Preparation Manual, available for no charge at the Writing Office (Wilson Annex Room 510) or online at http://bluehawk.monmouth.edu/~eng/wpr.pdf

The Writing Office will offer three information workshops about the WPE at which the format and expectations of the exam are explained and at which you can ask questions in person. The sessions will be held on Thursday, December 2, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, December 8, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.; and Monday, December 13, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. All sessions will be held in the Student Center, room 202B.

Additional information is available from the WPE Information Line at 732-263-5491 and from the Writing Office in Wilson Annex Room 510. All students should consult the Monmouth University Undergraduate Catalog for the Writing Proficiency Requirement policy.
Everyone’s college experience is different!

“We know what we are, but know not what we may be.”

Shakespeare

Russell Van Sweden
Stevens Institute of Technology
Civil Engineering

“I started with Langan Engineering as a summer intern through a career fair. Langan called me for an interview and I was impressed with the company and took the job as an intern. For the first part of the summer, I worked out in the field, performing nuclear compaction tests, which was required in order to pour foundations for a school Langan was building. The second half of the summer, I worked on site plans in AutoCad computer program, which was part of a demolition package. I would also perform site inspections from time to time. Well I begin my full-time position at Langan on June 6, which is a week after graduation. I will start off living at home to save up for a house in the future. It’s going to be different with more of a constant schedule, unlike college with class times varying from semester to semester. Plus side of that is a constant income which I will be saving, hopefully.”

Hanalei Ramos
Temple University
Secondary Education, ESL, American Literature

“I plan on moving back to Jersey City to save money and pay off my debts until I’m 26 by working in J.C. Public Schools. Perhaps poetize in New York City for side money and maybe attend graduate school in the area. I really want to move to Pitibanta, the Bay, Hawaii, or Cuba. So after 26 is when everything starts for me.

I did co-op in Philadelphia. The tricky thing about education is that you’re either a teacher or you’re not. It’s not something that can be learned. Sure, you can study theory all day, but because it’s a very different, personal situation with every teacher, the books you read don’t mean anything! So, luckily, the program I attended includes a practicum. I’m considering a teacher fellows program or “Teach for America”. Afterwards to gain that skill set.”

Bianca Ceralvo
Stanford University
Human Biology

“My freshman year has been very exciting! There are a lot of interesting professors whom I’ve been inspired by, but classes are what you make out of them. We get homework before the material is even discussed, but I’ve been lucky to have a TA live in the same building as me. I have a locked-in group of friends... but you meet so many new people in school. There are many amazing talents here you won’t believe. Everyone has some incredible story behind their personas, which you wouldn’t know until you Google their name. Stanford has many traditions like the Full Moon on the Quad: seniors kissing freshmen on the first full moon of the year, which ends up being sketchy but ridiculously fun. Another one is our rivalry against U.C. Berkeley who has such deeprooted hatred for us, but someone forgot to tell Stanford about it.

If I get the chance to redo the college application process again, I wouldn’t want to apply anywhere else. I don’t know how I did it... writing those applications in English after being in Japan for seven months. I’m glad I’m here.”

Emmanuel Colon
Stevens Institute of Technology
Junior
Mechanical Engineering

“The main reason why I applied to Stevens was because of its Co-op Program. It not only teaches you the basics of how to apply for a job, it shows you how to interview and handle yourself in a working environment. Something you can’t get from reading a textbook.

What I do in my current job at Striker Corporation is help out my team with designs of instruments ranging from the knee, hip, upper extremities, prototypes, and trauma. Also, I help manage and maintain our rapid prototypes machines which creates plastic parts for other engineers at work. Eventually, I am working on design controls for my team’s products so that we are able to ship out the products internationally without having to file for paper work every time.

I was able to get my hands dirty. And with this technical experience, versus the dry textbook reads, comes a great impression on real world education and work ethics.”

Upcoming Hawk TV Events:

To all our committed members: Thanks for a wonderful semester! Everyone worked hard on pre-production, writing, production, editing, and promotions. Everyone was generous with your time to help with our events. Hawk TV wouldn’t be the same without all of you! To all our viewers: Thanks for all your support. We hope you continue your loyalty to Channel 12 and do not hesitate to contact us with any constructive comments or suggestions. Proposals for new shows are being accepted until the beginning of the Spring 2005 semester! Happy Holidays Monmouth University!

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Time to graduate, already?

DANIELLE D’ANDREA
AND FEATURES EDITOR

For many seniors this semester, the holiday season marks a bittersweet time. It will be a time for family, friends...
As the year comes to a close, it’s hard not to reflect on all of the people and events that made 2004. It’s amazing how much we see and how much can happen in the world and on our campus in 52 weeks. Let’s look back at some of the events that made this year one to remember. Perhaps the greatest event of 2004 was the presidential election. While politicians, the media, and professors all pushed for a larger youth turnout, our age group still only comprised 17% of the voting pool. Here at MU, President Gaffney made a significant effort to register the student body with his successful “Stand Up and Be Counted” campaign. In the end, Bush emerged victorious and the Republicans gained control of congress. The war in Iraq continued to rage on in the last twelve months. This year boasted several of the deadliest months for U.S. soldiers. In an effort to win, the president implemented a stop loss, forcing soldiers to stay in uniform long after their discharge date. There was a lot of talk about the draft, but at the time of publication nothing had come of it. Several notable people passed away in 2004. Ronald Reagan, the nation’s former president died last summer at the age of 91. He was mourned by the nation as his coffin was open for viewing in the days before and after several days. Later in the year, at the age of 91, fat, the leader of Palestine died in Paris at the age of 75. Christopher Reeve, Rodney Dangerfield, Ray Charles, and Marlon Brando also died in 2004. On campus, 2004 marked many firsts for (MU). We saw the first time the university allowed students to register for classes via the internet. Hundreds of students logged onto the web advisor to try their hand at scheduling. While there were a few problems here and there, this new method was considered successful.

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“Happy Holidays” clash
Why let the minority rule the majority?

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Re: Greek Life at MU

Why Greeks get flack and how to solve it

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OPINION EDITOR

Talking about Greek Life at MU, it is impossible to avoid mentioning the 5,000 students who are members of Greek organizations. Whether you are a part of one of these organizations or not, you are possibly one of the many students who hear the negative comments about Greeks. The University of Missouri is no different in this regard; in fact, there is an ongoing battle to drown out the negative comments with positive ones.

For many students, the word “Greek” brings negative connotations to mind. For some, the negative connotations are based on personal experiences. Others may have heard negative comments from friends, roommates, or classmates. Still, others may not have any personal experience with Greeks but have heard negative comments from others who have.

When you hear a negative comment about Greeks, it is important to remember that the statement may not represent all Greeks. Greeks are a diverse group of people who come from all walks of life. They have different backgrounds, beliefs, and values. Just like any other group of people, Greeks have their share of good and bad experiences. However, it is important to remember that the negative comments you hear are not necessarily representative of all Greeks.

One of the positive things about being a part of a Greek organization is that you have a support system. Whether it is your brothers and sisters or your friends in the organization, they are there for you when you need them. Greeks are known for their strong bonds and sense of community. These bonds are formed through shared experiences, traditions, and events. Greeks also have a reputation for being good at fund raising and community service. These are all positive aspects of Greek life.

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Abortion: A family matter?
Should abortion require parental consent for minors?

Imagine this: You’re 16-years-old, scared, and pregnant. You have al- ways used condoms, but there was that one time when it broke. You real- ized it would be very hard for you to obtain a prescription for the morning after pill, so you just prayed every- thing would be all right. Prayer has the power to make miracles happen, or at least that’s what your very reli- gious parents always say. But prayer failed you this time. You were not able to get the abortion you had planned on the pregnancy test turned blue.

You can’t fathom the idea of hav- ing a baby at 16. You feel that not only will your life be ruined, but also the life of the unborn child. Though you were never a supporter of abortion, suddenly you can see why women choose this option. Despite your up- bringing and religious background, you decide that abortion would be the best option for you.

However, there is one problem; you happen to live in a state where paren- tal consent is required for a minor to have an abortion.

You are terrified to tell your par- ents that you are pregnant. You feel that they would either throw you out on the street or force you to keep the baby because they strongly feel that abortion is a sin. Even if they con- sented, you know they would forever be changed and that nothing you could do in the future would change their mind. How would you feel if you were in this position?

In the November 2004 election, people were not only voting for the president, but also for legislation that would be passed in their individual state. In Florida, an amendment to the state constitution was passed which requires parental notification or consent for a minor to obtain an abortion. The passing of this recent legislation adds Florida to the current total of 36 states which require parental notification or consent for females under 18 to legally have an abortion.

There are ways to get around this legislation, but many of them are time-consuming, costly, and relative- ly unfeasible for a minor. Most states allow the minor to petition the courts to have an abortion without notification or consent. This loophole mea- sure is largely ineffective because most minors do not have knowledge of the legal system and what they would have to do to obtain a judicial waiver. In addition, the ultimate deci- sion is left up to the judge who could disapprove the request.

“We can find sex everywhere we turn…yet we deny that pre-marital sex, and especially teenage sex, is a common occurrence.”

Parental consent and notification is just another way in which female reproductive rights are being limited. We are living in a society where we can find sex everywhere we turn. And will allow religious beliefs to limit the rights of all people through govern- ment.

Should abortion require parental consent for minors?
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Friends,

In the last 3 months I have had the most memorable experiences of my life. I felt true happiness while I was in London. Part of the reason was because I was finding out who I was and what I wanted to be, but a bigger part of it was because of the people I spent my time with, especially those who were from Monmouth University. Through my eyes and many others it was evident that the MU students who studied at Regent’s College were more than friends they were family. When I went to Europe I knew I would take away many experiences and learn from them, but what I didn’t expect to take away with me was 16 new friends. Old friends will always be with us but the friendships we made abroad are different, we have something that our friends from home don’t have, we have Europe. We grew up while we were in London, we discovered a different way of life, now we have each other to remember the time we spent there. Don’t let go.

Love always,
Lauren Benedetti

Studying abroad was no question the best decision I have ever made and the people I’ve met along with so many memorable moments have made this the most exciting semester of college!

Joe DiCrecco

What will you miss most?
Answer: the great city atmosphere, with people always around, places to go, and something to do. All of the different friends I’ve made are going to be hard to leave.

Most memorable moment in Europe?
Answer: it was all so memorable. Standing in front of the amazing Alps, seeing the Eiffel Tower, eating dinner on the Grand Canal in Venice. I will never forget any of it.

From 1-10 what would you rank your study abroad experience and why?
Answer: 9 - nothing can be a perfect 10, especially when all of my friends and family could not accompany for this experience, but the study abroad program is amazing. I have learned a lot about myself and others.

First thing you’ll be doing when you walk in the front door of your house.
Answer: saying hi to my dog. Then calling all my friends while eating nachos and salsa. One thing they do not have in London that is the same.

Final Words...
Answer: studying abroad was no question the best decision I have ever made and the people I’ve met along with so many memorable moments have made this the most exciting semester of college!
Guitarist’s death will have lasting impact on metal scene

MALCOLM MATHEW
KNIGHT-RIDDER NEWSWIRE

For David Draiman, his erstwhile safe place has now become a hazardous zone.

Draiman is one of several heavy metal artists who say their lives and careers will be dramatically altered by the circumstances of the death of Texas guitarist “Dimebag” Darrell Abbott.

“Dimebag” was a hell of a guitar player,” said Mark Nelson, a former employee of Abbott’s. “I was doing a favor for a friend. Dime took me to get a pedicure once.”

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One of the summer’s top films is now on DVD, a great holiday pick for any movie buff.

**The gifts that keep on giving**

**SAMANTHA YOUNG**

**STAFF WRITER**

It’s the most wonderful time of the year! And along with the food and family comes tons of holiday shopping. Between non-stop Christmas songs, tons of CDs and DVDs/videos will be hitting the shelves, perfect for gift giving. Check out this guide to new releases for gifts that keep on giving!

**Available Now**

**Music**

Music From the O.C. Mix 3: Have a Very Merry Christmas

Jessica Simpson: *Rejoice—The Christmas Album*

Gwen Stefani: *Love, Music, Angel, Baby*

U2: *How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb*

Clay Aiken: *Merry Christmas With Love*

**Movies**

*Spiderman 2* (PG-13) starring Tobey McGuire and Kirsten Dunst

*Hero* (R) starring Jet Li and Maggie Cheung

*The Tenants* (PG) starring Tom Hanks and Catherine-Zeta Jones

*Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* starring Daniel Radcliffe and Emma Watson

**Just Released (December 6th)**

**Music**

Lindsay Lohan: *Speak*

Diana DeGarmo: *Blue Skies*

**Movies**

Dodgeball (PG-13) starring Ben Stiller and Vince Vaughn

Bruce Supremacy (PG-13) starring Matt Damon, Franka Potente and Julia Stiles

March of Grace (R) starring Catalina Sandino Moreno

**This Week (December 13th)**

**Music**

Ashanti: *Concrete Rose*

2Pac: *Loyal to the Game*

Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou soundtrack

Xzibit: *Weapons of Mass Destruction*

**Movies**

Collateral (R) starring Tom Cruise, Jamie Foxx, and Jada Pinkett Smith

I, Robot (PG-13) starring Will Smith and Bridget Moynahan

Princess Diaries II: Royal Engagement (G) starring Anne Hathaway and Julie Andrews

**Week of December 20th**

**Movies**

King Arthur (PG-13) starring Clive Owen and Keira Knightley

**A compilation of music from The OC’s beloved holiday, Christmaskanth.**

Manchester Candidate (R) starring Dax Shepard and Meryl Streep

Napoleon Dynamite (PG) starring Jon Heder and Jon Gries

Shawn of the Dead (R) starring Simon Pegg and Kate Ashfield

**Week of December 27th**

**Movies**

Anchorman (PG-13) starring Will Ferrell, Christina Applegate, and Paul Rudd

Garden State (R) starring Zach Braff and Natalie Portman

Wicker Park (PG-13) starring Josh Hartnett and Matthew Lillard

Wimbledon (PG-13) starring Paul Bettany and Kirsten Dunst

**De La ‘Grinding’ out the Soul**

Hip-hop music is a drug, or at least that is what De La Soul will attest to. And as the trio of the long-running De La Soul group will also attest to – no one knows how to keep hustling and grinding out the music quite like they do.

Now with their seventh studio album, *The Grind Date*, De La Soul isn’t surprising anyone because they are tripping of the old school sound still surviving amongst a bunch of youngsters. They are surprising everyone because those same youngsters could learn a thing or two from Posdnuos, Trugoy, and Maceo about consistency, longevity, and reclaiming the throne.

*The Grind Date*, released on Urban Sanctuary Records, represents De La’s excursions back into the world of independent hip-hop music, a place where a sure-fire radio hit isn’t a requirement for a solid album and good music overpowers light, poppy, softer-than-cotton-candy tracks. And, for once, a hip-hop group seems perfectly content, and as a result successful, because of that atmosphere.

“The Future,” where the boys themselves proclaim, “We are the past…we are the present…we are the future,” sets a high standard for the group that they thankfully do overcome. The hard-hitting and tenacious “Verbal Clap” and “Much More,” where the trio questions how far other rappers go for a piece of fame and fortune, high-light a stand-out lineup of opening tracks that hit with a hunger not always in place within other rappers that have run their course through hip-hop.

Ever wonder what hip-hop would be like without De La Soul? Apparently, sort of like New York City without the Yankees. Slick Rick without the eye patch, and bedtime without PJ’s, the three imagine on “It’s Like That,” which features the slick crooning of Bad Boy’s Carl Thomas (one of a number of guests, including Ghostface, Common, and Flava Flav).

Whether grinding it out even further on the title track, “The Grind Date,” or going hard at the Fendi, Prada, and Gucci gold-diggers of the world on “Shopping Bags,” De La Soul have not just aged well within their career – they have damn near captured the coveted fountain of youth that so many old-timers long after and desire. Presently, the album’s most addictive cut through (and rightfully so, just check out that title) is the MF Doom-assisted “Rock Co-Kane Flow” with an abso-lutely pounding beat that rounds out an equally hard-hitting agenda from the trio soul.

With so many old-timers bowing out gracefully from the hip-hop hustle and many of the rookies only focused on rapp-ing about hustling, De La Soul is back again with more of that addictive street corner goodness – the stuff that only comes out on the first of the month.

So if you are looking to hus-tle the freshest drug out on the streets right now – the stuff that will sell to the whites, the blacks, the Hispanic, young, old, and everyone in between – De La Soul has got the solution: *The Grind Date*. The music is like a drug again.

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The inevitable: Danielle says farewell to MU

Danielle D’Andrea
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

And so the inevitable has come. Hard to believe that three and a half years ago, I was walking into Willow Hall as a freshman beginning an experience I’ll never forget.

I’ve met some great people here and now it’s time to say goodbye. I can’t believe that my college experience is over and it’s time to go into the real world. College has been hard…ask any of my roommates.

It seemed like I was homesick more times than I can remember. Being from Connecticut, it seems everyone stays close, so why did I go semi-far? I don’t know. I just did. But now that it’s time to go home, I’m having a little trouble saying goodbye. Strange huh?

Over the years I’ve done a bunch of things. It all started over in the theater… but then came Phi Sig, and finally the Outlook. I will say this, the best thing I ever did during my college career was to get involved. Stage managing was a great thing if you have the opportunity to go to Greek, do it; and all of you should come up to the Outlook. They’re so much fun and a great bunch.

To everyone over at the Theater, especially my shows, Frangipane, Tripold, Doc, and Linda – thanks for helping me out the last 3 ½ years. You gave me a great foundation to build upon.

Phi Sigma Sigma – I don’t know what I would’ve done without my Phi Sexi Sexis. You all are truly the best group of girls ever. Thanks for everything. My committee, you’ve been great…keep up the Alumni! Diokete Hupsala!

To my Big, Steph: Shelly, you must be a fairy godmother, the kids are lucky to have you.

My Little Lady, Casey: the best little ever! Enjoy your last year in college. I’m sorry that this is happening, but I’ll always be there for you no matter what!

My Alpha Betas: To the best pledge class I could ever ask for…you girls truly are my support system.

You’ve helped me through a lot and have always been there for me. Thanks for helping with my Little! Each and every one of you mean so much to me. Melissa, Ker, Jess, Carla, Joed, Lariss, and Stac – FOREVER EIGHT!

My Magazine girls: Ali, Melissa, Jenna, and Chrissy – our schedules have been crazy but we’ve always managed to do what we needed. I’m just sorry that we found each other last semester. Ali and Jenna, you put up with me complaining. Chrissy, we’ll get together soon. Melissa, you’re a “Disney expert” title! Calt: Always here no matter what. I know things are tough now, but you’ll get through it…you always do. Big E next year?

297: You guys made my last semester crazy. Ain’t nothing but a happy ending.

Lexi: First the theater, now you’re my sister. I was so happy when you came out and now you’re here! Thanks for the help with my Little! Have fun with Curious! The Outlook: Ali, Jen, Kim, Eric, Steve, Lyns, Jen, Dev, Jeff, Dev, Joey, Lauren, Ryan, Melissa, Pri, and Jacki. You all are unforgettable. It’s been a great year for you. Half good. Enjoy now because before you know it, you all will be doing your Senior Thesis! Bevy: The best editor to work for in the world! I’ll miss writing with you. Jackie: Good luck with Bevy, she’s great to write for! You’ll be a great assistant! To all my professors: Thanks for doing what you do.

Prof. Morano: Thanks for guiding me in the right direction. You’re advice helped more than you know.

Rob: Food fights, movie nights, and future sights. Thank you for loving me and supporting me. I love you! The best is yet to come…

Cabby: What would I do without you? We’ve been through so much! To so much more…

My parents and brothers: Thanks for reading my stuff and saying it’s great no matter what. Thanks for listening to me at 3am when I call you crying, and thanks for just being there. I love all four of you. I’m coming home!

To everyone else that is reading this: enjoy the time you have left at Monmouth or in college. It passes by fast and before you know it, you’re saying goodbye. So have fun while you can, learn as much as you can, and do as much as you can while you have time. Before you know it, you’ll be graduating! Go Greek, be in a play, write for the Outlook, and just get involved. It’ll make your college experience so much better. I’m so glad I did.

College is a learning experience. I’ve learned so much about myself that I never knew possible. Things aren’t always perfect. You’ve got to work at them. Take advantage of now. Live without regrets. Do what makes you happy. Sometimes, the strangest situation will prove to be your future. Believe in fate. From that, you will find yourself and what you’re supposed to do.

As for me, I’m not really sure what’s next. Hopefully I’ll find a job and live happily ever after. We shall see. So this is it. The inevitable has come. See you all at Graduation in May. Thanks for all the good times. M-I-C-E. See you real soon. K-E-Y. Why because I love you, M-O-U-S-E…

How to make $50 last for ten days

It's the constant buying of small
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the 2 a.m. Nelly's delivery that can
burn a hole in your wallet. Use the
money you normally would when you
eat on the go and take it to the
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more food for your money. I rec-

It's a terrible master
but an excellent
servant.

Money is for your 10 day grocery shopping
spree.

Tips to help you utilize your $50 more effectively
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WWW.SEFAN.ORG: WEB SITE TO HELP FIGHT HUNGER
The Statewide Emergency Food and Anti-Hunger Network (SEFAN) has launched a web site to help address the growing problem of hunger in New Jersey. By logging onto www.sefan.org and clicking onto “Pantry Link” you can find out about local food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters that serve meals in your community. The web site lists volunteer opportunities as well as items needed such as non-perishable food and baby products.
By helping your local emergency food provider, you will be helping to fight hunger in your community and in New Jersey. So log onto www.sefan.org and click on “Pantry Link” today!
Today's Birthday (Dec. 15th)

Your assignment this year is to learn as much as you can. Study new technology and you'll be amazed. Some of it looks like magic before you understand what's going on. Become a magician, or at least an accomplished scholar.

Today's Birthday (Dec. 15th)

Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19) - Today is a 9
Review your plans one more time and make sure you have the resources you'll need. Soon you'll be much more interested in actually doing rather than thinking.

Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) - Today is a 5
An older person has a dream that you can help achieve. Do it, not for money, but simply because you can.

 Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) - Today is a 9
True, there's plenty of work to do, but you can make some time to spend privately with a person you love, investigating fantasies.

Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) - Today is a 5
You're good at saving money. You're a natural, it's true. But, the other secret to your success is: you take time to do the reading. That will make a big difference now.

Leo • (July 23- Aug. 22) - Today is a 9
You're a good builder, but it's always smart to get help with drawing up the plans. Pay attention now to somebody who's better at that than you are.

Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) - Today is a 5
The workload's increasing today and tomorrow, but, unfortunately, you may not be certain what, exactly, it is you should do. Better start with the planning.

Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - Today is a 8
A fascinating conversation could turn into so much more. It could lead to a project you and a loved one will have tons of fun completing. And that's definitely worth the effort.

Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - Today is a 5
You may discover that something you've been worrying about at home won't be that hard to fix. A little imagination and some glue, and everything will be secure.

Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is an 8
Do a bit more research, and you'll figure out what the wall is made of that you've been coming up against. From a higher perspective, you can find a way over or around it.

Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - Today is a 6
When you're doing well, you encounter friends you never knew you had. It's good to support a worthy cause, but check it out carefully first.

Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 8
If you've got a bit of mettle about you, which is a pretty good guess, do it in a charming way. Don't burn any bridges, OK?

Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) Today is a 6
Purpose travel for a while, it's just too complicated. Besides, you could take a wrong turn and wind up in a totally different place. If that happens, call if you'll be late.
A preview of Spring 2005 Events

Save the dates! Events subject to change.

- Tuesday, January 25: Eddie Ifft Comedian (SAB)
- Tuesday, January 25: Meet the Greeks
- January 26-27: MLK Tribute Celebration
- Friday, January 28: Fraternity Recruitment
- Sunday, January 30: Sorority Recruitment
- Wednesday, February 2: Spring Involvement Fair
- Monday, February 7: Sons of Pitches (SAB)
- Tuesday, February 8: SGA Auction
- Wednesday, February 9: Black JEOPARDY! (AASU)
- Saturday, February 12: Winterball (RHA)
- Thursday, February 17: Jewish Culture Concert
- February 19-20: NYC Overnight Trip (SAB)
- Saturday, February 26: Fashion Show (WMCX/Hawk)
- Monday, February 28: Alcohol Insanity Tour (SAB)
- Tuesday, March 1: Vagina Monologues
- Friday, March 18: Student Leadership Conf.
- Wednesday, March 23: Surprise Major Event (SAB)
- Wednesday, March 30: Quadfest (SAB)
- Thursday, March 31: Big Man on Campus (ZTA)
- Saturday, April 2: The Big Event (SGA)
- Wednesday, April 13: Day of Silence (AIL)
- Saturday, April 16: International Festival
- Wednesday, April 20: Gong Show (ITA)
- Saturday, April 23: Springfest (SGA/SAB)
- April 29 - May 1: Kickout Weekend
- Sunday, May 1: Student Awards (SGA)

If you could get one thing for the holidays, what would it be?

- Alexandria - Sophomore: To convince my parents to pay for spring break to Acapulco.
- Bill - Senior: A partridge in a pear tree. I already have two turtle doves.
- Ed - Junior: A 4.0 GPA.
- Jamie - Junior: For me and my big (Marisa) to have real Dior bags.
- Jennifer - Senior: A big flat screen plasma TV!!

- Joe - Junior: I don't need much cause I'm a nice guy.
- Katie - Sophomore: A nice, long, relaxing break from school and work! Because after this semester, I NEED it!
- Meghan - Sophomore: The $400 bag I want.
- Sammi - Junior: A boyfriend, because the holidays are the best when spent with someone else.
- Steve - Junior: It would be a bright orange jacket just like Dusty's so I wouldn't get shot while I was hunting.

Office of Student Activities and Student Center Operations
2nd Floor, Rebecca Stafford Student Center

Late Night Breakfast Study Break
Magill Commons Dining Hall
Thursday, Dec. C. 16
9:30-11:30 P.M.

New Student Orientation 2005
September 3 - September 5, 2005

Orientation Leader Training begins Monday, August 29, 2005. OL’s can not hold other jobs at the same time. For your time, OL’s will get a $200 MU Bookstore gift certificate and a great experience!

APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE!!!!!

NEW Orientation Leader Applicants:
Applications Due: Friday, February 18, 2005

RETURNING OL Applicants:
Applications Due: Friday, January 28, 2005

12 completed credits and a minimum of a 2.3 GPA (end of Fall ‘04) required
MONMOUTH BASKETBALL
Show Your
School Spirit

ENTER TO WIN THE SPIRIT CONTEST
CAMPAIGN BEGINS ON DECEMBER 21st AT THE WOMEN’S BASKETBALL GAME

STUDENT GROUPS COULD WIN $1,000.00

The Student categories are:
1. Athletics
2. Fraternities
3. Sororities
4. Clubs

An additional $1,000.00 will be awarded to one of the groups who receives the highest amount of points for Women’s Basketball exclusively.

A total of $5,000.00 will be awarded on Saturday, February 26th at the Women’s Basketball Game.

All groups must register with Tom Manzo in the Athletics Dept. no later than Monday, December 20, 2004. The office telephone ext. is 5833

Two team leaders must be selected to represent the group at both the Men’s and Women’s games. At least one of those team leaders with a valid Monmouth ID must check in at the registration table in the Boylan Gym lobby BEFORE and AFTER the game. No check in, No awarded points for that game.

A theme will be assigned for each game. Points will be awarded on a game-by-game basis. The criteria judged will be creativity, originality, school spirit and sportsmanship.

The group from each category with the most points at the end of the contest will receive the prize money.

Single points will be awarded at Men’s games, double points will be awarded for Men’s TV games, double points will be awarded at Women’s games and triple points will be awarded at two (2) randomly selected Women’s games.

SCHOOL SPIRIT

THE DATES AND THEMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Tuesday, December 21 Women’s Game “Holiday Night”
(Students groups are required to wear clothing representing the Holiday)

Saturday, January 22 Women’s Game “Hawaiian Night”
(Students groups are required to dress in clothing with an Hawaiian Theme)

Saturday, January 22 Men’s Game “Hawaiian Night”
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Monday, January 24 Men’s Game “Paint Your Face Night”
(Students groups are required to paint their face using blue and white)

Thursday, February 3 Men’s Game “MU Shirt Night”
(Students groups are required to wear a shirt with a MU phrase, logo, etc.)

Saturday, February 5 Women’s Game
Help celebrate National Girls and Women in Sports Day
Saturday, February 5 Men’s Game “Poster Night”
(Students groups are required to make posters and hold them up during the game)

Tuesday, February 8 Men’s Game “Player Night”
(Students groups are required to wear a shirt with their favorite MU player’s number on it)

Wednesday, February 16 Men’s Game “Valentine’s Night”
(Students groups are required to wear clothing representing Valentine’s Day)

Thursday, February 17 Women’s Game “Valentine’s Night”
(Same requirement as Men’s Game on February 16)

Friday, February 18 Men’s Game “Great White Freak Out”
(Students groups are required to wear a plain white shirt)

Saturday, February 19 Women’s Game “Poster Night”
(Same requirement as Men’s Game on February 16)

Sunday, February 20 Men’s Game “Crazy Hat Night”
(Students groups are required to wear a homemade hat with representations of MU)

Monday, February 21 Women’s Game “Crazy Hat Night”
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In addition to the theme, student groups are required to perform a community service by donating can goods. The drop-off is in the Lobby of Boylan Gym on game night. Points will be awarded.

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Saturday, February 26 Women’s Game “St. Patrick’s Night”
(Students groups are required to wear clothing representing St. Patrick’s Day)

Contest Ends Money Awarded
Women’s Basketball drops two, now 4-4

Hawks fall to St. Peter’s, University of Maryland

WILLIAM K. DEPOE  STAFF WRITER

The Monmouth University Women’s Basketball Team started their week, falling to a team Head Coach Jackie DeVane knows they should have beaten, and then ended their week falling to a team they wanted to compete well against.

On Wednesday, December 8, the Hawks suffered their first home loss of the season, losing to the Peahens of St. Peter’s College 79-64. Tiffany Jones led St. Pete’s with 20 points, and Khalisha Lewis pitched in with 15 points.

Monmouth struggled on defense, allowing the Peahens to shoot 50% from the field, including a 60% second half performance. St. Peter’s also thrived at the free throw line, hitting 22-of-30 (73%), including a 19-of-24 showing in the second half.

“We are capable of playing better defense,” said DeVane. St. Peter’s (3-3) led the contest from beginning to end, not allowing the Hawks to get close in the second half. The closest the Hawks would get was when it was 28-27 late in the first half.

“When we don’t focus on our defense, make that a priority, our offense isn’t there,” said DeVane, as the Hawks were not able to get much working on offense or defense.

Monmouth had solid games from guards Niamh Dwyer (junior), who knocked down a game-high 21 points, including hitting five 3-pointers, and Courtney Lumpkin (senior), who tallied 15 points to go along with five rebounds.

It didn’t get any easier for the Hawks, who traveled to Maryland to play the 19-ranked University of Maryland Terrapins. Going into the contest, Coach DeVane wanted to see her team try and keep the game close, and just play a good overall game, win or lose.

On Sunday December 5, the Hawks took part in the New Year’s Invitational and the Seton Hall Open, were both not scored. They gave us the opportunity to measure and see where we are as a team before the semester is over,” comment- ed Head Coach Joe Compagni.

On Sunday December 5, the Hawks took part in the New Year’s Invita- tional which was held at Princeton University.

The Blue and White took first in two individual events on the af- ternoon. Ashley Huffman, who was tabbed Northeast Conference Athlete of the Week after the Hawks took first place in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 9:00. Huffman continued her performance with a first place finish in the long jump with a distance of 19-5 ½. With that mark, Huffman has set a new school record and al- ready qualified for the ECAC Championships.

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JOE COMPAGNI
Head Coach, Track and Field

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The Hawks have now dropped four in a row, and five out of six to begin the 2004-2005 season. And now, their safehouse of the “Boylan Room” has been invaded as the Hawks fell to the Princeton Tigers 56-52 this past Sunday afternoon in front of a raucous home crowd of just under 2,500.

The loss snaps Monmouth’s 15-game home winning streak. The Hawks last home defeat came on February 17, 2003, a 69-59 loss to Fairleigh Dickinson. Their streak of 15 straight home victories was good enough for the tenth-best consecu-
tive-home-winning mark in the na-
tion.

Princeton was led by their senior center, and reigning All-Ivy league performer, Jordan Wallace, who scored a game-high 23 points, in-
cluding a perfect 13-of-13 shooting from the foul line.

Senior guard Will Venable added 13 points and nine rebounds for the Tigers, who are coming off a

Saturday in the Big Five Classic. Mike Azzarelli scored 10 points to

No conference portion of the ledger

the previous game also saw the

Hawks fall to Princeton in Boylan, drop to 1-6

Loss ends Hawks home win streak at 15 games

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