MU ranks high with Princeton Review

Monmouth University is one of the top institutions for undergraduate education in the country, according to the upcoming edition of The Princeton Review’s annual college guidebook “The Best 361 Colleges: 2006 Edition.”

Each year the New York based Princeton Review compiles their “best colleges” book based on information gathered from over 110,000 students who rated their schools based on past experiences through surveys. The book features undergraduate institutions of all varieties, and ranks them into 64 separate categories including campus culture, academics and financial aid. Last year’s edition was entitled “The Best 357 Colleges,” and did not include MU.

Jeanne Krier, a publicist for Princeton Review Books, said “We’ve been publishing the book since 1992, and we’ve added colleges from time to time, as the Princeton Review sees fit. This year they’ve added Monmouth [in addition to three other schools].”

When asked how MU placed in the rankings, Krier replied “The rankings in the book won’t be known until the end of the school year, you will have to wait and see.”

Robert Franek, Vice President of Publishing at the Princeton Review states, “Only about 10% of all colleges and universities we talk to and survey.”

On the MU Web site much credit for this accolade was given to the institution’s “rigorous environment and competitiveness.” The article says that reasons MU was chosen include small class sizes, with the average size being 22, scholar athletes with an average GPA of over 3.0, and an experienced education requirement.

The article also states “Monmouth takes pride in its exquisite campus and notes its ideal location near the Jersey Shore with easy access to major metropolitan centers. According to Principal One of MU’s 15-point strategic plan, “Monmouth University is committed to building a reputation for excellence in teaching and learning.”

The school’s inclusion in the 2006 edition of this book will help to increase the university’s reputation and prestige.

“I think it’s good for the university to achieve that sort of ranking,” said John Inauen, an MU senior majoring in psychology. “It will allow for more prestige and tougher standards to maintain that rank.”

Some of the Princeton Review’s “top colleges” in 2005 included Ithaca College, Johns Hopkins University, Harvard College, and Syracuse University. Colleges were ranked into lists such as “Party Schools,” “Happy Students,” “Beautiful Campus,” and others.

The top 357 colleges guidebook last year included 8 new additions to the list.

More information can be found at the Princeton Review Web site; www.princetonreview.com.

On the Princeton Review Web site students can fill out a survey about their college. Jeanne Krier said it is encouraged for students to go to the website rank their college. The survey can be found at: http://survey.review.com.
**Meet MU: LeTisha Whitney**

**Sign Language Interpreter**

**COURTESY OF RYAN SCALLY**

With a degree in Sign Language and English, LeTisha Whitney has taken communication to a whole new level for those who are deaf to communicate with the rest of the world.

LeTisha Whitney is a Sign Language interpreter for Monmouth University. Her job is to interpret and connect students and faculty to make sure they are understood. When she is interpreting, Whitney will be by the side attending all of her classes and softball games. Whenever there is a home game so that she can carry out the life of a typical college student without the difficulty of trying to communicate with others. When Whitney cannot be around, there are at least four or five other free lance interpreters to take her position.

"I like the college campus atmosphere, and working with an athlete has more of a variety," claims Whitney.

With a father in the Air Force, Whitney lived in Spain for three and a half years of her life, and then Japan for two and a half years, all while attending American Schools there. She eventually moved back to the United States, where she lived in New Jersey for a while before settling finally in New Hampshire when she was 13 years old.

Whitney realized that she wanted to be a Sign Language interpreter since she became friends with a fellow classmate Sabrina who was deaf. When Whitney was in the 7th grade, her teacher, Helen Keller for the school, where Sabrina played Helen Keller. It was interesting to see how she managed to work around it all," Whitney says as she describes how Sabrina played Helen Keller. "It was going to be much smaller because Sabrina who was deaf since she became friends with a fellow classmate Sabrina who was deaf to be a sign language interpreter ever since she became friends with a fellow classmate Sabrina who was deaf.

"It's really important to have a job that you love, and I love this job."
President’s Report: Q & A:
Q: Can there be more on-campus programming?
A: There are tons of programs on campus for students to attend. It is up to them to choose the programs they want to attend.
Q: Can SGA get faster computers in the library?
A: Please let us know what is slow about them. Network congestion, processor speed, or something else? The computing centers on campus are great, and the wiring network is extremely effective. There are times when the server is slow due to heavy traffic. LT is looking into finding a remedy, but this would be very expensive. Most times, however, the computers are very fast so please let us know more specifically which ones present a problem.
Q: Can SGA create a student lawyer to help students know their rights when they are facing trial for misconduct?
A: This is definitely something SGA can look into. Presently, we are working on having student representation on the university’s Judicial Board and it is not going to look too much different than the current system.
Q: Can SGA negotiate with Aramark to create val- ues of meals to lower prices.
A: Values meals are available every day in the Student Center Cafeteria.
Q: Why are parking prices so high? How do they compare to other schools.
A: Our prices are high, mostly because parking is a privilege. At most schools, freshmen are not allowed to bring cars to school, such as local schools like Rider and Seton Hall. Some schools also have parking passes that are not a comprehensive fee, but ours is very low in comparison. That makes up some of the difference, and the other thing to remember is that approximately 20% of our student body is off campus, so it has to be high enough to cover, though it has improved in recent years, and high price comes with the privilege.
This Saturday is Springfest, one of the best events of the year. Remember that Springfest is rain or shine! It’s going to be a great event, and I ask that everyone enjoy the weather, have fun, and look out for one another while having a good time.
Devon Gottshalk
SGA President
Monmouth Community participates in Day of Silence

JOE CORCIONE
ALI President

The day seemed to be a success. “Even a handful of newly informed students is a success, and we had over 200 participants so an impact was definitely made at Monmouth.”

Even a handful of newly informed students is a success, and we had over 200 participants so an impact was definitely made at Monmouth. Once people realize that some of their classmates live in fear each day because of certain actions that can easily be prevented, those people will hopefully stop and think about how their words, thoughts, and actions, can negatively impact their fellow students,” believes Corcione. Hopefully, “putting these issues in the forefront of people’s minds can help make people realize just how important it is to put a stop to our problems and try to get along regardless of any differing factors.”

For more information on ALI, please contact their office at (732) 923-4739, ali@monmouth.edu, or http://zorak.monmouth.edu/~ali. ALI will host its last meeting of the semester on Tuesday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Student Center room 202-B.

Lambda Pi Eta partners with the Windmill to collect items for troops overseas

JACQUELINE KOLOSKI
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Lambda Pi Eta, the Communication Honor Society at Monmouth University, is holding a collection drive for the troops. The drive will be occurring up until the week of finals. LPE is working along with the Windmill to collect various items for the troops.

“We’re working with the Windmill because they’re doing a drive so every time we collect a donation the people who donate will get a free coupon for a side of fries and everything we collect will bring to the Windmill and they’ll mail it out,” explained Devon Gottshalk, President of Lambda Pi Eta.

In addition to the three locations on campus where people can donate, donations may also be made at Springfest Saturday, April 23rd.

The items that Lambda Pi Eta is collecting include white socks, ground coffee, coffee/ movies, snack foods, stick-ups, various Fourth of July decorations, hard candy, body lotions, global phone cards, and microwave popcorn.

“It is definitely something we’re trying to do as an organization to give ourselves a little more community service like how we did the clothing drive,” said Jenna Amore, Vice President of Public Relations for Lambda Pi Eta about the honor society’s involvement with the collection drive.

“We want to have a more philanthropic tone to the club,” she added. “All students and faculty are encouraged to donate.”

Dr. Sanford, advisor of Lambda Pi Eta, said, “Thanks to our fine leadership this year we’ll be able to continue with these sorts of ventures next year.”

When asked how LPE got involved with the collection drive, Jenna Amore said, “We were looking for community service that we could get involved with as an organization since we are still a little new on campus.”

Dr. Sanford said, “We also have members who have family members and loved ones who are serving right now.”

When thinking about goals that Lambda Pi Eta hopes to achieve with this collection drive Dr. Sanford said, “To be successful!” She also added that they hope to provide a connection from home for as many of our service men and women as they can.

If you are interested in donating to Lambda Pi Eta’s collection drive for the troops, you may bring your donations to The Outlook office and Dr. Sanford’s office both located on the second floor of Jules Plangere Center or Devon Gottshalk’s office located on the third floor of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center.

Election results are in!

2005-2006
SGA President
Alison Goode
and
Vice President
Lynsey White.

See next week’s issue of The Outlook for coverage!
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Be there to see what the hype is all about!!
As singles nights in New York.

Remember do not throw out old water until you have used up enough tissues by now, and it is especially those that allegedly resembled Camel. Which you guys should heed, is leaving the past that she was a last resort, and you had nothing for a 9:30p.m. date. It gives off the impression of you can always buy the perfect puppy. So here is a few suggestions. The best places to begin are singles events, which are held every second or third Saturday in New York City. David Sharp Productions is one of the best and biggest party planners in the city. His events are inexpensive, and ranging from $20 per person, and the atmosphere is very relaxed and exoygizing.

Hernandez was a senior in Monmouth University. Hernandez serves as an adjunct professor at Monmouth University. Hernandez finds Success in PR Field. Hernandez states, “I think my face still hurts from the overtime.” Not too many of us are lucky enough to have this happen. Hernandez was a senior in a sports journalism class and a guest speaker by the name of Mark Beal came to class. Beal is the executive vice president of Alan Taylor Communications. Beal was there to give a lecture on sports public relations. Hernandez said, “I thought it sounded like a wonderful idea. I was a little apprehensive, as I never took a PR class at Monmouth.” Hernandez saw that he had the opportunity to grow up and craft my communication skills. It also became the catalyst for my career and the place where I met people that helped shaped my life.”

Hernandez truly loves what he does. He said, “About two years in, it went from a job to a career.” At Alan Taylor Communications, Hernandez represents some of the largest consumer brands in the world in the arena of sports sponsorships. Some of the brands he works with are MasterCard, Gillette, Cuervo, and NASCAR. He has worked with legends including Willie Mays, Hank Aaron, Cal Ripken Jr., Reggie Jackson, Joe Montana, John Elway, Dan Marino, Derek Jeter, Usher, Cuba Gooding Jr., Dayvayon, Hoobastank, Ted Williams, George Brett, and Muhammad Ali.

Hernandez attributes his success to taking advantage of every opportunity that came his way.

Hernandez leaves this advice for Monmouth University students. “Enjoy your time at Monmouth, the executive vice president of Monmouth University Communications. But he has not been for three people at Monmouth Rhett Rich, John Morano, Mary Anne Nagy, and of course my parents - there is no telling where we would be. They believed in me when they really had no reason to do so. I made my share of mistakes, but I learned from them all over till you say it’s over.”

While Hernandez is not in the office he enjoys playing bad golf, poker, fishing, and reading to his daughter.

Ten years from now, Hernandez sees himself celebrating his 15th wedding anniversary, not changing anymore diapers, having and using a vacation house, teaching at his alma mater, and becoming the CEO of Alan Taylor Communications. He hopes to help run a PR agency that continues to be the number one in lifestyle and sports. He wants to do all of these things but he said, “Never miss a single one of my daughter’s first steps, soccer games, school plays, and still find time to make my wife out on a few dates down the shore.”

While Hernandez was attending Monmouth University he was very active on campus. He worked in the radio department being the play-by-play broadcaster for Monmouth football and basketball and was the general manager of WNCC for one semester. He participated in the theater department by being in several productions at Wood’s Theater. Hernandez also contributed to The Outlook. Since the fall of 2004, Hernandez serves as an adjunct professor at Monmouth University.

Hernandez recalls his favorite Monmouth University experience. It was in 1996 at the NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament at the Providence Civic Center. He had the opportunity to host a one-hour pre-game show live from the floor in Providence. He remembered good luck on the dating scene. According to General Patton, “luck is when preparation meets opportunity.” So be prepared.
He said he does, however, regret one thing during college. "I should have lived on campus during my freshman and sophomore years. Less commuting," he said. Since leaving Monmouth University, Wilcox has lived and worked in New York City. "It has been 20 years now since my graduation. I have lived and worked in New York City that one time my graduation back in 1985," he said.

Wilcox attended graduate school at Pace University in 1989 where he received his MBA in International Finance.

Just ten years ago, Wilcox was working on Wall Street. "I was in NY [New York] City working at a firm called PaineWebber," he explained. "I worked for Japanese Bank as a currency trader in their NY [New York] office. The culture shock was indescribable," he remembered.

"He said that his reason for his success in his career is due to his passion for what he does..." Success is very difficult to define. "But one thing is for sure, my passion for my work and concern for the clients bottom line results..." he exclaimed.

Besides telling the story of his career, Wilcox shared another story that he believes has impacted his life. "A few years back, I 'saved' a young child from potentially drowning in the ocean. I just happened to be in the right place at the right time..." he said. "I failed to grasp that in my early days after graduating Monmouth, I was not in the right place at the right time."

"Follow your dreams and desires. You will encounter a lot of rejection and criticism in following your dreams and passions. But one must exhaust all means before giving up."
Springtime is upon us!
Be prepared for another busy summer!

NOTICE: The editorial featured each week in the Opinion section of The Outlook does not necessarily represent the opinions of any or all staff editors. The editorial is, traditionally, the first piece to run in the Opinion section of a newspaper. This article runs without a byline (author name and title) because it is intended to be the collective opinion of staff editors. Under certain circumstances, an editorial will only reflect the opinion of select editors.

Re: Another pie from the party
You’re offended by pies...what about hypocrisy?

First off, I would like to thank Heather Bachman for yet another lovely piece of clever writing. Phrases like “leftist domination in our society” and “you are only as good as your worst members” do it. And you dare call liberals “terrorists.” I mean, how do you remedy this? Take the time to relax and recover from the Schiavo thing: “(They’re) poor, sick and voiceless.”

I’m a liberal because I believe that the United States was founded on liberal ideals and because social conservatism has proved to be a losing cause throughout history. Unfortunately most internships are unpaid, thus is the plight of the college student. It’s that fantastic catch-22, you need a job to get money, but you need experience to get the job. How do you remedy this?

A good way to start is by joining your university paper. For instance, if you’re interested in a job that entails a lot of writing, stop in at The Outlook and write a love letter. Take the time to relax and recover from the Schiavo thing: “they’re arrogant and out of control politicians.”

I’d like to thank everyone who just can’t seem to let go of President Clinton’s “sins.” It must be nice to have a safe place to go and talk about how much you care so much. Shouldn’t we judge politicians on how they manage the country, not what they do in their private lives? No luck with your profs? Try talking to someone in human resources.

Whether you plan to work or play, whether you plan to bake pies or flip floppers, I’m just fine with that as long as you agree that all conservatives are terrorists. The Outlook
Springfest announcement from Vice President Nagy

Dear Students:

On Saturday, April 23, 2005 from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM the Student Government Association and Student Activities Board will present the annual program “Springfest” on the Great Lawn. The Springfest Committee has spent a great deal of time planning the events and activities that make up this year’s festival. The day will be filled with live music, ARAMARK BBQ, festival games, giveaways, a caricature artist, tart card readers, a balloon artist and a beer garden for students 21 and older. Springfest 2005 will have everything you need and it should be a great way for us all to celebrate the end of another year in the life of Monmouth University.

While your attendance at Springfest is a key part of what continues to make this event so popular, it is also important that you remember to practice common sense and good decision making before, during and after the festival. It would be unfortunate for any student, so close to finals and Commencement, to make a poor decision that could impact his or her status as a member of the University community. I ask that you take a few moments to review the following guidelines that will be in effect for Springfest 2005.

1. If you plan to attend Springfest 2005, you should know that open-containers, squeeze bottles, bags, backpacks, and/or similar items WILL NOT BE PERMITTED. Any student that attempts to bring the above listed items to the event will be asked to leave the festival area.

2. Students living in any of the on-campus housing units are not permitted to host a social gathering during Springfest. Students that wish to hold a party after the festival must complete the Office of Residential Life’s Social Policies/Policy Application by Wednesday, April 20, 2005. The Office of Residential Life will review all party applications and then contact the apartments that have been approved to sponsor a social gathering on April 23, 2005.

3. Parking in the Great Lawn and Garden Apartment Lots will be strictly enforced on April 23th. If you plan to drive to campus for the festival and do not have a valid parking sticker for the Garden or Great Lawn parking lots, you MUST park in the Commuter parking lot by the Student Center. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE. Students should enter the campus from the Larchwood Avenue entrance.

I hope that you will take an active role in assisting the Student Government Association, the Student Activities Board, the Office of Residential Life, and Monmouth University in our effort to present Springfest 2005 in a safe and positive manner. If you are willing to abide by the guidelines listed both in the Student Handbook and this letter, I feel confident that Springfest 2005 will be a positive expression of the achievements and hard work that you have made everything you need and it should be a great way for us all to celebrate the end of another year in the life of Monmouth University.

I look forward to your anticipated cooperation and I hope to see you at Springfest. Best wishes on your final exams!

Sincerely,

Mary Anne Nagy
Vice President for Student Services

Michael J. Lynch
Contribution Writer

Imagine this… Your 18 year-old daughter graduates from high school and enrols at a local college. It’s quite an exciting time for her and her family. Your daughter completes her first semester, adjusts to college life and enjoys college friends.

But one day while you are at work, a man breaks into your house and finds your daughter at home, studying. The man orders her to strip. Terrified, she complies. He duct tapes her mouth, binds her hands behind her back and forces her down onto the bed where he stabs her to death.

Sound frightening? It’s not fiction. This is exactly what happened to Jenny Garcia in February. In Garcia’s home, two little sisters found her lifeless body in her bed, the knife still sticking out of her chest. Police later arrested David Morales and charged him with Jenny’s murder.

Shockingly, Jenny’s murder should have been prevented. Morales was an illegal alien who had been previously arrested in Austin, Texas, for molesting a 2-year-old girl more than a year before he killed Jenny.

Common sense says that Morales should have never been in the United States long enough to kill Jenny. He should have been deported when he was caught the first time. And his status as an illegal alien should have been an automatic one-way ticket out of the country. But Austin is a “sanctuary city,” meaning that local authorities do not inquire about a criminal suspect’s immigration status after an arrest. So instead of being deported, Morales was let go — put back on the street to commit another horrible crime.

Jenny’s father is now considering a lawsuit against the City of Austin, alleging that the city is responsible for her daughter’s death because of its “sanctuary” policy. Meanwhile, dozens of cities across the country are protecting illegal aliens who commit heinous crimes by adopting “sanctuary city” status, and the results of these policies are as disturbing as they are tragic.

Consider these other examples.

In February 2005, an illegal alien raped and murdered 16-year-old Brittany Binger, beating her so badly that the author-

Lax Immigration Enforcement Leads to Tragedy

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How to fake being a wine expert

It is important to know the basics of wine because it is best if you co-

There are four edge if you stick to the basic rules.

Now imagine this situation: Your are at a fish restau-

Here is a quick guide to the differ-

Red:

Portino Noir, Zinfandel, Cab-

Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, and Riesling. Of the above, Pinot Noir is the lead-

A strong wine best compliments a heavy wine. If you're going to be spending a lot of money, sit down at your table, order a bottle of wine, and the waiter comes with the thick menu. Whether he hands it to you or one of your peers, you are put on the spot to make a suggestion on what to order. Would you-be here to the rescue? When the time comes you are in a situation where you must impress, you will want to know how to fake being knowledgeable in the field of wine. For help, visit www.soyouwanna.com.

Learn the basics: There are four major types of wine: red, white, rose (or blush), and champagne. People usually have a hard time choosing the right night when dining out. As a general rule of thumb, red wines are heavier and more complex than white wines.

How to fake being a wine expert

Red:

Pinot Noir, Zinfandel, Car-

Bordeaux is famous for making a very heavy and

Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc. Both have chosen based on the above rule. Then you can say something like: "I think a Riesling might go well with your fish, though a Sauvignon Blanc would also be a know what to do. If you prefer something light and delicate, you want to stay away from alcohol present in a given sample.

There are a few rules about the right wine.

An example: you can suggest to your dining party a wine plan that matches the meal. Wine is the fastest way to decrease your attractiveness to men.

Here is a quick guide to the different types of wine, listed from sweetest to driest:

Est to driest:

Red: Pinot Noir, Zinfandel, Cab-

Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc. They are initially more palatable to novices than the red wines are. To most people, red wines are better because they have the taste of wine, you can fake being an ex-

Porto is thought to be good sources of

We college students, however, are not sure what dry tastes like, just bear in mind that dry is nothing more than the opposite of sweet, and we all know what sweet tastes like. A re-

A strong wine best compliments a heavy

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Watch for our special events during the semester!

ASL (American Sign Language) Class: Every Thursday 6:30pm

Meeting for All Students

Every Sunday 6:30pm

Weekly Mass

Every Sunday 9:30am

Catholic Centre at Monmouth

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Every Sunday 6:30pm

Weekly Mass

Every Sunday 9:30am

Confession

Every Wednesday during Mass from 1pm-2:45pm or by Appointment Contact Ketha Eulau, keulau@monmouth.edu

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A sunnier disposition for Hawks everywhere

After a brutal winter, the sun has come to wipe away our winter willies. Seasonal Affect Disorder no more?

Did anyone else find it coincidental that the first letters to the words to this condition spell SAD? Fortunately, nature has gotten the atmospheric mercury pumping and we are finally blessed with some mood-lifting warmth and sun. Now all those people who have been sporting the brown skin all winter will actually look as though they could have achieved a real tan in recent time. Professors can also look forward to dwindling attendance in the last few classes as people get all antsy and beach-obessed at our humble institution on the Jersey Shore. I know I’m looking forward to hitting the gym so my legs don’t look as chicken-like when I’m rocking my cargo or mesh shorts in the warmth. A little airbrush tan will really look as though they could have achieved such things, and still have time to design her own line of fashionable knickers! I can only hope that my future holds such excitement and financial boon.

Day of Silence 2005 (yes, I will put it to rest after this third and final reference) was a great success and it’s thanks to the 200-some-odd folks who decided to take a peaceful stand against bias, hatred, and ignorance. This is not to suggest that our campus is a bastion of purely bad energy or anything, but let’s face it- a few minds could be laying it out for the last time in this Outlook. I hope to get something scandalicious question in my email inbox so I can offer some truly insightful, off-the-wall recommendations and really go out on top of the game. This is an obvious invite for those of you out there with the really gritty problems going on!

Till next time kids, keep an open eye, and open mind, and an open heart. And when in doubt, Joey C’s got the cure. Holler at your Hawk! ;-)
Monmouth University becomes a polling institute

PRESS RELEASE

Residents of central and southern New Jersey have a new voice on public issues and policies, with today’s announcement of the creation of the Monmouth University Polling Institute. The institute will provide a regular “quality of life” index for the Jersey Shore, and will debut next fall with a poll on public issues related to the New Jersey governor’s race.

“We are very proud to announce the establishment of the Monmouth University Polling Institute, which will be the premier center on the Jersey Shore for the study of people’s attitudes toward public issues and policies,” said Paul Gaffney, president of Monmouth University. “We also are very pleased to announce a partnership with Gannett Company, Inc., which will help disseminate the institute’s findings among its newspaper chain, particularly to the state’s high-achieving high school students who will also learn from Polling Institute during the University’s summer Governor’s School of Public Issues.

The primary polling facilities, including the phone bank/call center and computer support for data collection, will be outsourced to the Shulman, Ronca, Bucavalis, Inc. (SRBI) West Long Branch office. SRBI is a full-service survey research company that provides the services and physical infrastructure for full-scale public opinion polling.

The institute reflects President Gaffney’s vision for Monmouth, outlined in a new, 10-year strategic plan that calls for the university to enhance its national reputation in teaching and learning, and to make substantial contributions to public service. In the position that will be filled by July 1, initial funding is being provided by the university president through the hope that within three years, the institute will generate sufficient revenue to support a significant portion of its operation.

Datta noted that the Monmouth University Polling Institute will make special efforts to include within its studies a focus on issues pertinent to underrepresented populations, including minorities, women and as senior citizens and immigrants. She said high-achieving high school students in the state will also learn from Polling Institute during the University’s summer Governor’s School of Public Issues.

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Come join The Outlook!
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RIAA brings law suits up on many college students

PRESS RELEASE

In response to an emerging epidemic of music theft on a specialized, high-speed university computer network known as Internet2, the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA), on behalf of the major record companies, will file to-morrow copyright infringement lawsuits against 405 students at 18 different colleges across the country.

Internet2 is an advanced net-work created by participating colleges and universities for important academic research. Through the use of a file-sharing application known as “i2hub,” however, Internet2 is increasingly becoming the network of choice for students seeking to steal copyrighted songs and other works on a massive scale. Downloading from i2hub via Internet2 is extremely fast -- in most cases, less than five minutes for a movie or less than 20 seconds for a song. Students find i2hub especially appealing because they mistakenly believe their illegal file-sharing activities can’t be detected in the closed environment of the university Internet.

“This next generation of the Internet is an extraordinary exciting tool for researchers, technologists and many others with valuable legitimate uses,” said Cary Sherman, President, RIAA. “Yet, we cannot let this high-speed network become a zone of lawlessness where the normal rules don’t apply. We have worked very constructively with the university community, improving educational efforts at colleges across the country, expanding partnerships between schools and legal online services and providing a clearinghouse for expertise on technological anti-piracy solu-tions. We cannot let rampant illegal downloading on Inter-net2 jeopardize this collabora-tive work. By taking this initial action, we are putting students and administrators everywhere on notice that there are consequences for unlawful uses of this special network.”

In addition to the 18 campuses whose students are being sued, the RIAA has evidence of i2hub infringement at another 140 schools in 41 states. While these schools were not included in the initial round of lawsuits, letters are being sent to each university president alerting them to the problem.

[See RIAA on page 21]
Momchun students who go abroad often are confused and have many questions to ask. Before we go, I compiled a list of some of the most commonly asked questions for you to read and understand. Should you have any other questions, feel free to e-mail the Outlook, and I will try to respond.

Q: I want to go abroad, but I am really afraid of missing friends and loved ones. Is the trip worth going and is it possible for them to visit?
A: This trip is absolutely worth going! Friends and family regularly visit students who go abroad; families tend to stay in a nearby hotel, but friends often stay in the dorm abroad. There are also airfare sales; I suggest visitors go during that time, and make sure not to go during midterm break!

As far as missing people, it will happen in the beginning; however, there is so much to do in each country you will be so preoccupied you won’t have time to miss people back home! Send postcards, e-mail, make phone calls—whatever you have to do to let the homesickness fade. Most people who go abroad return home with their homesickness within the first month abroad. If you are worried about being surrounded by them! If you are shy, as I was, try to get over it. I met my best friends abroad, and I am not so shy anymore because of it. No worries about having friends; you will.

Q: The dollar is losing its value these days. Do you think students should go even if they don’t have unlimited funds and are on a budget?
A: I absolutely think students should go; regardless of budget size. There are plenty of free things to do in London, Italy, and Paris—outdoor theatre performances, concerts, museums, and much more are all available for you to see—for free! I also advise students to go online and try to find coupons and such; for instance Wagamama’s restaurant (located throughout Europe and in Sydney) has an e-mail program that sends free coupons for food and drinks. Signing up is free, and you gain valuable coupons in the process.

Want some “just in case money”?
Apply for various loans; speak to Robyn Asaro (study abroad coordinator) or someone in Financial Aid to assist you. When I realized I wanted to go abroad I immediately got a job for the semester before; the summer I worked two jobs. For my birthday, I asked my mom to tell relatives I’d like something I can use for my travels abroad. I saved every penny I could possibly, and my grandma was so proud of me she foot the bill for my airfare.

Being budgeted isn’t a bad thing; you just need to take advantage of opportunities you need to search for: use your International Student Card (ISC) for discounted rates to places, take advantage of online coupons, and research transportation options.

Q: I don’t know anybody signed up to go. Is it easy to make friends?
A: Many Monmouth students come back abroad with a new family; the students you meet abroad—whether from Monmouth, around the US, or around the world, become some of your closest friends. I did not know anyone when I signed up and came back with amazing friends. I spoke to students who went different semesters than myself, and we instantly have a bond. Don’t worry so much about meeting people; you’ll be surrounded by them! If you are shy, as I was, try to get over it. I met my best friends abroad, and I am not so shy anymore because of it. No worries about having friends; you will.

Q: A whole semester abroad seems like a long time to go abroad. Does it drag on?
A: Absolutely not! Students who go abroad can’t believe how fast the time flies by! Most weekends you are out exploring other cities and countries and having such an amazing experience, the time just disappears. For students not able to go a whole semester, Monmouth offers a summer session to Madrid, Spain. Regardless of when you go——or where you are home before you know it. The trip is an amazing experience, don’t focus on the length you are abroad, but all the possible things you can be doing there!

Q: Is it easy to contact someone from Monmouth in the event of an emergency or for any other reason?
A: Prior to your departure Robyn gives students a list of contact numbers; you can e-mail or call a number of individuals on Monmouth’s campus. If you need to get in contact with Robyn because of an emergency, and it is not regular business hours, you are given the MU Police Department’s contact information. They will get you in contact with Robyn ASAP. Robyn ensures you leave with all the necessary contact information before you go; she provides them to your parents as well.

Q: Is it true American appliances won’t work if you put them into an outlet in a foreign country?
A: American outlets are different than ones in England, Spain, and Australia. Because of this, you are unable to plug in an American appliance abroad. Students then resort to plugging in their appliances through converters. Be aware converters are not all capable to handle the power of all items. The most commonly used item that, semester after semester, melts away is the popular hair straightener. Save yourself the trouble and purchase one in your host country! Check to make sure your appliance (cell phone charger, laptop charger, etc.) are compatible with your converter before you go abroad.

Q: You obviously recommend going abroad, but what are your reasons other students should go?
A: Monmouth students should go abroad because of all they will experience. You will be taught different teaching styles, different countries will teach you different customs, different cities will show you how people act throughout the world. You will learn inside and outside the classroom; you will meet people from around the world. You will understand, or be introduced to, other ways of life. There are so many reasons why students should go abroad; the good absolutely outweighs the bad.

Britt Travis
Fall 2005 Study Abroad Student

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"Since I’ve been home I realized my weekends are a little different than being in a different country every weekend."
ALEXIS MASSA
Fall 2005 Study Abroad Student

"The experiences of studying abroad have brought me to the realization that no matter what differences are among us, we share a commonality as people."
Daniel Wintek
Fall 2005 Study Abroad Student

"The time I’ve spent at Monmouth will never compare to the time I spent in London. The partying and traveling I did in Europe can’t match up to anything while attending school at home.”
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Jennifer Perillo

November 1988 was not only the release year for the New York Times bestselling romantic comedy Fever Pitch, a home run book for Monmouth professor Jennifer Perillo. This month, she looks forward to the release of her new book "The Secret Life of the Mandarin Duck," due out in February.

Despite herbusy schedule, Perillo finds time to write. Her first novel, "Fever Pitch," was published in 1997 and has been transformed into a major motion picture starring Jimmy Fallon and Amanda Peet.

"I love writing, and I love that I get to do it for a living," Perillo said. "It's a dream job.""
Artists draw from various influences to create intriguing music

West Coast’s Zion I: still True and Livin’

Christopher Yusca 
Staff Writer

"Live from Oakland, California," as they state on the opening track, "True" and "Livin" are the West Coast underground hip-hop production duo MC Zion and Amp Live have, respectively, own and spokkide way their above two previous re-leases, Mind Over Matter and Deep Water Stang, with their third collective release from the Bay Area, True & Livin’. Set against the backdrop of jazz, live band-like Amp Live productions, MC Zion drops heavy and provocative wordplay that out- does the conscious tag slapped onto his lyrical content. What makes this album differ from previous hip-hop releases is the music’s aggressive but now flow that even Roots’ leading man Talib Kweli even gets fiery with Zion to take the “Temperature” of the pres-ent day, a joint which still cannot manage to bring the oh-so- edy genre.

After nearly 30 years of wait- ing, the Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy radio play, which first aired in 1979, has been made into a new movie. The story followed Arthur Dent, the most ordinary man on Earth on one journey is an act with a live sound is more than an opportunity to be the next much more. Adams had always wanted to write a series of books way to make way for a hyperspace ex-pedition than ever to bring his movies. Stu- dent, and thought-pro- voking mater- ial delivered live on stage.

Noticeably absences in those new songs are a womanizing behavior, while the light-hearted appeal of many of the songs deny Zion I the opportunity to be the next angry underground group pushed off at their nation’s door. Their words and stirring enough to speak about making a real differ- ence in the world while actually sound believable. MC Zion and Amp Live are definitely not lying this time around. They are just as True & Livin’ as their album title suggests.

The latest release by Zion, True and Livin’.

Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy: Douglas Adams’ final legacy

Alex Riese 
Contributing Writer

One of the most original albums this writer has encountered to date, The Outlook is the product of Qua- simoto, the alter-ego of influential West Coast underground hip-hop production duo Madlib. Although The Outlook is not the most listener-friendly record, it features loosely structured tracks that consistently live up to the hype behind it and utter ruin; it is beautifully in- spired and masterfully produced. The most noticeable aspect of this disc is Quasimoto’s voice, which is re- Cousins didn’t car. In my stereo now: Elvis Costello’s album True & Livin’ is a picture of talent. This album is a picture of Costello’s unequalled songwriting ability, which has been much more sober and heart-felt very, very strongly that he died there was a greater determination than ever to bring his radio series was an instant box office power of the sci-fi /com-edy genre. The Decemberists, Syd Barrett’s, especially on the disc’s opening track. The Decemberists also sound quite similar to Belle and Sebastian, but the melodric contribution to the last 30 years of rock and roll. Best Tracks: “Allison” “Less Than Zero" “Watching the Detectives”

True & Livin’

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From the radio to the big screen: Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy

Actor Sam Rockwell and director Garth Jennings on the set of Hitchiker’s Guide to the Galaxy.

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“What was your most memorable moment of this school year?”

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Amy - junior
"People rollerblading and falling on their face in the hall."

Matt - freshman
"Me and my roommate Rich playing Madden in our underpants every Sunday morning."

David - junior
"Seeing Tom Merring fall off his bike in the tunnel hahaha"

Mooney - junior
"Duct taping a friend to the couch in a drunken revenge."

Charles - sophomore
"Being Ebony Night King (you know how I do)?"

Helene - junior
"Every moment is my favorite moment."

Dave - junior
"Not so much my favorite moment but being suspended for an open container."

Jane - junior
"Surviving the great flood of the Esplanade."

Tyrone - junior
"All I can say is 'I got mine, you better get yours.'"

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Horoscopes

Today’s Birthday (April 20th)
Postpone the long vacation this year, and take care of the job instead. Draw in ideas from far away. Don’t travel, have them come to you.

To get the advantage, check the day’s rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19) • Today is an 7
Concentrate on doing the very best job you can. You need to be proud of the products you produce, and the services you provide. Besides, your business will thrive.

Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) • Today is a 6
The Sun is coming into your sign, a lovely development. This is the perfect excuse for a private celebration in a beautiful setting.

Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) • Today is a 6
Start by cleaning out an area small enough to be manageable. Don’t throw away things that belong to others, however, get them involved in the process.

Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) • Today is a 8
Friends can help you understand a complicated subject. Don’t try to use what you’re learning quite yet; it takes a lot more practice to gain expertise.

Leo • (July 23- Aug. 22) • Today is a 7
There’s more money coming in, but less time to spend on romance. This is a temporary condition. Set your date for later in the week.

Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) • Today is a 8
It should be getting obvious, what will work and what won’t. You’ve tried a lot of different things. Now, pare down to the best.

Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) • Today is a 6
Figure out how much you’ve spent and what your income’s been over the past few weeks. You didn’t have time to do it then, but now you do.

Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) • Today is a 7
For the next several weeks, you’ll find yourself drawn into solid relationships. They’ll be in business and your personal life. Pick the best.

Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is an 7
Hopefully, you’re doing work you love. That way, you can trick yourself into thinking you’re not working at all. Meanwhile, trick the boss into thinking you are.

Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) • Today is a 9
In each old fear comes up again, gently speak it out. A beloved counselor helps you spread them out in the sun, where they evaporate.

Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 5
Conditions are excellent for counting the money and sorting it into categories. Decide how much you can afford to spend. Don’t buy everything, cut the fluff.

Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) Today is a 8
For the next several weeks, you’ll find it easier to pay attention. This is a wonderful thing, since you are often easily distracted. Use the phase wisely.

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The Monmouth University Spring Health Fair was held on Thursday, April 14th, 2005. The Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing along with Health Studies NU 414 Nursing Students and the Center for Alcohol and Substance Abuse presented the fair. The purpose of the Health Fair was to increase health awareness and well-being of the University’s students, faculty members, administration, and staff.

The Health Fair was held in Anacon Hall in the Student Center from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. There was a table outside the room to sign in and get healthy snacks and frisbees (encouraging a healthy diet and exercise). Music played throughout the room from “The Point” 94.3 FM, who had a table set up at the fair. There was a raffle table for multiple gift baskets available to win just by signing your name.

There were many different local organizations, each with their own table, throughout the room. Monmouth Regional Screening Center, who provides free HIV screening in the health center about once a month for students, was present with a lot of brochures and information about STD’s and HIV. Pharmaceutical company Phizer was there providing information about different medications for anxiety disorders, depression, and information for migraine sufferers. They even had a neurologist come in to speak with people.

Saint Barnabas, Robert Wood Johnson hospital, and Monmouth Medical Center had tables set up. Planned Parenthood had condoms and various other giveaways. There were EMT’s with their equipment to “show and tell.” There was a special “germ” lotion to put on your hands and look at them under a black light to see how just because germs aren’t visible they are still there.

Riverview Behavioral Health had information about alcohol use. OVC, The Office for Victims of Crime had information about rape, dating violence and abuse. NAMI, The National Alliance for Mental Illness proudly represented their organization. There was a table set up to encourage heart health. 180 Turning Lives Around also had a table. The police had a table talking about drug use. They had a kit to show all the different types of drugs. There were tables explaining Reiki and giving massages along with a self-hypnosis table. There was an emotional wellness table with valuable information about self-improvement.

“The health fair was co-sponsored by the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies and the Center for Alcohol and Substance Abuse. After conducting a needs assessment of the Monmouth Community, six students enrolled in NU 414L: Nursing of Communities, Mental Illnesses proudly represented their organization. There was a table set up to encourage heart health. 180 Turning Lives Around also had a table. The police had a table talking about drug use. They had a kit to show all the different types of drugs. There were tables explaining Reiki and giving massages along with a self-hypnosis table. There was an emotional wellness table with valuable information about self-improvement.”

“At the health fair was a great way to get students to think about their health. I got a lot of free goodies,” stated freshman Christina Guarino. “Every table had free giveaways including brochures, fact sheets, tissue boxes, frisbees, candy, etc.”

The health fair was an opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to enhance their knowledge of health-related issues. There was information about health classes and the health studies minor which is only 15 credits to complete. Everyone left the health fair with their hands full of free goodies and their minds full of healthy living strategies.
The RIAA brings lawsuits up on college students

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alerting them to the illegal activity occurring on their campuses.

More than two years ago, through the Joint Committee of the Higher Education and Entertainment Communities, the RIAA and the entertainment community partnered with higher education leaders to address the issue of piracy on college campuses. Today, administrators are placing greater emphasis on teaching students about their responsibilities to respect copyright and end the endangering and reinforcing campus computer use policies on copyrighted materials.

More than 40 institutions now offer legitimate on-line music delivery services to their students, and many schools are experimenting with technological means such as filtering to reduce the incidence of illegal activity.

“Without question, the Joint Committee’s efforts to respond to the issue of illegal P2P file sharing on campus networks continue to yield significant dividends,” Sherman said. “In order to maintain the gains we’ve made, we must move quickly to address this new threat emerging from i2hub and similar applications. We know that it’s very difficult for these illegal services to gain real traction on college campuses when piracy networks with lightning fast downloads are easily available to students with no seeming likelihood of detection or threat of consequences.”

The RIAA, in letters sent today, is asking university presidents to take action to stop illegal file sharing related to not only i2hub but also other university networks like the centralized piracy services often set up by students on the college’s local area network. The letter, signed by the RIAA’s Sherman, asks university leaders to explore technical measures such as filtering and consider legitimate alternatives to offer to students.

“We think that any policymaker or campus administrator would be outraged to learn that a special, high-speed Internet technology designed for academic research has been hijacked for illegal purposes,” said Sherman. “Surely taxpayers would not want their money -- through federal agency grants and R&D funding -- facilitating the rampant theft of intellectual property on our college campuses.”

A total of 405 lawsuits will be filed tomorrow against students at Boston University, Carnegie Mellon University, Columbia University, Drexel University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Michigan State University, New York University, Ohio State University, Princeton University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Rochester Institute of Technology, University of California – Berkeley, University of California – San Diego, University of Massachusetts - Amherst, University of Pittsburgh and University of Southern California. Combined, the students being sued have illegally distributed more than 1.5 million total files, including more than 930,000 songs.

While evidence of infringing activity on i2hub is extensive, the RIAA has chosen to limit the number of lawsuits to 25 per school at this time. In addition, the 405 lawsuits that will be filed tomorrow are against some of the most egregious abusers of Internet2 technology. The average number of mp3 files shared by users sued in this round is more than 2,300, while the average number of total files is more than 3,900. Some users have shared as many as 13,600 mp3 files and as many as 72,700 total files (such as audio, software and video).

Spring 2005 Writing Proficiency Examination (WPE)

The Writing Proficiency Examination will be offered next on Thursday, May 5, 2005, from 9:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Friday, May 6, 2005, from 5:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Check-in for the May 5th exam will begin at 8:45 a.m.
Check-in for the May 6th exam will begin at 4:15 p.m.

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

Eligibility Requirements for the Exam

In general, you are eligible to take the May 2005 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

Qualified incoming transfer students who start at Monmouth on May 23, 2005 (Summer 2005 Session 1), may take the July 5, 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 Wednesday, April 20, 2005. Before the exam, students must purchase and read the reading set and 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 S10) or online at http://bluehawk.monmouth.edu/~eng/wpr.pdf. The Writing Office will offer three information sessions 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, April 21, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, April 27, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.; and Monday, May 2, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. All sessions will be held in the Writing Center, room 2028.

Additional information is available from the WPE Information Line at 732-263-3491 and from the Writing Office in Wilson Annex Room S10. All students should consult the Monmouth University Undergraduate Catalog for the Writing Proficiency Requirement policy.
The 2005 Homecoming Committee needs your help selecting this year’s theme. The committee has narrowed the list down to 3, however we want you to help us make the final selection.

This year’s top 3 contenders are:

MONMOUTH THROUGH THE DECADES
NO PLACE LIKE HOMECOMING
MU GOES HOLLYWOOD

How do you vote?
An email to all currently enrolled students will be sent out in the next few days with a link to the 2005 Homecoming Theme poll. Click on the poll link, make your selection, and we’ll add up the votes. It’s that simple.

The Psychic Fair
Be amazed!
Be mystified!
Be blown away by the mystery!

Fortunes Told!
Tarot Card Readings!
Palm Readings!

The Psychic Fair
Come find out how you will do on finals!!!
Hmmm who knows!!!

Saturday, April 30
12-4pm
Res Quad.

Rainsite: Oakwood Lounge
Call 571-3586 for more information
TTY # 263-5795
Tennis prepares for 2005 NEC Championships this weekend

The brackets are set for the Monmouth Hawks Men and Women’s Tennis teams, who will compete in the 2005 NEC Championships this weekend. The Tournament will take place April 22nd and 23rd at the Mercer County Tennis Center in West Windsor, NJ. The brackets were released last week and the seeds were determined through coach’s recommendations in conjunction with the NEC Tennis Committee.

The men’s team was seeded seventh and will play the second seeded Mountaineers of Mount St. Mary’s in the first round on Friday, with the start time not coming before 2pm. The format of the NEC Tournament is as follows: matches will consist of a best-of-seven format, with the six singles matches each representing one point, and three pro-set doubles matches being played for one point. The winner’s advance, while the losers will go back to play consolation matches for 3rd through last place.

The men’s team had a preview for what they will see on Friday, as they took on the Mount on Sunday afternoon in Maryland, and what they saw wasn’t at all good news. Monmouth won a total of ten games for the entire match with the whole team combined, as they were swept 7-0.

Hawks first singles Abel Lampa was defeated 6-3, 7-5, and Mitch Stanley was defeated at second singles 6-0, 6-2. The four other singles matches resulted in 6-0, 6-0 wins for the Mount.

On the men’s side, Mount, fresh off their impressive showing against the Hawks, will be seeded only behind defending men’s champion Quinnipiac when the tournament begins on Friday.

Also this week, the men’s team was swept 7-0 in matches at Fordham and the University of Connecticut. The lone remaining regular season match for the Hawks will take place on Wednesday, April 20th when they host the St. Francis NY Terriers, a team they defeated 5-2 in the fall season.

The women received the fifth seed in the NEC Tournament and will also play Mount St. Mary’s in the first round, whom they also were defeated by 7-0 in Maryland on Sunday. The women’s Mount team was just as impressive as the men, allowing the Hawks to take only nine total games.

Sophomore Ashleigh Johnson played first singles and was defeated 6-1, 6-0. At fifth singles, senior Jen Taylor played a close first set but eventually went down 7-5, 6-1. Taylor then came back to give the Mount a scare in the second doubles position with partner Kelly Shedd/Johnson, dropping that pro-set match by a close 8-6 score.

On Monday, April 18th, the Hawks’ four seniors Kelly Phoebus, Kelly Fangmann, Lauren Harms, and Taylor played their final home matches in the regular season finale against the Terriers of St. Francis NY. The Hawks had already beaten the Terriers in the fall.

Other matches last week saw the Hawks swept by LIU in the make-up from the rain date earlier in the spring.

The Hawks/Mount rematch will take place Friday, not before 11am, when the fifth seeded Hawks take the court against the fourth seeded Mount, a match that Hawks Head Coach Patrice Murray knows will be a tough one.

“Mount St. Mary’s will be a very tough match for us. They are having one of their better seasons,” also considering what the Hawks saw of them in a “sneak peak” just this past weekend. Just as in the men’s side, defending champion Quinnipiac also retained the number one seed in the women’s draw.

Last season in the NEC’s on the women’s side, they started ranked 6th and finished in 8th place by dropping matches to Sacred Heart 4-0 and St. Francis PA 5-2. The men finished in the same spot, starting in 7th, dropping matches to Sacred Heart 4-0 and Wagner 4-1.
**Golf fairs well on the road**

**KELLY FITZGERALD**

The Monmouth University men’s golf team has been living like rock stars recently. It seems as though they are on the road traveling from place to place more than they are here at Monmouth. However, all this traveling has not stopped their success.

They are competing at a steady pace and improving at each step of the way in hopes of NEC glory.

Last weekend the Hawks traveled to Bethany Beach, Delaware to try their luck at the Bethany Beach Invitational at the Bear Trap Dunes. During the invitational the Bear Trap Dunes was played as a par-72, 6,834-yard course, which only encountered only three even par rounds on the day.

Sophomore Andy Beittel shot impressive rounds of 78 and 79 on the 36-hole course which led him to an individual place of 14 on the board.

“I just felt really confident while I was competing. I hope we keep working hard and doing well in our tournaments ahead,” said Beittel.

Next in line for the Hawks was the formidable pair of freshman Anthony Campanile and Junior Gregg Campanile. They both posted identical scores of 83 over the two days of competition in hopes of NEC glory.

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**MONMOUTH HAWKS**

On Saturday, April 16, the Men’s and Women’s Outdoor Track & Field teams sent split squads to separate events. One squad was sent to the University of Virginia to participate in the Lou Onesty/Milton G. Abramson Invitational, while a larger squad traveled to Bucknell University to take part in the Bison Outdoor Classic.

“Monmouth has been traveling to Virginia for the past five years to compete in this growing event every year where we now compete against 20 teams,” said Head Coach Joe Compagni.

At Virginia University, both the women and men’s teams finished in the top three respectively. The Monmouth women tied for fifth with 40 points in the day. The Monmouth men placed sixth with 419 points. Pachuta also finished seventh in the discus throw.

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The men’s team took third place with 70 total points as Pennsylvania State University took first with 180 points and the host school, University of Virginia claimed second with 131 points.

“Our men’s team finished behind two very good teams from strong conferences. Virginia from the Atlantic Coast Conference and Penn State from the Big Ten Conference. We were able to win a few events and perform very competitively,” Compagni stated.

In track events on the men’s side, sophomore Guy Jackson led the way as he ended the afternoon with two second place finishes. Jackson took second in the high jump as he cleared 6’06” and second in the 1st long jump (23’03”). He was able to qualify for the IC4A’s with that mark.

Teammate and junior Troy Dennis followed close behind Jackson in the Long jump. Jackson made a third place as he cleared 5’10”.

For the Hawks in track events, sophomore Ashley Huffman and freshman Matt Losey led the way for the Hawks.

Huffman finished the afternoon with three first place finishes and an eighth place finish. The sophomore took first in the following events: 200-meter (25.20), 100-meter hurdles (14.24) and high jump (5’02”). She took eighth in the shot put with the distance of 29’02 ½”.

“Ashley won the heptathlon and broke her own school record with 4,922 points. We are hoping she can advance to the NCAA provisional mark which is 5,000 points and she is not far away from that goal,” said Compagni.

Losey claimed three top ten finishes at the Bison Open. In the high jump, the freshman cleared a height of 6’00” for fourth place. He took tenth place in two events; the 100-meter dash (12.24) and 400-meter (54.44).

Next weekend, the Blue and White will be traveling to The College of New Jersey to take part in the Quadangular event. At the Quadangular, the Hawks will compete against the host school, TCNJ, Rider University and Lehigh University.

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**Track & Field finish second and third in Virginia**

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Softball sweeps Terriers, splits with Mountaineers

The Monmouth University Softball Team looked to get back on a winning track and drive for a Northeast Conference tournament bid. The Hawks first had to do battle with the Peahens of Saint Peter's College in an out-of-conference double header on Thursday, April 14.

In game one, it was a combination of Danielle Ellement and Angela Rand's pitching that led Monmouth to a 4-2 win. Ellement got the win, allowing two runs on seven hits, while striking out two in five innings. Two innings in relief gave Rand her first save, allowing two runs or hits, while striking out one.

The Hawks had only three hits in one game, but they all came at the right time. A combination of 2-0 in the bottom of the second, and 3-0 in the fourth and fifth innings pitched.

St. Peter's would avenge its one loss to the Hawks, handing them their first home loss of the season, 6-2.

St. Peter's would take a 3-2 lead in the sixth, when Dana Pasini's two RBI in game one, to tie the contest at 2-2. Monmouth would cut the Peahens lead to 3-2, but that would be as close as they would come as Gordon pitched two and a third innings pitched.

In game two, the Dellens show continued, once again going 3-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored. Coming into the double header, Dellens was hitting .375, but moved up to .382 with her six hits.

"It's easily the best hitting game of her career. Her play has been more steady offensively this year," said Sullivan, who added, "They kept putting outside for her (pitches), and she really enjoyed that outside pitch today.

The second game also marked Heather Gordon's return to the lineup after suffering a head injury against Long Island the week before. Gordon showed no signs of rust, crushing a two-run homerun in the third inning, giving Monmouth a 3-1 lead. She would finish 3-for-4, going 3-for-3 with two RBI and two runs scored.

The Terriers would go on to win 5-4 in the top of the fifth, but in the bottom half of the inning, the Hawks exploded for eight runs, ending the game via the eight-run rule. The rally, including a two-run single by Michelle, who continued her hot hitting, going 3-for-4, with two RBI and two runs scored, and RBI singles from Dellens and O'Dell, who also had two hits.

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Ehehalt wins 300th as Hawks hit stride

Monmouth hot streak led by strength at the bat and on the mound

Devon Gottshalk
2005 Sports Staff Writer

This is the time of year when a team begins to establish an identity. The Monmouth University baseball team went through some growing pains early in the season, as they struggled to a 1-6 start, and more recently lost five of six games before embarking, at the time of this writing, on a season-high nine game win streak.

Included in the Hawk's nine-game winning streak are seven victories over NEC competition, including a doubleheader sweep of Wagner, and a three-game week-end sweep of St. Francis (NY).

During the streak, Monmouth has scored 10+ runs in five of the nine wins, including putting up 16 runs in 14 innings against Wagner, and five first career save, going 3.0 innings allowing six hits while striking out six solo home run in the bottom of the sixth cut the lead to 11-6, but Monmouth's Gregg Petillo came in on relief with the bases loaded, but forced a pop fly to end the inning.

The eighth inning put MU ahead 15-6 off RBIs from Cummings, Hardie, and Hussa. Meyers’s double in the ninth finished the Hawks offense, putting them up 16-7. Lau’s hitting was capped by a homerun from Kevin Reese in the bottom of the ninth.

The Hawks now find themselves in a two-way tie for second in the NEC, 6-4 in the conference and 14-15 overall.

On April 10, 2-3-4 hitters Brett Braun, Nick Massari, and Freshman Brad Brach scored four runs and three RBI at the bat in the Hawks' 9-6 victory over LIU.

Hardie scored four runs and Conner had three hits in an 8-1 win over LIU.

The Hawks extended their lead to 8-1 in the fourth, but LIU cut the lead to 8-4 in the fifth and seven runs scored in the sixth inning, but the Hawks lengthened their lead to 9-6 in the bottom of the eighth.

Apслиel’s (1-2) 6.0 innings allowed four runs, on nine hits, and two walks, allowing five hits, but the Hawks offense turned it over to a three-run lead.

Head Coach Dean Ehehalt secured his first career save, going 3.0 innings, on nine hits, on one walk, and striking out six to trim the difference to 11-3.

On April 13, Head Coach Dean Ehehalt earned his 300th career win in the Hawk's sweep of Wagner College, 11-3 and 8-1.

Strong starting pitching performances by junior Joe Cummings and Marc-Aurele led the Hawk’s defense, as the Hawks and White rolled through their fifth straight victory, and six of their seventh contests. The Hawks took a 4-1 lead off singles from Justin Lewis, Braun, Hussa, and Marc Weres scored home for the final tally of the inning.

Cummings went 3-3-4 in the ninth inning, putting two runs in the third inning, off a Higgins lead-off single to right, advancing to third on a foul Lewis double. Hardie drove Higgins in a sacrifice fly, followed by an RBI single to left by Hussa for the 2-0 lead.

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Baseball coach Dean Ehehart recorded his 300th victory when the Hawks defeated Wagner in a NEC doubleheader last week. Now in his 12th season with MU, Ehehalt has led the team to eight NEC Tournament appearances and a league-record of seven straight, including five Championship games.

Baseball continues on streak, Softball plays tough, Golf and Track & Field compete aggressively on the road, and Tennis prepares for Championships this weekend.