Communication major receives first CDW award

NATALIE B. ANZAROUTH
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Junior Communication student Kevin Scally recently received the first annual CDW Corporation Computer Business Award, designed to offer students studying computer and business related courses with technology that will aid them with their educational experience.

"They [CDW] were a new company in our area and decided they wanted to do something to help students. They contacted the University's Student Organizations Director of the Annual Fund for University Advancement Luis De Vos and said..." Monmouth University student Kevin Scally (from left) receives his laptop computer from Kris MacDonnell of CDWA Corporation, and Jeff Miller, vice president of university advancement.

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MU hosts College Bowl 2005

ERIN ROSE
STAFF WRITER

Monmouth University held its campus-wide College Bowl tournament at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3, to find the best qualified students to comprise the All-Star team that will be sent to the regional competition at Mount St. Mary's University in Maryland on Feb. 23-26, 2006.

Eight teams, each comprised of three or four members, competed to win the competition. Five of the best performing students, determined by using their individual scores, will be chosen to make up the All-Star team.

The competition was held in a style similar to the NCAA's March Madness bracket style system. There were four sessions in the first round, with two teams competing against each other at a time. Finally, the two winning teams moved on to the final round, where they competed to be the champions of the tournament.

In the first round, 2 Guns, A Girl, & A Giant competed against Alpha Sigma Tau Dream Team in the first session. The 2 Guns, A Girl, & A Giant team won with a score of 355 points against AY's 295 points. In the second session, the Sigma Tau Gamma team, with 150 points, won against the JAMS, with a total of 85 points. The third session pitted Patton's Soldiers against Tau Epsilon Phi; The Nativity team won with an 87-71 victory. In the fourth round, the Independence won over the Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

The second round's scores were not much closer than those of the first. Sigma Tau Gamma went up against 2 Guns, A Girl, & A Giant, and won with 225 points to their opponents' 20 points. Independence also won over TKE's The Green Birds, with 240 point to TKE's 125.

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First snow day

PHOTO BY LAUREN BENEDETTI

Monmouth University had a delayed opening yesterday morning after Monday night and Tuesday morning's snowfall.

College Bowl: the "Varsity Sport of the Mind" has a long tradition of recruiting fans on television, on radio, and on campuses. It is the world famous game of questions and answers played by two teams of competing students. More than 500 schools have competed in the program, which has raised millions of dollars for institutional grants.

What is the college bowl?
College Bowl

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Scally, who is studying Radio and Television in the Communication Department and is an Info Tech- nology Advancement for annual fund- raising, program through the Office of Financial Aid and the University Advancement Office, currently taking 18 credits and in-

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ers. (Source: Associated Press article found on APP. com Dec.5)

Al-Qaida members body identified with DNA test:

A top al-Qaida operative was reportedly killed by Pakistan’s defenses forces, with help from U.S. forces, in a mis-

For 9/11 Chairman Tom Kean and vice Chairman Lee Hamilton said that the U.S. is not prepared for a new terrorist attack. According to the 9/11 Public Discourse Project, now pri-

Steven Winterson, the University Advancement Office’s vice president to the public, is currently working as a student reporter, which has been a good experience for him, especially since he enjoys learning about different topics and topics he is not familiar with. He enjoys writing about new ideas and different ways of thinking, and is always looking for ways to improve his writing skills. He is currently working on a project about the history of technology, and is excited to learn more about this fascinating subject. He is also interested in increasing his knowledge of different cultures and languages, and is always looking for ways to expand his horizons. His passion for technology and innovation drives him to stay up-to-date on the latest developments, and he is always looking for ways to incorporate these advances into his writing. He believes that technology and innovation are key to solving many of the world’s most pressing problems, and he is excited to be a part of this exciting field. Overall, he is looking forward to the future and is eager to continue learning and growing as a writer and a journalist. He is grateful for the opportunity to share his thoughts and ideas with others, and he hopes that his writing will inspire others to think more critically and creatively about the world we live in.
MEET MU: “MU Mom” Mary Crisanto
It’s the simple things: Ms. Crisanto’s warmth and friendliness is a refreshing quality.

SUZANNE GUARINO
PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

If you have ever been to the C-Store in the Student Center, you may have been surprised by how kind “the lady behind the counter” was. This friendly woman is Mary Crisanto. Ms. Crisanto always greets you with a smile and makes sure you have everything you need before you go on your way.

“The convenience store lady is extremely nice and courteous,” said student Alyx Kostiuk. Freshman Jared S. Ballin added, “She’s really friendly and makes sure all very polite; I’ve never had a problem with the C-Store.”

When asked about working with college students, Crisanto replied “I do enjoy working with the young people. It’s very refreshing. They are all very polite; I’ve never had a problem with the C-Store.”

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DelFranco raises awareness about funding Freshmen learn about Monmouth University annual fund

By Katelyn Mirabelli

On November 30, Freshman Seminar, “The Outlook” students were required to attend a presentation entitled “Monmouth Traditions: The Annual Fund, Past, Present, and Beyond.” Among the speakers for the event was the President of the Annual Fund, the was presenter for the week-long program, which was ongoing at the time. The event was designed to teach students about the importance of fundraising for Monmouth University.

He introduced the Annual Fund by stating, “It has been going on for a long, long time.” He also said that the purpose of the presentation, which was shown to Freshman, was to educate students on the Annual Fund, how it benefits them, and how it will affect them in the future. While serving his current position, DelFranco helped to increase alumni participation from six percent to a current 13 percent, which was done through a strategic plan to improve the University’s alumni levels. In the director’s words, his job helps to get students to develop a connection to the University, to support them and to support students in their alma matters.

Phanathropy has been around every year. This way, people who don’t smoke will not have to worry if they live with a smoker.”

The presentation was a way to explain how Monmouth attains its funds, they are divided, and the importance of the alumni who secure the future of the university.

Jennifer Marcucci, a Psychology and Criminal Justice major, commented on the presentation. “The more money that’s available the better the student experience will be. If I can attend a good quality course the money is well spent. If it’s not, I don’t think I would be able about the material, but I rely on my own attendance should be mandatory.

Although attendance was required, students still gained a lot from the presentation.

Katrina Mazzocchi, a Psychol-ogy major, was enthusiastic about this lecture which had a positive impact on her.

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New law bans smoking in residence halls

Acting Governor Richard Codey implements a law to halt smoking in residential buildings

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CHECK HERE EVERY WEEK FOR GREAT EVENTS COMING YOUR WAY!
Humans have fallen deeply in love with one another since the advent of recorded history. So decreed our ancestors, and they were right, through and through. That's why, after all, we straight through it and right back out of it again. It is how it is so many of us, who have all been so very, positively sure at one time or another that we are in real love with someone else, end up calling it quits?

According to Dinah Temple, author of Picking up the Pieces: A Guide to Recovery from Betrayal and a Broken Heart, miscommunication is a primary cause for failed relationships. But while deception may exist, and even if the situation is totally "oh-so-tragic," the root of the problem is often not there.

How does deception apply to those relationships that inevitably fail? "I wonder just how hard we try to maintain them?"

What most people don't realize is that minor incidents of deception, such as cheating for the Red Sox simply because the hot guy on the other end of the bar is doing the same, interfere with relationships before they ever even begin.

Often, in the beginning of a new relationship, one doesn't think twice about the right things and lead [each other] to believe that they could be the right one," says Temple in her article The Top 5 Reasons Relationships Fail.

People's intentions are usually good, whether one is trying to put that emotion forward, turn a new leaf, or simply striving to be everything they think the other person wants in a partner. However, if you're not being your true self when you're first getting to know someone, you're doing little more than creating a façade that your partner will ultimately recognize and feel foolish and paves the way for an eventual breakup.

According to columnist Cucan Pemo, compatibility issues rank as one of the top reasons why relationships fail. While the saying goes that opposites attract, and there's usually a wonderful quality, it is not enough to sustain a relationship. Successful couples usually not only respect in each other's space, but also in addition to sharing interests in the life they have built together. Depending on the length of time you've been with each other, you may start to drive many relationships south. According to Temple, relationships can fall apart when partners have unrealistic expectations. "Managing expectations should bring to a relationship a warmth that you want to say that "one does not have to be the source of your happiness," or "to fulfill their individual hopes, dreams or monetary aspirations.

Instead, one should only expect to gain "mutual and reciprocal love, respect, moral support, friendship and partnership" from their relationship. According to Temple, anything else received in a relationship is simply "icing on the cake."

The eighteenth century English Poet Alexander Pope once said, "To err is human, to forgive, divine." And while relationships have come a long way since the age of Romanticism, Pope's advice still serves as the golden rule of relationships that work. Everyone makes mistakes, and often accidentally hurt someone else as a result. But as Pemo points out, "Those unwilling or unable to put and opinions more often," so that she's able to express her own point of view frequently.

Men are reporting

Whether they're talking about sports, business, or cars, men like to communicate to give facts or to report. As Ohio University's Marilyn Silverman suggests, men talk about things other than people. "They convey facts, not details. They are goal-oriented. They focus on solving problems and are less likely to ask for help." Because of this, men often have difficulty expressing their thoughts and feelings, which leads to communication problems within relationships. As MindMax, Inc., the director of Psychological Services, Dr. Franca Mancini points out, "Men tend to be more concrete, direct, and women tend to be more multi-dimensional, perceptive."

While being straightforward and to the point is essential when some men feel they are under the impression that women need the men in their lives to be clutch more slowly clutch that fast," try saying it, woman! How many times do I have to tell you not to let your foot off of the clutch that fast?" You should seriously reconsider your relationship, and why you're with this person to begin with.

Shift from blame to wonder: This simple technique is both easy and efficient. Every time you want to say something like, "Damn, it how!" What many times do I have to tell you not to let your foot off of the clutch that fast?" Try saying it, woman! How many times do I have to tell you not to let your foot off of the clutch that fast?"

"Dinner, you do know that you can't bring yourself to eat this, now?" If you find yourself complimenting your partner difficult, then you should consider your relationship, and why you're with this person to begin with.

Forgive can pretty much count on having more unhealthy relationships over time." He continues that "relationships based or growing on anger, spite, disgust, resentment or other negative feelings as associated with lack of forgiveness are like wilted flowers. They need tending to or they'll die."

So whether you're currently in a relationship that you genuinely like to see through, or are back out in the market for the umpteenth time, keep the above explanations and advice in mind. Doing so will enhance your odds of finding long-term happiness with someone else; an endeavor that humans have pursued throughout the ages.
Trying to understand the other gender

According to Men Are from Mars, Women are from Venus, men mistakenly expect women to communicate and react the way they do because they believe their way is the right way. Women also mistakenly think men should communicate, feel, and respond the way they do because they believe their way is the right way. Women also mistakenly expect women to communicate and react the way they do because they believe their way is the right way.

The reason is because of the way communication gives them. They have the ability to manipulate native women and control the relationship, that is why independent women usually blame men for playing "mind games," because they are smart enough to see through their lies and deception tactics.

According to Oliver Hereford, "A woman’s mind is cleaner than a man’s. That’s because she changes it more often." Men have problems deciphering what women want because women are fickle by nature. Women are generally more complicated than men.

Some women may be lying in order to save the man’s feelings. She will only play “mind games” when she is not interested. Men have a lot of pride, and women do not like to completely destroy that pride even if they try to use lame pickup lines on them.

The following female responses to pickup lines will clue men in on what she really means. Heidi Muller, relationship correspondent for AskMen.com contributes the following statements. Muller believes that many women brush men off of reflex, because they do not want to be picked up at that given moment.

I have a boyfriend. She means: I may or may not have a boyfriend, but you don’t stand a chance.

I don’t dance. She means: I don’t dance with you, but I do dance with my female friends.

I don’t have a phone because I just moved. She means: I have three lines, a cell and a beeper, but you can’t have the number.

I also love Jim Carrey, what’s your favorite movie? She means: I’ll drink whatever a guy I like gives me.

Do you love me? She means: I’m going to ask for something.

I heard a noise. She means: I noticed you were almost asleep.

I’m not yelling. Yes I’m yelling because I know you’re right.

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You’re beautiful = I’d do you

It’s not my fault = It’s not my fault

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I think if I scream loud enough I’ll win

We need to talk = I’m dumping you

Let’s just be friends = I want to sleep with your friends

Yes = Yes

Maybe = Yes

According to Men Are from Mars, Women are from Venus, single men and single women will both agree that in most cases it does feel as if men and women are from different planets. Both genders swear that the opposite sex is crazy and psychotic.

Rebecca West, a famous British-Irish feminist and writer, states, “The main difference between men and women is that men are lunatics and women are idiots.” The truth is, men and women have very different outlooks especially when there is not a balance in a relationship. Meaning, the man and woman have to share equal appreciation for the other. The games start when one is not sure how he or she feels about the other person.

How do you know whether a guy is interested in you? According to the New York Times best-seller, He’s Just Not That Into You, “if you’re confused about whether or not a guy likes you, don’t be. If he likes you, you’ll know. If he doesn’t, you may be confused. So if you’re confused, he’s not interested.”

Women think men most often accept the fact that any guy would not be completely infatuated at first sight. Women think every man should fall in love with them even when they don’t want anything to do with that guy. Therefore, it is in a woman’s nature to try to cover up the bad behavior of men. Then women wonder why men are such jerks.

Men are fickle by nature. Women want because women are infatuated with guys they have to chase around and, when they finally catch them, are no longer interested? Why do girls become infatuated with guys they have to chase around and, when they finally catch them, are no longer interested? Why do girls become infatuated with guys they have to chase around and, when they finally catch them, are no longer interested?

Men rely easily and more heavily on their left brain to solve one problem one step at a time. They usually focus on one thing at a time, and are poor multitaskers. Women have more efficient access to both their right and left brain and therefore greater use of their right brain. Women can focus on more than one problem at one time and frequently prefer to solve problems through multiple activities at a time.

Men and Women: What are we really saying?

Some of the following statements are very hard, but they will help you protect yourself from the “slick” lines men attempt. These statements were submitted by an online registered version of The Foulshom Donut.

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Maybe = Yes

No = Not with you

It’s not what you think = It’s what you think

Why are you upset/angry/depressed/crying = It must be PMS

I’m not drunk, I can remember everything that’s happening to me = I’m drunk

You’re not fat = Finally a question

I know the right answer to = I know the right answer to

Yes dear = (thought, a conditioned reflex)

I’ll make dinner tonight = I’ll order pizza

I can fix it = Seventh grade I made a lamp out of a cup I can do that.

We’re going to have a guy’s night = I feel the need to drink, talk about sex, belch and scratch myself in public

I won’t tell anyone = Except all the guys I know

Let’s turn off the lights = You’re ugly

She says.

She says, she means

He says.

He says, he means

Men: If you do actually score a date with a lucky lady, she may only have accepted the date because you seemed nice. It does not mean she wants to pursue a romantic relationship. Here is “what she really means” from the Neystadt Corporation.

You want = You want

We need = I want

It’s your decision = The correct decision should be obvious by now.

Do what you want = You’ll pay for this later.

We need to talk = I need to complain.

Sure… go ahead = I don’t want you to.

I’m not upset = Of course I’m upset, you moron!

You’re… so manly = You need a shave and you sweat a lot.

I’m not emotional! And I’m not overreacting = I’m on my period.

Be romantic, turn out the lights. = I have fluffy thighs.

I need new shoes = The other 40 pairs are the wrong shade of white.

I heard a noise = I noticed you were almost asleep.

Do you love me? = I’m going to ask for something.

How much do you love me? = I did something today you’re really not going to like.

I’ll be ready in a minute. = Kick off your shoes and find a good game on TV.

Is my butt fat? = Tell me I’m beautiful.

You have to learn to communicate. = I just agree with me.
We, yesterday was another com-
mod display of Monmouth Coun-
ty’s fear of snow, which gave us an
extra two hours to sleep - nothing
like a delayed opening. Like most
other students, I welcomed the ex-
tra sleep in time with open arms,
and waited with bated breath each
extra minute of sleep this morning
to hear whether my Professor can-
celled the following class session
– the dreaded 10 o’clock.
As I was laying in bed hitting my
alarm every 10 minutes I started
thinking about Monday when the
talk of snow was big news in every
class everyone wanted to know
“would we have school on Tues-
day?”
That’s when I remembered snow
days from prior years in both col-
lege and high school. Somewhere
between all the deliciousness of
sleeping in and the gentle self-
loathing that comes from order-
Domino’s just so you don’t
have to shovel yourself out, the
magic of snow days disappears
and come somewhat depressing.
So how did snow days become so
sad? I can still remember simple
times, when my mom used to turn
off my alarm and I didn’t even
realize it was a snow day until I
woke up hours later. Then I’d go
out and play in the snow, which
was so magical when we were still
young and stubborn enough to
ignore how horribly uncomfortable
it was. My friend’s dad used to
built a big snow slide so we could
go sledding every night. Even back
then, there weren’t any hills around our house.
We used to drink hot chocolate
and watch TV and play Nintendo.
But things are different now. We
always say how great college
would be if only school didn’t get
in the way. Getting snowed in isn’t
so bad and I look forward to those
cold weeks ahead and the possibil-
ity of being trapped in my place
right down the road in lil ole Sea
Bright. But being trapped in during
those infamous snow weeks can
tsometimes become a bit gloomy.
Maybe it’s because we’re old
enough to have lost the charm
of continuing to go sledding even
after so much snow has found
our ankles that they’re red and
swollen, and warm water pools
gather in the bottom of our boots.
Maybe because college life is so
different than all the rest of our
schooling has been. I know for
me, the newspaper, eating dinner and
showering. I have very little free
time at night to watch TV or do
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Differences and Perspectives

ERIN LUCAS
STAFF WRITER

There are millions of people out there, millions of people with their own stories, their own memories, and their own scars. Each one of us live our lives the way we see fit, and when put in situations we each deal with it in our own, individual ways. Being in college are all introduced to dozens of people a day, some we look in class, others we may meet at night, when we aren’t in the best of shape. After waking up from weekend that was a little blurry in my memory I felt like I started to see things clearly. To be honest some of the things I was beginning to see were not the best part of my day and I wondered if I’m starting to grow up a little bit or just growing out of a stage.

Every college student’s life is different. Being a very observant person I go out of my way to get as many perspectives as I can. While at a party I look around at myself, my friends, and other people we may meet at night, when we turn our backs, there are millions of people out there, millions of people with their own stories, their own memories, and their own scars. Each one of us live our lives the way we see fit, and when put in situations we each deal with it in our own, individual ways. Being in college are all introduced to dozens of people a day, some we look in class, others we may meet at night, when we aren’t in the best of shape. After waking up from weekend that was a little blurry in my memory I felt like I started to see things clearly. To be honest some of the things I was beginning to see were not the best part of my day and I wondered if I’m starting to grow up a little bit or just growing out of a stage.

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I end up shaving this ridiculous excuse for a mustache...I am now left looking like a Wolverine reject

I am standing in front of two mirrors. Wait, actually, an infinite amount of mirrors. No, I’m not dreaming or in the non-haunted portion of the Haunted House. I am standing in a bathroom that has mirrors on both the wall in front of me and the wall behind me. This allows the “infinite mirrors” effect which “increases” the size of a space. A room seen in small Chinese take out places that have the entire menu in pictures, shrouded by cigarette smoke. I am only using the mirror in front of me now (naked gymnastic poses in front of both are held on alternating Wednesday evenings)

I have not shaved for a week or so. Now however, I am at the point of starting to look like, well, I am really not constipated today, nothing comes to mind. Basically, it’s time to do something about the hair on my face before I start wearing my fathers Vietnam jacket and get pitting glances at the library while holding “Shopgirl” (feminine) and “Jarhead” (masculine) in my hand. I suppose I have no answer or recollection?

After three years of the same cycle which I get wrong, I would never take back a moment of all the fun I have had with my friends, I am beginning to see how hard it is to break. I tried out the all around scene and realized I couldn’t do it and found it was hard for to communicate my feelings at least because I was scared to not having them. So many of us are so scared to say how we genuinely feel because of past scars. And while these scars may not be visible, they certainly cut us the deepest. It’s a story thing to be honest with yourself after being a certain way for a long period of time. And I’s sure many of us turn our backs on something that could be really great because we are scared might just laugh it off and pretend we don’t care when in reality we are holding so much back.

In closing, it’s hard for anyone to change the way they live their life but think of how much a load it is to off your shoulders if for once you do what you want and to other people about how you feel towards them. Scary? Sure, but worth it? Most definitely.

Stark Raving Bland
Weekly observations and ravings

REUVEN FELDMAN
STAFF WRITER

I have not been afraid of excess: exception on occasion is exhilarating. It prevents moderation from acquiring the degrading effect of a habit.

W. Somersert Maugham (1874-1965)

On the other hand...There can be nothing more

Anyone can be great with money. With money greatness is no longer a talent but an obligation. The trick is to be great without money.

Robert Crichton (1925-1993)

Do not bite at the bait of pleasure till you know there is no hook beneath it.

Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826)

The beginning is the most important part of the work.

Plato (428-347 BCE)

The Republican form of government is the highest form of government; but because of this it requires the highest type of human nature: a statesman at present existing.

Herbert Spencer (1820-1903)

A state may be ruled by force of arms, but the freedom of such a state is worth only by freedom from action and purpose.

Lucretius (c.96-55 BCE)

By prolonging life, we do not deduct one jot from the duration of death.

“Advertising is legalized lying.”

H.G. Wells (1866-1946)

“Quotations (such as have point and lack triteness) from the great old authors are an act of reverence on the part of the quoter, and a blessing to a public grown superfluous.”

Louise Imogen Guiney (1874-1965)

All quotes taken from www.junkfoodforthought.com

You have to keep in mind that you have to be good at your dishes. You have to keep in mind that you have to be good at your dishes. You have to keep in mind that you have to be good at your dishes.
"How do you feel about the big debate going on in the news lately about being politically correct about ‘the Holidays’?"

By Suzanne Guarino

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Perhaps the last of those events seems like it may have been my fault, and perhaps things got a little loud. This would have been all understandable, until the officer who arrived cursed me and my housemates into some interesting information. He told us that this was the first time that he saw that any officer had ever been sent to our house. This strongly implies that the officers that had previously come to my house had not been summoned as a result of the complaints by neighbors. It definitely seems like the police were simply singling out my house because it houses college students.

No police force in the United States has the right to harass their respective public. When the police show up to investigate my housemate sitting in an empty house watching television, there is a problem. When the police follow my housemate into our driveway when he is sober and not in violation of any traffic laws, there is a problem. When people are spotlighted by police cruisers for smoking cigarettes on their own porch, there is a problem. When two police arrive to investigate one individual standing immediately outside the back door of my house talking on his cell phone, there is a problem.

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I know that there are a lot of regrets that have been pondered, a lot of things that at this point we wish we could have done differently, and it sucks. It sucks that we can not go back and change the past, turn the bad that we have done into positive, and turn all the possible evil for the best. This is not due to magical thinking. It seems like this is the time when we begin to realize that everything our parents have hammered into our brains time after time, really was not a load of garbage.

I know that there was some real truth to what they were saying. Anyway, it is just a reflex I find myself doing, is just a reflex I find myself doing.

I want to let all of you, my beloved readers, know that Dan: Unleashed and Uncensored will not be picked up by any higher up telling me I need to stop, it is my decision. While I have loved ranting and raving about anything and everything, good topics are very hard to find. For those of you loyal to this column, I will be working for the news section and also potentially doing a split column in the health and life section with noted viewpoint writer Suzanne Guarino. It has been a pleasure entertaining you all this semester and I look forward to my last column of the semester. This week’s words of wisdom is an anonymous author’s view on the holiday season.

“Anyone can light up a Christmas tree, it’s redundant, and old. Why not light a menorah and be different?”

See you all next week.
When Liberals Attack Americans

CHRISTA RESTIVO
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So after reading a rather in- flamed article I had written titled "Terrorism is not an Uprising" I quickly realized why this title had made me feel uneasy with the overwhelming liberal bias on American college cam- pus. I am a Christian, a people, and a writer who wrote the article who took the liberty to speak on behalf of all "thinking" people at this intellectual institution. I wrote a very inflamed respon- ders of The Outlook and now feel perfectly well that they do not need anyone to speak on behalf of them. I believe that as college students we are extraordinarily capable of speaking up and thinking for ourselves as well as being capable of developing their own opinions. Therefore, one should never be pompous enough to feel that they are representing the half of any reader. It was truly an excellent article because of its straightforward and honest way of how a young, liberal, and actual- ly "misinformed" student can see the world. I wrote an informing and conservative letter to an igno- rant preacher of Fox News.

One situation involved a 27-year- old Turkish Muslim who grabbed me by the arm and told me I was "American bull****". This occurred in a very pub- lic manner on the Hauptstrasse (Main Street) of Heidelberg, which was crowded with tons of people. He was drag- ging a girl I went to school with and behaved with such aggres- sion that it was obvious that he did not right turn out, did not want to be tak- en back by his friends, and proceeded to take a cab home. I am 5-foot-6, 125 lbs and was 21 at the time posing absolutely no threat to this man. I was shocked and astonished at his very public display of violence directed specifically towards Americans, especially the American sol- diers stationed there, who I mention regardless of what one's opinion is of the war, is risk- ing their lives to bring peace into the Islamic areas of the world. He only speaks of the streets by Muslim youths. I've seen the suburbs of Paris. My accounts of violent groups not ALL Muslim groups and did not attack the true religion of Islam. I only spoke out against what had been ruined by the concept of rule by terror. I saw the aggression and re- sistance display of those groups use and the damage they cause to European towns and cities. As an American student living abroad every week I was issued a different warning to be aware of. I was not going to be able to travel freely. The beauty of this country is many times reflected in the first amendment so I know, per- sonally, I am tired of being de- graded by raving liberals for my views that I, as an intelligent 22-year-old woman, have the right to have. Different views are a wonderful asset to society and liberals must stop projecting their feelings and ideas from "Islamophbic", eith- ernocentric, misinformed, fanatics of The Outlook. Therefore, as this is a request for us to not be pompous enough to feel that they can have been one of the major rock outlets on the east coast, but blew it by following a cover called "Z-100" style to their format, play- ing almost exclusively hits. Rarely, if ever, have I heard K-Rock sol- ely thoughtful and fertilizer. In addition, there is the need for sensi- tivity and attention that MU has. This is a major reason why New Jersey and attracts a large num- ber of commuter and off-campus students, and the eleven percent of America's commuter and off-campus vehicles, and almost everybody stays at one of these days. Therefore, to drive more off campus, stuck behind morons who can make it to drive slightly more offensively and "cheer" trying to make a left onto Cedar Ave. In rush hour traf- fic, Sometimes its laughable, the drudgery of trying to escape MU after a long day, going right behind someone. Therefore, to this problem I propose a solu- tion; a simple and effective means of alleviating the problem of eas- ings of high volume. The solu- tion is thus. Take the exit which currently creates two lanes, for one lane and turns for one rights. This would take some capital to perform (grass must be removed and the sign may have to be turned), but it would be more use- ful than grass and fertilizer. In addition, there is the need for sensi- tivity and attention that MU has. This is a major reason why New Jersey and attracts a large num- ber of commuter and off-campus students, and the eleven percent of America's commuter and off-campus vehicles, and almost everybody stays at one of these days. Therefore, to drive more off campus, stuck behind morons who can make it to drive slightly more offensively and "cheer" trying to make a left onto Cedar Ave. In rush hour traf- fic, Sometimes its laughable, the drudgery of trying to escape MU after a long day, going right behind someone. 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PICTURES WITH SANTA

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 7 & 14
9:30 AM TO 2:30 PM
PLANGERE CENTER LOBBY
Graphic designer gives insight to students
Matt Owens talks to MU art students about his career

Matt Owens, a graphic designer, gave a presentation to students in the Art Building on Thursday, November 17.

Graphic designer Matt Owens came to Monmouth to speak to students in the Art Department, Thursday November 17th in room 801 of the Art Building. The room was small, but that didn’t stop students from packing in to listen to this creative designer.

Owens presented a look into his world of design and imagination. He spoke of his experiences and how having teamwork can make any project that much stronger. Matt owns his own design company called VolumeOne based in New York City.

Not only does Matt have great co-workers, but they have become his friends that he relies on when work needs to get done.

His work ranges from campaigns for companies such as American Eagle, to short films for the Sundance Channel, and even music videos. He fascinated students with his innovative ideas especially with his vibrant personality.

He encouraged art students to get out there and put as much effort into their work because one day it will all pay off.

He also motivated students by saying, “it’s great to wake up everyday and do something that you love.”

It was a fascinating lecture that made students ranging from freshmen to seniors ready to get into the field of graphic design.

Giving Tree

Tags hang on the Giving Tree in the Student Center on campus. Students can take the tags off the tree and choose a gift according to the age, wrap it and bring it to the boxes under the tree by Wednesday, December 14.

Stop in. Stock up. Head home.

Use your education discount to save on Apple products.

Visit an Authorized Campus Store, an Apple Store near you, or our online Apple Store at www.apple.com/students.
Lyric Lounge

Low Flying Jets

LISA PIKAARD
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This past week, Msquare had their third episode of the year. The show hosted Low Flying Jets, a band that formed in 2002 in New York City. This relatively young band appears to be having success. With a dedicated fanbase in the audience, the show went over really well.

In the past, Low Flying Jets performed at clubs like The Stone Pony, CBGB and The Saint. The band itself is amazing. They combine heavy base, tricky guitar and hard-pounding drums to bring MU it's loudest M-square yet.

They kicked off the show with a track entitled “Can't Help My Love” which is a powerful, fun track. The vocalist also harmonizes very well; however, individually, they were slightly weaker. The bass player, Sam Crowell, is a very strong musician, as is the drummer Jeff Plate. The guitar riffs played by guitarists Brad York and Brian Leonoff show their individual talent. Together, they have the potential to go very far, but the vocals need to tighten up.

There were times when I was questioning whether they were speaking, screaming or singing. This tactic can stylistically work from time to time but in songs like “Murder” and “Listen.” The latter had interesting lyrics but the guitar and baseline really make it a catchy song. Vocally, their strongest song was, “Photosynthesis,” but the drummer’s "ohs" in the background were a little overpowersing. This was most likely due to the microphone balance at the show.

All in all, “Photosynthesis” is their strongest tracks. "Fantastic" is just that, fantastic. At times the vocals were a little fuzzy but it is certainly their most likable tune. The two songs that they really should not have sung were “We're All Girls,” and their cover of “Bone Machine.” Their sound is very original but in an attempt to summarize their sound it would have to be The Killers with an edge or Marmoz 5, but less pop and more rock.

If they stick to their own tracks and tighten their vocals, this band can certainly go somewhere. They definitely have my support and are certainly a band worth checking out.

Check their website www.lowflyingsjets.com or their myspace website at www.myspace.com/lowflyingsjets for upcoming shows.

White Stripes EP: Short And Sweet

RUSSELL CARSTENS
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It’s back to basics on December 6 when rock duo The White Stripes will release a five-song EP titled, Walking With A Ghost + 4 Live Tracks. The name says it all. In addition to the title track, is Tegan and Sara cover the disc features four tracks of unreleased songs played live. It’s a small package, but all new material...something other bands should do more often.

The White Stripes landed mainstream success in 2002 with their third album, White Blood Cells, along with a slew of bands like The Vines, The Strokes and The Hives. They were all on a mission (well, as assigned by the press) to revive down n’ dirty rock and roll in the new millennium. Although these groups have done well, The White Stripes have stuck around most noticeably.

After, “Fell In Love With A Girl” and its digital-Lego looking video hit radio and TV, it was on from there. 2003’s Elephant had the rolling and dynamic anthem, “Seven Nation Army.” Their last record, Get Behind Me Satan gave us the single, “Blue Orchid.”

With simple, to the point, sincere songs, the White Stripes put out the type of rock n’ roll that doesn’t get old and will always be sound.

Lohan’s latest album, Little More Personal (Rans), shows a new side of Lohan. Her first single off the album is “Confessions of a Broken Heart (Daughter to Father)” and shows, as the album title suggests, a very personal struggle with her father. The track is very dark, passionate and deeper than what her audience has come to expect. “Black Hole” is another dark song on the album, and really sets the tone for the rest of the album. One of the strongest tracks on the album is another dark track, “My Innocence.” The title track off the album is probably one of the weakest songs. Lohan attempts to convey passion and depth in an upbeat pop track song and just cannot pull it off. Another one of her weaker tracks is her cover of “I Want You To Want Me.” It is by far, the worst track on the album.

Her voice is not appropriate for the song. Despite the power and depth of the initial tracks, the album just slides downhill.

Shakira’s latest album, Oral Fixation Vol. 2, is much better sounding than named—a much better than I expected. The album is a pop rock album with a Latin twist. For the most part, the album is virtually a dance album with one or two ballads thrown in. The true ballad on the album, “Your Embrace,” is by far one of the best tracks on the album. The only one better is her track featuring Carles Santos, “Illegal.” The track has a heavy Latin feel and heavy guitar riffs. It is by far Shakira’s best song to date. The most interesting, original track on her album is “Animal City.” It contains interesting, original lyrics and is very bubbly. For those of you who never liked Shakira’s music, this is a change of sound for her. It seems as though she is finally finding her sound and it’s one that will appeal to the masses. Her best album to date, no matter how interestingly titled.

Box Office

1 - Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire $19.9 million
2 - Aeon Flux $12.7 million
3 - Walk the Line $9.5 million
4 - Yours, Mine, & Ours $8.3 million
5 - Just Friends $5.6 million
CHRISTINE MARTUCCI BAND TAKES ROCK TO THE NEXT LEVEL

DAN ROTH
STAFF WRITER

Once upon a time, there was good music. Music that could make you feel closer to heaven, and warm you to the point where you were sweating in the heat of summer. There used to be music that would make a person feel so alive that they would get involuntarily tense for some reason that reason that that collective sound made files. It didn’t matter what kind of music it was: rock, metal, soul, country, reggae, jazz; it all had elements that rose above the stereo-cetypes and went straight to the soul of a person.

BAND REVIEW

This definition of the music industry has caused an indelible amount of pain to all those who love music. It has also made true music lovers go into hiding, hiding in places like Asbury Park, where a small contingent of true musicians and music fans go. It’s a place where music lovers can have a good time and support the music industry by storm.

The Christine Martucci Band offers the easy flowing, melty-heart sounds of pure rock and roll. With two lead guitarists, a bassist, and a drummer, the instrumental sounds that come off their instruments are truly amazing. The guitar riffs fly through the air and into your ears as if that was their home. Much like the rest of the band, Christine, over the years has been a major influence in their music. They are on a mission to make sure the band is on track and they are consistent no matter what happens. It is especially true in this band where the colorful and Chuck has been their best friend. Christine is a drum master; he has been playing since age 12. Every performance, you can see Chuck’s passion and Slim is the most advanced guitar god to pick up. You might compare his style to a combination of Kenny Lee and Keith Moon with a kick. His love and passion for music have created the whole band and the glue that keeps this band together.

The next member of the band is the bassist, Danae. Danae View when looking at Duane, you would never know that they were starting at legendary Beach Boys Brian Wilson. The truth of the matter is that, in terms of personality, Brian Wilson is no match for Duane. For his guitar playing, this guy can roll. His hands are faster than the speed of light and produce a sweet and inimitable sound that makes him a truly unique talent.

Pat Ro is the lead guitarist for the band. He has been playing guitar since age 13, and is a magician on those strings. Half the time you have no idea what he is gonna do and then next minute he is making you do what he wants. Tina offers the perfect harmonies to back up Christine. Tina’s voice enables the band to be unique in that they have two dynamic singers both more than worthy of being lead. Tina has a very soulful sound that might be best described as sexy.

Patty King meets Marshall Casey. Finally, there is Christine, the voice and heart of a band built around love and friendship. Christine’s greatest attribute is that, in music industry filled with people trying to carve a name for themselves, she stands alone in her ability to be herself and stay true to the essence of what makes music great. Every angle, note, and harmony that comes out of her mouth is filled with a passion and hunger that brings you back to the happiest time in your life, and allows you to stay there for whatever length of time, and play on your CD.

And the winners are:

SAMANTHA YOUNG
EDITORIAL DIRECTOR

The Big in ’95 Awards took place in Las Vegas, Nevada, on December 4 from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. The evening’s purpose was to pay homage to the biggest people, the biggest moments, and the biggest craze, according to readers of TV Guide magazine.

Comedian D.L. Hughley hosted the event, with performances by Fall Out Boy, INXS, and Def Leppard. For the complete list of winners, visit www.chi.com/shows/events/big95/2005/voting/
Diet Myths Are Just What They Are: Myths

LINDSAY WEISS  COLUMNIST

Everyone has joined the bandwagon and followed the pack when it comes to dieting. You are not alone if you have tried Weight Watchers, Atkins Diet, or even The South Beach Diet. Eating healthy and cutting carbohydrates could increase the risk of heart disease and colon cancer. A solution to low-carb dieting is to cut back on refined carbs such as flour and sugar, and instead fill your plate with fruits and vegetables. The second tip is that diet foods can help you shed a few extra pounds. This is true and may be even causing you more harm than good. Just because the food is low carbohydrates doesn’t mean it doesn’t mean it is better for you. Diet foods such as the infan- tastic products, it could be a great deal of sugars, and trans fats. You should be eating healthy with monounsaturated fats, such as anorexia or bulimia in teenage men and women. A compulsion dieting and distorted body image can lead to harmful diseases such as anorexia or bulimia in teenage men and women.

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Once again, it’s the end of the semester and, from what I’ve observed, it’s a rocky end. People seem to be completely overloaded with work. I read away messages and people all seem to be studying and working away, long into the midnight hours. And what will all these students graduate get for all their hard work? A grade. A letter on a piece of pa- per. It could be an A, an A-, or B, or C. Exactly how much is that grade worth, though? Students can’t be given up on. On course, it should be attempted, but end up with a B, or perhaps even a C. Many students, we all know the grade does not mean everything. And, as we’ve gotten older, more and more of our professors, I think, have tried to teach us that it’s not just about the grade, that they aren’t here to give you graduate, but to teach us some- thing. 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Is monogamy extinct?

Questions arise if it is still possible to find the perfect soulmate

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LAYOUT EDITOR

As promiscuity is in all of us, our search for the “one” is no less prevalent then it was centuries ago, but in this day in age, with opportuni ties around every corner, with choices and chances, and second chances, we as a people follow our nature; to exploit and take advantage of any situation, even when that situation tempts one to be unfaithful.

As a relationship begins, there are fireworks; passion, also known as, lust, a concept in which most of us falsely pursue. It is not what we want, but what we need, and in order to find that we must give up all that we desire. Will power has become a weakness for humans; money, food, drugs, sex, anything in which you can indulge most likely fighting off temptation is almost the same as trying to win the lottery. When looking for true love, humans believe ultimately that there is someone perfect out there for them, but what isn’t understood is that no one is perfect, and there are those who are perfect for each other. As a relationship begins, there are fireworks; passion, also known as, lust, a concept in which most of us mistake for love. Therefore, when the passion dies what do you have, especially on those occasions when there is nothing really there but a sexual attraction.

People, by nature, tend to be drawn in by curiosity, therefore, their relationships, whether it is that of puppy love or one that has matured over time, are affected by this.

Danielle, a 26 year old entrepreneur, spent the last nine years of her life in a relationship that was all wrong. Although she loved him very much, she could not understand why she was no longer in love with him. She had been seeing someone on the side for quite awhile on and off trying to piece together the labyrinth of her life. When asked why she decided to break it off she replied, “He isn’t the one for me, I know that somewhere out there, there is someone for me, it just isn’t him.”

For ages, promiscuity has been encouraged in men and condemned in women. Recently, the lines between them are seemingly distorted. Its now the time where people have had to adapt to the world, we try to find perfection at a moments glance. Love doesn’t listen to your wants or to your needs. And not to sound cynical, but love does not adhere to good intentions, virtue, patience or any other positive attribute people might come to attain in hopes for falling in love.

We all feel that there is someone out there that will permanently ignite our inner desires, which will fit a mold we have created since childhood. But, this fantasy we create, will it defer us from experiencing real monogamy? The DeBeers commercial featuring the shadowed woman, has been portrayed as the perfect woman. Women are known to stray from their partners because they think that there is someone better out there for them, where as men tend to be opportunistic and have sex out of a relationship or even marriage because it is instant gratification.

Love is an entity in which we all falsely pursue. It is not what we want, but what we need, and in order to find that we must give up all that we desire. Will power has become a weakness for humans; money, food, drugs, sex, anything in which you can indulge most likely fighting off temptation is almost the same as trying to win the lottery. When looking for true love, humans believe ultimately that there is someone perfect out there for them, but what isn’t understood is that no one is perfect, and there are those who are perfect for each other.

Is monogamy extinct? Whether or not the mystery of monogamy will ever be solved, humans will still be under the impression that we must search and find “the one.” Is it good enough to just do what makes us happy?
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Today’s Birthday (Dec. 7th)

Your compulsion this year is to rearrange things at home. You might even decide to move to a whole new place, to get comfortable.

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 a 7
Finish up what you promised. You gain a lot more than the satisfaction you get by marking the job done. You’ll be valued, too.

Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) • Today is a 7
Your friends are eager to help, and have lots of imaginative suggestions. Rely on help from them, rather than digging into your savings.

Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) • Today is a 6
Listen respectfully to a person with unusual ideas. If this works, you stand to benefit, so check it out.

Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) • Today is a 8
Postpone travel and new adventures until you’ve finished the job you’ve already agreed to do. It’ll be more fun later, too.

Leo • (July 23 - Aug. 22) • Today is a 7
It’s good to know how much money you have, and how to get more if you need it. Take on a second job instead of going into debt.

Virgo • (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) • Today is a 7
There’s a flurry of activity over the next few days. The overall outcome is good; however, so don’t get stressed out about it.

Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) • Today is a 7
Creative work pays well now, so crack out as much as you can. The stuff you make for your own house counts as money saved.

Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) • Today is an 7
Encourage creative ideas and a loved one comes up with a doozie. Go along with the program and you’ll have a wonderful time.

Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is a 7
Fix up your place with the help of items you’ve long kept hidden. Bring them out slowly, to retain their value.

Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) • Today is an 7
Study the situation carefully, over the next few days. Then, follow a hunch to come up with the right answer.

Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) • Today is a 7
An older, wiser person is feeling much more generous now. Go ahead and ask for whatever you want. You’ll get some of it.

Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) Today is an 8
All of a sudden the sun comes out from behind the clouds. The world’s a wonderful place again. Share this moment with your best friend.

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ACROSS

1. Threat in cycles
5. Ancient sin city
10. Irish Rose’s lover
14. ... vincit omnia (love conquers all)
5. Century plant
16. Browse the Web
17. Palace near Paris
19. Buzz off
20. Common constipation
21. Those on the lam
22. Just manages
23. Paid players
24. Actress Christine
26. Large numbers
29. Creche figures
30. Future house
33. Killer whales
34. Walks in water
35. Wildebeest
36. Thai currency
37. Repairs
38. Herring’s kin
39. WWII zone
40. Pine product
41. Bird droppings
42. Male progeny
43. Table scraps
44. Gabled window
45. Succinct
47. Sandwich pocket
48. Make a hole
50. Most likely
52. Plate support
55. Numbered musical piece
56. Irish Rose near Madrid
58. Trig ratios
59. Select few
60. Light beam
61. Red coin?
62. Church assembly
63. Fender flaw

DOWN

1. Type of bean
2. Habbering
3. Master
4. AMA members
5. Admiral or cabin boy
6. Gives the eye to
7. Evans or Earnhardt
8. Burdened too heavily
9. Dispatches
10. Plus feature
11. Palace in London
12. “Die...”
13. Small news
14. Bushy eyebrows
23. H.S. junior’s exam
25. That guy’s
26. Places for earrings
27. Muse of poetry
28. Palace in Vienna
29. Very long skirts
31. Mindless
32. Henry VIII’s last name
34. In a passive manner
37. Anticipates
38. Chapter of the Koran
40. King of France
41. Affected
44. Created a phonograph record
46. VCR button
47. Basil sauce
48. Type of pear
49. Mayberry youngster
50. Most likely
51. Deer head?
52. Minute parasites
53. Merit
54. Oversupply
55. Rainbow band
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“What is something you are picky about when choosing a guy/girl? What is something that turns you off right away?”

BY: SUZANNE GUARINO

Dana senior

“They need to have a sense of humor and not be cocky.”

A-Rod junior

“I don’t want no gold digger. My money is for my pocket.”

Mike freshman

“No brow bridge. Good eyebrows because I can spot a good brow from a mile away.”

Alex grad student

“Ugliness.”

Cliff freshman

“Smoking turns me off.”

Raina grad student

“Bad teeth/ missing teeth and poor grooming habits.”

Daniel senior

“If they disclose too much personal info or ask me personal questions right away.”

Mike & Jermaine sophomores

“Funky, nasty, stankness on the breath.”

Katie grad student

“Non-intelligent people.”

D-Cep sophomore

“Smoking because it’s dirty and smells bad.”

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Internet plagiarism rampant in colleges

PRESS RELEASE
Don McCabe has surveyed 45,000 of America's college students over the past three years, asking them to come clean about whether they cheat on their tests and term papers. Many cheaters in the classroom are surprisingly honest in the surveys, said McCabe, the founder of the Center for Academic Integrity and a former English professor. About 37 percent have admitted to what's called 'cut-and-paste' plagiarism, the practice of repeating term papers by copying information available over the Internet.

“It’s becoming a pervasive problem,” said McCabe, a professor of management and global business at Rutgers Business School in New Jersey. "It happens a lot in last-minute situations. The paper isn’t done, and they need help fast." It happens a lot in last-minute situations. The paper isn’t done, and they need help fast.

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Winterize your wardrobe

ANDREA TIBALDO  
FASHION EDITOR

Is it too late to put warm weather on a Christmas list? We’re only one week into December and have already been hit with a few inches of snow proving it’s going to be a very long winter for those of you who despise the cold weather. Maximize the cold and maximize the comfortable warmth everyone seeks during this time of year by adding winter accessories to your wardrobe.

Ever since you were a young child your parents were badgering you to cover up before you went outside and you couldn’t help but give in to the offered hats, scarves, and gloves. However, it’s time to give up those mittens that attach to your jacket since you traded in the playground for the dorm (although sometimes they seem so alike). Just because it’s chilly out doesn’t mean you have to totally disregard a fashionable appeal when bundling up. From earmuffs to driving gloves to scarves embroidered with details, there are countless choices for stylish winter accessories.

If you’re going for a dressy look then add a simple cashmere scarf and leather gloves since they give off a more polished look. If it’s a sporty look you would like to achieve try a pair of cozy mittens that will remind you of childhood. However, stay away from childish prints on mittens that will leave you looking like you’re five years old again; you’re going for a fun look not necessarily a look to make fun of. Add a hat with a mock brim such as the women’s Delias hat and men’s Hollister cap shown at the left. If you’re the type whose more concerned with the look than the temperature then try a trendy pair of fingerless gloves. For adorable, trendy and not so hobo-looking fingerless gloves check out freepeople.com, ladies.

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Fall 2005 Writing Proficiency Examination (WPE)

The Writing Proficiency Examination will be offered next on Thursday, December 15, 2005, from 9:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and Friday, December 16, 2005, from 5:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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

Requirements for Attempting the Exam

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 Rebecca Stafford 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 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, December 1, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, December 7, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.; and Monday, December 12, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. All sessions will be held in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center, room 202B.


Phi Sigma Kappa

Yo check it, big ups to Phi Sigma Kappa because the beer... seeing Cheese in a toga is just what we needed... DJ Scramble tears them up at club 259 and even plays his theme song “Desert Deck.” Another soldier down, Honky gets put on a short leash and it looks like Tweek is following in the same path... stay strong guys... Around his friends he’s known as Precious, around the girls you can just call him Poofie... Give Keegles a drink and he will give you the ultimate experience in dance moves and the tank are just some of his favorites... Speaking of tank, Hamsterjockeys dog is now officially bigger than he is. I’m not sure how that happened... I’m up in the stands and I can’t tell anyone... Around the guys he’s known as Stumpy, around the girl he’s known as 11/22... Schlaefer is still reading the first line of this page... Visa and Flamer get it into when Flamer ends it by saying “You know I don’t speak Spanish!”... Launchpad sings “It’s my party and I’ll have who I want to”... Kerune and Cheese go skulling... they looked like they were coming off a mountain... Gastone wears an Isotoner to protect and heal his Hook... Arfa sign is saying DAMN PROUD!

Come Out and Support Phi Sigma Kappa’s so you think you can dance? Dance off!

10 O’clock Tonight Pollack Theatre
From 12-3 o’clock this afternoon we will be selling tickets outside of the student center.

S3 at the Student Center - $5 at the door

Phi Sigma Sigma

To all my Phi Sigs: Thank you for making my college experience complete! Don’t worry, I’ll be back next semester! Love always-Beauty. Lill... Formal is going to be amazing. Make sure you have your date and your outfit ready. We must depart with the magic and lasting friendship. We may not have it all together, but we’re working together.

Alpha Chi Rho

We must depart with the magi-cal Dyees Blue Thigh Thing for his next trick, he will make out with Flounder... indirectly, of course... He will turn into a raccoon... Binger watches. Bacon’s gal destroys the good ‘Doctor’. I DRIVE A DODGE STRATUS... over Flush’s butt! Stumpy and Blue miss formal to Narffle... Indirectly, of course...

Goomba’s new room is equipped with Radiator Bed and footy-pajamas; CONGRATULATIONS OLLY, Blue misses formal to Narffle the Garthock... again. Porkchop garbage his formal date as Skater and Bongo miss formal to them. The Old School M-Suite crew may be the way to go for you jocks! Hyde’s “Gravedigger” discussion is the one time in our lives that we have no interest in his formals for his infamous “I’m an English major” ween. Man takes time away from the circus. Crockett continues to be not funny. Tuna is the new Bane, strikes and grouses our friend... strike and grousing. We may not have it all together, but we’re working together. Army allowing an NYIT Brother attend our winter formal. Uno wins the award for “Most Haggard Formal Ensemble”. Gotti’s Witness Protection program is void. The rest of you... BE MORE FUNNY! (That still includes you Crockett BE ME. Skeet.

Alpha Sigma Tau

Well it may take us a few weeks but we are back and more fashionably late than ever. Congrat’s to Sarah Aloncon for making my college experience complete! To all my Phi Sigs-Thank You for being there for me!!-ValenCia. Jenna-BP misses formal to Narffle... indirectly, of course...

Surf Club

Hello. Here is the deal, Saturday Dec 3rd @ noon Meet up at Flanker’s... if you don’t know how to clean up our Adoption... if you can bring bags or whatever you feel necessary would be cool...

This is just the first cleanup of 60-120000 we have follow more BLING BLING to go. But either way, we decided to do this so, were gonna get it over with. In other surf club news... how is it that we all went to Costa Rica, talk with an active member of the club and will inform us of what's going on...

And Save some Money... Its not going to be very expensive. But keep in mind your flying to South America, do you know the vibes of your life S0O00000000? Having some money stowed away could be helpful. We hear being there can be pretty hot! Come to meetings... Bring ideas... Talk to people... you never know!!

Surf Club and Greek

Zeta Tau Alpha

Congratulations Sister of the Week: Tulip, Daisy, and McGuire. Thank you for being there for me for a great fall semester. Daisy- I swear to God I’ll never fail you. For the Love of Mary. McGuire. Weekly dose of love to the Brat Pack. Pixie, you will always be my wingman! Helen has been fun. Funky, get ready after the next show at the Godfathers. Denkey Kong. Love and kisses. Yes, 4 is the magic number! Littles I love you! Trimsapna Beta-XOXO Kaybee. Rain, 4 is the magic number isn’t it? Doko? AC? Red works at 12:30am. Brothers? Heyyy- Esmeralda. I love you Big... good job planning formal for us! Love your little Camelie! McGuire, aka Roonius, thanks for being so amazing- Sunrise. I love you, thank you for always being there for me! Love Dolphin aka Prodigy? You make me smile Little Nala. I love you! McGuire, McGuire! Love YOU! BIGGE!! Love Little Nala Paris. I am the love of your life butt buddy. Little Nala Big. Soon, Nala. I love you everyday for everything- Stellarr. I love you butt buddy! What would I do without you? Big. You’re my pride and joy! Love you to pieces- Tulip. Puma, Gia + Posh= 2HOT2HANDLE!! I love you girls! XOXO Posh. Rain-Posh=Hottest big and Little! Hullah! Good luck Big & Posh. I love your big and little formal will be rediculous...but, where will the boys go? Big, I love your guts. Big jr. You’re a blonde! Good fuck on the LSATs and when you’re feeling down just remember I love you like a blanket- XOXO Gia. Little, I love you! Keep smiling! <3 Your Big, Pearl, Big: you make me smile! Thank you! <3 You little, Astra, Bonfire, and Clyde- I love you more than anything. You two are the best littles anyone could ever ask for. <3 Your Big. Lucky.

Want your organization’s information on this page?
Contact The Outlet at outlet@monmouth.edu
Get your Information by Monday at 12 pm
Thursday Night Alternatives presents Open Mic Night & 'Mock'tail' Party

Dec. 8th 10 pm
Oakwood Lounge

FREE!

1st Prize - $100.00 in Declining Balance
2nd Prize - $75.00 in Declining Balance
3rd Prize - $50.00 in Declining Balance

Submit your story to Suanne Schaad (sschaad@monmouth.edu) by December 7 to win!!

December is Drunk Driving Awareness Month!
The Substance Awareness Department wants to recognize you for making safe, responsible decisions when you drink.

Tell us a story about your favorite Designated Driver!

How do you thank your Designated Driver?

Tell us about a time when you were a Designated Driver!

Win $100* for having a Designated Driver!

This is an alcohol free event sponsored by the Office of Residential Life, the Residence Hall Association, and the Substance Awareness Department, and funded by the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Addiction Services.
Monmouth Women’s Basketball
Hawks drop game to in-state rival Princeton

CRAG D’AMICO ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Last season, the Monmouth Hawks women’s basketball team traveled to Princeton for their sea- son opener and suffered a defeat just as heartbreaking as the recent news of Nick and Jessica’s break-up. Tiger senior Katy O’Brien hit a three pointer from the right corner at the buzzer to send the game into overtime, and Princeton was able to pull away for the victory. The three was O’Brien’s only field goal of the game. The Hawks hosted Princeton last Thursday night, looking to get back on track after a two game los- ing streak.

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Monmouth started the game by shaking up their starting lineup as sophomore Brianna Edwards and freshman Rachel Ferdinand earned their first career starts. In Monmouth’s previous home game against St. John’s, the starters strug- gled (excluding Hawk senior Niamh Dwyer) with only two field goals and nine points. Dwyer didn’t struggle (excluding Hawk senior Steelers Head Coach Bill Cowher, finished with 15 points. Freshman guard Jessica Berry had 12 points on the night.

Monmouth’s leading scorer was Niamh Dwyer off the bench with 16 points, bouncing back for her 3-for-7 shooting performance in the previous game against Lehigh. LaShanda Merriweather's pat- tern of only scoring in the state of New Jersey continued as she put in 10 points, and Ferdinand had 10 as well.

Ferdinand has been a pleasant surprise this season for the Hawks, as she has six rebounds and five assists in addi- tion to the 10 points, as well as playing great defense down low against the taller Tiger lineup.

“Rachel Ferdinand is playing very good for a freshman,” com- mented her Head Coach, “She is a very intense player who always plays hard in practice and games. She has worked her way into the starting lineup because of her Monmouth’s pattern of going on scoring droughts continued against the Tigers. They went on droughts of five, eight, and six minutes re- spectively in losses to Del St. St. John’s, and Lehigh. This time, it was two separate three minute droughts, one in each half. One of the positives coming out of the loss is that the Hawks out-rebounded their opponents, after getting blast- ed on the glass by their previous two opponents.

“One way to prevent scoring droughts is to make easy buckets,” said coach Baxter, “We missed a whole lot of lay-ups during the game. If we only knocked half of those missed shots down, we win. We are getting great looks but we are not executing when it counts.”

Up next for Monmouth is a visit tonight from the No. 9 team in the country, the 6-1 Maryland Terrapins. The Terps finished 22-10 last year, finished No. 24 in the nation, and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. They defeated Monmouth last December 81-49 in College Park, MD. This season, Maryland’s lone loss came by five points to Pitt Sum- mit and the Tennessee Lady Vols. They have scored over 100 points 13 times this season and have played two games in a row. They are coming off a victory against fellow NEC team Mount St. Mary’s 102-53 last Sunday.

“We will prepare for Maryland just like any other team,” said Coach Baxter. “We have nothing to lose in a game like this. We are telling our players to play hard, take care of the ball, get back on defense, rebound, and finish easy shots. We will watch film and just try to control the pace of the game and keep them from getting easy baskets.”

Following the Maryland game, the Hawks will travel to St. Fran- cis NY, on Saturday. Baxter said the Hawks will be ready, “Our ability to score earlier in games was a little tougher than in the past. That hopefully will prepare us for the upcoming conference game against Siena. I feel that this will be a good match-up for us.”

Outlook’s Weekly NFL Picks - Week 14

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This weekend, the Hawks started their Indoor Track season at Seton Hall. On December 10th, they will visit Princeton. Highlights from the Seton Hall meet:

MU Men’s Highlights (unofficial results)

Men’s Long Jump
Troy Allen - 7.09m (23’2.25”) - 1st Place - ICAA Qualifier

Men’s Weight Throw
Ryan Connell - 15.33m (50’ 3.50") - 1st Place
Larry Lundy - 15.55m (44’ 5.50”) - 2nd Place

Men’s 60 Meter Hurdles
Allan Walker - 8.54 trials, 8.50 finals - 3rd Place

Men’s 60 Meter Dash
Troy Dennis - 7.19 Trials, 7.70 Finals - 3rd Place

Men’s Shot Put
Larry Lundy - 13.36m (43’ 10”) - 3rd Place

MU Women’s Highlights (unofficial results)

Women’s 500
Latascha Dickson - 1:19.0 - 3rd overall, 1st collegiate
Women’s Triple Jump
Tara Ebert - 10.75m (35’3.5”) - 4th Place

Women’s High Jump
Latascha Leake - 5.10m - 5th Place

Women’s 60 Meter Dash
Deanna Paulus - 8.21

For up-to-date results of all Monmouth athletic teams, go to www.monmouth.edu/ athletics or www.northeastconference.org

Alexander, Schau, and Caporoso earn distinction

Alexander Truncali ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Three Monmouth University cross country runners have earned All-NEC honors. Katina Alexander was the only runner from the women’s team to be named, while the men were represented by Matt Caporoso and Larry Schau.

This was Alexander’s second All-NEC honor in as many years and third overall. She had argu- ably one of the finest seasons in Hawks cross-country history.

Her season was highlighted by a stellar performance at the East Coast Athletic Conference Cham- pionships, as she finished ninth overall. Her time (18:43) was the second best in school history on the hilly Van Cortlandt Park. Ju- nior Malia Lyles just missed earn- ing All-NEC honors, finishing eighteen-tenth overall.

“The women’s team competed hard all season long, stuck together and all made great improvements from September to November,” said Head Coach Joe Compagni.

For Larry and Katina to come back the way they did and race that way last week was tremendous,” said Com- pagni.

“Another reason why the men’s team had an excel- lent work ethic this fall, and both the men and the women only lose one senior this year, so we are looking forward to more success next year,” added Coach Baxter. “Overall, the Hawks ran very well at the ECAC Championships.”

The men’s team finished 10th in ECAC, Matt Caporoso finished ninth overall out of 23 teams, their best finish since 2002.

They had four runners finish out of 26 schools, their best finish since 2001.
The Monmouth University men's basketball team has had some great battles against their cross-state rival, the Rider Hawks, over the years. This year however left something to be desired in the series as Rider toppled Monmouth 75-67 this past Saturday in front of a packed Boylan Gym. The two central Jersey teams were Northeast Conference foes until Rider left the league for the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference just before the 1997-1998 season, but the rivalry hasn't died down. This marked the third time in the last four years Rider has dealt the Hawks.

"They outrebounded us and we didn't get stops when we needed to," said junior center Corey Hallett, who had eight points and six rebounds in the loss. "We have to come ready to play every night. We learned our lesson, and we have put it behind us." Rider had the task of replacing a lot of its scoring load from the previous season, including All-MAC guard Jerry Johnson. They had no problem doing that Saturday, as they were led by Edw-in Muniz's 28 points. He was complemented by Jason Thomp-son's 15 points, 13 rebounds and aggressive defense as the 6-10 sophomore was the top of Rider's backcourt, and old backcourt mate, Delic chipped in with 11 points and seven assists. Delic chipped in with 10 points but struggled from three-point range, only going 2-for-10. Azzarelli, added 11 points and seven assists. Muniz's 28 points. He was the top of Rider's backcourt, and old backcourt mate, Delic chipped in with 11 points and seven assists. Delic chipped in with 10 points but struggled from three-point range, only going 2-for-10. Azzarelli, added 11 points and seven assists. Muniz's 28 points. He was the top of Rider's backcourt, and old backcourt mate, Delic chipped in with 11 points and seven assists. Delic chipped in with 10 points but struggled from three-point range, only going 2-for-10. Azzarelli, added 11 points and seven assists.

The Hawks struggled from the floor, going 38 percent for the game, and 33 percent from three-point range. Monmouth's usually solid defense also al-lowed Rider to shoot 50 percent from the field, including 5-of-10 from three-point range after half-time. Rider scored the first six points to erase Rid-er's two-point lead and give them a 36-32 cushion with two minutes gone by. Rider would eventually take a five point lead at 48-43 with 13:05 showing on the second half clock, and the lead would not get larger than six points until the 1:37 mark, but Monmouth was unable to pull within two points for the remainder of the game. "Y'a steal and a layup by Dejan Delic to take an early 4-0 advan-tage. The Broncos responded quick-ly as they went on a 12-2 run, led by three point field goals by Lamar Johnson and Muniz. At halftime, the score was 32- 30 as Rider had a slim lead after the two teams traded baskets all half. Monmouth scored the second half’s first six points to erase Rid-er's two-point lead and give them a 36-32 cushion with two minutes gone by. Rider would eventually take a five point lead at 48-43 with 13:05 showing on the second half clock, and the lead would not get larger than six points until the 1:37 mark, but Monmouth was unable to pull within two points for the remainder of the game. "Y'a steal and a layup by Dejan Delic to take an early 4-0 advantage. The Broncos responded quickly as they went on a 12-2 run, led by three point field goals by Lamar Johnson and Muniz. At halftime, the score was 32-30 as Rider had a slim lead after the two teams traded baskets all half.

The Hawks returned to action tomorrow night, Thursday, as they travel to the Continental Airlines Arena for another game against an in-state rival in Seton Hall. Last year in the Great Sea-son, the Hawks fell to the Pirates 70-50. This season Seton Hall is 3-2, including a 67-43 loss to nationally-number-one ranked Duke.

Seton Hall is currently unde-feated at home on 3-0, including wins over Manhattan, Marist and St. Peter's. The Hall is paced by Donald Copeland's 13 points per game and Kelly's Whitney's 12.2 rebounds and 6.4 assists per con-test. The Hawks have never de-feated a Big East team.

Hawks Notes

The remainder of Monmouth's non-conference schedule includes trips to Lehigh, Princeton and Hartford, and a home date against Drexel...The Dragons had an impressive showing in the CIT Season Tip-Off, losing to number-one ranked Duke 78- 68 Monday in the United Center. UCLA 57-56...Princeton defeated Lehigh earlier this year 64-54, but over the course of the season, the record of Monmouth's remaining nonconference opponents is 10-15...Monmouth's starting lineup of Chris Kenny, Corey Hallett, Marques Alston, Dejan Delic and Whitney Coleman is averaging around 10 ppg so far this season. Senior Chris Kenny...The Hawks are first in the NEC in three-pointers per game at 7.8 per contest and assists per game despite not having any one player average over 3.6 assts/game...Dejan Delic is sixth in the NEC in scoring at 14.2...Monmouth has six blocked shots on the season, five by 7-2 center Jon Bunch...The Hawks are second in the NEC in field goal percentage, shooting a hot 46 % from the floor through the season's first 14 games...the highly touted freshmen class brought in has contributed immediately, as Whitney Coleman and Michelle Shipman have combined to average about 14 ppg and has 29 assists on the year.

On the air: All Monmouth University men's basketball games can be heard live on WMCX, 88.9 FM, www.wmcx.com and www.sportsjuice.com. Pre-game coverage begins about 15 minutes prior to tip-off.

More than a game: A life experience

Ten days, five plane rides, three time zones, three games, one amazing experience. The 2005-2006 season-opening trips for the Monmouth Univer-sity men's basketball team were something to behold. Three years ago, the Hawks opened the year in the Virgin Islands. Last season, it was a pair of games in California. For this year, it was a little of both, just without the warmth and tropical setting of the Caribbean. This year saw the season again start out in California, this time in San Francisco. After drop-ping a nonconference game to the University of San Francisco, it was on to the prestigious Great Alaska Shootout in Anchorage, Alaska. For myself included, it was the first trip for many of the players and people in Monmouth contingent to Alaska. Last Frontier is a very beautiful place, especially when seeing it for the first time. To go along with the natural beauty was the way the Hawks played, which was just as captivating for spectators. As the radio broadcaster for the TV broadcast, I was given a make-up trip and witness something truly amazing. Being far from home, the Hawks were able to take over a crowd, save the 30 or so people that made the trip from Monmouth and player's parents, made up mostly of Alaskans and people from schools there with them style and demeanor.

Monmouth started as the underdog everyone rooted for, and by the end of the tournament, everyone had the Hawks for what they really are, a darn good basketball team that can beat any team on a given night. I can't begin to tell you how many people came up to me while there and complemented the players for how hard they played and how disciplined they were. Sounding corny aside, it made me proud to be a Monmouth student watching the team repre-sent the school the way they did. And a special thanks to big John Bunch (we think it was the first time a 7-2 man has been on a flight). For walk-on Steven Bazzar to get in the game, the Sullivan Arena in Anchorage for allowing Monmouth to play a game in Boylan Gym for three games. That was due not only to the way the guys played on the court, which was impressive, but also, in spite of the weather and atmosphere. The Hawks were able to run an entire tournament's crowd based on three games and I'm just thankful I was there to witness it. Everyone was en-touched when we pulled up to Boylan Gym after being on two separate planes for about eight hours, including a four-hour lay-over in Denver, but one thing was for sure, this team has the chance to be special, they proved it to the world in Alaska.
Brianne Edwards and the women's basketball team faces the #9 Maryland Terrapins tonight at Boylan Gym, the highest ranked team ever to come to West Long Branch. Women's basketball coverage on pg. 26.