News

New Renovations for Magill Commons Dining Hall

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After a waiting period of several months, the approximately $925,000 worth of renovations that were made to the Magill Commons dining hall are finally complete. The dining hall was closed for the summer to completely revamp the space shortly after class dismissal last May. According to Vice President for Student Services Mary Anne Nagy, the first meal since the closure was served on August 23 for summer residents, including athletes and resident assistants.

Now, instead of the bland dining hall that some students used to dread, Monmouth will welcome its students this fall with a warm and inviting place to eat and socialize. Although the main structure and basic layout remain the same, interior design has had a complete makeover that gives it an art-deco type vibe.

Nagy stated, “The project attempted to change the feel of the dining hall and move it from a cafeteria to a dining room. We changed how you enter the area so you are no longer going past the dish room, picking up a tray and then going ‘down the line’. Instead, you enter a dining room, choose a seat, and then decide on the multitude of choices for your dining experience.”

Monmouth University officials and Aramark staff worked together with architects to create a distinctive dining hall. Director Eric Savoie personally sat in on all meetings pertaining to the renovations, ensuring the design and reconstruction of the dining hall met with Monmouth University specific specifications, rather than a generic layout.

The new dining hall features a combination of hardwood floors and a section of tile, which replaced the carpeting. There is also an exhibition-style cooking section in the center of the main dining room. Walls are now displayed in warmer tones, and lighting is much more suitable for a dining atmosphere. One of the most exciting changes Magill Commons dining hall now boasts are the 34-inch, ceiling-mounted flat-screen televisions which further add to the modern environment.

In addition, students will now be able to make Associate Vice President for Operations and Technology Michael Fornelli personal contact. There are booths, as well as regular tables at various height levels which make one feel like they are eating in a local restaurant, rather than an ordinary college dining hall.

Upon the start of the academic year, students are welcomed back to a newly renovated Magill Commons Dining Hall.

Study Abroad

MU students share their experiences from Madrid, London, and Australia.

SPORTS

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Led by Brian Boland’s three touchdown passes, the Hawks defeated Fordham in their season opener.

Incoming freshmen unpacked and settled onto campus on September 3.

RAE CARSON CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Handheld stop signs, police men directing traffic, and golf carts packed from front to back with televisions, clothes, and fuzzy slippers all began the move-in process at Elmwood. First-year Monmouth students and family members moved dorm room necessities into what will be their homes away from home.

Not a single parking spot was left vacant, and not a hand left empty. Neither the heat nor the classic lines of cars and move- ers seemed to put frowns on this year’s incoming freshman class. Everyone was either laughing or smiling, despite the fact that the sun had barely risen.

“It was hectic, but exciting at the same time,” comments Alexa Baglivo, an incoming biology major.

Move-in day began with the lines for freshman to receive what was most likely their first ever room key, along with student ID, and laundry card. However, the wake up call was really when everyone realized that they had packed at least four times more than what would actually fit in the residence halls. Aside from the lack of space and elevator, most were pretty pleased that the move-in day had finally arrived.

“There’s three flights of stairs, it’s hot, but I’ve been waiting for this for a long time,” said Katie O’Brien, an incoming marketing major.

For many, the most exciting part of the move-in day was meeting new people. “The one thing I’m looking forward to most at Monmouth is meeting new people,” said Kayla Gambino.

Many of the students have high hopes for Monmouth and the many experiences they will encounter over the next four years. “It’s been great so far. My roommate is nice, and everyone just seems really friendly,” comments Courtney Kirzlaff.

The welcomed feeling lasted throughout the entire day, and the move-in day had finally arrived.

FYE program guides First Year Students

JACQUELINE KOLOSKI CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The First Year Experience Program (FYE), is geared towards ensuring a successful college experience for first-year students.

Dr. Judy Nye, Associate Vice President of FYE, said, “FYE is charged with ensuring that first-year students experience the challenges, opportunities, and support they need to succeed at Monmouth. We collaborate with all University offices and organizations that serve first-year students in an effort to create a more successful college experience for our students.”

She added that the program allows for the first-year students and Freshman Seminar classes to establish bonds with each other.

Eight individuals make up the FYE department. Dr. Nye was recently hired as Associate Vice President for Student Affairs in November of 2005. Bea Rogers holds the position of Assistant Vice President. Deborah Molinaro is the University’s Advancing Special Services Representative. Jeanette Villanueva is the Assistant to the Assistant Vice President. JoAnn Migliara is Operations Manager for Advising, and Billie Jean Kamin is Secretary.

The idea for the program came to fruition after looking at research that showed what happens when attention is specifically turned toward the first year students. The success rate is high, according to Dr. Nye.

“Research reveals that first-year students are the most vulnerable of all undergraduate students. However, research also tells us that providing first-year students with a strong support system has positive effects on student success,” explained Dr. Nye.

“Many folks at the University pay attention to such research, and over time we realized that we needed an office that was able to focus exclusively upon the needs of first-year students,” Marilyn McNeil, who was a co-chair of the FYE task force, said. “First-year students, I hope, will make important connections. Research tells ‘all of us’, and anecdotal evidence supports this, that if a student makes some kind of personal connection on a campus, then they will feel welcome. It is the isolation that often makes that first year a tough time. I hope the emphasis on first-year students will empower them to make good decisions and to make connections that will be useful and lifelong for them.”

Dr. Nye also added that the University’s offering of Freshman Seminar classes for the past 20 years has put “ahead of the...”
Dear Monmouth University Students:

Where have you been?
We have been waiting for your return.

Welcome back to campus.

It has been an uncharacteristically busy summer at Monmouth, something we intend to keep up. Our plan is to graduatly, but significantly increase course offerings here each summer. We want more top high school students to gain early college credits here, more courses for our traditional student population, and more courses for the will interest students from other colleges who are home at the Shore for the summer, or who would like to come to Shore for its summer opportunities and pick up some credits along the way. Many of you were here. Many more will choose to be here next summer.

For those of you who were at home or traveling, let me tell you we have made a few changes: a huge upgrade to your resident dining hall, new floors and TVs in the student center dining area and in the fitness center, some classroom conversions, progress in our multi-year schedule to improve residence halls, a new left turn signal into the resident parking lot, return of all books to the renovated library, a new library café, some additional apartments along Ocean Boulevard in Long Branch, resurfacing of the Art buildings’ exteriors and upgrades throughout Bey Hall including new floors, to name a few.

Professors Judy Nye and David Strohmetz have been asked to join the Administration as Associate Vice Presidents for “First Year Experience” and Outcomes Assessment, respectively.

The University and the faculty have been discussing collective bargaining matters this summer. I am impressed that collegiality and mutual-understanding characterized these once-every-three-years talks.

The Princeton Review has again selected Monmouth as a top American university, and our US News and World Report ranking improved for the seventh year in a row.

A new class – the Class of 2010 – has joined us. Like its predecessor classes in recent years, it is a top academic achieving class. Best GPAs ever. And, we admitted our largest EOF class.

So, the energy level is high. Professors, staff, and administrators have been eager to see you back on campus. We have talked a great deal about respect as we awaited your return. You will hear me speaking about self-respect: that is taking care of yourself and doing things that enhance pride in yourself. Peer respect comes next. Frankly, I want to see you taking care of each other: that means students looking out for fellow students and, generally, Monmouth community members taking care of other Monmouth community members. Yes, it goes for everyone. If you paid attention to news reports this summer, you know that there are some disturbing troubles in some parts of our world. We, as a civilized people, can rise above those who seek to destroy themselves and others. We can do it bit-by-bit by being responsible to ourselves and to our peers.

In a campus full of leaders, I look forward to the Class of 2007, my first class, leading you through a great academic year.

I’ll see you on the campus. Welcome back.
Paul Gaffney
President

Dear Students:
To the newest members of the Monmouth University community, the Class of 2010, and our new transfer students - a hearty welcome. To all our returning students, welcome back. It’s great to have you with us again. I hope your summer was productive and fun, and you are ready for another outstanding year here at Monmouth.

Over the past several months, much has been done to get ready for your arrival to campus. The library renovation and the new addition are complete, and the dedication ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, 2006. There is a radically different look to the resident dining hall for both our resident and commuter students.

You will also find a wealth of opportunities to get involved in the life of the campus. New clubs will welcome your participation and the Greek life system is always looking for strong students who want to form a community. You will find a wealth of opportunities to get involved and cheer all the student athletes who represent you and the University so well.

Take advantage of the outstanding performing arts, theatre, and film schedules. All of this is here for you but you must choose to take advantage of them.

I want you to be challenged by your experiences here. Stretch your comfort zone. Open your eyes to new opportunities while getting to know new people and appreciating the unique experiences and talents we all bring to this community. Finally, I want you to be healthy and safe, using the knowledge that you already have and that you will gain to make good decisions as you are confronted with the typical temptations of the undergraduate experience. Remember that you are an important and valued member of this community.

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Mary Anne Nagy
Vice President for Student Services

Dear Fellow Member of the Monmouth University Community:

Five years ago.
So long ago, we sat glued to the news as America was attacked in lower Manhattan, Washington DC and in the air above Western Pennsylvania. So long ago.

For many -- many of us here -- it seems like just yesterday. We saw the flames, we lost friends, our jobs were scrambled, our perspective on a troubled world changed.

Whether long ago or seemingly yesterday, we paused, like we do on this September 11th in 2006, to reflect on a dangerous world. And then we began again to “look forward.”

Today, we continue to look forward with hope. Because we know Americans are reaffirmed as patriots. We are resilient. Business is back. Yes, gas prices are up. But Americans are investing, learning, traveling, and living.

We do watch more carefully, these days. We decry war. But, we are unflinching in our support for those “over there” who have been asked to take the fight to terrorists on their ground, away from our ground. We are not a nation united in its foreign policy or in its defense policy. But, unlike prior times, we cheer for the young Americans who men and women abroad who are trying their best daily to deflect energy from a repeat of a 9-11 attack. And, fellow Americans, we are still free to debate those foreign and defense policies and free to elect those who oversee it.

This geographic area of our great nation understands the horror of terrorism better than most. It is not an abstract concept only brought to life by the evening news. We have seen it up close, just a few miles away. Yet, we have moved forward.

Stop with me and remember, meditate over, pray, if you wish, for those lost five years ago to that inhumane, cowardly crime against us. Take moment, then look forward again. We are not to be deterred.

Sincerely,
Paul Gaffney
President
University appeal coming to a close

SAMANTHA YOUNG
The Outlook

Almost two and a half years after the initial proposal, Monmouth University and citizens of the surrounding area found themselves in a legal battle with the West Long Branch Zoning Board. The University made an application to build a new residence hall, a project that would transform the area into a student-centered community.

In January 2004, Monmouth University submitted an application to the West Long Branch Zoning Board for variances to develop a new residence hall on land known as Kiklare Farms, into another residence hall. This would provide a solution to the housing shortage seen in recent years. The proposal was met with concern from those living in the area. A date for the hearing was set for February 2004. At the hearing, the Board members commented on the proposal, stating concerns for the continued growth of the University.

Following this approval, 39 members of the community opposed to the project filed a lawsuit against Monmouth University and the Board members. The lawsuit claimed that the Board members “failed to disqualify themselves from the conflict of interest and thus their participation and the decision made were under the impression this was a gentlemen’s agreement.”

The first grievance states the University “did not provide sufficient evidence to support possession of a quiet neighborhood. The decision was felt by a majority of the plaintiffs, dates back to 1995, when the University last expanded. Supposedly, after the last additions, residents of the surrounding community were in a gentlemen’s agreement with the University. They gave an oral promise to keep the land currently under appeal as open space. In addition, the residents were under the impression this would be an agreement insinuated more expansion projects would be proposed.

The second grievance, relating to the violation of New Jersey law, “is nothing more than a general statement that the [Zoning Board] decision violates previous court decisions,” says Dimenna. “Because no previous cases are listed to support this claim, we can only infer this particular ruling, the statement is ‘meaningless.’”

The last question, the objectivity of certain board members has, as a result of this question, been brought under investigation.

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Most students have completed their financial aid applications; however, it is not too late to apply for some types of aid. Late applicants should submit their Free Applications for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the Financial Aid Office or file on line at: www.fafsa.ed.gov. From time to time the Financial Aid Office will ask students to submit additional documents. Delays in submitting requested forms may result in the Office's inability to credit financial aid funds to student billing accounts and cancellation of course registration. The financial aid process will continue throughout a student's enrollment at Monmouth. Students reapply each year by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). These forms should be completed as soon after January 1, 2006 as possible but not before. Students may obtain a FAFSA from the Financial Aid Office or may apply on line at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Maintaining financial aid from one year to the next is also contingent upon students maintaining the University's Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress. The academic requirements are outlined in the Financial Aid Office's web site and the University Catalog, and may be different for merit-based aid and other types of aid. Any students with concerns about academic progress or other financial aid issues are strongly encouraged to stop by the Financial Aid Office to speak with a financial aid counselor. The Office maintains an open door policy and appointments are not necessary.

The Financial Aid Office is located on the first floor of Wilson Hall. Office hours during the fall and spring semesters will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday until 5pm and Wednesday until 7pm. Students may reach the Office by email at: finaid@monmouth.edu or by calling our office at 732-571-3463.

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At the beginning of the semester, Dr. Nye said that many of the plans for the incoming freshman class of 2010 were already in action. She mentioned that during the summer months, students visited the campus to take their placement test and make their full semester schedules. They were also on hand during the first-year students’ move-in weekend to welcome them to the University.

Dr. Nye added that FYE will have a high percentage of students participating in the Freshman Seminar this fall. The Freshman Seminar is a one credit course designed to help students adjust to University life; our research indicates that taking this course contributes significantly to student success,” said Dr. Nye.

Advancing another major plan for FYE for this academic year, “Our program strives to build an advising relationship that works holistically to help students develop their academic, career, personal, and social interests. They want students to understand that the advising aspect of the FYE program is for more than simply receiving direction in what courses they should take,” she continued.

Aiming to support FYE has an extensive program of workshops and programs concerning topics vital to first year students, such as study skills, career planning, and deciding on a major, according to Dr. Nye. The First Year Experience Program does have some changes in their horizon.

Dr. Nye said, “This year we are enhancing our efforts to create a coherent first year experience for students, including forming an advisory committee, developing a five year plan, increasing campus-wide involvement in first year initiatives, exploring ways to use technology to streamline and enhance our work, and building more structured contacts with students into the entire first year.”

One hope Dr. Nye mentioned is that the Freshman Seminar class, which is currently a one credit course, will hopefully one day be a three credit course.

Provost Thomas Pearson, who also played a significant role in the development of the First Year Experience program, believes that “First Year Experience will definitely benefit our students and provide the education and support to make that possible.”

To returning and new students at Monmouth:

We here in the WMCX News Department want to welcome new students to our beautiful campus, and welcome back returning students. Our magnificent institution has so much to offer a student. From our award-winning academics and athletics, to our outstanding clubs and student-run organizations, we are all truly lucky to attend Monmouth University.

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Good Luck this year.

Jason M. Allenhoff
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Modern Rock with an Edge
Meet MU: Matt Mastrorilli
Adjunct Journalism Professor

Meet MU would like to give you an insider look into one of our own Journalism Professors Matt Mastrorilli.

Early on, Mastrorilli knew he wanted to be a journalist, always found the topics to be interesting, and you aren’t doing the same thing every day. It’s really a ‘Jack of all Trades.’

As a graduate from Monmouth in 2000, Mastrorilli contributed a lot to the university. He was a member of the LCAC, Student Ambassador, and even did a specialty show for WMCX during the Christmas season.

It was his involvement in the Outlook as an Entertainment Editor, though, that tremendously helped him with his career. In his senior year, he became Editor-in-Chief. It was during this time that Mastrorilli decided to take his passion and turn it into a profession. During his junior year, he believed he gained enough knowledge to get started up on his own entertainment magazine.

After convincing his friend Kevin Borkowski to become his partner, they started a free entertainment publication called Night and Day.

Mastrorilli continued to thrive, and even won the College Entrepreneur Award in 2000, and was recognized as the Outstanding Student Award in the same year.

Night and Day magazine covers all of Monmouth and Ocean County, and gives its readers information ranging from the best restaurants and bars to patronize, to the best surf spots on the shore. Other sections include stories about local bands and artists, as well as a special section called “Chef’s Profile”, which gives information on chefs from popular restaurants, including information on their culinary history, and what specialty foods they serve. Anytime you are looking for a place to go to have fun, whether it be a bar, comedy club, or even miniature golfing, Mastrorilli has created Night and Day to be your guide to the Jersey Shore.

Since graduation, Mastrorilli has continued to contribute to Monmouth, teaching Freshman Seminar from 2000-2005. In January of 2005, Mastrorilli began teaching News Editing. A reprint of a Master’s Degree from Monmouth in 2002, Mastrorilli continues to take additional classes at MU with their Public Policy Program.

Aside from his teaching job and the magazine, Mastrorilli also works for his family business of Privatel Communications. Privatel is geared toward college students, and helps in the contribution of Privatel, which gives information on Chefs from Popular Restaurants, including information on their Culinary History, and what Specialty Foods They Serve.

This bold move attracted the students. "I was happy with the project," said Tanja Softic, but then again, it is normal for hundreds of students carrying three suitcases worth of clothes, and a mini fridge up three flights of stairs to feel a little crazy.

The move in was chaotic, but then again, it is normal for hundreds of students carrying three suitcases worth of clothes, and a mini fridge up three flights of stairs to feel a little crazy. Ian Craig, a junior, described his experience of being an Orientation Leader during the Freshman move-in weekend. "It was a really good experience. It was thrilling for the freshman that needed the additional guidance because it’s the most week of training seem worthwhile. We created bonds with some of the freshman that will last throughout our time at Monmouth."
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Op/Ed

GEAR UP FOR ANOTHER YEAR

The Outlook staff welcomes the new dining common. In case it hasn’t been made clear enough from all the letters in this issue…Welcome Back. We know some of you are freshmen, eager to get started and absorb the college experience. But others have already been there and wished summer vacation was just a little longer. There was a changing of the guards for this year at The Outlook: Lauren Benedetti, our Editor-in-Chief last year, has moved to Brooklyn to flaunt her Monmouth charm and use her communication degree for all it’s worth. Although the first issue just came out, we miss her terribly and hope to make her proud.

Your new Editors-in-Chief this year are us. Our names? Jackie and Sam. You can usually find us in The Outlook office laying out on Mondays and Tuesdays. If you feel so inclined, come on up and talk to us. We are always open to new suggestions. And we are always looking for new writers, photographers, and those interested in layout. So if you fall in any category, feel free to stop by on Monday nights during meetings.

The basis for this column is for us, the EICs, to give our two cents on what’s in the paper this week. So here we go, let’s give it a try.

First, we have the new dining hall, the atmosphere comparable to Panera Bread (thanks Lindsey Fino). Although the food might be the same, give or take a level of mediocrity, the new renovations look more like a café than what it was before - a cafeteria. Next up, move in day. For all of you who live on-campus, that was a little rough. Ever noticed it’s hottest test out when you have to move a majority of your belongings across a parking lot? Nevertheless, a collective sigh of relief was felt across campus Monday night. A tip of the hat to our wonderful move-in staff.

Other than that, our goal is to put out a good paper every week. Now, before the emails start rolling in, there are going to be mistakes in the paper. We’re not perfect and don’t claim to be. While reading one of our issues, if a layout or grammar mistake jumps off the page, shoot us an email. There have been instances before of people who never actually read criticizing us. To this we say, in all honesty, come join the paper and deduce that. That is not meant in a cruel or malicious way. If you have ideas on how to improve the paper – come show us!

On a final note, we just want to recognize that The Outlook was awarded first place from the American Scholastic Press Association this past spring. We want to extend our thanks and appreciation for all of the hard work and dedication from the staff. Our advisor John Moran said it best the other day and continues to publish their homework for all of campus to see.” The writers, photographers, layout people, and section editors all sacrifice hours of their time every week in order to put together an issue for the MU community to have every week. Even if you don’t like the work we do or read the paper all the time, the work done by this staff every week is worth it. Until next time, enjoy your first week back on campus!

Yes, hello, is this the police? I need a squad car dispatched immediately. My emergency is that I was just on the internet, and there was someone on it with a different opinion! ARE YOU IMMEDIATELY, HIS BEHAVIOR CAN NOT BE ALLOWED.

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A new school year has officially begun. That means that each of us have a fresh start and opportunity to change and improve.

What are your goals and aspirations for this school year?

Hello and welcome back! More specifically, welcome to the Op/Ed section of The Outlook. I’m Suzanne Guarino and I am the Opinion Editor this year. That means I’m here to help you express your views and opinions and be heard... well, read. It’s hard to believe that it’s already September and school is back in session. Why does it always feel as though summer is the shortest season? Maybe it’s because we hang onto it for dear life. I know that I am dreading the workload that’s ahead of me, and I’m sure you are also. One thing that I am looking forward to this school year is working on this section of the paper. This is my escape.

I want it to be yours also. It’s going to be a fun section to write for because you can just be yourself and write what is on your mind (just like you were writing in a diary, journal, or a blog). The difference is that there should be some facts thrown in there to back up your opinion, but also that I’ll be able to edit it for you and it will be printed in the newspaper for people to read and hopefully respond to.

The theme of the section this year is simply self-expression. Express yourself. What’s on your mind? What’s bothering you? What are your views on controversial issues? What are your views on events in the news? In what ways do you think Monmouth is doing well as an institution? In what ways do you think Monmouth should change? What is a good life lesson that you have learned recently?

Don’t be afraid to share your thoughts with others. You may be surprised how many people think the way you do. If they don’t, so what? Be an individual. Stand up for yourself. Back your thoughts up with facts to make yourself sound more knowledgeable. The bottom line is, if you don’t take a risk and express what you think, no one will ever know. Also, you’ll never be able to change any one else’s mind. Take a look at the quotes for the week on the next page. It is perfectly fine to offer suggestions on how our school can improve. We’ve all had experiences that we could have lived without. Let these pages be your outlet. You don’t have to write every week, but you certainly can if you want. If you are interested in writing a column (which means that we save you a spot every week in the section for your article), let me know! Expressing your opinions is natural. So, let it be a natural thing. When you feel something, write it down. This is a great way to write a powerful article. When you are angry at something, it means that you are motivated to do something about it. So, write about it! I guarantee your article will be great if you are passionate about what you write. The only thing I ask is that you are respectful to our school and to other’s opinions. Everybody is entitled to their own opinion.

I have a few pages to fill every week with your feelings, so write to me! You can send articles to outlook@monmouth.edu with a subject line of “opinion”. Please attach the article as a Word document if possible. If you need some ideas, you can check out www.outlook.monmouth.edu to see some of last year’s issues.

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Codependency Gets a Bad Rap

MEAGHAN DOYLE CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Okay, so my best friend and I are freakishly linked. I admit it. We’re closer than “regular best friends” are and I suppose that threatens some people. And I get that, I really do. What I don’t get is why people think it’s their right to voice opinion or to suggest that this “college thing,” our first separation since… well, ever, could possibly be good.

Allow me to back up. A couple of months ago, my best friend and I made the decision to not go to the same college. What she wanted in a college was more prevalent at another school and what I wanted was here at Monmouth. This was not, by any thin stretch of the word, an easy decision. In fact, it very well may have topped on The Hardest Decisions

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might be too dependent on someone can be a bad thing... But I only see fault if that person you’re depending so heavily on is not worthy of it. But I only see fault if that person you’re depending so heavily on is not worthy of it. My best friend is not, so I pose the question, what’s wrong with my thoughts into actual words. She keeps me sane, you all people, an anonymous? That means that you don’t have to worry because this is the one part of the class that liked her. She’s an un-derclassman, though she is smart for her age, but she doesn’t quite get “it” yet. “It” is that thing that none of us got when we were younger; that while it seems like a Grade A, world class, won-derful human being. The best person I know. She is my other half as the saying goes. The one I don’t make sense without. She simulates my thoughts into actual words. She keeps me sane, you know, having sex, our parents were tell-ing the truth. They’re not.

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“Opinions cannot survive around other’s opinions is nothing more than slavery.” – Lawana Blackwell

“We are so vain that we even fear criticism of those we don’t care for.” – Marie von Ebner-Eschen bach

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“Most of my friends were extremely supportive, under-standing that this would be an extremely hard summer for us and we may be a little exclusive; most of the time. One friend, how- ever, who’s always been slightly opinionated, has made a couple of choice comments and I’m writ-ing this article because, frankly, they’ve set me off. This friend is a bit younger and dramatically less mature. She’s always liked to run with us big kids, but only has a fan in a few. In fact, my best friend and I were basically the only seniors in our class that liked her. She’s an under-gradclassman, though she is smart for her age, but she doesn’t quite get “it” yet. “It” is that thing that none of us got when we were younger; that while it seems like

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Guiding students away from junk foods will help trim fat from U.S. waistlines

ARTHUR GARSON JR. CONTRIBUTING WRITER

For the first time since the Civil War, life expectancy of Americans is likely to decrease. Why? More people are obese, and obesity is linked with several diseases, including diabetes, heart and blood vessel disease and cancer.

All kinds of tactics are being used to reverse the trend. The American Medical Association recently recommended a compre-hensive approach to the problem of obesity. They have suggested that a “tax” along with education efforts.

We introduced healthier snacks to vending machines and healthier choices to cafeteria selections. We didn’t do it away with the junk food, but we did educate our employees and the consumption of our vending machines: our patients and their families.

For the vending machine pro-gram, we color-coded different snacks in vending machines. Items with more than 40 percent fat and 200 calories were coded with a red sticker, items with 20-40 percent fat and 140-200 calories were coded yellow and items with less than 5 percent fat and 140 calories were coded green.

Baked chips and trail mix are examples of the healthier choices. Colorful educational posters next to the ma-chines explained the program and the preferred choices for healthier eating. We added a 5-cent sur-charge to purchases of certain items. Results from the first year of sales showed sales of the red items went down 50 percent; the yellow went up 30 percent and the green items went up 15 percent.

Overall sales increased by 4.5 percent. We collected over $7,000 in nickels that were contributed to the Children’s Fitness Center.

This was a “triple win”: Consumers are eating healthier food, the vending machine vendors are making more money, and the Fitness Center started a new exercise program.

In other words, consumers are eating healthier food, while the vending machine vendors are selling more products.

The program demonstrates that when we partner with employers and give them the tools to make this happen, they will do so. The moment we begin to believe that we can’t have to be forced down that route. As a physician with a keen in-terest in public health policy, I’ve come to believe that in the long run, educated con-sumers make better choices than coerced con-sumers.

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Attend a ‘1st Step Meeting’ for more information, including applications and class offerings abroad. Please note that Monday & Wednesday meetings will focus on the London Program and Tuesday & Thursday meetings will focus on the Sydney program. Friday meetings will be of general interest to students unsure about where they may want to study abroad. We offer Monmouth students the option of 80+ programs in 30 countries through our membership in C C E I S. Meetings will be held in the Student Center Conference Room on the first floor.

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Score Your Dream Internship

AMANDA PAINTER
FEATURES EDITOR

"This is so cool," I thought to myself. I looked around in awe as I sat on a sofa in front of the receptionist's desk. Hanging on the wall in front of me in a glass case was a guitar along with sheet music for "Heart of Glass" signed by music legend Blondie. The lobby I was waiting in was too small to hold all of the excitement that was building anxiously inside of me.

"Hello Amanda, sorry to keep you waiting." The petite woman was building anxiously inside of me. "I'm Amanda, the assistant director of placement for the Rebecca Stafford Student Center."

"I'm so excited, thank you for meeting with me." I said, before she could say anything else.

"I can tell, let's go in."

"Comes the fall semester, it's time to start looking for an internship." I thought to myself as we walked down a hallway flanked by offices.

"So Amanda, why do you want to intern for us?"

"Now the question is: what do you need to know for your interview?"

"An internship is your ticket to a job after you graduate. It gives you real world experience that you don't typically acquire in college classrooms. Without any hands-on experience in a professional work environment, landing a job in the real world is going to be pretty tough. Here's what you need to know to nail the interview:

Rule #1: Prepare, prepare, prepare!

Research the company and industry. Find a company that interests you and check out their website. What do you have in common with the company's job description? What kind of candidates are they looking for?

Research yourself. What are your strengths and weaknesses? Remember, there are a dozen others trying to get the same internship, so what do you have to offer that the other candidates don't? What can you do for the company that they can't?

Rule #2: Practice!

It's important for you to hear yourself speaking and to hear how you answer potential questions. We sound much differently in our head than we do out loud.

Talk to other interns who worked there. Ask other interns what their interview was like and get tips on the company. Additional information will impress your interviewer and can compensate for lack of experience.

Rule #3: Remember that you are selling yourself. There are a few things that your interviewer will be looking for. Don't forget to:

✓ Make eye contact.
✓ Be confident.
✓ Show that you are listening by occasionally nodding your head when your interviewer is speaking.
✓ Dress as professionally and conservatively as possible, but don't overdo it.
✓ Be at least 10-15 minutes early.
✓ Bring your resume and be prepared to explain what is on it.
✓ Bring samples of your work if you have them.
✓ Ask questions when appropriate; it shows you are prepared.
✓ Follow up with a thank you letter or email the day of the interview.

Why did you choose your major? What qualifies you for this position? What kind of work environment do you perform best in? What do you know about our company? What extracurricular activities are you involved in? What are your strengths?
Hello everyone, my name is Erin, I'm a senior at Monmouth, and by the time you are reading this you will have flown to the UK for the Semester Abroad program. I am in London, and I am home. I am excited to be home and to have flown across the ocean, but the experience and memories will probably last for my lifetime.

As of right now, my plane leaves in one week exactly, and it's somehow hard to explain what I am feeling right now. But I find myself being a big part of me that is scared. I am scared of the unknown, leaving my family, friends, and boyfriend, and most importantly, scared of being lost, and of course being homesick. When I come home, I will leave the way of living that I have known for twenty-one years to live a different way and I can't wait. I feel that living in a different country will enrich my life and it is an opportunity I am looking forward to.

In London, I will be able to meet many different people opening doors to different opinions and lifestyles and these are things that I will get to know each other well since we are going through the transition together. More than anything, I hope this experience will allow me to learn more about myself, other cultures, and to come away with a greater understanding of the world.

Hopefully next week I will be able to update you and be able to talk to you in person. I will be looking forward to sharing my experience with everyone at Monmouth, an experience that wouldn't be possible without Robyn Asaro, so thank you to her. See you guys next week!

LORRAINE LESCHCORN CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I believe this trip is going to help me grow in ways that I look forward to experiencing. I will be leaving the way of living that I have known for twenty-one years to live a different way and I can't wait.

While studying abroad in Spain, I had the opportunity of visiting the Salvador Dali Museum in Figueres, Spain. The museum is Dalí's former home and is where he is buried. The main part of the museum is the theater in which Dalí had his work showcased as a child. It had been bombed in the Spanish Civil War, but what I enjoyed most about it were the few decades until Dalí and the mayor of Figueres wanted to restore it. The museum opened in 1974 and contains everything from paintings that reflect Dalí's life to all decades of his career to a living room that when looked at from a distance, is the facade of a theatre. One of the most famous pieces in the museum was "Gala Contemplating the Mediterranean Sea", a painting that at first glance looks like a woman and a man. It was painted in 1934, and depicts Gala, Dalí's wife looking at the Mediterranean but when you look from further away or through a camera lens, is Abraham Lincoln. Dalí explained this by having a small picture of Abraham Lincoln in the bottom right corner and said, "To the Dalí that is, Gala, Dalí's wife looking at the Mediterranean but when you look from further away or through a camera lens." It is a very interesting thing to see. While in Figueres, my host mother knew ABSOLUTELY nothing English and I thought I was in a bit of a situation. Well, I was wrong. My host mother was so understanding and great about it and I actually learned a great amount from her during my time in Spain. Occasionally, she would sit down for comida, the biggest meal of the day, Mama Lupe (this is what we call her) would let us sit at the table and she would lift up a fork, spoon, and knife and ask me to say the Spanish word for each. If I got it right, I was commended. If I got it wrong, I got a pointed finger at me and, "¡Eh!" yelled to me. Mama Lupe never understood this and I did not let these situations take me away from doing and seeing everything Spain and all that it had to offer me. I would recommend the study abroad program to ANYONE! Even if you are afraid of airplanes, or hate being away from home, or you don't think you will be able to update you and be able to talk to you in person. I will be looking forward to sharing my experience with everyone at Monmouth, an experience that wouldn't be possible without Robyn Asaro, so thank you to her. See you guys next week!

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Clockwise from top left: Lisa Pikaard with kangaroo at the Australia Zoo, 12 Apostles on Great Ocean Road in Melbourne, Bondi Beach, skydiving in Cairns, koala bear at the Australia Zoo, students at Darling Harbor, Sydney Opera House, students in North Sydney overlooking Sydney Harbor.

Photos courtesy of Lisa Pikaard

Clockwise from top left: Regents College, Regent College (different view), view of London skyline, aerial shot of Big Ben, overlooking Tower Bridge, riding through the streets of London on a bus.

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From top: Baleares-Eivissa, Santiago de Compostela, Puerta de Sol in Madrid, Background: Magical Granada.

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Sounds of Summer

REALITY BREAK

LYRIC LOUNGE

USA PIKAARD
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LISA PIKAARD
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While Switchfoot goes a similar Backstreet Boy.

- Alex, and Nick will always be my chapter of my life. Howard, Brian, in order to move on with the next for me but one that was necessary...it was a very tough decision to leave one of the most successful Kevin Richardson has decided to leave. This is his first release to Backstreet fans everywhere, who missed the blaringly loud album is due out on September 25.

"Looking for Lucky" and many more, the album, In My Mind, on July 25. He has achieved immense success with his new music group N.E.R.D. producing and recording with him, his production team, the Neptunes, and his many famous and successful collaborations with Britney Spears, Justin Timberlake, Snoop Dogg, and many other performers. This solo effort was certainly as warmly received as he hoped and expected. On the album, Pharrrell collaborates with artists such as Gwen Stefani and Kanye West, but it simply is not up to par with his past hits.

One artist that decided to go solo was Fergie from the Black Eyed Peas. That was by far the worst song of this summer. The lyrics, while inventive and are more repetitive than any other song on the radio. Fergie just doesn’t have what it takes to go solo.

A surprising hit of the summer is Panic at the Disco. Although the music scene this summer did not live up to the expectations laid out by the previous few summers, the coming fall is going to be a time for musical evolution, with many smash albums being anticipated, such as Justin Timberlake’s highly-anticipated return album, John Mayer’s newest sounds, Evanescence, Janet Jackson, and even Elton John. The summer seemed to be lacking its usual big hits and shocking successes, the coming fall promises to bring what has been lacking.

Hootie and the Blowfish may have appeared to vanish off the music scene, but apparently that is not the case. Their most recent album is a live disc entitled Live in Charleston. The album proves that Hootie can still rock a live audience. The fact that it’s a live disc generally means that there will be mistakes or lesser quality, but that simply isn’t the case. The seemingly forgotten classic band of our younger years seems to still have it with fantastic versions of their hits and some lesser known tracks of the past. The album is a great compilation of their work from their very first album, Cracked Rear View from 1994 through their most recent full length disc, the 2005 re-release, Looking for Lucky. The biggest regret for purchasing this is reliving the songs of the past decade or so and enjoying some forgotten tracks of our lives. The album, however, is lacking new material and promotions. For a great live disc with a large number of hit songs like “Time,” “I Go Blind,” “Only Wanna Be With You,” the album is worth having only if you do not have their greatest hits album.

Finally, one of Daddy’s bands made it to the public, and to number one for that matter. Daddy Kane comes from the MTV “reality” series Making the Band. Making the Band 3, and finally Diddy did it. Daddy Kane has released a promising video and an even more promising sound. The album is a cross between pop and hip-hop, and seems to be infringing on the current success of the Pussycat Dolls. The first track on the album, “One Shot,” could have been a Pussycat Dolls song. With their first single, “Shutup & Turn Me On” taking the charts by storm, their future seems bright. Songs featured on the show made it to the album which certainly helped with promotion. The first song on the album, “Sleep on it,” made the album and is something to hear. Overall the album is well put together between the ballads and the upbeat tracks. “Hold Me Down,” one of the most original sounding tracks of the album certainly deserves a listen.

THE BEST ALBUM NEVER WRITTEN

MEAGHAN DOYLE

While not the best album ever recorded, the Fray’s debut cd How to Save a Life can boast this: It is perfect. With just enough romance, bitterness, and hope, it’s the type of CD that could become the soundtrack of anyone’s life. Isaac Slade’s vocals, which are eerily reminiscent of Switchfoot’s Jonathon Foreman, carry melodies so comfortably you almost get the impression the man speaks in the song. The band, who all play well and confidently, seem to know his voice like it is shared among them, playing so complimentarily, the E Street Band would be jealous of these guys are good together. Very good. Each song is pleasing, and leaves you torn between the decision to repeat it again and again or to play the next. The lyrical content is not Shakespearean, possess a simplicity that, combined with Isaac’s unique voice, drives each word deep into your heart so that you are not just listening to the song you are living it. His voice is like a male version of Fiona Apple’s, and where she fails, he succeeds. If the songs were too clever, as hers often are, it would be overkill. He knows what he can do, and he does not overdo it. Instead of trying to sing out a million SAT words, he sticks to simple refrains and hooks, and big, sweeping accompaniments from his band. Isaac himself plays the piano, which adds a little twinkle to each song.

While Switchfoot goes a similar route, The Fray seems to be a little more mainstream. Jonathon Foreman has written songs that equal and eclipse anything on this album, though not with as much commercial success. He need not be threatened, for as great as “Look After You” and “How to Save a Life” are, and they are very, very great songs, they do not match Switchfoot’s “On Fire” or “Dusk Till Dawn.” The major difference between the two bands is that while Switchfoot sprinkles every album with one or two amazing songs, The Fray keep it consistent. Nothing is spectacular, but nothing is a filler. Each song has heart and a raw, true sound. Jonathon Foreman should not be jealous, but he, and most all musicians alike, probably wishes he made this album.
They’re back! It’s been 12 years and the Jersey duo of Dante Hicks and Randal Graves has returned! The original film, Clerks, written and directed by Kevin Smith (a New Jersey native), is a low-budget black and white “classic” of our time that everyone should see. Smith created Clerks maxing out 10 credit cards spending $27,000 and wanting it to “have no meaning whatsoever, just a lot of (four-letter) jokes.” Any Kevin Smith fan should own this movie and if you’re looking for a good witty laugh it’s worth renting. Even Monmouth “College” is mentioned from back in the day.

It’s been 12 years and the adventure of Dante and Randal continues. The cast including of Brian O’Halloran as Dante Hicks, and Jeff Anderson as Randal Graves, along with Jay and Silent Bob, (Jason Mewes and Kevin Smith) were back adding, Rosario Dawson. A variety of other famous faces managed to appear in the film as well including Ben Affleck, Jason Lee, and Wanda Sykes. With a budget of $5 million this time around the film is in color and the film quality is much better. The humor and wit throughout the movie are just as immediate but makes everyone laugh.

This coming-of-age story is an independent film about a small town boy, Reed Fish, in his hometown of Mud Meadows. While engaged to the town beauty, and his life seems great until he breaks up with his girlfriend. On a surprise visit back to Mud Meadows, Reed’s former flame Jill returns to his life, with his feelings for Jill beginning to re-emerge. Reed now has to decide whether he wants in his life—his fiancé, Kate, or the love of his life, Jill. The movie is very cleverly told. It starts off like most romantic comedies, but what makes it different is a giant twist about half way through. The movie is actually a film within a film. Reed decides to make a movie about this crucial part of his life, and what the audience is actually watching is the premiere of his own movie.

Casting in the film was great. Sherry Turkus used her talents of not only acting, but singing as well. With her beautiful voice, she has gotten several of the songs in the film. DJ Qualls used his comedic talent throughout the entire film, which really added something special to it. Jay Blue was very convincing as the confused lovebird, although Alexis Bledel desperately needs to take some acting classes.

The scenery helps to further the story. Filmed in Big Bear Lake, California, it aided in the portrayal of a small town where everyone’s in your business. The set was very original as well: For instance, Reed’s studio, where he works as a local deejay, is located inside of a barn near his house. The novelty and originality of this film has not been overlooked. It is already getting international distribution. Hopefully, the film will get a national release very soon. According to the blog of writer, Reed Fish, there is big news involving the film that he will announce soon.

To learn more about I’m Reed Fish, visit www.imreedfish.com.

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**Horoscopes**

*By Linda C. Black, Tribune Media Services*

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 6**

New problems appear, but that’s OK. You’re in no danger of dying of boredom.

**Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) • Today is a 8**

You make it look easy, and this time it is, but don’t let that go to your head. Make sure you let the others know how much you appreciate them.

**Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) • Today is a 6**

There are a couple of old promises to keep, before you advance. Make a list. Checking things off it will propel you forward. It’s amazing.

**Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) • Today is a 9**

You can solve the difficulties you’re facing, one step at a time. It’s also good to allow yourself an occasional leap of faith.

**Leo • (July 23 - Aug. 22) • Today is a 6**

You’re making a lot of money, but it’s foolish to assume this will go on forever. It might, but it might not. Don’t throw it all away.

**Virgo • (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) • Today is a 7**

You have an extra advantage, just because you’re so darned cute! Don’t let this go to your head, however. Also use your common sense.

**Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) • Today is a 7**

The less you say or otherwise let on, the greater your advantage. Wear your very best poker face, and listen carefully. Don’t tell them what you know, or suspect.

**Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) • Today is an 6**

You’ll have a lot of ways, during the next few weeks, to meet with fascinating people and share exciting ideas. This game doesn’t have to be expensive, but it sure is a lot of fun.

**Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) • Today is a 7**

You’re very good at expressing your opinions now, so speak up. There’s no need to be shy; others will appreciate your input. You’ll be doing them a service.

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**ACROSS**

1. Rascal
2. Young men
3. Haberdashery or boutique
4. German gun
5. Polish text
6. Amuse
7. Fight site
8. Put on
9. Bee of Mayberry
10. Co-star of 39A
11. Krazy
12. Facilitate
13. Socks
14. Moon’s planet
15. Can province
16. Her follower
17. It’s got
18. Jacob’s twin
19. Flicks and fauna
20. Classic TV sitcom
21. Amtrak’s express train
22. Radar’s favorite drink
23. Track figures
24. Basic education trio
25. Large vessel
26. Writer Follett
27. Ritualually, in Judaism
28. At any time
29. CIA adversary, once
30. Co-star of 39A
31. High spot
32. Comment from a Klutz
33. Hawk’s home
34. Ancient Greek weight
35. Pearl-shaped instrument
36. One final deal
37. Melville’s Billy
38. Prohibitionists
39. Divided into sectors
40. Comment from a klutz
41. Hat
42. Co-star of 39A
43. Roman senate
44. Emissary
45. Repair
46. Supplication

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**DOWN**

1. Loose
2. John L. or Jerry Lee
3. Fred Astaire’s sister
4. Use a rotary phone
5. Vigorous conflict
6. Madras mystic
7. Domestic unit
8. Possess
9. Winter hours in L.A.
10. Respond to an alarm
11. Suspect story
12. Evaluated
13. Buddha’s home
14. E-mailed
15. “The __ lama he’s a priest...”
16. Blackjack tie
17. Repair
18. Intro to economics?
19. Bust the budget
20. Clear out
21. Girlfriend
22. Baltimore gridder
23. Designer Donna
24. Infamous Benedict
25. Comment from a klutz
26. Flower holders
27. Group of six
28. Pairs of BYOB
29. More, musically
30. Flower holders
31. Clear out
32. Infamous Benedict
33. Designer Donna
34. Infamous Benedict
35. Written off
36. “Biography” channel
37. Wrinkle remover
38. Baltimore gridder
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- Fraternity and Sorority Life
- Student Center Operations
- Multicultural and Diversity Initiatives
- Programming and Activities
- New Student Orientation
- Leadership Development

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Your Activities Crew,

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**Weekend Movie Series**

Friday, September 8 @ 8:30 PM  
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**X-Men: The Last Stand**

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**This Week's Campus Events**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2006**

- Academic Orientation for New Students: 11:00 AM, as per your Orientation Schedule

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2006**

- Federal Work-Study Job Fair: 11:00 AM, Alumni Hall - Student Center
- Behind-the-Scenes Tours of Wilson Hall: 2:00 PM, Wilson Auditorium - Wilson Hall

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2006**

- Thursday Night Alternative Live (TNA): 7:00 PM, Oakwood Lounge - Oakwood Hall
- Outdoor Movie - X-Men: The Last Stand: 8:30 PM, Great Lawn Behind Wilson

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2006**

- Matt Mullenberg: 9:00 - 11:00 PM, Residential Quad

- The Da Vinci Code: 9:00 PM, Young Auditorium - Boy Hall

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2006**

- Red Bank Street Fair: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Entrance/Exit, Birth Hall Loop (last return - 6:00 PM)

- Catholic Centre BBQ: 5:00 PM, Catholic Centre (via Carter Behind Health Center)

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2006**

- Outdoor Movie - X-Men: The Last Stand: 8:30 PM, Wilson Hall Auditorium - Wilson Hall

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“What is the funniest thing that happened to you this summer?”

BY: SUZANNE GUARINO

Tom
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“I went to Disney World and rode on the Teacups. It was the best time of my life.”

Gary
junior

“I got a little out of hand at a buddy’s party and found myself laying in my underwear on rocks in the backyard with about 150 people around.”

Kelly
freshman

“When we were moving into Pine-wood, we witnessed a man walk into a glass wall instead of the door, and he like, bounced.”

John
sophomore

“I drove to the city with friends and we took the ferry and I didn’t think it was important to remember which port we parked at...until we wanted to go home.”

Dave
freshman

“I got my private area stuck in a barbed wire fence and I just laughed.”

Clark
sophomore

“A chick dared me to take my clothes off in front of a group of people saying if I did, she would too. I did it but she found my friend better looking naked.”

Christian
freshman

“Somebody stole my Birkenstocks at a music fest in the city and I had to walk around barefoot for 48 blocks.”

Jessica
freshman

“I was here for EOF and I was walking through the tunnel and my friend came out of nowhere and jumped behind me. I got so scared I screamed. Then a guy came over and asked if I was okay.”

Retep
freshman

“I got chased out of a girl’s house naked at 3 a.m. by her father with a shotgun.”

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Miles Austin makes Cowboys final roster

It is official. Former Monmouth University football standout Miles Austin, who impressed NFL scouts at last years pre-draft combine, has landed a roster spot with the Dallas Cowboys as a reserve wide receiver.

The Cowboys announced their final cuts on Saturday afternoon. Coming into camp as an undrafted free agent, Austin had a tough road ahead of him. The Cowboys already had Terrrel Owens and Terry Glenn on their roster, and had just used their fourth-round draft pick on Skylar Green, a wide receiver from Louisiana State University. Throughout training camp, Austin had been battling with Green and veteran Terrance Copper, a special teams star, for Dallas’s wide receiver roster spot. While Green’s release comes as no surprise due to his salary, the same cannot be said for Cooper, who was the Cowboys’ special teams ace last season.

Austin’s preseason performance was highlighted by a 48-yard touchdown against the New Orleans Saints. It is likely he will take Cooper’s spot as a contributor on special teams this season. Austin will make his debut as the first Hawker to play in the NFL this season.

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Hawks football notes:

• Brian Boland came into the season eight touchdown passes shy of setting the Monmouth all-time touchdown pass record. With three against the Rams in Week 1, Boland now has 47 career touchdown passes, five away from the record.

• This season WMCX 88.9 FM will be doing a football pre-game show live from the Kessler Field parking lot prior to each Hawks home game one hour before kickoff. The premiere of “Pre Game in the Parking Lot” will be this Saturday at noon prior to the Hawks taking on the Morgan State Bears.

PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reno

Hawks football schedule:

9/9/2006 Morgan State 1:00
9/16/2006 St. Peter’s 1:00
9/23/2006 at Colgate 1:00
9/30/2006 Stony Brook 1:00
10/7/2006 Sacred Heart 1:00
10/14/2006 at Wagner 1:00
10/21/2006 at Robert Morris 1:00
10/28/2006 CCSU. 12:00
11/4/2006 St. Francis (PA) 1:00
11/11/2006 at Albany 1:00
The Monmouth University men’s and women’s cross-country teams continue to dominate the competition. Under head coach Joe Compagni, the team is poised for another big season as they try to capture another Northeast Conference title.

The Hawks are fortunate to have Malia Lyles (Team Captain), Josie Jones, Melissa Vientos, and Lindsey Rutte returning on the women’s side and Larry Schau, Martin Suarez, Matt Caparoso, Randy Hadzor, Dustin Coleman, Tina Alexander running 9:58.94 in the 3,000 and the 4x200 team headed for his 12th year as head coach of being stronger than they were last season. Both teams are capable of being stronger than they were in 2005. The key will be for us to get stronger from week to week and to be at our best for the championships.

Coach Joe Compagni will be returning for his 12th year as head coach for the Hawks.

Here’s a look at some of the highlights from the end of last season:
April 27-29- At Penn Relays, the Hawks competed in front of a crowd of more than 114,000 fans.
May 26-27- NCAA East Regional Championships- MU finished seventh overall out of 106 member schools.
May 1-2- MU won the MEAC Championships at Mt. St. Mary’s, and the men won the 3rd year in a row. MU scored 165.5 points beating second place St. Francis, PA by 36.5 points.
May 2-3- MU finished ninth at the Regionals. Freshman Marion Easley finished 16th in the long jump. Taylor and Smith competed at the U.S. Championships.

Cross-Country Hawks Cross-Country look for more success in 2006

Passarella’s goal leads field hockey to 1-0 victory over West Chester

Sophomore Molly Passarella (Atco, N.J./Hammondton) [picture] logged her first collegiate shutout as she faced seven shots and recorded two saves in the contest.

The Blue and White return to action next Sunday as they travel to Providence to take on the Friars in a 1 p.m. contest.

PHOTO COURTESY of MU Athletics

Molly Passarella scored the only goal in the Hawks 1-0 win over West Chester. It was the Hawks first win in this young season.

SPORTS

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The Blue and White controlled the game throughout as the ball was constantly in the Hawks’ half of the field. Monmouth outshot the Golden Rams, 14-7 for the game, including 5-1 in the second half.

“We played a great team game today,” head coach Monica Morgan-Levy said. “Our bench created a lot of energy that transferred over to our play on the field.”

Green, Annie LoPresti (Middletown, N.J./Middletown North) and Maeve Hagen (Hummelstown, Pa./Her shay) constantly put pressure on WCU’s goaltender, Joelle Zarefoss, as each player had at least two shots on goal in the contest.

“We were able to execute our passing game, which allowed us to capitalize on the opportunities we created,” said Levy. Freshman netminder Chelsea Farley (Sykesville, Md./Centennial) logged her first collegiate shutout as she faced seven shots and recorded two saves in the contest.

Outlook’s Weekly NFL Picks - Week 1

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Women’s Soccer

Women’s soccer looks to make a name in a tough NEC

ERIC WALSH
STAFF WRITER

When you think Monmouth University fall athletics, football is the first sport that comes to mind. However, this year, it’s the Hawks’ women’s soccer team that’s making a name for itself on campus and around the Northeast Conference. Entering her eighth season as head coach of the women’s soccer program, Krissy Turner looks to improve on last season’s 5-9-3 record. Overall, this year’s team is young, with 18 underclassmen and seven juniors and seniors.

“As we have a lot of younger players, the coaches in the league are going to be in for quite a surprise with the talent in our freshmen class.”

KRISSES TURNER
Women’s Soccer Coach

However, Coach Turner expects a great season as long as the team “stays healthy.”

There are several key returnees that helped fuel last year’s attack on both offense and defense. Captain Tanya Earl will look to help out on the offensive side this year playing in the midfield or as a forward. Brittanii Keller, the second captain of the Hawks, will be relied upon as a central defender for the squad. Amy Hoyer is the final key returnee and will be expected to have a strong season heading the offensive attack playing the midfield or forward position. The team also added some exciting fresh faces, being praised as the second best incoming freshman class in the NEC. Andrea Lopez (Ocean Township), headlining the class of 2010, will help Hoyer on the front line with, as Coach Turner puts it, her “savvy and technical ability.” Joining the defensive side of the ball will be newcomers Shannon Rogers and Brianna “Breezy” Salvia who have shown great promise in early summer practices.

In the preseason predictions, the Hawks have been selected to finish fourth in the Northeast Conference. When questioned just prior to the season, Coach Turner replied, “The conference preseason ranking of four is fair based on the last two years.” She added, “As we have a lot of younger players, the coaches in the league are going to be in for quite a surprise with the talent in our freshmen class. Add in the mix with our veterans and we are looking forward to getting back into the conference tournament and winning the championship.”

The first three games of the season will determine how much the Hawk’s achieve this year. The opening game versus Albany is vital to begin the year in good form, particularly at home on the Great Lawn where the women’s soccer team looks to get back to the conference tournament and winning the championship this season.

2006 Northeast Conference Women’s Soccer Preseason Coaches’ Poll

1. Central Connecticut State (7)
2. Long Island (3)
3. Sacred Heart
4. Monmouth
5. Saint Francis (PA)
6. Fairleigh Dickinson
7. Quinnipiac
8. Robert Morris
9. Mount St. Mary’s
10. Mount St. Mary’s

2006 Women’s Soccer Schedule

9/10 St. Peter’s @ 1
9/15 at Lehigh @ 7
9/20 Lafayette @ 4
9/22 at Rider @ 4
9/24 Temple @ 1
9/29 Fairleigh Dickinson @ 3
10/1 Sacred Heart @ 1
10/6 at 3
10/8 at Central Conn. St. @ 1
10/13 Robert Morris @ 2
10/15 St. Francis (PA) @ 1:00
10/19 at NJIT @ 7
10/22 at Mount St. Mary’s @ 12
10/27 at Long Island University @ 6
10/29 at Wagner @ 1

As a result of their strong finish last year, the Hawks look to gain an advantage on their opponents in the past and is expected to this season as well. With the help of some new players and the experience of the veterans, the women’s soccer team looks to get back to the conference tournament and winning the championship this season.

The Monmouth University women’s soccer team dropped a 3-1 decision to Seton Hall University at Liberty Field on the campus of NJIT on Sunday afternoon. The Pirates’ Eliseo Giusfredi netted two scores, including one just 41 seconds into the match, to pace Seton Hall (2-2) to the win. From the opening touch, the Pirates’ John Raus found Giusfredi for the score, the first for this sophomore this season. Prior to the intermission, Raus scored a goal of his own, on a counter attack, giving the Pirates a 2-0 edge at the break.

“We were disappointed with our slow start,” commented head coach Rob McCourt. “The Hawks (2-2) cut the lead to 2-1 in the 66th minute when sophomore Andreas Klang (Gothemherg, Sweden) directed a free kick to Steven Holloway (Hamilton, New Zealand/Hamilton), who nodded a pass to the feet of senior Hugh MacDonald (Kearny, N.J./Kearny), who found the back of the net. Seton Hall, which finished the 2005 season ranked 24th in the country, continued the pressure as a bad Monmouth clearance allowed Austin Nyquist to find Giusfredi again for a score in the 84th minute.

“The second half was a better reflection of who we can be as a program,” stated McCourt. “But by then it was too late. We created many good scoring chances in the second half, but just could not finish.”

Monmouth junior netminder Daniel Schenkell (Campe Verde, Brazil) made five saves in the goal, while facing 12 shots. His counterpart, Paul McHenry made two saves, while seeing 15 Monmouth shots.

Monmouth returns to action on September 6 when it faces NJIT in Newark, at 7 p.m.

Seton Hall

Women’s Soccer

2006 Men’s Soccer Schedule

10/27 at Long Island @ 1:00
10/29 vs. Monmouth @ 1:00
10/30 at St. Peter’s @ 1:00
11/4 at Lehigh @ 7
11/7 at Lafayette @ 4
11/10 at Rider @ 4
11/12 Temple @ 1
11/17 Fairleigh Dickinson @ 3
11/19 Sacred Heart @ 1
11/22 at Central Conn. St. @ 1
11/29 Robert Morris @ 2
12/2 at St. Francis (PA) @ 1:00
12/4 at NJIT @ 7
12/7 at Mount St. Mary’s @ 12
12/14 at Long Island University @ 6
12/16 at Wagner @ 1

The Monmouth University men’s soccer team topped St. Francis (NY) 2-1 in the conference opener and suffered a 2-0 loss to Robert Morris in Windy City.

Monmouth senior goalie Kevin Farnell (Jersey City, N.J.) made seven saves in the loss, while facing 12 shots. His counterpart, Paul McHenry made two saves, while seeing 15 Monmouth shots.

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