Online profiles such as MySpace and Facebook became available only a few years ago. But, since then, they have made it possible for thousands of students to reach their victims. On November 9, members of the Information Technology department as well as the Department of Psychological and Counseling Services, held a seminar about the dangers of the Internet, specifically MySpace and Facebook. The purpose of the seminar was to warn students of the predators to reach their victims.

Many people seemed to find the seminar informative, such as MySpace and Facebook. People were shocked to find out how much information someone can find out about you from your profile. The main message is that there are risks students should be aware of. If students understand the risks and the changing legal environment associated with them, many will act more responsibly. "The purpose of the event was to raise awareness on what kind of dangers and risks are associated with the Internet," says Dr. Kyle Barr, a psychological counselor at Monmouth University. Many of the students in the audience were also shocked to find out certain information about their most used social Web sites. "I learned that people can get access much more than most people would think, and the information is definitely something that could haunt you in the future," commented freshman, Megan Rondina.

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The Department of Language Studies presented Festival of Languages on Thursday, November 9, in the Wilson Center. The event, open to all University students, boasted a variety of foods and entertainment. Both professors and students came together to celebrate the many cultures, as well as the cultural courses offered at Monmouth.

Maria Simonelli, professor of Italian, Greek and Latin said, "It is important to learn about other cultures because we all need to learn from each other." Pleased with the turnout at the event, Dr. Priscilla Gac-Artigas, Chair of the Foreign Language Department said, "We had much more students than last year.

The festival opened with a performance by students Oscar Diaz, Justin Karpinski, Michael Lubischer and Teresa Mancini titled "Ode to Don Quijote." This was followed by the various talents of the student body. Twenty students entertained the audience by singing, dancing, reciting poetry and speaking about presentations they had made. Eighty students contributed foods from foreign countries. Twenty-nine students made posters depicting different cultural aspects of either their native country or the country they are currently studying.

This was my first festival in Monmouth and I thought it was great," Diaz, a Spanish Education major and native of Chile said.

adds political science major Catherine Heredia. "There was a lot of talent in the festival, and it was organized very well."

But, since then, they have made it available only a few years ago.

Popular Web Sites Pose A Danger

RAE CARSON STAFF WRITER

Jeff Daniels Showcases Musical Talent at Pollak

Sitting alone in the middle of the stage with only blue jeans, a t-shirt, top hat, and acoustic guitar, Jeff Daniels entertained patrons last Saturday in Pollak Theatre.

Daniels is best known as an actor, playing major roles in movies such as Dumb and Dumber, Arachnophobia, and Terms of Endearment. Currently, Daniels is touring college campuses and other venues performing songs from his CD Live & Unplugged - To Benefit the Purple Rose Theatre. The theatre is a nonprofit playhouse in Chelsea, Michigan that prides itself on supporting Midwestern playwrights.

According to Victor Peck, Director of Monmouth's Performing Arts Series, "(Daniels') agent called me immediately, because he felt this was a perfect show for our series. It was flattering that he would think that, since Jeff Daniels is such an accomplished person."

Peck said having Daniels come to Monmouth was deeper than just the attraction of a big name movie star on campus. "(The Philosophy behind him coming) was to point out the fact that people can excel at more than one thing," Peck said. "We shouldn't put them in boxes; keep them there... not allowing them to pursue other acts. Also, to attract students because I knew they would recognize him from Dumb and Dumber. I saw this as an opportunity to open their minds up to this idea and to make a statement about not limiting themselves."

The concert, which began at 8 p.m., was free for students with their student ID's and $35 for other guests. The concert had two sets with a 15-minute intermission. After Daniels welcomed the crowd, he jokingly asked if there were any Dumb and Dumber fans. This elicited a large ovation from the crowd.
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students, some of which brought large posters and DVDs from the hit comedy film. Daniels started the show at a high energy pace, much like his opening infection of “West Long Branch on a Saturday Night,” which had a line that said, “We’re going to do it up right, in West Long Branch on a Saturday Night.”

During the rest of the first set Daniels sang about his humorous indiscretions, first an car, and road rage. Then he did something few in the audience seemed to expect, he started speaking into serious topics. “I expected more of a comedy show, which was a surprise that it was more serious, but it was really good,” commented junior Jay Letchko.

With songs like “Have a Good Life then Die” and “Grandfather’s Hat,” Daniels gave viewers an intimate look at his life off camera. He continued this trend, but also kept the comedic vibe with lightener songs including “When Your Filthy,” “Detroit Train,” and “Dirty Hat.”

The greatest applause and laughter in the second set came from a performance concerning his travels in an RV to theBaseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY. Daniels says about driving away from a rest stop without this wife. As he went through the entire decade the crowed roared in laughter.

Dom Isolda, a junior criminal justice major remarked, “It was a great show overall, but the last song I was absolutely blown away by. The insight into his life before he became famous. He told a story about driving in an RV to Cooperstown. It’s cool because it shows he still does things normal people do.”

Although Daniels was scheduled to sign autographs after the show, he would not walk a guitar and illness from constant touring precluded him from staying after the show. However, signed copies of his CD were available for $20 at a table set up as you walked in to Pollak Theatre.

Daniels, who received a standing ovation after his last song, said he enjoys watching people’s reactions to his musical performances. “A lot of the songs are funny, and they are all original, and the next thing you know they are walking in a parade they haven’t seen before. Daniels said, “I can get around on the show. “I can get around on the gigs, and I’m good at singing and playing guitar. I’ve got some really great people that run the theatre. The theatre is set up, and has been for 15 years, where I’m the executive director and unpaid. That allows me to go off and do things. When I walk out with a guitar, the expectations are so low, because the last thing the world seems to want is some actor/songwriter/songwriter who instantly thinks he’s a musician. But, after two or three songs I’ve got ‘em.”

What is your favorite thing about being a touring musician?

Gray opened with a poem about being a tourist. “I shoot pretty pictures, guys like that. Tom Van Zant, of course. Guys that are a little bit of me, you know, a little bit of the people you meet on the road. There’s John Legend, John Hyatt, Guy Clarke, Christopherson is a kind of a Hemingway -- he is just so controversial, she forces her audience to learn everything you can about it. Go get around on the gigs, and I’m good at singing and playing guitar. I’ve got some really great people that run the theatre. The theatre is set up, and has been for 15 years, where I’m the executive director and unpaid. That allows me to go off and do things. When I walk out with a guitar, the expectations are so low, because the last thing the world seems to want is some actor/songwriter/songwriter who instantly thinks he’s a musician. But, after two or three songs I’ve got ‘em.”

When you children look at your career, how do you want them to see you, as an actor or a jack of all trades?

Somebody who is living a very creative life, and I have insisted that in my kids, I’ve said you don’t have to put on a coat and tie and have an office on the fourth floor of a 34 story corporate building. You can find out what you want to do, find out what you are good at and find out what you want to do, and you can do that. I don’t know if anyone’s going to look at BridgetGray and say, “What is Bridget Gray famous for?”

When was the greatest job of your life?

Gray made some great observations on going on that journey every night. “What is your favorite thing about being a touring musician?”

Walking out there and dealing with the challenge of trying to hang onto an audience that doesn’t have a clue as to why you might be wanting to do this. The expectations are so low for any actor/singer/songwriter out there. We’ve got William Shatner to thank for that. It’s a great challenge to sit there and learn everything you can about it. Go go around on the gigs, and I’m good at singing and playing guitar. I’ve got some really great people that run the theatre. The theatre is set up, and has been for 15 years, where I’m the executive director and unpaid. That allows me to go off and do things. When I walk out with a guitar, the expectations are so low, because the last thing the world seems to want is some actor/songwriter/songwriter who instantly thinks he’s a musician. But, after two or three songs I’ve got ‘em.”

What do you know about the Bard?

In “Dear Jon,” she performed this poem live at Def Poetry Jam, where she had an opportunity to listen to BridgetGray. “I was involved in a lot of plays at the theatre department. That’s pretty much it. We had intramural football. We had a bunch of high school athletes that thought they were still good. We usually won the championship one year. Only because we had a quarterback that could throw it on a dime 40 yards still. That was pretty much it. Other than that, I majored in beer and minored in sin."

What is it like to be one of the richest actors in Hollywood?

Gray explained that she cried over the pick, but to the kids looking at the world -- no matter what happened, she would stand in truth. "This kind of poetry seems to appeal to everyone. Even though I am at times overt and controversial, she forces her audience to listen and think of what it means to live. Sophomore Matthew Frangione attended the event and said, “I was surprised to see BridgetGray, attended the event and said, “I was surprised to see BridgetGray. attend the event and said, “I was surprised to see BridgetGray." What was your musical influences?”

Gray performed at Java City.
On November 8, students and members of the Monmouth University community were invited to a special presentation on the Armenian alphabet. In celebration of the 1,600th anniversary of the alphabet, the Web site was “the collaborative Web site, to better suit the needs of students, and better utilize Monmouth’s Web space. We’re just so excited about moving forward with a fresh new look,” Savarese said. “The new Web site will be more appealing on a lot of levels. It will be easier to use and friendlier to visit.” Savarese said the decision to update the Web site was “the collaborative effort of many of the school’s administrative offices.” She went on to explain that every- one from President Paul Gaffney to the Board of Trustees agreed that it was time to update the site. “Once in place, I think that every- one from President Paul Gaffney to the Board of Trustees agreed that it was time to update the site.”

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Experiential Education Fair Informs Campus

Students share personal accounts of experiences outside of class

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On Wednesday, November 8, “How Es-Ed Changed My Life:” was presented from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. in Anacon Hall. The event was open to all students seeking information on how to fulfill their experiential education credits. An experiential education experience is required by all majors and is fulfilled by service learning opportunities. Experiential education can be fulfilled by service learning – which is a service project – studying a semester abroad, cooperative education placement, or an internship. While at the fair, the students had the opportunity to visit tables and talk to other students, faculty, and professionals. The tables were set up according to majors including psychology, criminal justice, history/anthropology, political science, English, accounting, management, marketing, economics & finance, software engineering, social work, music & theatre arts, foreign language, math, education, special education, and communication.

Liz Glynn, campus organizer and a New Jersey Community Watch employee, was seated at the biology table. She said that her organization, “Offers a variety of opportunities for ex-ed,” including internships in monitoring local waterways, organizing cleanups for waterways, public relations, and educating about water quality.

Rachel Kurzawa, a business administration and accounting major, fulfilled her experience by studying abroad in Australia during the fall 2005 semester. She volunteered to speak to students about her experiences and how they can learn more about studying abroad.

“I’m here to let other students know that they can do it too,” Kurzawa said. “I enjoy speaking to students at events like these. It gives you good public speaking skills.”

Dr. Kelly Ward, the Faculty Director of Experiential Education, spoke of why it is important to have such an event.

“A lot of students don’t know their options or what their opportunities are and how to fulfill ex-eds and ways to go about doing it.”

If we don’t have this fair, students would have to go to their department and say “What do I do?” The fair is less threatening.”

Students who missed the fair or want to gain more information on how to fulfill experiential education requirements for their major should contact the Career Advisor and Planners in their department or visit the experiential education Web site at http://monmouth.edu/academics/lcac/exed.asp.

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Students visit various tables set up in Anacon Hall, which were organized based on major.

World According to MU: The Election

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ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

The ballots are in, and a new senator for the state of New Jersey has been chosen based on the November 7 elections. Democrat Robert Menendez came out on top with 1,165,956 votes (53.2%), according to a New York Times report.

Menendez is also encouraging the students who missed the fair or want to gain more information on how to fulfill experiential education requirements for their major should contact the Career Advisor and Planners in their department or visit the experiential education Web site at http://monmouth.edu/academics/lcac/exed.asp.

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Students Honored for Freshman Achievement

Phi Eta Sigma Inducts 93 Into Honor Society

Arnold Barbin
Copy Editor

The rainy, melancholy weather on Sunday, November 12, did not dampen the spirits of the 93 Monmouth University students inducted into Phi Eta Sigma. Founded in 1923 at the University of Illinois, Phi Eta Sigma is the oldest and, with 353 chapters nationwide and over 900,000 members, the largest academic honor society for first-year achievement.

In 1937, Phi Eta Sigma was voted into the Association of College Honor Societies and holds the third-oldest membership in that group. The motto of Phi Eta Sigma, from the three Greek words on its chest, is “Knowledge is Power.”

To be eligible for induction, students must, in their first full year at their academic institution maintain a 3.5 GPA. Once inducted, students are members for life. The Monmouth University chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, part of Region XIII, has been a chapter since October 18, 1987. For the past 19 years, Monmouth students who excelled academically their freshman year have been honored with an induction into Phi Eta Sigma.

This year’s induction took place in Wilson Auditorium, which was filled to the brims with inductees and proud family members. The elected officers of Phi Eta Sigma, President Kacie Hubbs, Vice President Christopher Meyer, Secretary Dana Capozzalo, Treasurer Patrick O’Rourke, and Historian Nikki Pavalonis, as well as Advisor Dr. Golam Mathbor, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, presided over the ceremony, in conjunction with the Honors School.

The induction began with addresses by Hubbs and Dr. Mathbor congratulating both the inductees and their families for the achievement, as only about 10 percent of last year’s freshmen received membership into Phi Eta Sigma.

Pavalonis then discussed the history of Phi Eta Sigma and Monmouth’s chapter, explaining how Phi Eta Sigma recognized the “academic nature of society,” which is the reason it is an academic fraternity. Hubbs, O’Rourke, Capozzalo, and Meyer then detailed the member responsibilities, which are to maintain an unimpeachable character through truth, courage, charity, and generosity, to care for and honor the body (considered sacred by Phi Eta Sigma), and to have a vigorous and disciplined mind.

Additionally, the symbols on the crest were explained. The torch atop a book represents scholarship, whereas the pyramid and the star represent character and a strong body. The chain links all three together, thus symbolizing the necessity for all three (scholarship, character, and body) to be combined.

The candidates then swore an oath to meet these responsibilities and receive an official certificate of membership to Phi Eta Sigma. Once all inductees received their certificate and signed the register, Dr. Judith Nye, Associate Vice President for The First Year Experience, gave the keynote address. Dr. Nye detailed the importance of leadership and the characteristics necessary to be a good leader. She stressed that the most important aspects of a leader’s personality were honesty, competence, and the ability to look forward and plan for the future.

Dr. Nye then turned Wilson Auditorium into a classroom, breaking up into groups of 10, in preparation for their keynote address. Dr. Mathbor seconded Dr. Nye’s statements on leadership. He stated, “A leader influences another person.” The 93 new members of Phi Eta Sigma are those types of leaders. For more information on Phi Eta Sigma, contact Reenie Mendrillo at 732-263-5308 or go to www.phietasigma.org.

Speakers and Associate Vice President for The First Year Experience; Christopher Meyer, Vice President; Dana Capozzalo, Secretary. (pictured back row) Dr. Judith Nye was the guest speaker of the event. (pictured front row) Nikki Pavalonis, historian; Kacie Hubbs, President; Dana Capozzalo, secretary. ( pictured back row) Patrick O’Rourke, Treasurer; Dr. Golam Mathbor, Faculty Advisor; Dr. Judith Nye, Guest Speaker and Associate Vice President for The First Year Experience; Christopher Meyer, Vice President, Monmouth's first full year students measured in academic achievement.

Phi Eta Sigma officers and faculty advisor induct new members into the honor society on Sunday, November 12. Associate Vice President of The First Year Experience, Dr. Judith Nye was the guest speaker of the event. ( pictured front row) Nikki Pavalonis, historian; Kacie Hubbs, President; Dana Capozzalo, secretary. ( pictured back row) Patrick O’Rourke, Treasurer; Dr. Golam Mathbor, Faculty Advisor; Dr. Judith Nye, Guest Speaker and Associate Vice President for The First Year Experience; Christopher Meyer, Vice President. (Photo courtesy of Reenie Mendrillo)

Technology Seminar Informs Students About Internet Concerns

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legal dispute arising from your use, you have agreed to pay for all losses incurred by MySpace and Facebook. You have also agreed to travel to the State of California to bring action against these companies,” said Professor Maureen Paparella, head of the Information Technology Department.

Students are not the only ones who can log into MySpace and Facebook. Many employers and Universi- ty administrators can access these accounts to look up profiles of employees or students. Any inappropriate behavior shown on these sites is immediately shown to bosses or administrators.

Overall, the seminar was deemed a great success. “Yes, I believe it was a success. A lot of students asked questions at the end which demonstrated that it was a topic of interest and concern,” comments Dr. Barr.

There were about 100 people in the audience, which is a pretty good turn out considering this type of seminar had never been held at Monmouth University before. Many are looking forward to this seminar continuing as well as addressing new Internet precautions.

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Editorial

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First and foremost, let me just say “Hola!” As you may have guessed, through my not-to-subtle hint, I decided to talk about the importance of foreign languages, las lenguas, if you will, and their importance in today’s society. Let me stop you right now. This is not an editorial about “diversity” per se. We have enough of that on the next two pages. But, I am going to express my particular feelings on the situation. If you care to join me, I’m glad to have you.

I have this friend – well, I have more than one, but for the purposes of this I only feel the need to focus on her – and whenever we’re around people of a different culture, she becomes very agitated. In one particular instance, I was unfortunate enough to hear her shout a rude comment to a woman speaking in her native tongue to her children. This upset me greatly, and, therefore, is why I feel it necessary to address it in a public forum in case anyone else feels the same way.

Depending on who you ask, the official language of our country is English, while others rebut that one doesn’t exist. After researching it on the Internet, I still don’t know. But that doesn’t hurt the issue I am attempting to highlight.

My message to those like my ignorable friend is simply this: “Get over it.”

There is a reason why we have to take two semesters of a language and why public grammar schools are now having kids as young as kindergarten age speaking Spanish. It is the way in which our country is morphing itself. We have always been known as “the melting pot” of the world. Lastly, however, I sense a lot of hostility from those I observe and those I interact with on a daily basis.

Some, like my friend, are of the contention that if you don’t speak English, you shouldn’t be allowed in our country. Well then, I am of the belief that if you don’t speak the language of any country, don’t go there. So, kiss goodbye your trips to Europe or Canada during spring break unless you can converse fluently in every tongue indigenous to that area.

Sounds a little ridiculous, right? No one should be able to tell us where and where not to go. Exactly my point. If people are willing, even though they don’t speak our language, to attempt to adapt to the “American” way of living, I say let them. It will be a struggle and, yes, they might very well be ostracized, but that is the choice given to them as soon as they step foot onto our soil.

At this juncture, I feel it necessary to specify that I am not talking about those who come to this country illegally or with ill intentions. The people I am referring to are immigrants who are not fluent in English. Language is part of culture. By telling these people who wished so hard to get here that the moment they arrive, they are supposed to forget such a large part of who they are, is not only ludicrous but reminiscent of a dictatorship, which America is not.

A portion of the people who emigrate here, most likely the majority, do so to make a better life for themselves and/or their children. As such, they are probably striving to learn the way in which the people here speak and function on a daily basis, just like if an American were to move to Japan or Italy or any other country.

As a country we have become spoiled because everyone else has, for the most part, struggled to accommodate the form we deem correct. Well, there will come a time when the number of people from foreign lands will outnumber the native Americans, and then what will you do? How will you handle it?

Before you call someone a “stupid foreigner,” as I had the displeasure of hearing one day, think about what would happen if the “ideal” situation were reached and no one spoke another language.

There would be no international relations, no imports of overseas products, no world news.

A characteristic of living is to continually react to stimuli and adapt. If no one speaks another language or has knowledge of other cultures, we become an isolationist society, doomed to collapse as a result of our pride.

So you have to take a language? It’s just a class. You can choose to get something out of it or not. But the next time you’re in a place where you’re the minority, be it Europe, Asia, or even Spanish Harlem, think about how you feel. Take a long, hard look at the way you have treated others in the past.

Most importantly, next time you’re in a situation like that, think about the frustration trying to voice a thought or complaint that no one understands. Last, think about the relief you would feel if a person, a “native,” came up to you, the “foreigner,” and said hello.

Just think about it. Our ancestors came here all those years ago. We are the true foreigners.
I feel that, as minorities, we are often forced to make compromises, not choices, at Monmouth.

In an opinion written by Rashaun Jarvis, published in the Montclarion, Jarvis expressed his genuine feelings about his (and many others) feelings of disenfranchisement as a minority at Monmouth University. I agree with Rashaun, that there is a lack of diversity on campus. Furthermore, I find it rather upsetting that the Greek advisor claims to find that the student body is too diverse. To the contrary, I have been enlightened to is the fact that the issues that students are concerned about are already taken care of, or acknowledged, which shows that the administration is doing anything but acknowledging anything. They are trying to placate us. The Student Speakout event might be a waste of time because they still not going to do anything. This is not the first open forum we’ve had. There shouldn’t even have to be one because we shouldn’t have to work twice as hard as other students to get our needs met at this campus. We just want to be treated the same way as our white counterparts. Rashaun has written-off Rashaun’s experience based on personal accounts, in my opinion, he is incorrect. May be he should have taken the time to inquire with them before rebuking the comments of one its minority students. How could be possibly know what it is to be the only African American student here? Being black, how could he be comment on the attitude of the University and call them inflammatory? As a member of the minority community, I have experienced what Rashaun wrote about, it is my opinion that the majority students here have accurately depicted the lack of diversity on this campus and how it creates an uncomforable environment for minority students. Being black, how could he comment on the attitude of the University and call them inflammatory?

I hope Rashaun’s suggestion of having a forum with students, faculty, and administration is truly taking into consideration. I think it is important for us to be able to see the faces of those making the decisions as well as those affected by or excluded by those decisions. I always believed that the college experience was meant to be an enlightening one. The only thing that I felt was that Dr. King was quoted in the fact that in 2006 we still remain with many of the same problems that Dr. King spoke about in 1966. This was made very evident to me after reading the responses to the opinion article written by Rashaun. The article was seen as inflammatory and offensive, then I say: good. I hope my article will also be looked at in that same light. Sometimes it takes some time for certain people getting offended for a change to be made...
In a time that a bleeding heart seems to have become so cliché that it may well be a fashion accessory for many youths and people registering as republicans run the risk of being lumped in with an overtly self-righteous right, students are becoming more alienated by pun- dits politics than ever before. How anyone is able to agree to align with any party in today’s so- ciety is mind-boggling. Every is- sue is made into partisan politics because it could swing votes. No one with a moderate viewpoint can gain enough of support from either of the two major parties to actually win a presidential primary. Is any- one else tired of seeing both parties going it alone? Is anyone else tired of having to choose between two evils, or vote for some- one who is not even going to win one nod from the Electoral Col- lege (I know it is never considered throwing away your vote, but let’s be honest about the chances)?

What if you are like most people who aren’t spotless enough to get into my neighborhood to my house? Yet strange, I am ungrate- ful to these teachers.

This award recognizes individuals for carrying on the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unsung Hero Award that our office coordinates. The award, the Office of Student Activities has been sponsoring the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Children’s Festival for the last two years and is in the planning process for the 2007 program. This program educates elementary school children about the works and legacy of Dr. King and encourages them to follow in his footsteps through volunteerism. Each year, our student organizations have been outstanding in fulfilling the needs of the groups.

There are an in- finite number of activities that re- semble to the spiritual activities which appear upon the earth. We ought to be thankful for some elitist diversity which would be the proper support and structure from which the group can draw members. Sometimes it is easier to find new students to participate again this year. Many people may also nominate others for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unsung Hero Award that our office coordinates. The award recognizes individuals for carrying on the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and encourages them to follow in his footsteps through volunteerism. Each year, our student organizations have been outstanding in fulfilling the needs of children.

While there are only two Greek organizations within the Multicultur- al Greek Council (MGC), we are actively trying to contact three his- toric organizations in the city with which students have expressed an interest. Only one has expressed a possible interest so far. We also have interest in bringing back a historically Black Greek fraternity that was once at Monmouth.

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Monmouth University’s
School of Humanities and Social Sciences,
and the Office of Academic Program Initiatives
What is the SAB’s latest hit? Many students would say the Boston weekend trip. The Student Activities Board sponsored the weekend trip from Friday, November 10 to Sunday, November 12. For $80 each, about fifty Monmouth students and friends received round trip busing, hotel accommodations, and weekend train passes. Stephen Ficalora, the Travel and Tour Chair for the SAB, has been planning the Boston trip for a while.

“We started making plans for this trip at the end of last year and during the summer,” said Ficalora. The weekend was to be enjoyed at everyone’s leisure. There were no schedules or itineraries to follow, just freedom and adventure. Boston is known for its amazing museums, wonderful seafood, exciting nightlife, and historic charm. On Saturday, a Veteran’s Day Parade filled the streets with participants and onlookers who were there to commemorate the day. The weather was beautiful, and many took advantage of the day, including SAB President Christine Schumann.

“On Saturday, we went to the Old North Church, walked around Quincy Market, and Faneuil Hall, walked around the Boston Commons, went to the Prudential Center, and then went back to Faneuil Hall at night,” said Schumann. Quincy Market is a great spot to shop and eat, with well over 50 places to eat. Foods in the Market range from Indian to American and everything in between. The market even has a replica Cheers Bar, called Sam’s Café, where everyone knows your name. The city of Boston has many opportunities for just about everyone. The Marketplace has stores like Coach, Urban Outfitters, and the Discovery Channel Store. Inside, there are kiosks lined up that offer tourists everything from Red Sox memorabilia to handmade jewelry. On Newbury Street, they offer shopping to the elite, with stores including Valentino, Chanel, and Juicy Couture. Jill Banholzer, SAB Vice President of Major Events, took part in her own touring.

“On the trip, the group of people I hung out with met up with some friends from Boston and got our own private tour of the city. We did some things, such as go to a very cool restaurant Fire and Ice, do part of the Freedom Trail, and visit places like Quincy Market, Boston Commons, and Harvard Square,” said Banholzer.

Unfortunately, rain greeted Boston on Sunday, but that did not stop the touring. The New England Aquarium was packed with tourists on the rainy day. The bus left Boston at 3 p.m. for Monmouth, and many stayed out right up until then.

Overall, the weekend was a great way to get away from work and the campus, and see a city some had not seen before. The SAB offers trips like Boston because of its advantages to Monmouth students. “I think it’s great the SAB does so much. With travel and tour, we can plan great trips off campus and bring the students to such a wide variety of places,” said Ficalora.

“The trip went great and everyone cooperated very well. I hope that everyone who went enjoyed themselves and will participate in other SAB trips and events,” said Schumann.

NEW JERSEY CELEBRATES CLEAN ENERGY MILESTONE

Monmouth University Hosts Roundtable Event to Discuss Future Of New Jersey’s Solar Market

Industry experts, vendors, clean energy leaders and advocates will be onsite at Monmouth University - recently recognized as New Jersey’s Clean Energy School of the Year - on Monday, November 13th to celebrate the installation of a 455 kW solar installation and to highlight the growth of New Jersey’s solar market as the fastest growing solar market in the country. Stakeholders are invited to participate in a Solar Roundtable Discussion to consider transition of the state’s solar market from a rebate-based system to a REC (Renewable Energy Certificate)-based financing system.

Long recognized as the fastest growing solar market in the country, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) and its Office of Clean Energy are facilitating a “Solar Roundtable Discussion” to share updates and insights about the future of New Jersey’s solar market.
**A Singing Hogan**

**JENNY GOLDEN**

In Brooke Hogan’s first single “About Us”, she complains “How’s a girl to breathe with all the me- dia staring down my mouth/ With a four-inch lens, I just wanna hit the wall with some of my friends.” This is quite contradictory, since she is best known for displaying her family’s personal life on their hit reality show “Hogan Knows Best”. Terry “Hulk” Hogan’s eight-teen-year-old daughter, Brooke, is attempting to blaze her way in the world of music, riding the coat- tails of the show’s success.

**BROOKE HOGAN**

**SMC/Solie Records 2006**

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**DANIEL ROTH**

**EDITOR/LARGE**

Imagine it being 1988 and you go to see Eddie Murphy in Coming to America. Now imagine Ed- die Murphy is actually an Israeli pretending to be Middle Eastern. Instead of coming to Queens to find a wife, he goes to Los Ange- les to marry Pamela Anderson. For the moment, visualize hav- ing just finished a triple dose of happy hour at your favorite pub. If you have been able to take this all in, you have a pretty good idea of what it is like sitting in the movie theater watching 20th Century Fox’s new hit film, *Borat*. *Borat*, which is based on a char- acter from the hit HBO comedy series, *The Ali G Show*, is co-writ- ten by and stars Sacha Baron Co- hen. The movie focuses on the hilarious situations encountered by Kazakhstani native and TV personality Borat Sagdiyev as he travels across America creating a documentary to bring home. From the moment the film be- gins until the end of the credits, Borat speaks in every language and ethical philosophy we have been taught. During season two of the show, we saw Hulk and his wife Linda prepare their daughter for success. Basically working as a weekly 30 minute segment promoting their show, the original show offers an in-depth look into the world of a young mixed-race fairy tale hero, with the advantage of her father’s success to gradually develop her own fame. From insisting that she practice and rehearse on a daily basis to teaching her to be responsible, both of her parents have taken a dynamic role in helping to make Brooke dream to be a singer come true.

Broke is the first artist to sign with SMC (Storm Music Com- pany), which is headed by pro-ducer Scott Storch and is execu- tive produced by Cecile Barker (CEO of Solie Entertainment). Undiscovered, her debut album, which dropped October 24, en- counters pop hip-hop ear can- dy featuring collaborations with Beanie Man, Nelly Furtado, and Paul Wall. “About Us” has al- ready made its way to the num- ber one spot on VH1’s *V-Top 20 Countdown*, which definitely makes a big surprise considering that is the exact sta- tion her family’s reality show re- sides on. The music video, directed by Malcolm Jones and executive pro- duced by Dave Meyers, includes shots of Brooke speaking to Clarkson fans, and showing off her tanned and toned back, which is now definitely on the radar. But what is results is absolute mimickry. With her Britney Spears styles, vocals, “Next Time” sounds like Beyonce’s “Naughty Girl”. And “My Space” is almost the same as Ciara’s. *Borat* is far from being a fairy tail that has no ethical rules for the content, but what is most certainly not helping its relation- ships problems either.

That’s all the gossip I have for you this week. Make sure you read more next week to find out all the juiciest gossip on your favorite celebrity. Why? Because their lives are just...better.

**KAREN WENTS**

*PHOTO COURTESY of youtube.com*
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Bob Dylan – “The Times They Are A-Changin’”

LINDSEY STEINWEIN
<br>asst. editor

My Chemical Romance
The Black Parade
Reprise 2006

As a band already confirmed as one of the biggest metalcore acts of its generation, My Chemical Romance have continually endeared themselves to their fans with their catchy sound and killer stage presence. However, with the release of their latest album, The Black Parade, many die-hard fans have been left wondering whether the band has finally sacrificed their integrity for mainstream success.

Lyric Lounge

NICK SPIDERS
Teenage Graffiti
Geffen Records 2006

The Pop-punk rock band, with a sound that’s often compared to Blink-182, brings a new album entitled Nicks Spiders on October 24th. In what some consider a much needed change for the band, this album marks a new chapter in their career.

Although an incredibly honest attempt...New Found Glory still has a long way to go.

JASON MORLEY
staff writer

New Found Glory is back with a slightly new sound.

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In comparison to their recent releases, the band has developed a better sense of recording mod-esty. More importantly, this album shows an attempt New Found Glo-ry takes in maturing and growing out of their skateboard and punk rock roots. Is it in the band’s decision to drop the twangy bass sound. Still, with all these new changes, New Found Glory will not find too many intricacies or flow- ing parts, and probably will not get away from overly-annoying synthesizers, and a triangle, the album is almost doctored auto-tuned over or under-produced tracks that many pop-punk fans can come to expect. Remember, the overrid- ing motive of the CD is minimal- istic. It's evident that the band has taken a step up in the recording process, striping down their music. However, with the release of this album, New Found Glory will not be converting too many critics to the genre without a fight.
The Outlook

African American Student Union Hosts 37th Annual Fashion Show

Know Your Roots: Guitar Hero

DANA VASQUEZ
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

"Prepare yourself for "The Discovery." Watch how fashion tells the story of a young girl who grows up and attends college and meets diverse groups of people and their different styles. Join her on her discovery to find herself, friends and love through fashion."

And so is the theme of the 34th annual Ebony Night Fashion Show, sponsored by the African American Student Union (AASU). The event, which took place on Saturday, November 11 in Ana-con Hall of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center featured dinner and a runway show to those in attendance. Two months in the making, Charisse Johnson and Latalisha Leake – head coordinators and president and vice president of AASU – organized efforts to have clothes donated and dinner served, totaling approximately $5,000.

"The hardest thing about planning this event was getting the money and clothing," said Johnson.

Despite the difficulties faced, local stores Against All Odds, Annie Sze, Joyce Leslie, Funk and Standard, and New York Trends all contributed to the fashion show.

Among the different phases of the young girl's life explored were "80s School," "Geek," "Boy Meets Girl," "Formal Dinner Proposal," and "Wedding."

One hundred tickets were sold to the show, which cost $15 for Montmouth students and $20 for everyone else.

"The price was worth the experience. The show was great, the entertainment was good, and the food was excellent," said Cynthia Grant, a parent.

The show was deemed an overall success by those in attendance.

"It was fun and hyped, it was enjoyable and exciting," adds Adriana Vaccaela, a Spanish education major.

"It was a success; I am very pleased with the overall results," said Johnson.

About 25 people helped out as stage managers and behind-the-scenes crew in the weeks leading up to the event and 28 models volunteered to showcase the apparel. The models, who were found through weekly meetings and flyers, strutted down the runway to the musical selections of DJ Reem.

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There is one additional option that is perhaps the greatest and most useful addition to the game: Practice mode. In Practice, you can play portions of any song as long as you like and at any speed that you desire. This is great for practicing solos and some of the more outrageous songs near the end of the game.

Overall, Guitar Hero 2 is an amazing and enticing game which I would recommend to anybody with a PS2 who loves video games and/or rock music. My only complaint would be that it might actually be too hard. It is definitely much harder than the first, and I am currently unable to beat it on hard mode. Perhaps this was done purposefully to force players to use the new Practice mode. Either way, it looks like I have a lot of rockin' to do. Now if I can only beat my brother.

You know the drill. Stay classy, MU.
Red Cross Gives Thanks

As Thanksgiving approaches, family and friends gather to give thanks for their good fortune. The Jersey Coast Chapter of the American Red Cross gives thanks to our volunteers who so generously give their time, their spirit and to those donors who enable us to effectively carry out our mission to provide relief to victims of disasters and help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.

Thousands of volunteers and members of our community have given their energy, talent and generosity over the past year to help those in need.

As a result, your Jersey Coast Chapter was able to provide disaster relief to over 300 residents in Monmouth and Ocean counties and assisted 119 residents of the hurricane affected Gulf States that relocated to our two county region.

With this disinterested time, we offer members of your community life-saving skills such as CPR, first aid and automated external defibrillator (AED) training. We also taught your children how to swim, educated your neighbors about disaster preparedness and provided worldwide emergency communications for local military personnel and their families.

These vital services would not have been possible without the valuable contributions of our financial donors. Together, our volunteers and donors are the heart and soul of the American Red Cross. You turn America's caring and concern for the families into immediate action.

Whether the disaster is a single-family fire or a highly-publicized hurricane, flood or act of terrorism, we thank our volunteers and donors who stand ready to provide vital relief services to our community. It is your continuous commitment to giving and service that set us apart from the communities for which we at the Jersey Coast Chapter are so thankful.

We have a safe and happy Thanksgiving, and know that you have truly made a positive difference this year.

Sincerely,
Bill Murray, CEO
Red Cross National Board Member

On the Hill

DANA PANZONE STAFF WRITER

Too many good things are happening right now… I don’t even know where to begin! The Democrats won even bigger than they thought they would in the midterm elections. I have high hopes that they will change the direction this country is going now that they’ve gained control over both chambers of Congress. By the way, Election Day is like the Super Bowl here! I never knew Capital Hill could be so much fun!

We’ve also had good news at GalleryWatch recently. The company has been acquired by Roll Call, which is the leading newspaper of Capitol Hill. Roll Call is a subsidiary of The Economist. I would hope that everyone has heard of their publication. They’re kind of a big deal.

I’m really looking forward to the Christmas party now. It’s sort of like our welcoming into the Economist Group. Even though I’m just an intern here, I’ll definitely have a chance to read some of the benefits of the merge. It’ll be a great opportunity to network and make contacts for when I’ve finished school.

Now, for the big news. The one thing that I thought I would never think would happen—the one thing Ivisor asked me if I wished would happen more than anything while I interned here—it actually happened. I met Bill Clinton! I was at a rally for Jim Webb in Alexandria, Virginia. He ran for Senate in Virginia last week and ultimately became the nominee that will lead the Democrats to gain control of the Senate in January. I found out that President Clinton would be giving a speech there on very short notice.

My roommate Kirat and I headed over there straight from our internships with every intention of getting to the front of the crowd. As we got closer to the rally and realized how big the crowd was, our hope of seeing him was quickly dispelled. Kirat referred to him that day, grew shorter.

He was a rockstar. When he finally arrived, the screams that came even from across the street and half way down the block were outrageous. You could feel his energy, his presence radiating as soon as he arrived. When giving his speech, he was witty, yet highly motivational. Some people left right after he spoke, which left spaces for Kirat and I to continue pushing our way to the front of the crowd.

Somehow, we made it just in time to meet him. When he came up to me, he shook my hand, looked at me and said, “Hi, thanks for coming.” With my knees locked together so that I didn’t go into shock and collapse, I told him what an honor it was to meet him and he continued to move to the next crowd. Since then, Kirat and I haven’t stopped talking about it. It was so surreal. Most of all, I can remember when at the Washington Center orientation, my advisor said that one day we would be happy to work there during the winter. I said, “I know I dream big, but I’d really like to meet Bill Clinton.” Now, I have a friend giving me some amazing, sometimes decorating my advisor laughed. But who’s laughing now?

In conclusion, I’m still laughing, did anyone see BORAT? I reserved tickets for opening day and still had to wait in line for an hour to get into the movie theater. It was so worth it! Go see it! CHEERS!
Hey there Monmouth University: 
If you've been following the Student Center thread around Monmouth, you know that the Student Center is around the corner and the semester is almost over. As the air grows colder we need to think about the community this holiday season. Look out for the Giving Tree which will be in the Student Center as usual in addition to two more trees in the dining hall and the Plangere Building. The trees will have tags with a child's wish for a present that you can buy them for the holidays. It's another way that Monmouth kids get to step up and make an impact in the community, so get involved.

M&Ms and the Monmouth Administration know there's always room for improvement with the two biggest factors being parking and housing. With that in mind, would you think that first year students who wish to have their car, but didn't get a spot on campus, would settle for their car being in a secure, school-sponsored lot off-campus so they at least have the car in the vicinity? It's an idea to throw around if our student government was to consider it. If the majority of students think this would be a good idea, we need to start working actively to expand our parking options and look for school-sponsored housing at complexes like Per Villaggio and the Diplomats and with that extension we were thinking of having a shuttle system during the busiest class hours (let's say between 11:30am-4:30pm) to keep the commuter parking lot more manageable. There's always a way to improve and we need your help to identify the problems and solve them. Let me know as usual what you think by sending an email to sga@monmouth.edu.

**Delta Phi Epsilon**

I want to start first by saying congratulations for making $2,000 at Lip Sync! Sisters, you all did amazing, as well as Cara for pulling it all off! Second, Monday night's P&D Dance Off we pulled through again! Thanks to everyone that showed up and midnitement! Great job again! Corina, great job hosting even when it got crazy at the end! Also happy birthday Leah and Danielle, be safe! I hope everyone has a fun and fantastic Thanksgiving! Love your PR chair, FEGAS!

Deepers, Buttons x2, WHAAAT! Thank goodness for the Exotic Hypnotix, one love you one love. So much love and more love than in a lifetime- CALIENTE! Yeaa Buttons! Deepers always pulling through! SC- amazing dinner in NY. Dave Cook, Amazing! Happy early birthday sa- cicco! Buttons x3- yea girls. Much love. Xoxo- DaZiee DaZiee + HOLLYWOOD + who drinks wine at Stingers? We do! newAeh Family I'm gonna fit in, I'm going blonde. You love us! ExxxTuEe Ta love grey poupon. Touch it yeah! HONEY Happy B-day Leah. Love you! +Sparkles. Aurora + XsxAxY+ pigee love! Penis. Awesome job with the lip sync- you rock! Love yah vagina. Abe123k1 PerfeCT! – Archaeopteryx

**Alpha Sigma Tau**

Hey everyone! First off, we would like to thank everyone who came out for us during fall recruitment. We are finished with COB events until the spring. If you haven't already, please join our interest group on Facebook: “Interested in Joining Alpha Xi Delta?" If you would like to learn a little more about the sisters, check us out in the group: “Alpha Xi Delta – Monmouth Colony.”

At this time, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to Greek Life and the rest of the Monmouth University community for your support during the loss of Jessica Blain, who was one of our sisters. It has been a difficult time, but we would like to thank everyone for their kind words and support, and to those who attended any of her memorial services. It has meant a lot to us. Since she was a Political Science major, we are brainstorming along with the Political Science Club plans to dedicate something to her on campus, so we will keep you informed on those details as they develop. We will miss our “Big Mac” very much. Joe will always be our sister, and is now our angel looking down upon us.

Have a great week everyone. Much Xi Love to all!!!

**Phasma**

The Public Relations Student Society of America will be hosting a CMV testing event on Tuesday, December 5th at 6:30PM in Hawk TV News. For more information please contact your PRSSA advisor or the outlook@monmouth.edu.

**Sigma Tau Gamma**

Hey Monmouth, how’s everything going? First let’s throw out a big congratulations to our new brothers from Delta Class, Phil, Tom, Mike, and Paul. We’re proud to call you guys brothers, also congratulations are due to our new officers. Sig Tau has chosen our leaders for the next year, and we’re sure that they’ll do a great job. Even though next semester is still a ways away we’re already thinking about recruitment. You’ll be sure to see plenty of recruitment events before the end of the semester, and even more at the beginning of the new one! If you ever see any of us around campus feel free to say hi and talk for a while. We’re still looking for new or slightly used children’s books to donate to a school that can’t afford their own, so if you have any please donate them. We’ll be having events to raise money and to collect books if any students would like to donate them. That’s for this week, the Brothers of Sigma Tau Gamma want to wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

**PRSSA**

The sisters of Delta Phi Epsilon played a part in Project Linus this week by making no-sew blankets. Lambda Theta Phi hosted MTV’s reality show NEXT in Pollock Theater last week to benefit their philanthropy.

**MU Students Making a Difference**

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**WMCX Top 5 & Giveaways**

1. TOM WAITS – “Orphans: Brawlers, Bawlers, and Bastards”
2. FOUR LETTER LIE – “Let Your Body Take Over”
3. MY CHEMICAL ROMANCE – “Black Parade”
4. ME FIRST AND THE GIMME GIMMES – “They’re Country”
5. BLOOD BROTHERS – “Young Machetes”

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Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19) - Today is an 7
Focus on doing a very good job, and gather enormous rewards. This is not only a lot of work; it's also a lot of fun.

Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) - Today is a 9
Be cheerful but consistent. Don't let the others talk you into spending money foolishly. They don't need whatever that much.

Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) - Today is a 5
You may have to hire something done you could do yourself. This is not a terrible humiliation. Successful people do it all the time.

Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) - Today is a 9
Don't think about this moment, although it's the one you're in. Think about how what you're doing will change your life, for the better.

Leo • (July 23 - Aug. 22) - Today is a 5
Hide low, and let the storm rage, without your intervention. You've earned a little time for yourself, in your own safe place.

Virgo • (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) - Today is a 9
Don't settle for second best. Be the champion. All it takes is a little more work, at something you really enjoy.

Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - Today is a 5
Hold onto what you've acquired, and get it all organized. File it where you can find it again. You'll soon be on to other things.

Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - Today is a 9
You and your friends can do just about whatever you decide. You're the leader and the planner, don't doubt that for a minute.

Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is an 5
Maintain your course, even if there are temptations to left and to right. Just do what you said you would.

Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - Today is a 9
You have a good team at your disposal, which makes your life easier. Tell them what you want done, and let them come up with the plan.

Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 5
You have an objective in mind, and don't forget it for a minute. Don't waste your money impressing your friends; use it to benefit others. Get them to join you. That's a good party.

Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) Today is a 9
It's up to you to believe the goal can be achieved, without evidence. It's up to somebody else on your team to provide the data. If you don't have somebody like that, get one.

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Paul

Man, house still playing that thing's you've been at this all week.

Yeah, I know, you're like a zombie. You smell funky too.

It's a pretty educated guess. I mean, there's corpses and all.

You haven't showed up to dinner in three days!

Psssh, nice assumption you don't know that zombies smell funny. That's bigotry.

Fine, whatever. We'll continue this at dinner.

Om, great, look what you made me make that samurai do! Now he's blind!

Good, I'm glad.

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AIDS Awareness Comes to Campus

The AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display during the last week of this month in commemoration of World AIDS Day, December 1 at Anacon Hall. 20 of the approximate 45,520 panel quilt will be displayed openly beginning November 28.

According to Raymond Gonzales, Assistant Director of Residential Life, this will be a return presentation of the quilt. Sponsored by the Human Relations Advisory Council, the display will feature panels that memorialize people by name that have lost their lives to AIDS. The opening presentation of the quilt is the first of three events that support in the spreading of AIDS awareness, and will be displayed until December 1, World AIDS Day.

The AIDS Memorial Quilt Web site states over 83,000 names are represented, with the actual size of the entire quilt is 1,270,350 square feet, the equivalent of 174 NCAA basketball courts. Many famous names can be found on the quilt, including musician Freddie Mercury, philosopher Michel Foucault, and fashion designer Perry Ellis. Quilt panel materials are limited only to the contributor’s imagination, some of which include Legos, uniforms, and even Barbie dolls.

“These quilts are made by loved ones who have lost someone who has died from the disease,” commented Gonzales. “Seeing the quilt on display also symbolizes the number of lives which have been taken by the diseases.”

Opening ceremonies will be held on the first day of the quilt’s presentation in Anacon Hall A. The proceeding days will allow students, faculty, and the general public open viewing of the quilt between 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. Anacon Hall B will be used as a location for an interactive portion of the presentation, where people can reflect and share their thoughts about the experience and AIDS awareness. Gonzales added that the split location is to act in support of a somber and emotional experience for people.

“I believe the quilt helps increase awareness of the effects of the disease not only on those who have contracted it,” said Gonzales, “but also the family and friends who they have left behind.”

“I think it’s a powerfully visual symbol of awareness,” said Colleen Johnson, Educational Opportunity Fund director and member of the Human Relations Advisory Council. “I would hope that people will understand the importance and significance of being aware in the world we live in.”

Two preceding events will also take place in support of AIDS awareness. On November 29 at Anacon Hall, the Counseling and Psychological Services is sponsoring the screening of “And the Band Played On”, depicting the early discovery of AIDS in San Francisco.

The Student Activities Board will be presenting a lecture on November 30 called “Living and Loving in a World with AIDS”, given by guest speaker Elaine Pasqua, nationally recognized speaker and advocate of AIDS awareness.

More information about the AIDS Memorial Quilt can be found at their Web site: http://www.aidsquilt.org/index.htm.
**What are you most thankful for?**

**BY: SUZANNE GUARINO**

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**This Week’s Campus Events**

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- Student Center Lobby, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
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- Woods Theatre, 8:00 PM (also 11/16, 11/17, 11/18)
  - Lot’s Daughter

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2006**

- RSSC 202B, 3:00 PM
  - Choosing a Major
- RSSC 202B, 4:00 PM
  - Understanding Academic Requirements
- Java City Café, 7:00 PM
  - Pete Lee (Comedian)
- Anacon Hall, 7:30 PM
  - Film - February One
- Catholic Centre, 8:30 PM
  - Thanksgiving Dinner

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2006**

- Pollak Theatre, 8:00 PM
  - Hypnotist and Mentalist Michael C. Anthony

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2006**

- BusDeparts Birch Hall Loop @ 1:00 PM (See Res. Life for Details)
- Magill Dining Hall, 8:00 – 11:00 PM
  - Psychic Fair with Dessert Exhibitions
- Magellans Room, 6:30 PM
  - College Bowl Tournament - Team Captains Meeting

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2006**

- Catholic Centre, 8:00 PM
  - Thanksgiving Basket Assembly

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2006**

- Boylan, 7:00 PM
  - Women's Basketball vs. St. Peter's College

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2006**

- Magellans Room, 6:30 PM
  - College Bowl Tournament – Team Captains Meeting
- Java City Café, 7:00 PM
  - Karaoke Night
- Anacon Hall, 7:30 PM (MU ID Required)
  - Film - American Hardcore - R Rated

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2006**

- RSSC Lobby
  - Giving Tree Begins
- Residence Halls Close at 6:00 PM
  - Enjoy your Thanksgiving Break!
- Residence Halls Open at 12:00 PM

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2006**

- Anacon Hall, 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
  - AIDS Quilt on Display

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2006**

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Great Win Against the Great Danes

Hawks blank Albany, claim fifth NEC Championship

Mike Castellano led the Hawks this season to being one of the top-rated defenses in the country.

With the Northeast Conference title under their belt, the Hawks have earned the right to play in one more game this season. Monmouth will host the first ever Gridiron Classic bowl game at Kessler Field on December 2nd against Pioneer League champion San Diego (10-0). Monmouth will be looking to claim its first bowl victory and first 11-win season in school history.

The game would also likely complete the 2006 1-AA Mid-Major National Champions -- a title Monmouth won in 2004 -- as San Diego and Monmouth currently occupy the first and second spots in the poll, respectively. For the Hawks’ seniors, this will be their last game at Kessler field. Some notables include Boland, Jiles, Castellano, and Lenny Brice, who all will be graduating.

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David Sinisi finished the season with a touchdown in 11 consecutive games. It is the nation’s longest consecutive scoring streak.

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Hawks had defeated Albany 19-0 to earn their fourth victory of the season, their fifth Northeast Conference Championship, and third conference crown in the last four seasons. It was also the first time in school history that Monmouth had won the title outright.

“It was a great day for our team and our program,” said head coach Kevin Callahan. “For us to win three NEC Championships in four years is astounding. This is a special group of guys, and we played hard start to finish to earn it.”

Boland led the way with one of the best championship performances by a quarterback you will ever see at any level of football. Boland went 17 for 18 for 213 yards and two touchdowns. Sinisi led the way on the ground with 20 carries for 72 yards and a score.

San Miguel caught four passes, the Great Danes were moving efficiently down the field, having reached the Monmouth 28. After completing a 9-yard pass on first down, Bocanegra was sacked by Brian Sweeney for a loss of six on second down.

During a timeout with 1:11 remaining, word had reached the stands that the score had gone final from Connecticut. The Blue Devils had held on to defeat Stony Brook 35-32, which meant that the winner would be all alone atop the moun- tain and play in the Gridiron Classic.

When play resumed, Bocanegra threw an incomplete pass on third down to set up a fourth and seven
Men's Soccer

Hawks Fall to St. John’s in NCAA Tournament

Conclude Successful 2006 campaign with 1-0 loss to Red Storm

ALEXANDER TRUNCALE
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a season to remember for head coach Robert McCourt and the Monmouth University men’s soccer team. After taking the Northeast Conference Tournament championship, Monmouth, ranked 16th in the nation, traveled to Queens, New York on Friday night to take on the St. John’s Red Storm in MU’s first ever appearance in the NCAA tournament.

It has been said that all good things must come to an end, and Monmouth’s magic carpet ride season was no different. The Hawks dropped a 1-0 decision on a seven-game winning streak. The first half was a defensive struggle. Damon Wilson seemed to have given the Hawks a 1-0 lead, but his goal was disallowed. The Hawks and the No. 9 ranked Red Storm went to the break knotted in a scoreless tie.

In the 50th minute, St. John’s would break that tie, when Tades Tan sent a ball to Ryan Soroka in the six-yard box. Soroka headed the ball past Monmouth goalkeeper Daniel Schenkel to give the Red Storm a 1-0 edge. It was all the scoring they would need to defeat the Hawks.

The Red Storm defense was solid, holding NEC Player of the Year Steven Holloway to just two shots. SJU goalie Jason Landers made ve saves in the loss.

The 2006 season will be remembered as the most successful season in the history of the Monmouth University men’s soccer team. McCourt believes that his team’s success will bring “massive exposure to the program.” And it was McCourt who has been able to build the program to what it is today. Since taking over as the Hawks’ head coach just three years ago, McCourt has won two regular season NEC titles, has been to the NEC Tournament Championship Game twice -- winning it this year, and has picked up two NEC Coach of the Year Honors. The Hawks’ 14 wins this season were the most in school history, and his team hasn’t lost a regular season conference game since 2004.

In addition to McCourt’s effective coaching, this Monmouth team had its share of great players. Steven Holloway, who played in his final collegiate game on Friday night, set a school record with 18 goals this season. In addition to being named the conference Player of the Year, Holloway also picked up the NEC Tournament’s Most Valuable Player award. But he didn’t do it alone. Tom Gray’s 13 assists are the most since 1986, and Daniel Schenkel’s 13 shutouts were also a school record.

As the Hawks look to 2007, their main focus will be to build on the resounding success they’ve had in 2006. Although they will lose a few key players to graduation, Monmouth does have some important players returning, and will be out to defend their NEC crown next season.

The Monmouth University men’s cross country team finished 26th out of 37 teams and the women finished 25th at the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship this past weekend in Lock Haven, Pa.

The Monmouth men were paced by Craig Segal, who finished the 10K course in 36th place in a time of 32:37. Dustin Coleman was the second Hawk runner to cross the finish line in 117th place overall in a time of 33:41. Two Hawks crossed the tape in succession as Matt Caporaso finished in 121st, followed by Martin Suarez III in 122nd.

The women’s 20th place finish, in which they earned 561 points, marks a four spot improvement from their finish at the same event a year ago.

The Monmouth women were paced by Malia Lyle’s 95th place finish in a time of 22:49. Her time is a new Monmouth course record at Lock Haven.

She was followed by freshman Cailin Lynan, who came in 110th place in a time of 23:11. Jessica Jones was the third Hawk woman to cross the tape at 155th place in 24:23. Rachel Ruggiano was the fourth MU runner to finish, coming in 160th place in 24:38.

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X-C Competes at NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regionals

PRESS RELEASE

The Monmouth University men’s cross country team finished 26th out of 37 teams and the women finished 25th at the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship this past weekend in Lock Haven, Pa.

The Monmouth men were paced by Craig Segal, who finished the 10K course in 46th place in a time of 32:37. Dustin Coleman was the second Hawk runner to cross the finish line in 117th place overall in a time of 33:41. Two Hawks crossed the tape in succession as Matt Caporaso finished in 121st, followed by Martin Suarez III in 122nd.

The men’s 20th place finish, in which they earned 561 points, marks a four spot improvement from their finish at the same event a year ago.

The Monmouth women were paced by Malia Lyle’s 95th place finish in a time of 22:49. Her time is a new Monmouth course record at Lock Haven.

She was followed by freshman Cailin Lynan, who came in 110th place in a time of 23:11. Jessica Jones was the third Hawk woman to cross the tape at 155th place in 24:23. Rachel Ruggiano was the fourth MU runner to finish, coming in 160th place in 24:38.

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Hawks Work Overtime to Take Finale of Cox Classic 69-67 Over Arkansas State

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It’s that time of year again. It’s time for the Monmouth Hawks basketball teams to take the court for the 2006-07 season. This year, the Hawks have a third year head coach Michele Baxter, will look to improve upon their third place finish a year ago and compete in a tough North- east Conference (NEC) slate.

This year, the Hawks are very young, with only one returner from last season. They will take a hard hit to the points total by losing the first game of the season against Niamh Dwyer. Head coach Michele Baxter says of the underclassmen-classed-fired team, “We’re only going to have one senior this year – our two sophomores and juniors who saw a lot of minutes as freshmen and sophomores. I think we’ll get a little bit better because we have to replace Niamh Dwyer. But I think we’ll be a lot more effective with the youth that it will take a collective effort for the Hawks to have aful year, but that returning second leading scorer Brianna Edwars and our SOPHOMORES should both make immediate contributions. Sophomore Jirina Jiriakova and Efekna Barber have made big strides since last season, and will be relied on for contributions on offense and defense. Coach Baxter looks for Jennifer Bender to have a great sophomore season. She hopes to add to her freshman average of 6.1 points and 3.6 rebounds per game. Although the team is filled with youngsters, four starters from last season return and will be a key part of the team’s bid to reach the NEC tournament for the sixth straight year.

Monmouth was selected earlier this month to finish fourth in the NEC conference in a preseason poll held by the conference’s head coaches. While this is a “big win,” as the head coach “you want to do more than that,” and feel that the Hawks need to do before the opening game against Rice.

The Hawks’ schedule this year includes the likes of defending Conference USA champion Rice, the last few years the top half of the conference, at least the top five have been strong. However, she feels the conference should be competitive, “We’re open at least, for top five or teams.”

The Hawks opened up their season on November 10 by dropping the opener to the Broncs last year in a tight contest that Coach Baxter feels is a “highlighted game” that is the match-up against Rider. Monmouth lost to the Broncos last year in a tight game that should have been won by the Hawks. The NEC games should prove challenging; Sacred Heart, who is the defending NEC champion, will be difficult to beat, with the Hawks’ loss to the Pioneers by one point last season.

The conference is very deep this year, and Coach Baxter says, “We’re only going to have one senior this year, but we do have sophomores and juniors who saw a lot of minutes as freshmen and sophomores."

MICHELE BAXTER
Women’s Basketball Head Coach

The Monmouth Hawks men’s basketball team, coming off their fourth Northeast Conference championship in team history and NCAAs. Tournament, opened up their 2006-2007 campaign last weekend in Norfolk, VA in the 2006 Cox Communications Classic round-robin tournament. Monmouth, showing signs of rust early on, couldn’t overcome a 29-14 halftime deficit against host school Old Dominion in the opener on Friday. Monmouth trailed the Monarchs by as many as 20 points in the first half, but came out of the locker room with an in-spired second half, outscoring the ball over 19 times in the contest, and dropped the opener to the Old Dominion Monarchs 54-40.

Looking to salvage the trip, the Hawks came right back on Saturday night, this time taking on the Clemson Tigers from the ACC. The game in three days. Sunday matinee, in their third game in three days, both teams had enough figures with 17 and 10 points, respectively. Corey Hallett tied a shooting performance in the game at 65. After the Indians answered with a score to retake the lead, Alston powered his way to the hoop to tie the game at 67.

In the final seconds, Delo drove in the basket from the left side and got a finger-roll Floater to drop and take the lead, Alston drained a three that saw four ties and 16 lead changes in the contest. After Shipman made the first half, as they committed 17 in the second half, and 25 total, as the Tigers took a lead by one point, 37-36.

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The Hawks started the second half on a 15-6 run, and even- tually were able to get within six points with just eight minutes to play. However, turnovers were the Hawks’ undoing, as they turned the ball over 19 times in the contest, and dropped the opener to the Old Dominion Monarchs 54-40.

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Hawks Run Through the NEC to Take Title

The Hawks wrapped up their third NEC Championship in four years as they defeated Albany 19-0 on Saturday.  

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