Underground Re-opens on campus

Paul Baker  Staff Writer

Students braved the bitter-cold weather on Friday, January 26 for the re-opening of The Underground, a student hangout attached to Elmwood Hall.

The Underground was closed during the fall semester for renovation. Heather Kelly, Assistant Director of Student Activities, took part in the renovation process.

“We helped bring everything together,” said Kelly.

Timothy Orr, Director of Facilities Management for Technical Services, said the renovations cost approximately $9,000, not including the window structure repairs.

Orr said some of these repairs included: fixing damaged sheet-rock and skim-coating the wall; repairing the walls and the ceiling; building a stage and installing equipment nearby for possible musical entertainment in the future; installing a new carpet; and repairing the damaged sidewalk at the top of the stairs that lead to The Underground.

In addition to those repairs, new furniture, a sound system, and even a projector with a pull-down screen for movies and programs were added to the revamped student hangout. The Underground plans on showing newly-released DVD movies every other weekend and supplying free popcorn to attendees. The first movies will be shown on February 2 and 3, playing The Departed and Deja Vu.

The main attractions of the re-opening of The Underground were performers Tim Blane and Adam Olenn. Blane – a guitarist, pianist, and vocalist – and Olenn, a bass guitarist, were very well-received by the students at The Underground. “I absolutely adored Tim Blane,” said senior Nancy Haberstick.

“I’m impressed with the student turnout,” said Laura Murek, publicist for Blane’s group. “Most of the attendees had tables set up with a few representatives ready to answer questions, and some of the clubs and organizations that were present included:

- The Student Activities Board
- The Catholic Center
- The National Coalition of Negro Women
- The Student Alumni Association

Sophomore Jamie Maralla visited the fair curious to see what activities were available to join. She stated that “The fair was really helpful. I got to see many clubs that I did not know existed at Monmouth. The club that caught my eye the most would probably be the Hawk Line, because I am a communications major and would like to expand my knowledge of the field.”

Although the involvement fair didn’t work for every single organization available to students, it did give insight as to what activities students can get involved with at Monmouth University.
Students Learn the Art of Sign Language

Daniel Ellement teaches sign language to participants in Java City.

Java City hosted the weekly American Sign Language seminar last Thursday night. The seminar is taught by senior Daniel Elle- ment, who is a deaf psychology and communication major.

The program, which is spon- sored by the Catholic Center, was founded four years ago when Elle- ment was a freshman. According to Elle- ment, she started teaching so she could sign with more peo- ple. She hoped by teaching sign language, people would become more aware and less afraid of the deaf culture.

From there, Ellement said, the program took off. On a typi- cal Thursday night, the seminar, which is normally held at the Catholic Center, gathers a group of about 50 people, which includes sophomore Emy Rothen- berger, a biology major who acts as an interpreter when needed.

Ellement starts the seminar by having everyone sign the alphabet as a warm-up, and then moves to other exercises.

In the past, Ellement had everyone split into smaller groups. Elle- ment would then give everyone a letter, and the group would have to sign as many different words as they could in a given time period. Elle- ment said the philosophy behind this is to put the students to work. Was 45 minutes, was to get the students used to both signing and recognizing what others were signing.

Ellement also instructed every- one on various different sayings and sentences. Among the phrases that were taught included, “I am taking three classes.” “You hate me.” “I hate you,” and “I am studying for class.” She would then have individual people come up and try to sign the newly learned phrases to the group.

For many of the students, the seminar was extremely beneficial. “After studying sign language in books for eight years, I met Dani [Danielle],” Rothenberger said. “I started talking with her, and just even sitting down and having conversations, my signing has improved exponentially. You can’t really learn a language until you immerse yourself in the cul- ture.”

For those interested in attending the seminar, Ellement said they meet every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Catholic Center on Beechwood Avenue.

Magill Commons Hosts TNA

Thursday Night Alternative relocates from Oakwood Lounge to a larger and more acoustic-friendly setting

JACQUELYN BOMMER

THE OUTLOOK

The spring semester kicked off Thursday Night Alternative (TNA) last Thursday, Jan. 25. TNA has seemingly provided an enter- tainment time for Monmouth Uni- versity students.

Due to the heavy increase of att- endance, TNA is now being held in the recently remodeled Magill Commons. “Being in the dining hall now, the acoustics are better than Oakwood Lounge and also we now have more room for stu- dents to dance if they like,” said one TNA participant.

The event is co-sponsored by the Resident Hall Association (RHA) and the Substance Abuse Aware- ness organizations. “Thursday Night Alternative is a great opportunity to let MU students show their talents. Every month is a differ- ent theme so it’s always fun and fun!” said Liz Antoni, Resi- dence Life Administrator.

Spirits appeared to be high last Thursday despite the frigid 12-de- gree temperature. Many enjoyed the free popcorn, drinks, and, of course, the entertainment. Everyone also had the opportunity to draw and win certificates to Einstein Bagels on campus. “I think this is a great program because students can per- form for each other in such a ca- sual environment. I am surprised every week at how great the acts really are,” said Carroll.

Freshman Cody Ross Pitts, a dedicated TNA entertainer, has not missed any of the past 22 shows. “I love TNA, and look forward to many more. Not only is it a fun event to put on but it has brought a lot of laughter and joy to my own songs, and TNA is a nice place to show my original mate- rial,” said Pitts.

Last week’s acts included gui- tarists, singers, a ukulele player, and a harmonica player, while se- nior Dan Duffy gave a quick les- son on the Didgeridoo – a native instrument to the Australian Ab- orignies. Songs ranged from the Beetles, Johnny Cash, original songs, du- ets, and a grand finale jam session. “If people haven’t performed in front of a crowd, TNA is a gate- way. It’s a close intimate setting that eliminates nervousness,” said Pitts.

Start practicing your talents, grab your friends, and head out to the next TNA on February 15 at 10 p.m. in Oakwood Lounge. “Why not come? You’ll only know if you come find out for yourself how great TNA is,” said Pitts.

World According to MU: Climate Change

JACQUI KATIE NORTON

THE OUTLOOK

The United Nations plans to re- lease a lengthy new report on the issues of climate change and global warming, which has the potential to completely change world opin- ion on the decade-long debate. The U.N.’s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) will collect its findings in the week to put the finishing touches on the report. The group of 30 research- ers from around the globe has put together this preliminary report on climate change and have come to a conclusion which will, in ef- fect, end the debate on whether human beings have had an im- pact on world climate and global warming.

In recent years, this ongoing de- bate between the scientific com- munity, world leaders, oil execu- tives and politicians has been in a stalemate; but the U.N. hopes this report, once fully completed, will transform the issue from a debate, into an international understand- ing of the importance of this in- creasingly dangerous problem. According to the IPCC, human beings have been a major factor in changing the climate in the second half of the 20th century due to the high amounts of carbon dioxide pumped into the air. The United States, for example, is responsible for 20% of the world’s carbon dioxide output, and during those years, heavy industry and automobiles with no emission restrictions were a major contribu- tor to those high levels.

During the last half of the 20th century, the world has seen the hottest ten years in recorded his- tory and a major fluctuation in weather patterns around the globe. According to a Star-Ledger article, “A chilling conclusion on global warming,” the U.N. report states that its scientists are 99 percent sure human beings are responsible for the change in climate and natu- ral causes have been ruled out as the sole culprit.

Scientists around the world have taken this report the United States to face up for a change in legislation to decrease carbon dioxide emissions and address the public concerns over global warming. President Bush has also become involved in putting the is- sue on center stage by mentioning global warming in his State of the Union address and laying out a new plan to reduce national gaso- line consumption.

Monmouth University students, like the rest of the world, will be affected by the climate change and the changes the government plans to make to reduce our carbon di- oxide emissions output.

Students have seen tempera- tures in January rise into the lower 70s and then suddenly dip below freezing in less than a week. Just as the rest of the world, MU stu- dents have taken notice of the is- sue and have formed their own opinions on what has been going on around the globe.

One student in particular has seen the effects on the ocean due to pollution and climate change. Freshman Emy Rothen- berger spends a lot of his free time riding the waves on the Long Branch and Deal coastline and has experienced the ways humans have affected the world. During the new U.N. report did not sur- prise him, and their findings were nothing less than obvious.

“I am not surprised at all,” stated Rothenberger. The surprising aspect is that it took this long for the world to realize the truth.”

Breckenridge also described his thoughts on pollution and how he feels that people are going about environmental responsibility all wrong.

“As far as fixing global warm- ing, I would suggest the end of recycling of aluminum, glass, and plastic,” Breckenridge stated. “People think they are helping the environment, but in reality the trucks used are having more seri- ous, detrimental effects to the en- vironment.”

Breckenridge continued by de- scribing what is known in the sci- entific community as red tide. The term describes litter from rivers and streams that gets poured into the ocean, gets churned up by the tide, and ends up on the coastline.

“When I’m surfing and red tide comes up, I don’t feel that my collection of garbage,” describes Brecken- ridge. “Everything from bandages, diapers, and syringes end up on the beach. It’s absolutely appalling.”

Other students have also ex- pressed their view of the kind of disaster towards the pollution and carbon dioxide emission problems that exist in the United States. Marine and environmental biology major, Chris Snyder, explained what he thinks will eventually happen to the world if the “business as usu-
Environmental Club

New to Campus

CECILIA SYKES  STAFF WRITER

This semester, Monmouth University welcomed The Outdoors Club, an environment-friendly adventure club, to its activity roster. Dedicated to improving the environment and enjoying all things outdoors, the club was celebrated last semester by the group of first-year students enlightened by their freshmen seminar class with Professor William Reynolds.

“I was looking at the list of clubs from the University and noticed that there was no environmental club. From there, the group did research about such things as opportunities for the environment, insurance coverage for potential trips, and how they could best tie their love for the outdoors to the Monmouth University community. Thus, several meetings were held, and we wanted to provide other students the opportunity to experience it,” commented Mandala.

Soon after conducting the research, they were on their way to presenting the concept of the club search, they were on their way to presenting the concept of the club to academics, said Cascone, instead of other advertisements. The biggest problem is the lack of facilities, due to other events that are coming up, said Mandala. The Outdoors Club already has high aspirations for its future. Their main goal is to “have fun while promoting the outdoors.” They have many events in the works including hiking, cleans-up, weekend camping trips, and a visit to the Lakota reservation located near the Delaware Water Gap.

The club is also preparing for a major recycling event and fundraiser, through which they will be recapping and gathering the waste and sending them out to be properly recycled. Collection bins will be located in several areas around the campus. Part of the funds raised will go to defraying the cost of trips for club members, while the rest will go to an environmental cause the club will select in a future meeting.

Anyone interested in joining or finding out more about The Outdoors Club can refer to its Facebook group online: “MU Outdoors Club,” and contact an executive board member.

Derek Boshier

Monmouth University

Department of Art and Design

DEREK BOSHIER

Extreme Makeover

800 Gallery

January 31 – March 23, 2007

Illustrated lecture by the artist:

Wilson Hall Auditorium

Reception follows in the 800 Gallery from 7 – 9 p.m.

Derek Boshier, born 1937, first came to prominence in the early 1960s as part of the British Pop Art movement along with David Hockney, Allan Jones, R.B. Kitaj and others. During the course of his career, which began as a student at the Royal College of London, he has worked as a painter, object maker, conceptual artist, filmmaker and photographer. During the late 1970s and 80s, Boshier designed graphic work for David Bowie and the Clash while teaching and painting in Texas. After a brief stint back in the U.K., Boshier has been working in Los Angeles, finding inspiration in the local phenomena -- freeways, architecture, collectors and transsexuals. He has exhibited continuously for 40 years and was the subject of a film called “Pop Goes the Easel.” Boshier’s work is in museums around the world, including The Tate Modern, London, England; The Victoria and Albert Museum, London, England; The High Museum, Atlanta, Georgia; The Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York; The Menil Collection, Houston, Texas and the National Gallery of Poland, Warsaw, Poland to mention just a few. Most recently, Boshier’s paintings from the early 60s were featured prominently in “British Pop,” a comprehensive survey of the period at Bilbao Fine Arts Museum in 2006.
Diana Cappelluti Contributing Writer

On Saturday, January 27, Anacan Hall held a 7:30 p.m. concert and dance party titled, “Enchantment Under the Sea.” Organized by Student Activities Board (SAB) member Dave Ruda, the party featured two out-of-state bands: Bensin of Buffalo, New York and The Swellers of Flint, Michigan.

Dave Ruda, concert chairman of the Student Activities Board, discussed his inspiration for the event: “I’m a huge Back to the Future fan and wanted to have this concert to pay homage to the movie,” he said. That certainly explained the oceanic decorations, complete with scenes of the deep blue sea, mermaids, and colorful fish.

Ruda also provided short biographies of the two bands. Both were debuting at Monmouth University, and it was The Swellers’ first time performing in the state of New Jersey. However, Bensin was familiar with the area, having played at the Stone Pony in Asbury Park. Bensin, Ruda explained, was first time performing in the state of New Jersey. However, Bensin was familiar with the area, having played at the Stone Pony in Asbury Park. Bensin, Ruda explained, was familiar with the area, having played at the Stone Pony in Asbury Park.

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**This Week’s Campus Events**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2007**
- The Truth About College & Depression
  Young Auditorium, 2:30 PM
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute
  Arafon Hall, 7:00 PM

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2007**
- Block History Month Flag Raising
  Great Lawn, 12:00 PM

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2007**
- IFC Recruitment Begin
  Biy Hall, 4:30 PM
- Texas Hold 'Em Tournament
  RSSC Fireplce, 5:00 PM
- Shook to Save
  Biy Hall, 8:00 PM
- Movie - The Departed
  The Underground, 8:00 PM
  (Repeat: Saturday at 3:00 PM)
- MU Ice Hawks vs. Lehigh Uni.
  Wall Sports Arena, 5:00 PM

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2007**
- Panhellenic Recruitment Begins
  Biy Hall, 10:00 AM
- Women's Basketball vs. St. Francis
  Biy Hall, 3:00 PM

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2007**
- Superbowl Party
  Catholic Center, 6:00 PM

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2007**
- Silver Pictures
  RSSC 202B, All Week
  Sign up at www.wcsurycare.com
  Password: 37714
- Ask The Priest Night
  Java City Cafe, 7:30 PM

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2007**
- Movie - Fast Food Nation
  The Underground, 7:00 PM
- Meet the Lambda's
  The Underground, 9:00 PM

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**Weekend Movie Series**

**THE DEPARTED**
- Friday, 2/2 @ 8 PM
- Saturday, 2/3 @ 3 PM

**DEJA VU**
- Saturday, 2/3 @ 9 PM
- Sunday, 2/4 @ 1 PM

**The Underground**
Elmwood Hall

*All movies are free! Free popcorn, too!!!*
The editorial this week is going to deviate in form from issues past. It is going to take the shape of an informal explanation of a situation the confines of which the University is currently stuck. I am here to present the facts as they have been presented to me, followed by a short commentary and then finally a closing. Let’s begin, shall we?

The current state of affairs to which I am referring is the approval and subsequent construction of the Multipurpose Athletic Center, or the MAC as it is colloquially known.

Last year, the University proposed the addition of the MAC to the campus in addition to the sports venue we currently have, Boylan Gymnasium. The problem, as the surrounding residents see it, is the drop in property value, influx of students on the campus and noise pollution invading their quaint, family-oriented neighborhood.

The same complaints and arguments were also brought forth last year as a result of the University’s petition to build another residence hall on Kilkare Farm.

The need to expand is a valid concern, as the neighbors fear of big imposing structures, festering with college students to disrupt their residential bliss.

As with all cases on which there is a dispute, there’s a vote. A meeting of the West Long Branch Zoning Board Adjustment on December 14, 2006, yielded a 3 to 3 vote in favor of the expansion. Under zoning law, any decision requires at least five positive votes in order to be passed.

Now, here’s where it gets a little tricky. The vote, as of yet, has not been deemed “of official.” It must pass a written resolution memorializing the vote. This event was the reason for the meeting last Thursday, January 25.

To review: We wanted a MAC and we were denied. So what’s a school to do? Lucky for those who wish the expansion to go further yonder in the Monmouth lands, and lucky for those who wish the expansion to go no further yonder than Monmouth’s backyard.

Monmouth’s reasoning behind the motion lies within the testimony of the West Long Branch Chief of Police Arthur Cosentino.

At the December vote, one board member claimed he had spoken to the Chief, whom he said had no knowledge of parking and traffic plans between West Long Branch and the University.

This miscommunication, according to the University, could have been sizable enough to affect the outcome of the vote.

Hope you’re with me so far. The next stage of this epic battle is the 7 to 0 vote to reconsider, which also took place on January 25. This means that the original declination of the plan is no longer valid. Furthermore, the zoning board decided it was in favor of the plan to limit the scope and alter the conditions of the University’s plan. As such, the zoning board decided it was in order to reconsider, capacity for events defined as more than 4,000 been removed from 16 to 12,720 seats will be removed from the plan, making the final count 4,122.

The third contingency upon which the reconsideration rests is the University’s promise to not hold events in the MAC and Boylan at the same time.

A special meeting is set for February 8 at 7:30 p.m. to finish the application and revoke.

And, after all this legal jargon and the rigamarow that has occurred over the past months, the University’s motion, an appeal it always an option.

At this time I would like to thank Grey Dimenna for his help in this matter. Without him explaining to me what happened, I would not be able to pass that information on to you.

Now, what do I think of the situation? Being that it is an editorial I feel it is my duty to create an open forum, starting with my opinion and encouraging you to write yours on the matter.

Being completely honest and keeping all the facts I have gathered in mind, I believe that an expansion of the University to include a MAC in addition to Boylan Gymnasium is excessive. Maybe I would be able to get on board this particular project if one were to replace the other.

To me, and I know I’m “still young and have a lot to learn,” it seems the University is doing this more as a way to attract more students. Guess what? We’re not Villanova. We’re not even Rutgers. We should hold on to what we got. We’ve been afforded to us without splitting the campus or causing unnecessary tensions with those around us.

Why can’t we just be happy the way things are. Yes our basketball team is getting better and yes, it would be nice to host bigger events, but at what cost?

For years, we have been trying to shake the “party school” stigma. Putting sports before academics, what message does that send? Let’s make what we have now great, then talk about it.
The Death of Saddam

SEAN K. QUINN
STAFF WRITER

First, let me apologize to my loyal readers who have been without an Op/Ed written by yours truly for months. I know it has been a difficult time for many of them and our great Opinion Editor, Suzanne, has stepped in with some excellent (and lengthier) Op/Eds. I hope you have enjoyed them.

After the legal execution of Saddam Hussein, “The Butcher of Baghdad” and the man who contributed to the deaths of more of his fellow Muslims than any other, a good number of religious officials of many different faiths made their opinions known around the world.

This is a man who showed no mercy to anyone... He ordered his own people killed, gassed the population of a Kurdish village and eliminated every man, woman, and child who lived there...

Most were glad that this monster would no longer be a danger to himself or the world. Some were happy to see this brutal dictator get what he deserved, while others applauded the approval of the death sentence on moral grounds, while others did not approve of the way it was done. Some were happy to see this brute put to death, while others were not.

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Why do these folks have their heads up their arses? Just another form of hatred. As some have stated, he was a monster, a tyrant, a murderer. It is true that the world is a safer place today.

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It’s All Cliché ‘Til Someone Gets Hurt

DAVE RUDA
STAFF WRITER

I think I’ve turned almost every column I have submitted to this paper into somewhat of a relationship rant, perhaps because I’m bitter, or perhaps I want to share my own opinion on the matter, but I’ve come to justify my singular-ity in this world with one common characteristic. Call it cliché; call it a Green Day lyric, call it what you will but “nice guys finish last.”

Just the thought of the lines triggered spasms down the back of my spine. Probably the most over-used phrase in the dating world today, but still rings true to this very second as I say it for the second and final time in this piece, “nice guys finish last.”

Vomit. I want to understand this to the fullest because I think I’ve fallen into the chasm that is inserting the phrase here; and, I need to climb out and feel I’ve learned something, maybe for the greater good of our human species. So I went to the only source where I could possibly find the answer to which I was searching...Google.

You need to find out how many years it took Michelangelo to paint the Sistine Chapel? Google. Meaning of life? Google. So why not this.

After sifting through about 10 pages about a small town in the south of France, I have found the definition of “nice” to be the following:

1) Pleasing and agreeable in nature: had a nice time.
2) Having a pleasant or attractive appearance: a nice dress; a nice face.
3) Exhibiting courtesy and politeness: a nice gesture.
4) Of good character and reputation: respectable.

Definition #1: “Please and agreeable in nature: had a nice time.”

What’s so wrong with being pleasing or agreeable? (Pardon me for this but I’m going to use the male perspective, being that I have a twig and berries) But wouldn’t any girl out there want someone who was pleasing and agreeable. I can’t imagine some girl going out and saying, “Hey! Tonight! I want a real ASS!”

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Definition #2: “Having a pleasant or attractive appearance: a nice dress; a nice face.”

Well we all don’t want to date Squatchie, so yes, looking nice would always be a plus. I mean I have a “nice” appearance...I hope. Does that mean that all attractive people are to finish last? Does that mean that mean that if Samaire Armstrong (my crush, swoon) were to walk through the door, I should say sorry Samaire (tear), you are too nice for me. I need Quasi-Moto.

Definition #3: “Exhibiting courtesy and politeness: a nice gesture.”

Personally I think we should all go around cursing and flipping each other off, but only as a preventative measure from keeping us at the back of the pack.

Definition #4: “Of good character and reputation: respectable.”

I mean if I were a female I would only be seeking those who have sexual-ly transmitted diseases and a reputation for throwing me down the stairs in the even of a disagreement. Morals? Who needs them?

These are common sense values that we all should be looking for in others. So what is so wrong with inserting the phrase here? Am I doomed because I don’t care to royally screw everyone I see? Have I been cursed by my own blessing of having a moral ground to stand on and respect for others as human beings.

I mean if this is true, sign me up to be a politician, shoot me up with heroine, give me a baseball bat to club a small child holding a puppy, and allow me to curse off a group of small children doing charity work with the homeless while getting reconstructive surgery to chisel my face in the image of Larry King. This way I’ll finish first in life.

“Quotes” of the week

“In order to change we must be sick and tired of being sick and tired.”
-Author Unknown

“The best way to predict the future is to invent it.”
-Alan Kay

“Life is not merely to be alive, but to be well.”
-Marcus Valerius Martial

“Run to meet the future or it’s going to run you down.”
-Anthony J. D’Angelo

“Telling the future by looking at the past assumes that conditions remain constant. This is like driving a car by looking in the rearview mirror.”
-Herb Brudy

“The future is not something we enter. The future is something we create.”
-Leonard J. Sweet

“If you have no confidence in self, you are twice defeated in the race of life. With confidence, you have won before you have started.”
-Marcus Garvey

“I am only one, but I am still one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.”
-Edward Everett Hale

“Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of chang-ing himself.”
- Anatole France

“All changes, even the most longed for, have theirDrawbacks; for we are always change for the worse. We must die to one life before we can enter another.”
- Tolstoy

“Begin growing from where you are - not from where others think you ought to be.”
- Steven Douglas Lawrence

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“When one must, one can.”
- Proverb

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Muslim Student Organization Regains Recognition

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NEWS EDITOR

The Muslim Student Association (MSA) regained official recognition last November by Monmouth University after losing active status on campus in 2005. The reconstitution of the organization came from an increased amount of student interest last semester. As of November 29, 2006, the approximate 19 active-member organization received approval from the Student Government Association as an official club on campus. Lack of activity in 2005 caused the MSA to lose registration, forcing the organization to formulate a new constitution for re-appraisal.

“There was an interest in reconstituting the organization since I came to Monmouth University this semester,” said Interim President Nazim Uddin. “Dean Golam Mathbor had been in contact with a number of students interested in the organization. As such, I began the necessary process of reconstituting the club.”

According to Mathbor, the organization’s founding and current adviser, MSA was first recognized by the Student Government Association following its submission and presentation to the SGA board. He stated that their first year showed much activity from the support of the greater campus community.

“The first step in establishing MSA was to inform all students, irrespective of their religious faith, about interest in forming [the organization],” he said. “In fact, many students and faculty of non-Islamic faith supported us to establish the association.”

The events hosted by the MSA include the first Iftar dinner, a breaking-of-fast meal, during the Islamic month of Ramadan, an event co-sponsored by the International Club. Uddin stated that the organization currently does not have a University approved budget, but plans on making significant contributions to the campus once approved. An organization or club can request an annual budget after receiving recognition by the University for one year. MSA plans to participate in this year’s Global Understanding Project Convention, with the theme of “Global Solutions: Sharing Resources, Shaping Peace.” The organization intends to present a panel discussion on the concept of Zakat, or charity, as Islam’s answer to social-economic unfairness. Zakat is a central obligatory tenant of Islam for Muslims who are in financial standing.

The organization’s initial goals aimed to dispel negative perceptions of Muslims in light of the events of September 11, 2001, and increase awareness and understanding of Islam in the University community. Creating a sense of community and a more inclusive experience at the University are also undertakings MSA plans to accomplish. Uddin stated the necessity to become exposed to a variety of world cultures and religions in order to be prepared for realities of the post-9/11 world.

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Uddin feels that increased discriminatory backlash against Muslims in America only has been worsened by media’s portrayal of Islam to violence and terror. To him, these sentiments distort the perception of being American, separating Muslims as a different group all together. Part of his organizations goals aim to reestablish the meaning of American identity. “This negative environment has created a spiral of silence in the community, where by even some Americans who are Muslims find it difficult to practice the religion, instead preferring invisibility in society,” Uddin stated. “It is important to celebrate, and not just tolerate or accept, that one can be a Muslim, as well as an American. MSA’s importance on campus, if anything, is the reevaluation or reconstitution of this very concept.”

Weekly meetings are held at the Rebecca Stafford Student Center, Wednesdays at 2:30 in Room 202. For information or questions about MSA, email interim-presi dent Nazim Adin at maidin@monmouth.edu or Dean Golam Mathbor at gmathbor@monmouth.edu.

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Jennifer Garner, for her role in \textit{Little Miss Sunshine}

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Columbus Short, for his role in \textit{Alpha Dog}

Male Actor in a Comedy Series
Justin Timberlake, for \textit{The Office}

Female Actor in a Comedy Series
Samantha Young, for \textit{ scraps}

Male Actor in a Drama Series
Hugh Laurie, for \textit{House}

Female Actor in a Leading Role
Mélanie Lynskey, for \textit{Little Miss Sunshine}

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\textit{Grey’s Anatomy}

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The Office

Motion Picture
\textit{Little Miss Sunshine}

In 2006, more than 100 films were released, with roughly 20 receiving a major release. While most, including myself, would love to scoff at Timberlake’s attempt— in fact most would probably let out a groan when they re- alized the movie was directed by Nick Cassavetes (don’t know who he is?), the movie was directed by Nick Cassavetes (don’t know who he is?) The movie was directed by Nick Cassavetes (don’t know who he is?). The movie was directed by Nick Cassavetes (don’t know who he is?).

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The Outlook looks great with the effect fitting glass slippers, Santoro gown, the perfect fitting of having love troubles, but each singing notes from very soft to loud and dominant. Daughter has already sold over a million copies of their self-titled debut album, which was released November 21 of last year. The album even outsold winner Taylor Hicks' debut album. If you are looking for an album with a solid rock-and-roll feel and powerful lead portraits, this album is definitely one to consider listening to.

As many people know, this year in Walt Disney Theme Parks around the world is the “Year of a Million Dreams” celebration. In honor of this celebration, Disney revealed last week, three new portraits featuring different celebrities posing as different Disney characters as a way of promoting it. The portraits promoting the film were taken by photographer An - "It's Not Over,” the song sounds like a typical rock tune about a relationship gone wrong, but when you listen to the entire song through, it reminds you of an actual song by an impressive performer. While belting out lyrics like “I’ll try to do it right this time around” and “This love is killin’ me,” Daughtry displays just how his voice is so different from anyone- with twelve songs on the album, there seems to be a frequent theme of one-thing-else, but each song delivers something unique. The four songs “Home,” “Feels Like Tonight,” “It’s Not Over,” and “Crashed” are the best on the album. These songs display Daughtry’s powerful vocals and the band’s exceptional guitar skills. The track “What I Want,” featuring guitar work from former Guns N’ Roses’ guitarist Slash, gives Daughtry the opportunity to add some bluesy metal and differ- entiate it from the other songs on the album. On another track, “Breakdown,” Chris Daughtry really gets a chance to show off his range, singing notes from very soft to loud and dominant. Daughter is an honor and very exciting.” The drama begins with Heidi and Spencer giving a shot. With frequent shows in the area, be sure to keep an eye out for them. They will be playing at Jenkinsons on February 3 at 10:00 pm. If three tracks isn’t enough for you (and trust me, it will not be), check out their radio friendly tracks and an original incredible sound that blends together the popular music of today with the diversity of Disney's past. The Benjamins are worth a listen.

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**Aries** • (Mar. 21 - April 19) - Today is an 6

Allow events to transpire naturally, while watching. You’re in for a pleasant surprise. Believe in miracles.

**Taurus** • (April 20 - May 20) - Today is a 7

The more you study, the more you see the great value in having good friends. Now is a good time to have them help you carry a heavy burden.

**Gemini** • (May 21 - June 21) - Today is a 9

Gather up as much as you can, graciously of course. More money and status for doing less manual labor is your objective.

**Cancer** • (June 22 - July 22) - Today is a 8

Move quickly, and use your imagination. You can solve an old problem simply by trying something you’ve never done before.

**Leo** • (July 23 - Aug. 22) - Today is a 7

Follow through on the project instigated yesterday. Once that’s done, it’ll be easy to see what needs to do next.

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

Continue to encourage your teammates to advance toward the goal. They can accomplish amazing things with your direction and support.

**Libra** • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - Today is a 8

Concentrate on understanding exactly what’s required. Then, provide something the client will like even better.

**Scorpio** • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - Today is a 6

Follow through with confidence and intense concentration. Land your catch carefully, don’t let it get away.

**Sagittarius** • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is an 7

A private family celebration is in order. Do something nice for the others, even if you don’t like it yourself. They’ll think you’re wonderful, and you’ll gain points.

**Capricorn** • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - Today is a 7

If you get nothing else done today, let people know how much you appreciate what they’ve done for you and are doing for you now. Without them, you’re nowhere near as effective.

**Aquarius** • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 8

Nobody’s going to tell you what to do in this situation. You get to figure it out and hold yourself to your own schedule. You get to take all the risks, and you get all the credit.

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

The people who know you best believe you can do just about anything. Don’t argue, that would be disrespectful. Give it your best shot.

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**Sudoku**

By Michael Mepham

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**A College Girl Named Joss**

By Aaron Warner

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Hey Monmouth, how’s everything going? We’re glad to see everyone back from winter break, even if that means classes are starting up again. Well it’s recruitment time already, and that means that every organization will be hosting different things all at the same time. You might ask yourself, why should I go to the Sig Tau recruitment events? The answer to that is simple. There’s none better than a Sig Tau, and that’s the damn truth. I’m Prouder than ever to say Sigma Tau Gamma is simply the only choice. If you are looking to come out of events or check out this schedule:

Friday the 2nd: IFC Round Robin in Bey Hall at 4:30
Sunday the 4th: Super Bowl Party at 6:15
Monday the 5th: Free dinner at Chinese Buffet at 7pm
Tuesday the 6th: Elmwood Pizza Party
Wednesday the 7th: Bowling at Shore Lanes at 9pm
Friday the 9th: Battle of the Sexes

If anyone has questions about these events feel free to e-mail Traum at christian.f.traum@monmouth.edu. Have a great week everyone!

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**Alpha Sigma Tau**

Pearl, Twinkle and Paradise see out 80’s style at the breakfast club. Twinkle thanks she’s a dog on a fire hydrant & does not know why her calf hurts. Twinkle was a ballerina, DUH! OhMGGod I love the 80’s & Paradise & Pearl. Love, My lil Radiance & Moto & secret ENTE. I love my Little, I love 249. Delta Phi Epsilon is the hottest! Let’s have an awesome recruitment. – nevaeh.

How I miss you so. Little, keep yourself together in that bubble. Love, Starlet.

No problem at all you Hoey Hoes…infact, lock your doors because I’ll be back tonight. – sTellar. Dearest Bobbies, frozen egg is my favorite haha the cop probably thought we were nuts. Way to scare the crap out of us! <3 Hoey Hoes yte…dormstorming was so much fun…all I have to say is "us" night. I <3 u! Mad love to the Rho’s when is our night out call <3 spryte. Vogue: I love the randomness of our shopping <3 Tink. Happy 2007 world <3 spiec. Summer I love you to the extreme! You are the best little ever! This big & Little combo makes everyone jealous. Love, Pearl. Alpha Rho’s I can’t wait for this Friday <3 Tink Glamour, Friday was unbelievable and I’ve never had so much fun in my life. …I’d can totally make a great host. Honey, please come back to my life …I live with you and you’ve completely disappeared. Blaze, Lucky Star, Radiance, and Spyte…dormstorming was so much fun…all I have to say is first floor Elmwood <3 you all Kaprice. Alpha Rho’s you make my life – Euphoria <3

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**Phi Sigma Sigma**

Welcome back everyone- you hope all had a great winter break. Phi Sigma Sigma hosted our interest party last Monday; we had so much fun with all the girls! It was so exciting to see such a great turn out at Meet the Greeks last night, good luck to all the Greeks during recruitment. We’re looking forward to a great semester and wish you all one too!

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**Delta Phi Epsilon**

I hope everyone had a great winter break. We are enthusiastic to kick off the spring semester. Come to Meet the Greeks January 31st in Anacon Hall upstairs in the Student Center. Round Robin is February 3rd for recruitment for spring 2007.

"Can’t wait for Recruitment - Vegas. Friday’s was fun! Love you girls! xxxx -DuZLIE. Thank you to all my sisters who helped me out through everything. You have no idea how much it means to me! I love you all – TriniDr. Recruitment! YeSSSSS! Riley. I love my wife, PERFECT, and my roomie! DPE you rock my socks! Love always - CALL-ENTE. I love my Little, I love 249. Delta Phi Epsilon is the hottest! Let’s have an awesome recruitment – nevaeh. Love our palace by the sea – Trixie! 246 Gar ENTTE. I love my Little, I love 249. Delta Phi Epsilon is the hottest! Let’s have an awesome recruitment. – nevaeh. How I miss you so. Little, keep yourself together in that bubble. Love, Starlet.

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**Phi Sigma Kappa**

Brothers! Welcome back from another winter break. Thanks to everyone who came to Meet the Greeks last night and good luck to everyone else with their recruitment. PKS has been planning for a very busy Spring semester. We have scheduled a number of different community service events for the upcoming weeks and months and we are still raising money for various causes, especially the Special Olympics. We will also be sending a number of our brothers to the Marshall Islands during spring break to do various volunteer work with locals on the island.

We will also be participating in the Round-Robin recruitment meetings this semester which will be held on the 9th at 4:30 in Bey Hall. We encourage everyone interested in fraternities and Greek life to participate in this event and we hope to see as many people as possible there.

We are expecting to have a major fundraising event in the next few months, but details on what exactly we will be doing are still being discussed. We hope everyone has a great semester and good luck during rush. This is Launchpad signing off saying, DAMN PROUD!

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**THE OUTLOOK WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

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BY: SUZANNE GUARINO

Bryan freshman
“To quit smoking and be healthy, I think I can do it. And, to do better in school than last semester.”

Sean freshman
“Getting out of my dorm room and getting involved more.”

Tatiana junior
“To get in shape and to stop procrastinating... but I haven’t started yet.”

Josh freshman
“Not to write my papers at the last minute, even though I know it’s going to happen anyway.”

Melanie freshman
“I want to be a nicer person, less feisty and aggressive and get rid of my N.Y. accent.”

Allyson sophomore
“I don’t make them because I know I never keep them.”

Jeff freshman
“I need to wake up in the day time and attend all my classes. I have been known to oversleep 6 a.m. classes. Probably because I stay up ‘til 9 a.m. watching infomercials.”

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Greetings from London to everyone at Monmouth University! My name is Danielle DeCarlo and I am studying abroad for a semester here at Regent’s College in London, UK! I am a Communications major and this is my second year at Monmouth. I actually did not plan on studying abroad whatsoever during college, but I ended up checking out a first-step meeting with one of my friends and fell in love with the idea of exploring Europe, so here I am! I have been at Regent’s College for a little over a week now, and it is really a great school in a very nice, safe area right inside the beautiful Royal Park. I have done so much in a week that it will be hard for me to wrap it all up checking out a few clubs around Piccadilly and Oxford Circus which were very fun since we were all exhausted from the jet lag. The next day, we had orientation and met with our advisor, Dean Sophie Laws. At night, we went to a tour about Jack the Ripper, which was very spooky but very cool! During this tour, we saw the Tower of London and the London Wall where the original Roman cobblestone streets are, it was really amazing! The next day, we took a double-decker bus tour around the city which was incredible. We got to see the Houses of Parliament, the Tower of London, the London Eye, Tower Bridge, the Globe Theater and much more. This city is breathtakingly beautiful! We started classes the Monday after we arrived and they are very interesting! I have people in my classes from Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Nigeria, Brazil, Germany, Italy and many more different countries. It is really eye-opening to see how different these cultures are from our own even while discussing simple topics such as media and biology! Over the next few days, we felt brave enough to venture around London on our own using The Tube (the subway, which is by the way MUCH easier to navigate than the subway in NYC) and we did a little bit of shopping and simple wandering around to try and become familiar with some of the city. We went to a few clubs around Soho and Oxford Circuses which were very fun since we got to meet new people from all different areas of the world. We met people from Australia, Morocco, Egypt, and a few others that I can’t remember off the top of my head right now. It is very strange to me when I tell people I am from America and they are amazed and want to know all about it… it is a very intense reality to know that I am a foreigner now! Over the weekend, Regent’s planned a trip to go to Leicester’s Castle and Canterbury, which are located in Kent. The castle was absolutely incredible, and Canterbury was a very cute little town. We didn’t get too much time to explore Canterbury, unfortunately, since we were pressed for time. But it was still a fun place to walk around a little bit and get some lunch. A few other people from Monmouth and myself have planned a trip to go to Prague next weekend which I am very excited about! The American dollar goes a long way there, so we were able to get a nice apartment for the weekend in a very safe area of the city. I have also started planning my spring break, which I will be spending in Italy. I got a flight to Milan for two pennies through Ryanair.com! It is very cool how easy it is to travel on country to country from here! Most of us here are spending the weekend planning all of our trips for the semester since we now have the schedule of trips that Regent’s is hosting. I’m sure you are all wondering how much money I have spent so far. I cannot give you an exact amount, but between going out, paying for day trips, picking up a few necessities, buying an Oyster card for the Tube and the bus, shopping, and planning a trip to Prague and Milan, I would say I have spent about 300 pounds, which is about 600 American dollars. Honestly, I thought it would be a lot more than that by now! The most money I have spent was on my trip to Prague. We could find flights cheaper than 90 pounds that didn’t fly us straight way much easier to navigate the city and how beautiful and exciting it is, so look out for my weekly articles and pictures, and go to a first-step meeting about studying abroad! Even if you don’t want to go to London, you can spend a semester in Australia or even spend a month during the summer in Spain or Italy. Robyn Azaro, the study abroad advisor, is very helpful, and I guarantee it will be the time of your life! Until next week, cheers!

Life Across the Pond
Welcome to London, England

Danielle Decarlo
Contributing Writer

Leed’s Castle, Kent

LINDSAY PLESNARSKI
Contributing Writer

Hey Monmouth! Hope everything is going great, including classes! All is well here at Regent’s! This past weekend, we enjoyed a school-planned trip to Leed’s Castle, as well as Canterbury (for those who read Canterbury Tales… this should sound familiar)! Despite the trip, including probably one of the most humid bus rides of my life for (two hours), it was a lot of fun, and we got to see some amazing sights!

First of all, Leed’s Castle is enormous. Even though there is construction going on, it really doesn’t take away the beauty of this masterpiece! During the tour, we got to see the Queen’s bedroom, her shoe closet, and even the wine cellar!

One of the coolest parts of this trip was going through an actual hedge maze (you know... like the one from Harry Potter). There are no signs to give you hints about any thing... but I doubt you can actually get lost in it. We even started to play a game of Marco Polo after the group split up to see who would finish first.

After checking out the castle and the maze, we went back to the bus to take a trip to Canterbury. Thankfully, this was only 35 minutes or so. The main attraction there is the Cathedral. It is breath-taking and humongous! However, we only had a very limited time to spend there, so most of it was actually spent in a restaurant/pub because we were all starving! This trip began at 8:30 a.m. for us, and most did not have time to get breakfast.

As you can tell from the pictures, we had wonderful weather! It was just so nice to take a stroll around a castle and over some bridges! The only thing I could’ve asked for was more time there. And maybe a less humid bus ride!

Lindsay Plesnarski
Contributing Writer

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Information Sessions on the Application Process for our Off Campus Housing are fast approaching!

Info Sessions:
Feb 2nd: Oakwood Lounge 4 pm
Feb 5th: The Underground 6 pm
Feb 7th: Bey Hall 2:30 pm

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The London Eye

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Hawks Split Games Against NEC Foes

Extend Winning Streak at the “Boylor Room” to Six

Christopher Taiwo

The Hawk Field: Name: Christopher Taiwo

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Hometown: Budd Lake, New Jersey
Major: Accounting and Finance

Events: “In indoor track, I compete in the 55/60 meter dash, the 200 and 300 meter dashes, the 60 meter high hurdles, and the triple jump. In outdoor track, I compete in the 100 meter dash, the 200 meter dash, and the triple jump.”

Most Memorable Moment at MU: “It was my first 4x4 relay. I was really nervous. I wasn’t sure what to expect. I never really ran this race in high school and I was going up against guys who had run it before. But, once I got out onto the track, I was ready.”

Biggest Rival: Long Island University and Rutgers

In Ten Years: “I would like to work on Wall Street for a living, and I see myself married and maybe have children.”

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Monmouth a 16th member of Monmouth’s junior Dejan Delic swished home half last Saturday, Hawks se-

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The Hawks Split Games Against NEC Foes

Extend Winning Streak at the “Boylor Room” to Six

In the fourth quarter, the Hawks came back only once when trailing at half-time against NEC. Competition

trailed back and forth with the Blue Devils in the open-

ing Central to call an early timeout during a 13-2 run to cut the lead for the Hawks last year, followed by Delic

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to make an immediate impact. In his first year of colle-

iate competition Taiwo feels, “I should be very competitive in the NEC conference and outside the conference with higher level com-

petition.” With just a few meets under his belt, the sprinter has had to quickly adjust to the level of competition in a Division I atmo-

sphere. “It didn’t take me long [to adjust] since I had learned to fast and because we have a young team.”

With talented freshman like Taiwo, the future of Monmouth track and field looks very bright. As for the present, Taiwo just hopes he can make a difference this year and help MU bring win the NEC title.
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Points Against Robert Morris

AlexANDRE TRUCALE
SPORTS EDITOR
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ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Over the winter break, the women’s hoops team went 4-2 with victories over American, Lafayette, and Wagner, including a double overtime thriller against Mount Saint Mary’s, 95-91. The team looked to continue their strong play as they faced Quinnipiac and Central Connecticut State earlier this week; however, the Hawks week ended with a 1-1 record as the squad lost two games at Monmouth ac 69-57, but rebounded to edge out CCSU 73-65.

On January 15, the Hawks traveled to Connecticut for their second of three consecutive road games in the “Conferenceenance State.” The opponents were Quinnipiac, who came into the matchup with a 3-2 mark and a 9-5 overall record. Early on in the game, the Blue and White took control of the game, pushing their lead to 4. The Hawks went down by double figures before once again cutting the lead before the half of the first half, 33-31.

Back and forth for the majority of the second half, the Blue and White were unable to hold the lead to closer than six points with one and a half minutes remaining in the contest after Veronica Randolph trimmed the lead to 4. The Hawks went down by double figures before once again cutting the lead before the half of the first half, 33-31.

Just like they did at Fordham, the Blue and White remained in the game, finishing with a 69-67 victory over the Hawks.

“Tis a disappointing loss,” said Baxter. “It’s a hard way to lose, and we need to get stronger as a team.”

The Colonials began to pull away in the second half. After a three point play by Jennifer Bender cut the lead to 58-52, Robert Morris hit two unanswered field goals to get to ten point advantage. The Colonials would not relinquish the lead for the remainder of the game, finishing with a 65-61 victory over the Hawks.

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On January 15, the Hawks traveled to Connecticut for their second of three consecutive road games in the “Conferenceenance State.” The opponents were Quinnipiac, who came into the matchup with a 3-2 mark and a 9-5 overall record. Early on in the game, the Blue and White took control of the game, pushing their lead to 4. The Hawks went down by double figures before once again cutting the lead before the half of the first half, 33-31.

Back and forth for the majority of the second half, the Blue and White were unable to hold the lead to closer than six points with one and a half minutes remaining in the contest after Veronica Randolph trimmed the lead to 4. The Hawks went down by double figures before once again cutting the lead before the half of the first half, 33-31.

Just like they did at Fordham, the Blue and White remained in the game, finishing with a 69-67 victory over the Hawks.

“Tis a disappointing loss,” said Baxter. “It’s a hard way to lose, and we need to get stronger as a team.”

On January 19th, the men’s and women’s teams traveled to the Great Dane Classic on the Campus of Albany University. It was here that they faced several individual and team of the highest level.

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“Our women’s team competed very well and raised their intensity in what was our most competitive meet so far this year. The men’s team had tremendous results in the throws and some other areas, but we need to get stronger in some events in a hurry,” said Coach Compagni.

*For both teams to finish 4th in a meet this size is a good sign for us.”*
The Hawks were victorious twice this week with wins over St. Francis (Pa) and Robert Morris. That story, plus the return of the HawkFile on page 18.