The Student Government Association’s sixth annual charity auction received support from students and the local community despite last week’s inclement weather to raise more than $1,000 for Michael’s Feat.

The Student Government Senator Megan Canavan organized and ran the Feb. 13 charity auction at Anacon Hall, which benefited the Michael Gerard Puharic Memorial Fund, a non-profit organization that supports parents of seriously ill newborns in Monmouth and Ocean counties.

With the help of fellow SGA senators and general members, the SGA sent out letters and visited with the local businesses, family members, and friends to help sponsor the evening. Donations included a New York Giants signed football, Bath and Body Works gift basket and gift card, a Ming Ying gift certificate, money from the Monmouth University Bookstore, and tickets from the MU Box Office. There was even dinner for four from Vice President Mary Anne Nagy and from Phi Sigma Sigma.

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**Samantha Young**

**Co Editor in Chief**

After last Wednesday’s University closing, some concerned students and faculty began to question the effectiveness of the campus alert system. So how does it work exactly and where does it go wrong?

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**Staff Writer**

The February 14 snow day was the first of the 2006-2007 school year. A message was sent out to the campus at approximately 5:19 a.m. stating the University would be subject to a delayed opening. About three hours later at 8:37 a.m., another message was sent stating the University was closed. The second notice, in many instances, came too late for some.

“I checked three times the homicide number and it said all three times delayed opening and my class was supposed to begin at 10 a.m.” said English major Janine Strauss. “I commute from Colts Neck and I got up extra early so I could navigate the treacherous roads… I drove all the way here – about 45 minutes – and I saw the faculty parking lot was nearly empty and had a sinking feeling.”

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Outdoors Club Initiates Recycle Program

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The Outdoors Club recently kicked off its first official project as a new organization on campus. The group's primary goal is to educate and involve Monmouth students in ways that they can help the environment, which is something they have started putting into action.

On February 19, the club initiated a recycling program. They hope to collect and properly recycle used items that could pose a threat to the environment if improperly handled or disposed. The list of items includes cell phone cases, cell phone batteries, empty ink cartridges, used household batteries, and other similar objects.

Recycling items like these is important because if they are simply thrown away, the ink from used ink cartridges and the leftover acid from used batteries may seep out of their containers and into the ground at the garbage dumps they are carried to. According to Outdoors Club President Paul Mandala, the garbage dumps in New Jersey are already too contaminated. They are requesting as much help as possible to prevent pollution from these substances from worsening.

“On one of the simplest things we can do to change the environment tremendously is just recycling,” said Mandala. The items collected on campus will be shipped to FundaCarro, a Puerto Rico-based company that purchases empty cartridges, cell phones, and similar items that may be potentially hazardous from collectors. The company then recycles and refurnishes the cartridges and phones to be sold back to consumers at a cheaper price. In reusing the original tanks, the amount of waste is reduced and the ink or acid from the items will not be left to leak into the garbage sites. Any batteries collected will be going to a local recycling center to be disposed of in a proper manner. Information from Earth 911.org claims that batteries that end up in landfills or incinerators for disposal can potentially “leak into the environment and end up in the food chain, causing serious health risks to humans and animals.” Incorrect discarding of batteries may also expose the environment and water to lead and acid.

“Chemicals such as zinc and lead are found in ordinary household batteries. These are when jumped into landfills, these contaminants eventually migrate into the underground aquifers, polluting our drinking water,” explained Outdoors Club Adviser William Reynolds. “If we can help people get into the habit of putting these batteries aside so that they do not go out with the ordinary trash, it may just become a lifelong practice for them.”

The Outdoors Club needs the help of its fellow students. Collection bins to deposit used items will be located in each of the residence halls and also in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center. Any deposits of the listed items are greatly appreciated as the Outdoors Club continues its efforts to encourage Monmouth University’s students into environment-friendly habits that can benefit everyone.
**SAB Hosts Trip to Broadway’s Avenue Q**

**DANIEL ROTH**

*EDITOR AT LARGE*

Avenue Q was the place to be Sunday, February 18, as the Student Activities Board (S.A.B.) hosted a trip to the Broadway hit. The show, which is advertised on its Web site as good for adult and teenage audiences, uses puppetry and a script that deals with real world situations to entertain audiences.

S.A.B. President Christine Schumann commented on the choice of shows, “Avenue Q was chosen above some other options for multiple reasons. When planning a trip to a Broadway show, one must keep in mind that a bus has 49 seats, so it must be a show with at least 49 reasonably-priced tickets available.”

She went on to say, “It’s a very different show from all the other Broadway plays because of its original songs and style of performance. Because it tends to be racier, this show is good for the college age audience because it involves characters struggling with some of the same things as a college student or recent college graduate.”

Tickets for the show had been advertised in the Student Center as well as online and were available for $40 to students and $45 to guests. Included in the price was a bus ride from the school into the city. The bus left the Student Center Parking lot full with both students and alumni.

After arriving in the city around 11:20 a.m., patrons had the opportunity to explore the city before the 2 p.m. showtime. The show itself is the comic tale of a group of puppets and people whose lives all intersect as they live on Avenue Q. Finding purpose in life, dealing with homosexuality, Internet pornography, and racism are just some of the topics covered by the characters throughout the play.

Darcy Dobens, a Masters of Social Work student, offered her opinion of the show, “I really liked it a lot, and it was hilarious. Going in I heard it was vulgar but it fit in. I would definitely recommend it.”

Mahmut Ozkul, Alumnus Jean Moran (class of 1991) echoed these sentiments, “I loved the show! It was funny and very contemporary, it was the truth,” she said. She went on to mention that Lucy the Slut was one of her favorite characters.

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**TNA Moves to Undergraduate**

**JACQUELINE KOLOSKI**

**EDITOR AT LARGE**

In only its second event of the spring semester, Thursday Night Alternative (TNA) was again on the move. After relocating from Oakwood Hall and then Magill Commons, TNA took place in The Underground on Feb. 15.

It was a packed house as students performed live music and poetry pieces. Ten people performed before the crowd singing original songs as well as covers. Some students even showcased their talents on a variety of instruments like the keyboard, dijeredoo, the banjo, and the acoustic guitar.

An event sponsored by the Substance Awareness Department, Jonathan Gant, who is the department’s graduate assistant, said the purpose of the night is to give students an alternative to the "party scene" on Thursdays.

“It gives students a safe and fun environment where they can still get out and have fun enjoying free live music, refreshments, and hanging out with friends," said Gant. “It is also a great way for students to showcase and express their talents whether it be poetry musical, or in another form at this Open Mic style event.”

In addition to the live entertainment, the Substance Awareness Department has three drawings connected to Elmwood Hall. Gant encourages everyone to attend the event.

Angie Randazzo, a visitor from Brick, performed twice at TNA. “I thought it was really relaxed. It was nice to be able to free myself for awhile.”

Jessica Pyrdsa, a freshman music industry major, performed two original songs on keyboard during TNA. “It was nice to have other people hear the music you write,” said Pyrdsa.

The next TNA is scheduled for March 15, and the new residence hall location is being considered. “We will try to get the students opinions on the Undergraduate location and probably have it back there in March,” said Gant.

**SGA Fund-raiser**

*Editorial Note*

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that went for $174 and $100 for a signed Giant’s Football. Sophomore Tara McMenamin, who won NY Liberty Tickets and Bath and Body Works Certificate, thought that the auction was very interesting and went to a good cause. “My boss is Adam Puharic so obviously he helps out with Michael’s Feast, and I am really happy to see it does a lot with the community and had a good turnout.”

“I think the auction went really smoothly and that it was a really successful night, and I look forward to it next year,” added Mark Williams, a freshman Student Government Senator.
**Snow and Ice Cause Havoc on Campus**

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The conditions did not improve as expected at 5 a.m.,” said Gaffney. "I went out again from 8 to 9 a.m. and decided after discussion with police… I would close.”

Swannack said it is the University’s goal to make the best possible decision in the shortest time. “It takes some time to send emails, post information on the University’s Emergency Hotline, notify radio and television stations, change the Web site, send text messages and voice mails, notify Emergency Personnel and post notices in the residence halls,” said Swannack. “It is our goal to notify everyone as quickly as possible.”

Communication broke down, at least in part, between administrators and students, leaving some to arrive to empty parking lots and emptier classrooms.

“I went to my [8:30 a.m.] class and the building was closed and all the lights were off,” said freshman Keele Hutzler, a future health studies major. “I got back to my [Beachwood] dorm and saw papers on the doors but there were none there before I left.”

The most effective form of notice for the school closing seemed to be text messaging. The ease of text messaging allowed most of the 1900 students currently enrolled in the Monmouth University’s sponsored program, to coordinate their schedules with minimal confusion.

“I checked the e-mail [to see if school was closed] but last year I signed up for text messaging on my cell phone,” said sophomore art major Kelly Murray. “I wasn’t personally inconvenienced. My classes weren’t until 10 a.m. anyway so I had the morning to check my email.”

Wednesday into Thursday morning brought with it even more questions about the status of the University. With ice still covering walkways and parking lots partially cleared, a delay was expected, but not given.

“Facilities Management personnel work around the clock to plow and de-ice parking lots, driveways, and sidewalks,” said Swannack. “With temperatures as low as we have been experiencing until we can get salt and sand down and the sun comes out, ice is very difficult to eliminate.”

While the stories of inconvenience filtered through campus last week, Swannack assures the campus community [University administrators] “do not want to jeopardize the safety and security of employees or students.”

 “[The inconvenience] was a major drag,” comments Strauss. “I would have appreciated a phone call or something or just not changing their minds at the last minute and close the town from the beginning based on the road conditions.”

Even with the many options to reach students, inclement conditions can be unpredictable. “We cannot control the weather,” said Gaffney, “just react to its changing nature the best we can.”

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This week I want to touch on an issue. Don’t assume all of us have encountered at least one time this semester. Cold and flu season is a nightmare for everybody especially college students. It’s not the best experience going to class when you are sick and would much rather be sleeping and attempting to get better. It has seemed as though every other week people have been getting sick. They are better one week and then the following week the cold is back.

Annoying right? Before I reverted to school again for the semester I was battling a cold. It went away for awhile then came back with a vengeance as it caused me to lose my voice for four days. Four days! I got nervous because I had started a new class and the second week is the place to start a new semester with no voice. Ironically, I have a Voice and Diction class so I wanted to get better before that class. Luckily, by the second class I was good as new so I didn’t sound too bad.

To get more information on this particular health topic I figured to go straight to the source. I talked with the Director of Health Services, Kathy Maloney, to get some more information about what has been the reason for the onset of more people being sick right now.

She gave me a lot of good insight as well as steps as to how students can avoid getting sick during cold and flu season. So let me share with you what she had to say. Maloney said that numbers have been getting sick. They are definitely catching up with you. It is becoming more and more common to hear the sneeze, sniffle, and coughs of our fellow classmates. I’m really looking forward to when the weather finally breaks.

Maloney said that numbers have been getting sick this year as opposed to last year. It may appear that way, but it’s not. She said that in the Health Center, they find more patients during the months of October and February. She said that because this is cold and flu season it is not out of the ordinary to see so many people getting sick. I guess it’s just my point of trying to avoid not getting sick.

Since we are always in such close quarters because of class and such, it is difficult to not get sick. You are around people all the time so it is less likely you will escape cold and flu season scot-free. Maloney said that it is, “hard to combat viruses on campus. Our students are in multiple classes with multiple people, who can potentially carry viruses.”

She continued that this is worse for resident students who are living amongst many people. I have lived on campus for the past three years and I have been pleasantly surprised that I have not been sick as much as one would think. I think I have to credit that being lucky. I better be careful by saying that and hope that does not jinx my chances of not getting sick.

It is becoming more and more common to hear the sneeze, sniffle, and coughs of our fellow classmates. I’m really looking forward to when the weather finally breaks. The main reason because this is cold and flu season. But then you bring in the common cold that it will mark the end of the cold season. But then you bring in the cold season which is another story for another day for anyone that is interested.

I think the weather after these past few months have definitely been off kilter. We can’t expect it be beasty warm in the early winter months and then all of a sudden we hit a cold snap. Sometimes I credit the weather for making me sick, but I think that is one of those myths when it comes to getting a cold. Nobody has proven that as one of the causes. There are always those myths that swirl around that those in the health field try to dispute or find some truth in.

Maloney told me four ways that students can fight off that pesky cold or flu virus. Step one is “Get rest!” Many college students wear themselves down with lack of sleep and of course everybody is under pressure,” said Maloney I know for a fact should follow that one. I feel as though at times I am not getting as much sleep as I probably should. I think sometimes I can just get away with four or five hours of sleep but then it definitely catches up with you. It makes you feel very run down and I can see how it plays a role in catching a cold. It hurts your immune system greatly.

Step 2, said Maloney, “Remember to eat healthy and drink plenty of liquids.” So that means to set aside that candy bar as hard as it may seem and eat an apple or have a big glass of orange juice. I know sometimes when I am feeling a bit under the weather that helps me feel better.

Step 3 she is to wash your hands. “Students can pick up surface viruses from common places such as bathrooms, desks, and computer keyboards,” said Maloney. The fourth and final step is to get a flu shot each year, said Maloney.

She said that these steps will help prevent you from getting sick. Hopefully, you take these steps into consideration and if you are one of those many feelers under the weather I hope you feel better. For the others, follow these steps so you can stay healthy and cold free for the remainder of the cold and flu season.

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It can be about anything but should be related to the Monmouth community, student life, or something going on in the news that week. E-mail submissions to outlook@monmouth.edu and it will be printed here. How cool is that? Very.
Redefining Private Property Rights

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Op/Ed Editor

What integrity remains in a democratic country when people are no longer secure in their houses, persons, places or things, particularly their private property? Being an American, this issue does not seem to be highly controversial. We are the land of the free, we Americans are secure to have a “pursuit of happiness”. But I assure you, this notion’s status as the law can be debated. The current uses of eminent domain are ruining the American public to steal their property. This is not to say that local government’s scheme against eminent domain are ruining the America as a free society. Eminent domain is described by the Merriam-Webster dictionary as “a right of government to take private property for public use by virtue of the superior dominion of the state over all lands within its jurisdiction.” The implied meanings of this definition are endless.

First off, to appease any skeptical readers, I will say that eminent domain has a good place in any form of government. That very place which one needs to be narrowly redefined.

Going back to the original definition of eminent domain, its main purpose is for public use. This would, and with little argument, include the construction of bridges, highways, parks, military installations, and other similar public projects. They are used by the public, in the sense that they are physically being used or driven on and played in. Military installations fall under the jurisdiction of national defense and are typically considered protected by the U.S. Constitution within the first article. I agree with these uses because they have clear logic and motive.

However, what is being seen throughout the United States, and I strongly disagree with, is the seizure of private lands by the government to build higher income residences. These reside in the area, create more tax dollars will largely increase in tax dollars. It is forcefully removed from her home after fifty years of residency in another state, is an isolated example, it is true, and I will refrain from playing that card, even if by mentioning it now nullifies my point. Eminent domain is a right of property to a government’s sector and it is defined as “the process of renewal and rebuilding accompanying the influx of middle-class or affluent people into deteriorated areas that often displaces lower poorer residents.” Is it ethical to remove people from their lands simply to replace them with people of a higher socioeconomic class? Questions like these are the ones which need to be evaluated. The government has been mandating that lands seized must be distress. Who I ask do you think is that the government’s scheme against eminent domain is being diluted?! The government does. Backroom deals are shared to cooperate and all that is necessary for a government to seize a personal property is that taxes should be used as a motive to increase population in one area or another. Therefore, I have been kicking around in my head is that of viewing taxes as a byproduct of population. What I mean by this is that taxes are used as a catalyst to increase population. I don’t feel that taxes should be used as a motive to increase property ownership. The difference here from the previous argument against giving property from one private entity to another is that the properties are not being actively occupied.

The government is drawing a very fine line, albeit in circles, around the American public. A constitutional right, as the fourteenth amendment states, that the State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law, is apparently transparent. I will not debate substantive due process versus procedural due process in a situation where private property is being seized. It is in capital democracy common that all law should be institutioned to protect people’s personal endeavors, not infringements upon them. Some of rhetoric can prove nothing more than what you want to believe. Emotional stories about the local grandmother who is forcefully removed from her home after fifty years of residency in another state, is an isolated example; it is true, and I will refrain from playing that card, even if by mentioning it now nullifies my point. Sovereignty of private property is a principle of democracy and capitalism; two ideologies. The United States of America are founded upon. Further actual proof should be given to Americans in order to ensure their immigration status, the United States is not capable of being self-governing. This nation needs to re-write its personal property rights.

Letter from your Opinionated Editor

Do you like fashion? Do you like models? Do you like winning prizes? This year’s fashion show, Uzh-ju, just might be the sexiest fashion experience you’ve encountered so far. The show is this Saturday, February 24th. Doors open at 6:30 and the show starts at 7. This is the 3rd annual U.M. fashion show where students hit the runway to show off the hottest local designer’s fashions for the year and it all happens in Wilson Hall. You can purchase tickets in advance from WMCX radio station on the 2nd floor of The Plangere Center (Communication building) for $10 or buy a ticket at the door for $15. Since this is a charity fashion show, all proceeds go to The School for Children.

The event is sponsored by Hawk TV, WMCX, The Outlook, Comm Works & PRSSA. For ten dollars you will also get you a ticket book for tons of raffles for big name prizes such as an Apple iPod and accessories, a digital camera, camcorder, PS2 game system, a 20 in. flat screen TV, a CD sampler package, a Patrick Elias signed puck, gift certificates for tanning and restaurants, and many others. Refreshments will also be served and designers may be selling the clothing shown.

Okay, so as you can see, I really want you to go to the fashion show and I’m telling you this because it really is a good time (and I’m modeling in it again)! So, check it out. It’s a great way to start off your Saturday night.

Now, on to other issues...

Ideally I wouldn’t want to bring up negative aspects of our school, but sometimes it needs to be done. This is one of those times. My rationale is that if we acknowledge our weaknesses and downfalls, something may be done to overcome them and our school will be better for it. If we don’t express these issues, they will never be resolved. So, here’s some constructive criticism that I’m sure as members of the University community, you can relate to.

Overcrowding

Parking lots, let me bet you can guess what I’m going to say. There is a serious issue with parking on campus. I can’t imagine the amount of gas and time we’ve wasted circling the commuter lots for a spot every day. This is nothing new and we’ve all complained about this many times. But, I don’t see any resolution to such an obvious problem for all students. In fact, I see that its worsening due to piles of snow and fallen tree limbs taking up our precious spaces. I have seen many cars parked illegally recently, but it would not be ideal for these people to get tickets because there is just not enough spaces for them to park because the parking lot was not completely cleared from the storm.

So, check it out. It’s a great way to start off your Saturday night.

As if falling tree limbs weren’t scary enough, the parking lot gets quite dangerous when drivers speed around the corners trying to get there. It doesn’t make sense that we all pay so much to be able to park on campus, but we’re not even guaranteed that we’ll have a spot to get to class. What we are guaranteed is high blood pressure during heavy traffic times of the day.

Another issue is that two of my classes right now are filled with students as there is barely enough seats for every student. Even though there are enough seats, the students are on top of each other and right up to the very front of the room. This leaves no space to separate even teachers and students.

There seems to be a common theme here. The University wants to keep appearing as itself a small school, but so many students are being admitted that if we’re not doing anything to accommodate the number of newcomers, we’re going to be overcrowded. This problem could be prevented and solved if there was more space to accommodate students.

Anyone agree?
Support the Troops

ERIN STATTEL CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Valentine’s Day Warrants the Opposite

Dan’s points about WMD in Iraq, Saddam did have them at least at the time and did in fact use them. More importantly, it came out during his trial that he wanted the world (and even his top generals) to believe that he did have WMD...I guess it was to boost his “street cred” with the other des- pots of the world.

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According to the National Cen- ter for Injury Prevention and Con- trol (http://www.cdc.gov/nip/cdcrape. fault.htm), a branch of the Center for Disease Control, around 5.3 million women 18 or older experience Intimate Partner Violence, over 2 million women are injured and an estimated 1,300 women die as a result of IPV every year. Occ- curring most frequently in wom- en, there have been numbers of reported incidents of IPV among men, however men are much more likely to it es unreported. Un-
fortunately, our society supports and even promotes aggression.

The cycle can be broken by educating children, and adults, that violence is never the answer. Campaigns of organizations such as the Family Violence Prevention Fund (endabuse.org) are trying to eradicate IPV by promoting ideas such as “Coaching Boys into Men” which aim to dispel societies con- flicting messages about what it means to be a “real man.”

Vic tims now have a number of options to turn to. On the na- tional level there are hotlines such as the one offered on the Women Against Abuse website (www. wom enagainsta buse.org) out of Philadelphia. 1-866-723-3014 or 1-866-SAFE-014 runs 24/365 and sometimes is ready to listen or offer help to assist in leaving an abusive relationship.

On a local level there are numer- ous county and municipal services available, as well as independent organizations. Here in Monmouth County there are independent serv- ices such as 180 Turning Lives Around (www.180.org) located in Howell which offers information and opportunities for escaping abusive relationships and households. 180 offers the general public as well as the general public as well as the general public.

The organization also offers a hotline for domestic abuse (1-888-843-9262) and sexual assault (1-888-264-RAPE/1- 888-264-7273) as well as a youth helpline (1-888-222-2228 9AM- Midnight).

Instances of date rape and sex- ual violence can be found on any college campus in America and here at Monmouth we are not im- mune to the issues of gender vio- lence and Intimate Partner Abuse.

Dan was right on the money with pointing out that Bush is the liar as so many on the left believe. I have pointed out before on these pages the dems want the war to fail because it makes them look bad, after all public opinion of the war is one of the main reasons why they back con- trol of the House and Senate. If the war fails, they will play the old “I told ya so game” or if they bring home the troops before the job is done, they are the compassionate ones who brought our troops out of harm’s way which is a horrible and downright emasculating idea that they can do some research to get the facts of the matter to write in as well as a result of IPV every year. Occ-curring most frequently in wom-

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I felt like a different person, a person I had never known myself to be. I was obsessed, I was angry, I was hurt, contrived, alone, lonely, was going crazy! Now, this is not a different person, a person I had never known myself to be, I was obsessed, I was angry, I was hurt, contrived, alone, lonely, I was going crazy!

I stayed in that parking spot for an hour and then turn back. All of a sudden I made a b-line for my car and pulled a U-turn. Luck-ly there was enough room to make the turn without hitting the ma-terial.

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Two weeks prior. But for me, in that moment, it was one of the most des-ol-ate times of the past four years, it was one of the most des-ol-ate times of my life. It is something I will have to live through and re-lease, or just hit them. They'll scream if you work, do it louder. Scream if you work, do it louder. It is not a pleasant thing to think about, to hold back my frustration any longer. I was simply compelled to protest democracy and com-social urity, talk until they run out of breath.

The outlook for being interested in these topics is because it makes him feel intellectually superior to his peers. He用戶的問題 whether the world is his and when his ideas are challenged, he often responds with a "you are not in tune with your creative en-ergy or the greater ideas of our generation."

Pseudo-intellectuals can often be found in political discussion boards on the internet, patroniz-ing boutique shops, participating in online forums, sitting on a park’s bench during a weekend afternoon and playing a guitar, or just sitting alone in a room for hours. Most of these people are college students in their early 20s and are not interested in mainstream culture.

I went the less I knew where I was going but strangely, the more com-fortable I became not knowing. It was just past 6 p.m., I had been driving for over an hour. For the past two hours, I had been thinking about anything I knew to be local. To be honest if I could have stopped and just sat on the road I would have been completely lost. I made up my mind and wandered half an hour and then turn back.

As I kept on depression...
It's that time of year again: the time when Hollywood's finest goes all out, dresses in their very best, parties all night long, and it's all over a little man named Oscar. That's right; it's time for the most anticipated awards show of the year, The Academy Awards.

Hosted this year by Ellen DeGeneres, the 79th annual Academy Awards will be held live on Sunday, February 25 at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood, California. Hollywood Boulevard will turn into the red carpet, and many of today's A List stars will be there. The competition seems really stiff this year, and it's hard to tell who is going to get the honor of taking home the statue of that gold naked bald man. But here are my picks.

As much as I would love to say that Leonardo DiCaprio will win for his work in The Departed, I think the Academy will choose Forest Whitaker for his work in The Last King of Scotland. I'm not just saying this because I love Leo; he truly deserves an Oscar for this role. He had to learn the South African accent (which is very hard to do), and he nailed it. He did such an amazing job in this movie. If he doesn't get the Oscar, I think it's because the Academy is joining the bandwagon of what many people in America think of Leo, and aren't taking him seriously as an actor.

I haven't seen The Last King of Scotland, so I can't say whether or not Forest did a better job than Leo. But, honestly, this is Leo's third nomination -- I think it's time he won something.

I definitely think the Best Actress award will go to Helen Mirren for her role in The Queen. She's been getting critical acclaim for her portrayal of Queen Elizabeth II, and it's well deserved. She has already won both a Golden Globe and a SAG Award. So it wouldn't surprise me if she took home Oscar, as well.

Martin Scorsese is definitely a new sound for the band making history. His work directing The Departed was outstanding. The movie was excellent, filled with lots of twists and turns to keep you on the edge of your seat, and it made the two and a half hour movie feel like nothing. The camera angles were great, and a lot of times left your heart pounding, wondering what was going on. Scorsese actually got his message across in the film, and that's what great directors do. My pick for best director is Scorsese.

Fall Out Boy's newest album, Infinity on High, has an evolved sound, great beats, and, of course, many tracks that are bound to be big hits. Fall Out Boy is known for their energy, and they don't turn their backs to that on their album. This is definitely a new sound for the band making history, but it works. Aside from Fall Out Boy to release, but it works. Aside from Fall Out Boy, the album has more mellow tracks than anything out there today. It's upbeat, playful, and is going to be a huge success. Infinity on High, overall, is not entirely what I expected Fall Out Boy to release, but it works. Aside from "The Take Over, The Breaks Over," the album is all hits. Songs worth downloading are "Thriller," “Thanks fr th Mmrs,” and "This Ain't a Scene, An Arms Race."
Imagine you’re Lupe Fiasco, an up-and-coming young emcee, bred in the world of the Chicago hip-hop underground scene, flying to New York City after an impressive hotel impromptu rhyme session for none other than the game's executive producer Jay-Z. Fiasco had decided to pursue the vibe to it. Actually, for all you fans out there, his style is imaginative ammunition, and he can disguise with smart wordplay, so untrained eyes will regard it as witty, while the trained will herald it genius.

The reason: the ambitious business man had decided to pursue ventures with 1st and 15th, a label he co-owned, and co-founded from the ground up. But that’s not all. Not only does Jay accept Fiasco’s decision, but he takes him under his wing, talking the gimmick-laden, suffering game desperately. If Not Hip Hop Is Dead is the general leading trap’s movement back to the age enlightenment of emotion and social awareness, then Food and Liquor is easily the war’s second in command.

So how can Fiasco, a practicing Muslim who doesn’t drink or do drugs, appeal to an audience who has, in recent years, been constantly bombarded with the lavish gangster lifestyles including the aforementioned? Well, the proof is in the title’s pudding. According to interviews, the title suggests a balance of the good, and the bad, the food – provider of sustenance, energy, and life, and the liquor – drunken stupidity and foolish alcohol-induced pride. Fiasco wears his influences and upbringing on his sleeve, being an avid jazz fan, and son of a vastly talented instrumentalist father, and a world-traveling chef mother. The album is driven by heavy hip-hop drumming, interwoven with classical piano, horns, and orchestral strings.

Fiasco does not want to play by the rules that govern the gates to mainstream hip-hop success. Apparently, you can bite the hand that feeds you, so long as there are others who will offer you food. Tracks like “Real” criticize the game for glorifying fallacies of coming up from poverty, and, at the same time, cleverly relay a message to the listeners who buy into hype: tsk tsk. It’s as if Lupe is saying you don’t need to be a “gangsta” to make it in the industry. Who else could make his presence known with the single “Kick, Push”, rhyming about finding hot spots to skateboard at? (OK, probably Skateboard P Pharrell Williams, whose Neptune production crew also contribute to the album) Fiasco is conscious of his youth in his rhymes, including a verse in “Push” that references the super quest to save a princess. You have to understand one thing: he thinks big, and thinks across multiple planes. Fiasco has youthful, imaginative ammunition, and he can disguise with smart wordplay, so untrained eyes will regard it as witty, while the trained will herald it genius.

On top of that, the now 26-year-old emcee has the world in his sights: not only in success and fame, but in content. “American Terrorist” does not necessarily explore US involvement in war overseas, but does examine, from alternate perspectives, the country’s historic upbringing, religious views, and social wellness. His faith in Islam and feeling the backlash of anti-Muslim sentiment may have inspired to the track, but that is nothing to turn a deaf ear to. In an industry that producers and emcees rock iced out Jesus medallions and praising the Lord verbally, seconds before murdering enemies lyrically, the inspiration that Fiasco uses to fuel tracks shows the creatively constructive potential that incorporating faith-based spirituality into verses.

Fiasco describes the inspiration in naming his album by what he has grown up on. According to him, food and liquor stores are as commonplace on Chicago street corners as Wawas on stretches of New Jersey streets. Everyone, from all walks of life, come to these places, interacting with each other, and living their lives together. Perhaps it’s a hint of what Fiasco thinks that the game needs. Or, on a larger scale, what most people need. They need a balance of what will support us, and allow us to grow, and what will bring us down when we get too high. Fiasco’s release proves that everyone can use their own moderate helpings of the good and the bad, the Food and Liquor.

Photograph courtesy of www.myspace.com

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Eat, Drink, and Be Lupe

Food and Liquor Celebrates the Return of Hip Hop

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has a truly strong hip-hop beat and I couldn’t help but dance along with the music as I listened to it.

Another song on the album is called “What’s Good Really Good” and I think this one would be much better for radio play. It is a slower, more depressing beat to it. I can picture a fan just listening to this song in their car and nodding to the beat.

“She’s Mine” is a more upbeat song about a girl named Lisa. It’s almost like a love song in a hip-hop/rap format, and I really like that. It’s something different than the typical hip-hop/rap song, and it makes it nicer to listen to. The song isn’t the guy wants to kill someone, he’s saying that he wants to be with this girl, and he’s going to treat her right.

From someone whose favorite music is Backstreet Boys and country, I found myself actually liking the music. I really thought it was good, and I think a lot of hip-hop fans will love it. I can picture this music playing in a club, or people car dancing as they’re driving around town.

Hot Tickets

Everclear is performing tonight, Wednesday, February 21, at 8:00 pm at B.8.Kings Blues Club & Grill

The Ataris are also playing tonight at the Bowery Ballroom at 7:00 p.m. If you miss them tonight, you can catch them on Friday, February 23 at Northern Lights in Clifton Park at 7:00 pm, or On Sunday March 4 at 6:00 pm at Starland Ballroom.

My Chemical Romance is also playing a show on February 23, at Nassau Coliseum at 8:00 pm.

Sevendust will be taking the Starland Ballroom stage on February 27 at 6:30 pm.

Hanson is back and playing in New Jersey! Hanson will be at Starland Ballroom on March 1 at 7:30 pm.

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

Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19) - Today is a 8
You have the support of your teammates. They think you can do anything. Let them in on the secret. You can do it all because of them.

Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) - Today is an 7
The more "To Do" items you check off the list, the more secure you become. Try to explain to the others, kindly, that this trick will work for them, too.

Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) - Today is an 5
Your friends provide encouragement, but you're the one taking the test. Luckily, you're very smart, and you're proving it again. Relax and do what's natural.

Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) - Today is a 8
You don't have to feel intimidated any more. You can do fine on what you've accomplished. You don't need any of them; just make sure they do a good job.

Leo • (July 23 - Aug. 22) - Today is an 7
You don't need to tell everybody what you've recently discovered. Let them figure it out for themselves. Move fast, while you have the advantage.

Virgo • (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) - Today is a 7
You're being offered something nice for your home and-or family. Luckily, what you'll have to pay is not more than you can afford. Accept a good deal.

Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - Today is a 6
Get somebody else to take care of the parts of the job you find most difficult. You're really not in the mood to take on a bigger challenge now.

Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - Today is a 8
You're a bit hyperactive now, which is a good thing. There is too much work for a regular person to do, which is not a problem. You're also feeling romantic. Luckily, you can do it all.

Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) - Today is a 7
Your sense of humor is coming back. You may not have known it was missing. Actually, it was just resting. Beware today of unexpected giggle fits.

Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - Today is an 7
Don't push too hard. That won't be necessary now. Go with the flow, and you'll wind up in a beautiful place.

Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) - Today is a 7
Your attention is being drawn to a new topic, and this is good. You can afford to do more research now, and you should.

Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) - Today is a 9
More quickly on an opportunity that won't come again for a while. You've thought about it long enough. Grab it!
Hey everyone! The women of Alpha Xi Delta have been very busy planning our continuous open bidding events and the next one is tonight, Wednesday February 21 at 10:35 pm in Oakwood lounge for all women who are interested in joining our sorority or who would like to celebrate Hollywood and learn a bit more about our organization. We hope to see you there! We will be holding more meetings as well; for all girls interested, join our facebook group, “Interested in Joining Alpha Xi Delta,” and check The Outlook weekly for the latest updates and information. We hope everyone has a great week. Much Xi love to all!

Delta Phi Epsilon

We will be holding our annual event, Singled Out, on Wednesday, February 28th. The event is our spin off of MTV’s dating show that aired in the 90’s. The money raised from this event will go towards our philanthropy, Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders (ANAD). Tickets go on sale Thursday, February 22nd in the Student Center and the Dining Hall. See a sister for more information, or if you would like to sign up to participate.

I love you little delta diamond – Cara. Be-vided congrats to my Alpha Omicron. Momma loved you! – Aloha. D Phi E fo shizzle dizzle <3 Starlet. Yo Stella, back off my man on mypace. You know how we do, save Tink & look at our 3:00PM Original Programming

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It’s been a while since the last SGA President’s Corner, but campus has been busy, nonetheless. One thing that was supposed to happen was President Gaffney’s Budget Presentation. Inclement weather cancelled the meeting, but will be rescheduled for March 14, 2007 at 2:30pm at Magill Commons in room 107. This is a great opportunity for anyone who wants to know where their tuition money goes or how Monmouth stacks up to other colleges in New Jersey financially. Heard a rumor about how money is spent? Think Monmouth is astronomically expensive? No excuses, here is your chance to find out the truth straight from the mouth of President Gaffney. As with all regular SGA meetings, all Monmouth students and faculty are invited to attend.

Also, on February 13, SGA held their annual Charity Auction to benefit SGA philanthropy, Michael’s Feat, which helps the family of serious ill newborns in Monmouth County. Despite the ice storm, over 100 items were auctioned off totaling $2,400 to be donated to the charity. Megan Canavan programmed and organized the successful event and was pleased with the outcome. The auction has become a cherished tradition to SGA who hopes to make the event even better for its 7th year in 2008.

With that being said, I hope the first half of the semester has been good for all. I know it will get even better when the ice thaws. I have a question for all. What do you think about the Underground? What’s better about it? What would you like to see changed or added? As always, email your responses to sgs@monmouth.edu. Be safe, be smart, have fun.

Sincerely,
Brandon Bosque

Hello Monmouth University,

What Up Monmouth, How’s life treating everybody? Let’s start this week with a big congratulations to our new Epsilon Class, Brian, Jimmy, Allen, and Anthony welcome to Sigma Tau Gamma the best fraternity around. Congratulations to all the other students who received bids last week. Sig Tau’s Fellowship Day is coming up on Saturday and we’ll all be geared up for a day of community service and brotherhood. That’s it for this week Monmouth, later SIG TAU...FOR LIFE!!

Sigma Tau Gamma
What would be your dream job after college?

By: Suzanne Guarino

“Traveling around the world to try out restaurants.”

“I would be an oil tycoon! And save the world.”

“A professional baseball player starting pitcher for game 7 in the World Series for the N.Y. Mets.”

“A product tester so I could try out new things before they come out on the market.”

“A belly dancer or a housewife.”

“A well-known reggae DJ/ radio personality.”

“To be Hugh Hefner’s partner in crime.”

“A journalist/reporter.”

“I want to be an aeronautical engineer because it’s probably really easy and you probably don’t do any work, plus the pay is probably really good.”

“To be on The Real World.”

“A weekly financial analyst.”

“To be a professional baseball player starting pitcher for game 7 in the World Series for the N.Y. Mets.”

“For a handler of the White House’s Presidential Dogs.”

“I would be an oil tycoon! And save the world.”

“To be on The Real World.”

“It’s the closest I can get to being a rock star.”

“To be a journalist/reporter.”

“A housewife.”

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Life Across the Pond

Weekend in London, England

DANIELLE DECARLO STAFF WRITER

Hey everybody at Monmouth U! Well, I’m still a little sick so I didn’t get to do as much as I wanted to. But I did get to see some pretty interesting things that are must-do’s for London!

After classes on Thursday, a bunch of us went to the Absolut Ice Bar. If an explanation is necessary, it’s the bar that is made entirely out of ice! It was very interesting to say the least…and cold, of course! When you walk in, they give you these big furry ponchos to wear with gloves attached, and you go into these glass sliding doors and you enter a room made entirely out of ice! It was very expensive—about 15 pounds—but that includes your coat and a drink are all made with Absolut vodka. Definitely the experience of a lifetime!

The room actually isn’t that big. It runs in 40 minute intervals, so unfortunately we didn’t have much time in there. But by the time the 40 minutes was over, we were all too cold to stand in there anymore anyway! There was a sculpture of a man made out of ice that you could drink from next to him that had objects carved out of ice inside of it and a bottle of Absolut vodka inside also. They had a TV with a picture of a fireplace and seats with bear-skin looking covers on them, and tables carved out of ice. The glasses were very difficult to drink out of because they were very cold, but the overall experience was very cool! It is definitely only a one-time thing, but a must-see when you go to London!

After the Ice Bar, we went to O’Neill’s which is in Chinatown, and it was fun, but very crowded. They had live bands which was a change from all of the club music they play everywhere. On Friday night we watched a movie and relaxed, and on Saturday I went down to Tuke Bar, the place on campus and bar that you work with one of the RA’s and a few other people. After that, we went drinking out around Reid Hall with a bunch of people, which was nice since we have been going out so often and it gets very expensive!

On Sunday, a couple of us figured out where there was a Burberry Factory Outlet, just decided to go there. It wasn’t in the nicest area – we felt a little unsafe – but once we found the actual outlet, we were in heaven! I bought two things: a scarf and tie for my dad, a sweater, and a scarf and glove set for my mom, all for just a little over 100 pounds, which is very cheap for Burberry, even in the states if you convert it into dollars! Sunday was also Chinese New Year, so we went to Trafalgar Square to check it out, and there was a lot going on. But, by the time we got there, all of the festivities were ending. There was a huge dragon dancing, though, and a lot of people around.

We went in one called ‘Aspirin’, and we got to see one around just in that one store alone. Half of everything one of the fanciest mini-shops. We went to see the burial site of Shakespeare, and his wife, he actually lived!) Well, can I say that place is amazing! Stratford is a very nice place to visit. We got to see the burial site of Shakespeare, and his wife.

Are You an Adult Child of a Substance Abuser? Top 10 Things to Know

1. You are not alone! An estimated 1 in 4 college students grow up with a parent who abused alcohol or other drugs.
2. Life with a substance abusing parent can be very chaotic and confusing leading you to seek approval and figure out what is normal from the actions and reactions of others.
3. Overwhelming feelings of responsibility for others are common and can go back to feeling of being responsible for your substance abusing parent’s problems.
4. Identifying and expressing emotions can be difficult things to do after living with a substance abuser.
5. Your parent does not have to be still actively drinking or using for you to feel the impact of the abuse.
6. Growing up with a substance abuser may have limited your social life, making it difficult to maintain and cause fear that someone may find the truth about your past.
7. A fear of criticism can be present and stem from some form of childhood abuse, verbal or otherwise.
8. Anticipating problems especially when things are going smoothly is something you may experience.
9. Adult children of substance abusers are 2-4 times more likely to abuse drugs than other people who have stressful lives.
10. One of the most difficult to stress if a parent may have repeatedly let you down or broken promises.

If you or someone you know would like to learn more about alcohol or other drugs, contact the Office of Substance Awareness. It’s free and confidential. Call 752-243-5004.

Are You Concerned About Someone’s Alcohol or Other Drug Use?

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It’s been said that the behavior of every problem substance abuser affects at least eight other people in their lives. Many students are affected by roommates’ or friends’ substance abuse, even if they themselves don’t abuse. Students may end up losing sleep or study time because a substance abuser disturbed them. Students also report having to clean up after a substance abusing roommate.

If you are concerned about someone else’s substance abuse, talk to someone you trust. There are many services available to assist you in this matter. The Office of Substance Awareness often works with students concerned about others’ substance abuse. Confront your friend, when he or she is sober, about their substance abuse. Express yourself using “I” statements to let your friend know how their substance abuse affects you only. If you are willing to help, keep it realistic. Don’t offer more than you can handle, may or may not be able to commit to in the long run. Make sure you say what you mean. Expect your friend to get angry and be in denial.

Change is hard for people to consider and can be very scary. Chances are, later, they may thank you for taking the time to care. If you have been making excuses for them, STAND YOUR GROUND. Do not give them the user to continue when consequences aren’t felt. It is not healthy for the substance abuser or you.

Here are some additional resources to help you:

• www.alanon.org — If you are concerned about someone else’s alcoholism
• www.nar-anon.org — If you are concerned about someone else’s substance abuse
• www.factsontap.org — Information on alcohol and drugs and tips
• www.dlin.com — Education for children of substance abusers

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Men’s Basketball

Hawks Climb the Mount to Earn Key NEC Victory

CRAG D’AMICO ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Knott Arena in Emmitsburg, MD had been a house of horrors for the Monmouth Hawks in recent years. The trip out to the small campus in Maryland had rarely paid dividends for the Hawks, as they had only won there once in 25 years. With the results of their 10-year war with Mount St. Mary’s, the Hawks had found that the fact Monmouth had only won two road games all season against them, the Hawks decided they had the edge. And with the fact that Mount St. Mary’s had come away with a huge win over Monmouth, the Mountaineers that moved the Hawks right to the brink of clinching a spot in the NEC Championship.

With the Hawks ahead by three with three seconds left, Will Blyden pushed the ball to the wing and Forest, who has already committed to help the upper classman lead the team this spring season. He means business.

“In that moment, there is no doubt Forrest will follow his heart, wherever it may lead,” said head coach Dave Calloway. “We’re right there. Every game is like a playoff game for us from here on out.”

The Hawks were led by Maryland native John Bunch, who scored nine of the Hawks’ first 12 points of the game. He finished with a double-double, 11 points and 14 rebounds, along with six blocks. Alston led the way for Monmouth with 15 points. Kearse led the way for the Mountaineers with 15 points and 10 rebounds.

In a game that featured five ties and six lead changes, the Hawks were unable to come back after trailing by as many as 10 points in the first half. It was the fourth time this year that Mount led by double figures against an NEC opponent and lost.

The key stretch was an 8-2 run going into the locker room that cut Mount’s lead to 30-26 at halftime. Then a 5-0 run for Monmouth to start the second half to give the Hawks their first lead since early in the game. Monmouth earned the season sweep of Mount St. Mary’s after defeating them earlier in the year, 62-56, at Boylan Gym.

The Northeast Conference regular season will wrap up next Monday, and the fight for a playoff spot and positioning will continue for Monmouth up until that final buzzer.

Friday night’s game will be televised on FSNY with a 7:30 tip time,
Huffman, Taylor
Shine for Track and Field at Princeton

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Staff Writer

It seems like a weekend doesn’t go by where both the men’s and women’s Track and Field teams here at Monmouth are not doing something special. Whether it is new school records, individual championships, team championships or any combination of those, the season has been an exciting one for both sides.

This past weekend held true to form, as once again, something historic happened. Ashley Huffman and Tisen Violi, the only one of the four recruits not from New Jersey, was named Pocono Records 2006 Athlete of the Year. She was also the team’s Most Valuable Player.

The Championships will be held in Boston, MA, on February 24-25. The events will then be televised on the 25th on ESPN2 at 4 PM EST.

On top of Huffman’s success in the long jump, she also is a qualifier for the US Combined Events Championship that is being held at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on March 4. Huffman is one of the top 20 pentathletes in the nation, currently ranked 17th. The pentathlon is a one-day, five-event competition. The events include the long jump, high jump, shot put, 55m hurdles and 800m.

There were other performances to be proud of as well. Nick Williams finished second overall, first in the 800m.

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Joe Campagni
Head Coach Track and Field

Hawkins Clinch NEC Tourney Birth

Defeat Wagner, Mount St. Mary’s

Alexander Truncale
Sports Editor

This week, the Monmouth Hawks clinched a place in the Northeast Conference tournament with road victories over Wagner and Mount St. Mary’s.

First, the Blue and White traveled down the Jersey Turnpike to take on the Seahawks. It was a back-and-forth game in the first half, with Monmouth jumping out to a 2-1 lead before Wagner went on an 11-5 run to take a one point lead, 13-12. They would take a 23-21 lead into the break, after the Hawks went on a five minute scoreless drought. Nyaiah Ware would break the streak, hitting a jump shot to pull Monmouth to within two.

In the second half, Monmouth would have to overcome a 27 percent shooting performance in the first half. The Hawks came out firing as they took a 26-23 lead on a Lindsey Zegowitz three pointer. They would then go up by seven when Marisa Jimenez grabbed an offensive board and put it back in. It was also the fewest points allowed by Monmouth in the first half since the 21 points they allowed to Wagner on January 8.

In the second half, the Hawks came out on a 14-3 run, led by a Randolph three-pointer and an Edwards three point play. They would extend their lead to 14 at the 16:00 mark, as Randolph again hit a big three.

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Running Away With the Title NEC CHAMPS

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