Health Studies Major To Become Official

JACQUELINE KOLESKY CO EDITOR W CHEF

Beginning in the fall semester, an undergraduate health studies major will be officially offered at Monmouth University. Despite it being a new program, approximately seven students are expected to graduate with the degree in 2008.

Dr. Laura Jannone, Assistant Professor in the Nursing Department, said, “They had kind of set themselves up to a certain extent. We are looking at those students that are looking at college in the future. They clearly got the administration and the students to acknowledge their requests. It shows that even as students, differences can be made by those who stand up for what they believe in.”

Hainesworth’s award at the ceremony was kindly accepted by her absence by June Dalecki of Monmouth County’s Food Pantry, and the MLK Jr. Unsung Hero award for its fourth annual celebration. This award was presented to two Monmouth University students; Julie Magill and Christine Leibovitz, as faculty member Johanna Foster and Annie Hainesworth, founder and director of Monmouth County’s Food Pantry.

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Lauria, Dean of the Major’s, Utbenberg School of Nursing and Health Studies, expressed that the major is set to begin this fall. “I think that nursing has always been involved with students taking the public and I am really happy that the school of nursing has been able to expand first…and have the health studies minor and now have the major,” she said.

Lauria said that having this major has been an opportunity to beSeen after graduation because statistics show that many jobs in the future will be in health related fields. “We know that more and more of our students now are coming into college with plans to pursue graduate school so we figured this will give them a good basic ground,” said Lauria.

There are 11 required courses within the major that signify in flexibility and ability for it to be a dual major. Some examples of the required courses include Strategies for Healthy Living and Substance Use & Abuse will be courses offered this summer along with Women’s Health, Independent Study in Health and Interpersonal Violence, which are electives that are available to anyone interested in this program. Students will have 34 to 43 free electives and 14 credits of requirements outside the health studies major. Those requirements include Anatomy and Physiology I and II, also offered in the summer, and Introduction to Sociology and Introduction to Psychology.

“There is a lot of flexibility so it’s a dual major. There are so many free electives,” said Konopack. “It depends on where you want to channel your own career.”

Jannone said that in the past there have been students who have wanted to complete their required experiential education credit in the program, and provided multiple years of effective direct participation with students above and beyond their normal work assignment, and efforts, students were granted many opportunities before others, such as direct employment and internships. “We did a feasibility study in 2001 and saw that there was a real need for it,” said Jannone. “There are no health study majors in the area.” Montclair State and New Jersey City University offer programs in that field, however.

“Georgia Court opened a master’s program in holistic health but we had nobody to feed into that program. The minor has always done well and a lot of students who expressed interest in the major. We did see there was a real need for it,” said Jannone.

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Konopack added that with a health studies degree you can take a variety of directions like pre-medi- cal, pre-professional, and graduate school. “Or if people have an expressed desire to use it as a degree to work for corporate fitness centers, health educators in school districts, critical command administration, a lot of different areas,” he said. “It depends on how you structure your courses. We will probably have a good percentage of students declare the major as double majors.”

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Fourth Annual MLK Unsung Hero Award

JACLYN KAMINSKI CONTRIBUTING WRITER

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Campus Goes Green
MUPD Introduces Hybrid to Promote Energy Efficiency

JACQUELINE KOLOSKI
STAFF WRITER

The Monmouth University Police Department purchased its first hybrid vehicle, a 2007 Ford Escape Hybrid four wheel drive sports utility vehicle, approximately six weeks ago.

“We purchased it locally,” said Deputy Chief Ken Walker. “The in-house purchasing department solicited bids meeting the state contract price.”

According to Mark Miranda, Director of Purchasing at Monmouth University, the car purchased is a 2007 Ford Escape Hybrid four wheel drive.

“We’ve been trying to do a lot to improve energy efficiency [on campus],” said Swannack.

She noted that any department that needs a car is required to revisit hybrids. “We require them to evaluate energy efficient cars.”

Economics and the environment were the reasons for the vehicle purchase, according to Walker.

“Everyone is aware of the cost of fuel. Certainly we would like to do some testing ourselves to find out exactly what those savings are. We are in the process of doing that with facilities management in regards to fuel consumption,” he explained.

The efficiency of the vehicle is a major advantage in addition to the fact that it will save on the cost of fuel. Walker further explained that when the vehicle is driving below 25 mph, it is running on the electric battery. When it exceeds 25 mph, however, that is when fuel is being used. The battery is being charged when it is being operated under 25 mph and when the vehicle brakes.

“Around here, rarely -- with the exception of going out onto the street -- is the vehicle going over 25 mph, because it will be doing work, such as parking lots and the buildings,” said Walker.

Walker also mentioned that he has not been aware of any other schools or local police departments that have used hybrid vehicles. He added, “Ford is the first company to make a SUV that is a hybrid four wheel drive.” This is what we try to maintain here on campus for campus emergencies to have fourwheel drive capabilities.”

At this point, Walker said that the safety officers using the vehicle have given positive feedback.

“The safety officers are using it because it is assigned to their section say that it is very quiet. They have only stopped for fuel once,” said Walker. “It is extremely quiet, underpowered, and comfortable to drive in because it has room for five passengers. I think it is a real plus for the university and the environment.”

Stop by the student center today between 11 and 3 to pick up chocolate goodies and support women around the world.

Psychology Club Sells Candy to Raise Money

SAMANTHA YOUNG
CO EDITOR IN CHIEF

In an effort to help women both domestically and around the globe, representatives from the Psychology Club and its honor society Psi Chi, took orders on March 13 in the student center.

No, these are not treasured gifts from the university bookstore, but sweets from Old Monmouth Peanut Brittle and Candy Company.

Working for the past three weeks, the two organizations have been able to raise $1,705 worth of candy orders and donations. All proceeds are being donated to the Monmouth County Division of Manna House and Monmouth University Adult Literacy Program for women.

Manna House, which has chapters across the nation, is a transitional home for women and children seeking refuge from abusive environments. In addition, they sponsor the sponsored charity of the Psychology Club, volunteers also wanted to provide aid to Nigerian women.

“The average income in Nigeria is $60,” said Psychology Club Vice President Annette Resenhoeft. “This means they can’t go to school. They need [money] for their family. This program supplements that money and provides a free education.”

The showproof results of such a program on native Nigerian women and children are astounding results; however, it also boasts long term benefits.

“Research shows in any country, educated women are more likely to educate the children, both male and female,” added Resenhoeft. “They are more likely to combat illiteracy. Men are more likely to just educate themselves.”

Volunteers involved in the fund-raiser have found it easier to sell and promote awareness.

“Ever since Oprah opened her school, people seem more interested,” said Rebecca Lambert, a senior psychology major. “You ask people and they say no. Then I say ‘Help send money to Nigeria’ and they stop and ask ‘oh yeah?’ Okay.”

In addition to selling on campus, individuals were also encouraged to take brochures off-campus to their hometowns, friends and family.

Junior April Brock, a psychology major and criminal justice minor, raised the most money of anyone.

“The candy from the preorders came in toward the end of March and were packaged by the club and honor society members for distribution. In addition, the Psychology Club and Psi Chi have just inducted 30 more.”

“Why not do it?” said Lambert. “It’s a good thing [to raise money for charity], a good way for women to have a healthy life...[and] start over.”

To foster personal development, we hold events that allow students to be active in our community,” said club adviser Dr. Gary Lewandowski.

“This event includes a Hallow- een party for the children of Manna House, we Adopt-A-Family each year around the holidays to help them give toys to their children, and we hold an Easter egg hunt for the children of Manna House [at Monmouth] -- all in addition to participating in Universi- ty events such as the Big Event [and] the MLK Festival.”

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Last Thursday night in Anacon Hall, Monmouth University’s second annual Drag Ball, sponsored by All Lifestyles Included (ALI)

ellas hit the stage and made barely their miniskirt out; pus could even wobble in and than most of the women on cam-enough, but wearing higher heels queens. Standing on stage is hard for someone to entertain a crowd. Now it’s because upon their feet (they stood”).

n the room ironi-cally late to her song “I’m Com-ing Out” as she put Diana Ross to shame in a long red sequined floor draping dress and giant curly black wig that would have made Tina Turner’s mane fall flat. Not only did she humble the crowd participat-ing by clapping along to “Reach out and Touch (Someone’s Hand),” but she also boldly went out of her way to rows of students to grab hands and let them get a stag-ing along. Senior Jacqueline Cohen admitted her fa-vorite performer was, “Diandra, because of her outfit and her really big hair,” which is why the best way to sum her up.

Still, the crowd favorite how-ever seemed to be Princess Diandra, who came into the room ironi-cally late to her song “It’s Not Just a Day, It’s a Ti-ma drag. She kept the audience in anticipation during the intermission, and a burlesque type dance between two Monmouth students just to name a few of the highlights.

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MU Admission Advertising Award

In the Admissions Marketing Reports 22 annual Admissions Advertising Awards competition, Monmouth University proudly took the bronze for its Parents’ Book. The Admissions Marketing Reports Annual Admissions Advertising competition is known as the largest educational advertising awards competition in the coun-try, which is why it is certainly no defeat to capture a bronze award and no simple success either. Monmouth University’s entry into the participation of the contest was one of over 2,000 from more than 1,000 colleges, universities, and secondary schools from the U.S. as well as some foreign countries. Those who were involved in the judging process consisted of advertising creative directors, admission marketers, advertising and marketing professionals, and the editorial board of Admissions Marketing Report.

Janet Shane of the New York Times praised the Admissions Marketing Reports’s Parents’ Book by stating, “The Admissions Marketing Reports book is a must for anyone interested in the college selection process.” In addition, the book allows the reader to see that we have something speci-fically for them that thoroughly ac-knowledges their role in the college selection process, I think it has signi-ficantly enhanced recruitment.

The Admissions Marketing Report is the nation’s leading mar-keting publication for higher education and is read each month by nearly 4,000 higher education marketers, so one can conclude that a lot people are watching and paying attention to the good things that Monmouth University has to offer.
TNA Rocks the Underground

SARAH ALYSE JAMESON CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On Thursday, March 15, the Undergraduate hosted the monthly Thursday Night Alternative (TNA). TNA is a night where students can enjoy musical performances by their fellow students. The night was created to provide an alternative to partying and drinking.

More and more students turn out to each of the TNA events. TNA recently moved to the Underground to accommodate a larger crowd of student performers and viewers attending the TNA nights.

Andy Giaccone, a TNA performer, stated his thoughts on music by using the analogy of music and peanut butter. “Rock is like Peanut Butter,” Giaccone said, “sometimes it’s smooth and other times, crunchy!”

The audience was quieted as Tom Wilkinson overcame them with a soothing melody, and captivated their hearts with his song’s sweet lyrics.

Even non-Monmouth University students show up with their MU student friends to perform; William Bergin, a folk singer, sang a couple funny, politically satire songs. He had the audience hysterically laughing by the lyrics of his songs.

A.J. Penta had the audience respectful, listening to his original song ballad, “It Can’t Rain All the Time!” A.J. stated, “the lyrics had just come to me, because it seemed to be done outside.

Ryan Kall, a graduate student at Monmouth, stated, as a viewer, “TNA is one of those events where the woods in Elmwood are rockin’ loud, the acoustics are blazin’ wild with excitement, and the popcorn and soda is all you can eat!”

RYAN KELLY
Graduate Student

Senior Class Officers to Generate Funds

STACEY CIPRICH
SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT

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I want to start off my editorial with the formal welcome back, even though it is two weeks since spring break. Hopefully everyone had a fun and safe spring break and I am sure excited to be back at school again. Just think school will be finished in about a month. That is hard to believe. I wish I knew when the time went because I can’t believe that I am that close to my last year at Monmouth. I wanted to keep the spring break mentality going so I wanted to share with you my spring break. I can’t say that it was one that happened in a place of warm climate or a tropical island. This place that I am about to tell you about was not one you would think of going on a normal spring break. Now that you got your attention, here we go. Seven members of The Outlook, myself included, spent our spring break in Portland, Oregon. Why you ask were we in Portland? If I said it was for the weather, I would be telling a lie. It’s no Cancun, Key West, or any place with a sunny climate, but it was The Outlook’s destination for its annual national convention. Every year the American College Colleague Press Association holds a national convention for college newspapers in a major city. Last year, Sam and I went to Los Angeles. This year it was Portland, Portland is no Los Angeles with the glamour of Hollywood or Beverly Hills but nonetheless a very interesting city. The convention lasted from Thursday to Sunday. Each day, there were workshops on various topics like entertainment writing, layout and design, advertising, etc. College journalists from all over the country attended this conference and it was interesting to meet as well as take a look at their newspapers. It amazes me each year that I have been going to conventions like these the different ideas that are out there. When looking at these things, you think to yourself, “Wow I never thought of that” or “that would be a cool idea to try.” It’s cool to see the various ways there are to put out a newspaper. That is the common goal of all those who attend a conference. Whether they are putting it out daily, weekly, or quarterly they all manage to look different. When reading through the various college papers its always interesting to read the types of stories they report on because it gets you thinking. Media conventions like these are helpful in that you receive a lot of advice from professionals experienced in the field. It gives you innovative ideas and new perspectives on how to handle issues going on at your publication as well as how to improve upon your product. They serve as a way to challenge yourself and think outside the box. I know that it is a cliché line, but it is the truth. It is important to be challenged in all aspects of your life because that is how you grow. Opportunities like this are available to us because of the universities and they are beneficial in ways like I have mentioned. This also offers another opportunity to do networking with the people who are moderators at the workshops and keynote speakers at the conference as well come from major print media within the area the convention is being held. For five days we were serving as representatives of Monmouth University and I think we certainly did our University justice. People in Portland know where Monmouth is and what kind of work the school is capable of doing. After our workshops were done correct because it did rain as predicted. It wouldn’t have been a complete Portland trip if it did not rain. Basically enough when we were driving away, I noticed the sun breaking through the clouds. I thought to myself of course it gets sunny as soon as we leave. Next year’s destination is going to be somewhere in the Pacific Northwest because I am looking forward to it. And we were happily greeted by the sunshine upon our return. But I have to say it is good to be back on the East Coast and back at school.

The Narcissism of College Students

The Narcissism of College Students
Students are More Self-Centered Than Ever
...and I’m OK with that

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“College students think they’re so special!” trumpeted the main headlines of an MSNBC.com article, written February 27th, by the Associated Press. I was just as intrigued as you are right now, so I clicked on the headline, printed out the article and began to read. I read and I highlighted. I read and I circled with black pen. I read and arrowed and commented until the article looked like it had undergone an amateurs attempt at modern art. I mention the past three sentences to impart to you that I was affected by it and that any other article wouldn’t have received any of the above mentioned treatments.

This article isn’t in front of you now, so I will give you the gist of it. Five psychologists, under the leadership of Professor Jean Twenge of San Diego State University “examined the responses of 16,475 college students nationwide who completed an evaluation called the Narcissistic Personality Inventory.” The article then describes the “Narcissistic Personality Inventory” as a “standardized inventory, known as the NPI, [which] asks for responses to standardized questions about someone’s narcissism and self-centeredness, have risen at an increasing rate. This study therefore concludes that our generation of college students has excessive self-admiration and that we are more self-centered than our predecessors.”

I think about this judgment as I write this article, listing to music illegally downloaded, my Bone Marrow donors’ card twinkling at me from its spot on the side of my desk and I am reminded that we are part of the endlessly changing culture we have created. Before the commercial evolution of the teenager/pre-college-age youth, the college student was already defined as being the avant-garde, the tip of the spear in social evolution and so today when I read an article saying that we, as college students, think that we are “so special”, I have to take stock of how I feel as a college student, as a student and as a college graduate, and boil it down to ask myself: “Do I agree with this or not?”

Is it that simple? That I either agree with the articles findings that “today’s college students are more narcissistic and self-centered than their predecessors,” or perhaps the study is wrong and that standardized scores are nothing more than numbers? How do I answer and retort to this article and its findings? I will do so as if I was still in college (which isn’t that hard, as it was only a few months ago) and respond by saying quite frankly that the world is in chaos and I personally am just trying to get through my classes and just do this “college thing” which already has all sorts of pressures attached to it: social ones, career based ones, etc. and everything that is included in the sphere in social evolution and so today when I read an article saying that we, as college students, think that I, myself, can change the world and heal the economical, social, civil, and military conflicts that have increased at an increasing rate since 1982, the year the study was started.

We care about others and aren’t completely self-centered as the study claims; I have my Bone Marrow card as a minute example and maybe now you eat organic food and didn’t last year or now know about global warming, or maybe you gave some money or time to New Orleans or Darfur, but what do they expect? That I should try to tackle the world instead of myself and my college career, as the world spirals into an ever-enlarging abyss of turmoil? I don’t think so; college is enough of a tackle dummy to attempt to withstand the ground and come out unhurt, so thank you very much, but I will concentrate on myself for the most part, because right now, college is my conflict, it is my personal “battle.” It may not be as noble as the above causes, but this is the time where we have to concentrate on ourselves, while helping and doing what we can for others, for if we don’t then what will our time here have produced? Nothing more than a step backwards in the creation of capable people to create this needed change.

We are special and that has always been known ever since the affect college students had in the social events forty years ago, today however, it appears that we are not on par with those students forty years ago. Well you know what else isn’t the same? The world, and what’s going on in it. So yes, we will continue to care about others in the ways we can, but as the worldwide rate of turmoil rises, so do our feelings for ourselves, and so does a certain test score.
Thanks to the masters of the me- dia, Americans now know more about how Anna Nicole Smith died than they do about the ter- rorists dying to kill the rest of us. Let’s give thanks to former Vice President Al Gore and his pals in Timestown for explaining that humans in general — and Ameri- cans in particular — are “respon- sible for Global Warming.” What has passed for “news” these past few years can more accurately be described as sensational salacious- alism — as in “all Anna, all the time” — and some of it is hype or rubbish, like the gushing over Al Gore and his Oscar.

This hyper-real propogan- da attendant to Mr. Gore’s Acad- emy Award for “An Inconvenient Truth” can’t be characterized as dangerous, but it was hardly truthful. Though he blames Americans first for failing to reduce greenhouse gases by using less electricity and conserving fuel, his adoring press- pals ignored Mr. Gore’s well-docu- mented penchant for corporate aircraft, instead of commercial airlines and his astronomical home energy use. The Tennessee Center for Policy Research pointed out that the Gores’ 20-room mansion in Nashville consumes more gas and electricity in a month than the average American household uses in a year — it’s a good thing that America-bashing hypocrisy isn’t a green anti-war movement.

Nor is it a crime for members of the Armed Forces to contact members of Congress about per- ceived wrongdoing. But it was certainly wrong for CBS News’ “60-Minutes” to promote a report on a group calling itself “Appeal for Redress” as “new opposition to the war” from the very Ameri- cans fighting it — men and women in uniform. The network hyped the story as “unthinkable” never mentioning that the 1400 signers represented less than 1/10 of 1 per- cent of our entire Armed Forces, or that there is a history of such programs similar to this one withstanding the war — going back to the American Revolu- tion. Possibly the CBS people who organized the broadcast were ignorant of George Washington’s March 15, 1783 speech to his near- mutinous officers, or the activities of now — Senator John Kerry and the Vietnam Veterans Against the War. By selective use of poll data, the slanted “60-Minutes” hit the airwaves in a way that im- pressed that there is a significant and growing anti-war movement in the ranks. The broadcast is grossly in- accurate and demoralizing.

Anna Nicole Smith received more airtime than any other news story. Radical Islamic websites are given more airtime than the war — “I feel like my child- hood is over” — was reiterated with familiar dire convictions or whether or not to sell the Florida home. Grammy Fran, a true Jer- sey Shore woman, left the house to Bill, Steven, and Jane after leaving the family to relocate in eter- nity with their father, George. It was Fran and Joe who decided to raise their three children in the familial Shore community, and it was Fran and Joe who, upon their children’s own familial stability, decided to relocate to the serenity of the Gulf Coast. Now it was Bill, Steven, and Jane who would close the book on the Florida home their parents began writing only a quar- ter-century ago.

Their reasons for keeping the house probably have to do with selling it for less than what it is worth. But it was the nostalgic bombshell in the “Sell” column that defined their reason for leaving. Grammy’s home is no longer the home that the three children’s children will be able to call home. They are the oranges groves and local fruit stands that lined the road- ways. Gone are theBean, steven, and jane, after leaving the family to relocate in a year. It’s a good thing that the family decided to relocate to the serenity of the Gulf Coast. Now it was Bill, Steven, and Jane who would close the book on the Florida home their parents began writing only a quar- ter-century ago.

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**FACULTY REPORT**

Monmouth University’s Model United Nations Team participated in the Tri-State Model United Nations simulation at Pace University in lower Manhattan on Saturday, February 24, 2007. The conference included 150 student delegates, half of whom came from outside of the United States. Head delegates Lindsay Savage and Mike Prepelitskiy will be leading the team in New York, and David Kratz has been the chief fund-raiser for the team. The Model UN team simulates global crises, writes and attempts to pass resolutions, and serves on select UN committees. Monmouth students will be representing the Republic of Chad at the conference.

Ask the Priest Night

**SUZANNE GUARINO**

**OPINION EDITOR**

The Catholic Center hosted an "Ask the Priest Night" in Java City on Tuesday, March 13th, at 7:30 p.m. The Catholic Center took care of coffee and smoothies while Father Bill Lehmann chatted with students and answered their questions concerning the Catholic faith. Senior and Catholic Center president Meghan Moratelli raised the discussion question, "Should you let fate take care of important decisions in life or should you always be actively involved?"

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The exhibit will feature the work of Newell Convers Wyeth, the renowned artist known for his illustrations of Treasure Island, Robinson Crusoe, and Robin Hood. N.C. Wyeth is also known for being the father of Andrew Newell Wyeth.

Andrew, born in 1917, has been described as one of the best-known painters of the 20th century. Andrew has been the recipient of numerous honors, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, which was conferred by President John F. Kennedy. In 1990 he was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor by President George H. W. Bush. Jamie Wyeth, son of Andrew, is also a well-known painter who began his art training at age 12 with his aunt, Carolyn Wyeth. He eventually instructed by his father Andrew Wyeth, and had the first major exhibition of his work at age 20. James’s works depict the landscapes, animals, and people from his Brandywine Valley and St. George, ME, homes. He has also portrayed portraits of numerous notable figures, including the President of the United States.

Rape Counselor Available on Campus

**CEOLIA SYKES**

**STAFF WRITER**

Each Monday from 9 a.m. until noon, specialized rape and sexual assault counselor Lynne Lehrkinder holds office hours in the Health Center offering free and confidential counseling services for the women and men of Monmouth who have problems, concerns, or questions that they feel the need to discuss surrounding the issue of sexual abuse. The main purpose of a program like this is to educate students about rape and the impact sexual assault or violence may have on a person, show them their options if such a crime is committed against them, and to give them an outlet to ask questions and find honest and realistic support that may aid the healing process.

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When most people think of Nicole Richie, “author” isn’t the first word that comes to mind—and she knows that. In fact, the opening line to her book, The Truth About Diamonds, is, “I know some people out there are thinking, Why is this girl writing a book? Sure, her father has received tabloid rumors, looks cute in various mug shots, and has a hit TV show, but what has she actually done to deserve a book?” After reading that first line, I knew this book would be great. It is a definitively a must-read for any fan of Richie’s, and any fan of life in Hollywood.

Richie approached writing as an autobiography for her best friend Paris Hilton, and tons of other A-listers in Hollywood today. She decided to go down a different route. She told her editor that her life is not as simple as it appears on television. She was only 24 at the time and had accumulated several hits and failures. She felt that writing an autobiography would be too problematic. She didn’t want to write about the last 24 years of her life that is entirely fiction. It takes us into the life of a girl named Chloe, her friends, and how they handle being famous in Los Angeles.

Chloe Parker and Nicole Richie (who wrote herself into the book) are best friends, and they have something in common; they are both adopted children of rock stars. Chloe, Nicole, and a few other girls are all part of Hollywood’s elite inner circle, and some of them get caught up in it.

Do you think this helps your target audience?

A: Yeah, because unfortunately, in this day and age, people don’t really appreciate growth. If people relate to you as an angry 22-year-old, they don’t want to change. They want you to stay that way forever. But to me, that seems pretty shallow and self-centered. If I pretended to still be as angry and pissed off as I was when I was 21, 22—I’d come off as disingenuous. In my opinion, the goal in all of this is to get better at what you’re doing in print. Financially speaking, I hasn’t changed much. I’m a poor schmuck and probably always will be. The idea of colleges using the book in class really stirs my vegetables. It’s ironic as hell.

Q: Along those same lines, a few book burning demonstrations have been held by parents who don’t feel Little New York Bastard is appropriate literature to be taught in schools.

A: Well, it’s like Axl Rose says: ‘I burn ‘em you had to go buy ‘em.’

Q: How was the writing process different for you when writing Bandanas & October Supples?

A: Writing the second book was difficult for different reasons than the first. I was homesick, for one thing. I was also hungry....it was a harder process, but they were also what kept me determined to see it through to the very end.

Q: It’s clear that your second book was a big departure from your first.

A: The second book was a sort of confessional thing for me. I’ve moved on so much from the first book, and I’ve got to be myself and make your own damn rules. No one ever gets away without some enemies along the way. And the harder it is to see and eat and pay bills must interfere with being a genuine literary artist?

A: Well, it’s like Axl Rose says: ‘I burn ‘em you had to go buy ‘em.’

Q: People often turn to celebrities and people in the public eye for opinions on personal issues. What are your thoughts on America’s war and politics in general then go read Michelle Malkin...
CLIFFORD BUGE "300" is a 100-minute long knockdown, throat-slicing, dog fight that will make you come out of the theater with a new appreciation for a werewolf and fight the person nearest to you to the death. Of course there's twenty minutes so of storytelling mixed in. You will want to leave the goons and 300 Spartan warriors and witness their path to glory as they face one million fanatical Persian soldiers. Is it The Lord of the Rings Part III? No. Is it badass? Most definitely.

Interview with pre-production editor LARRY FONG

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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 an 8
Your energy level is higher in the next several weeks. The money’s coming in today and tomorrow. Your assignment is: show restraint. Don’t go on a shopping binge.

Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) - Today is a 7
Stand firm for what you feel is most important now. Your position is under attack, but their arguments lack substance.

Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) - Today is a 7
Behind-the-scenes manipulation isn’t your favorite tactic. You can find out a lot by asking questions in private, though. Don’t take action, yet.

Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) - Today is an 8
Your friends encourage a celebration, but that wouldn’t be prudent. Express your appreciation freely, but hang onto your money.

Leo • (July 23- Aug. 22) - Today is an 8
Your energy level is higher in the next several weeks. The money’s coming in today and tomorrow. Your assignment is: show restraint. Don’t go on a shopping binge.

Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) - Today is a 7
It’s not a good time to travel. Something you’re working on will fall apart if you keep moving. Give the job your full attention.

Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - Today is a 6
You’ll make the most today by carefully monitoring your spending. Only buy things you absolutely know will increase in value.

Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - Today is an 8
You’re attracting admiration from a secure, private type. If appropriate, this could be a nice romantic connection. If not, do business.

Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) - Today is an 8
The urge to actually produce something is becoming overwhelming. Do it for the sake of artistic expression, and just for the fun of it.

Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - Today is a 6
You have been hurt before, but don’t harden your heart. Don’t open up your purse easily, and try to win love with gifts. That won’t work well.

Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) - Today is a 9
Keep practicing and studying. Do what you love, over and over again. This is how you develop your natural talent. Trust that the money will follow. At this time in your life, it will.

Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) - Today is a 9
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**PRSSA To Hold Amazing Race on Campus**

The Monmouth University Chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America will be hosting The Amazing Race on Friday, March 23. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Underground, which is located in front of Pinewood Hall on the dorm side of campus. The race will begin at 7:00 pm following registration. Great prizes will be awarded to the winning team of the race. Food will be provided.

The event will include teams of 3 to 6 students that will race around campus testing their knowledge about Monmouth University. All teams will start at the same location and have clues that will lead them all over campus. Not only will the clues serve as location finders but there will also be riddles at certain places to test the team’s brain power.

If people would like to register for the event ahead of time there will be a pre-registration form Monday, March 19 in front of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center where the PRSSA will be holding a bake sale. The Amazing Race is an event funded through a university “Weekend Warriors” grant designed to keep students involved on-campus.

“Put your knowledge of Monmouth University to the test as you and a group of friends race across campus collecting clues, and be the first to return back to the Underground to win AWESOME prizes.”

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**New Jersey Community Water Watch**

The Whalepond Brook Cleanup scheduled for Sunday, March 18, 2007 is rescheduled for Sunday, March 25 at the same time: 11:30 AM to 3 PM on campus.

**Alpha Xi Delta**

Hey everyone! The women of Alpha Xi Delta hope everyone had a great spring break and we hope that it wasn’t too difficult to get back into the swing of classes. The ladies of Alpha Xi Delta would like to say thanks to everyone who donated time and money to Up Till Dawn for St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital. The sisters have been very busy planning events for the remainder of the semester including our spring formal! Be sure to check this section weekly for the happenings of Alpha Xi Delta! We hope everyone has a great week. Much Xi love to all!

**Delta Phi Epsilon**

1-3 sisters! <3 Riggs <3 My little, the new addition to the family tree! X3 Dazzle. Love your Deephers <3 Vegas. Love you little轮廓! Aurora, you’re a dirty pirate house! <3 X3Ay. House, I love you guys! Thank you so much for making the trip. We were so happy to have you here and we can’t wait to see you again on campus. <3 Jessie

**Phi Sigma Sigma**

So much fun in SoPadre w/my Phi Sigs! DeZire falls in love, finds numerous uses for boxed fans, & now has a formal date. Amorada keeps the So Padre paramedics on their toes. LunaBelle also has scars to prove it, from ghirardelli’s not a doorway! Little so happy I got u! Roxy, I love you, and I can’t wait to be with you on spring break!

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**Community Service Club**

**Bowl-a-thon!**

The Monmouth University Community Service Club will be hosting a Bowl-a-thon this Sunday, March 25th from 8:00-10:00PM at the Bradley Beach Bowling Alley. Please pick-up an information packet and reserve your team of up to 6 in the Office of Service Learning and Community Programs on the 3rd Floor of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center Today! Space is limited!

Each participant will be asked to raise a minimum of $15 to assist in donations to our local charity, The Monmouth County SPCA. The Monmouth Community may bring outside guests, though they are asked to bring $23 in donations, as the Community Service Club is only covering bowling rates for the Monmouth Community.

All donations may be collected prior to the event. No money will be collected prior to the event. Just sign up now! This is a great event for groups, organizations, friends, family, and whoever just likes to have fun! For more information, please contact mucsc@monmouth.edu.

**Meeting**

The next meeting of the Monmouth University Community Service Club will be held on Monday, March 26th at 7:00PM in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center in Room 202A. Any campus member is invited to attend the meeting.

For further information on any of our events or meetings, please email mucsc@monmouth.edu or dial on campus extension 4734.

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**Club Meeting Times**

**Wednesday, March 21**

Muslim Student Association
Student Center, 202A
2:30- 3:30 PM

Spanish Club Meetings
McAllan Hall, 19
2:30 pm

S.A.F.E. Student Meeting
Hey Hall, 227
2:30 pm

Water Watch
Magn Hill Commons, Room 109
2:30 pm

SGA (Student Government Association)
SGA Conference Room, 3rd Floor Student Center
2:30 pm

WMX
WMX Lobby, 2nd floor of the Plangere Building
3:00 pm

NCNW
Student Center, 202C
6:30- 7:30 pm
If you had less schoolwork and more time for yourself, how would you spend that time?

**BY: SUZANNE GUARINO**

*Sleep and travel more to visit friends.*

*Spend more time with friends.*

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*Sleep and work my way up to a better job for when I graduate.*

*Sleep and more time getting to know the sisters of ZTA, cause they make me smile.*

*Definitely read more, watch movies, and go out more.*

*Get more than three hours of sleep.*

*I'd finally turn on the TV.*

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**Office of Student Activities and Student Center Operations**

**This Week's Campus Events**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2007**

- HPR Testing, Health Center: 100 - 4:00 PM
- Courtship Workshop, Aronson Hall: 2:30 PM
- Tennis 5th Ornament, RSC Cafeteria: 2:30 PM
- Senior Auction, Aronson Hall: 7:30 PM

**THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2007**

- Anxiety Seminar Day, RSC 302B: 11:00 - 4:00 PM
- Friday, March 23, 2007
  - Performing Arts, Roger McKinnon, Folksy Theatre: 8:00 PM
  - The Amazing Race
    - The Underground, Thes TSA

**SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2007**

- Mock Rock Video, Magill Commons: 100 - 8:00 PM
- Performing Arts, The Comedians, Folksy Theatre: 6:30 PM

**SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2007**

- Baseball vs. Vermont, Baseball Field: 3:00 PM
- Bow/Thon, Bead Bead Bowling Albany, 8:00 - 1:00 PM
- Logistics March 26, 2007
- Price is Right, Folksy Theatre: 10:00 PM
- Tuesday, March 27, 2007
  - Diabetes Screening Day Health Center
  - softball, La Salle University Softball Field: 3:00 PM
- Wednesday, March 28, 2007
  - Softball vs. Seton Hall University Softball Field: 3:00 PM
  - Tacky Tacky Night
    - Wilson Auditorium: 7:00 PM

**SATURDAY, MARCH 24 - 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**Magill Dining Commons**

**Mock Rock Video**

*Take home your own DVD*

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**ANNUAL SOAR AWARDS**

**Applications Now Available to Recognize Student Clubs**

**DUE FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2007**

- Promotional Award
- Diversity Award
- Community Service Award
- Collaboration Award
- Scholarship Award
- Recruitment Award
- Most Outstanding New Org
- Outstanding Organization
- Excellence in Advising
- Outstanding Member
- Excellence in Leadership
- Best Program of the Year

**Wednesday, March 28, 2007**

**Wilson Hall, 7 pm**
View of the Pony Trekking Beach during a Spring break riding expedition in Wales.

PHOTO COURTESY of Danielle DeCarlo

Pony Trekking in Wales, United Kingdom

DANIELLE DECARLO
STAFF WRITER

Hello Monmouth University! Hope you all had a wonderful Spring Break! I am just getting ready for mine, which I will be spending in Milan and Florence, Italy. By the time you read this, I should be in Florence! My break starts on the 8th, so for now I have been writing mid-semester papers and studying for midterms. I have spent almost every weekend in the library so that I can go on Spring Break without any worries! However, this past weekend I got to go pony trekking in Wales, which was probably my favorite weekend so far! It was such a nice getaway from constantly doing school work and being stuck inside. We stayed in the cutest bed and breakfast, and Wales itself is so beautiful!

In Wales, you get the best of both the country and the sea. Every bit of scenery was so gorgeous. I could barely even believe it was real! From the asphalt hills of green grass to the rolling waves of the ocean, every sight was a lot to take in.

The rooms we stayed in at the bed and breakfast were very cozy, and we got home-cooked meals which made us feel right at home! On Saturday, we woke up early, had breakfast and got matched up with our ponies then spent the rest of the morning getting acquainted with them and learning how to properly mount, dismount and ride the horses. We then got to ride for most of the day until 4 p.m. My pony, Hector, was so much fun! All of the ponies were very sweet and well-mannered. Wales is great, but -- in my opinion -- the very best view of it comes from horseback.

The whole weekend was a very nice break from the congestion of the city. When we got back to the barn, we had enough daylight to take a horse down to the beach. We had a great, sunny, fairly warm day, and could not have asked for anything better. After we spent some time at the beach, we showered quickly, had dinner and then a bus picked us up to go to Mumbles, a small street lined with shops, pubs and restaurants. We did not stay out late as we were all exhausted from riding!

Unfortunately, the weather on Sunday did not permit us to participate in our second day of riding since it was downpouring and very windy. Instead, we took a short tour coach, which became even shorter since the streets were so flooded! We ended up leaving to return to London a little bit early, which was fine with us since we all had papers to write and midterms to study for! Plus, Saturday was so beautiful that we couldn't really complain!

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The Shopping Scene

LINDSAY PLESHIARSKI
STAFF WRITER

Once arriving in London, it is quite obvious how many people are “into fashion” here. No matter if it’s the students in your classes or random people on the tube, you will see people sporting the hottest new trends in clothing.

One thing that my mother seemed to warn me about 30 times before I left to study abroad is shopping in London. Now I can understand why! There are very few places to buy reasonably-priced clothes! Of course, by now, everyone should know that everything in London is twice the amount than in USA because the dollar is not as strong. And, on top of that, London is generally expensive anyway! But, no worries -- if you know where to shop, you can find some amazing things to take home with you!

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The Monmouth Hawks baseball team, looking to return to the NCAA tournament after missing the four team field for the first time in eight years last season, opened up their 2007 campaign with road trips to Florida, Maryland, and South Carolina.

Gone is Northeast Conference power Pennsylvania who led Monmouth with a 395 average, eight home runs, and 51 RBI’s in 2006. However, they do return 2006 NEC Rookie of the Year Rick Niebuhr, who saw as the Hawks designated hitter, and many of the young arms from a pitch so tight ranked eighth in the nation with a 3.4 ERA.

The Hawks were predicted to finish fourth in the annual NEC coaches’ pre-season poll, behind favorites Central Connecticut State, defending champion Sacred Heart, and Mount St. Mary’s.

In Monmouth’s season opener, they traveled down to Florida and defeated UCF 7-4 back on March 2, on a fly out by Brett Brach who earned his first career win in relief. Monmouth would drop a heartbreaker the next day 2-1, as Andy Meyers and Mike Casale registered two saves. Frazier picked up his first career win in relief.

Meyer, who has already been named Big East Player of the Week once on the season, leads the Blue and White with two home runs and 13 RBI’s. Higgins starts the season as the Hawks move into NEC play. Most Memorable Moment at MU: “Making All-East in the heptathlon. I was excited about the team at the NEC championship. Next year, I’d like to be in the top seven. I’m really proud that I competed that well at the meet. ”

“Robert Morris because they can’t beat us even when they try. Then was advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt. The business opens all the windows wide open on the coldest days of the week. As for the reasons I chose to come here, I could compete with the athletes and it made my parents really happy.”

Jude Rene
Name: Jude Rene
Hometown: Born in Brooklyn, NY, currently resides in Hamilton, NJ
Major: Business Finance w/ minor in Information Technology
Sport: Men’s Track and Field
Events: Multi-events (heptathlon/decathlon); hurdles, long jump, and high jump at regular meets
Favorite Teammate: “I like all the guys so it’s hard to choose but if I had to choose it’d be the guys I lived with last year. We’re always helping each other out with things and can’t handle losing to me in Madden all the time so he throws cold water on me when I shower. Marcus is really funny except when he opens up his mouth.”

Biggest Rival: “Robert Morins because they can’t beat us so they made a Facebook group about hating us.”

Most Memorable Moment at MU: “Making All-East in the heptathlon because I barely made the cut but proved that I could compete with the athletes and it made my parents really proud that I competed that well at the meet.”

**Baseball’s Back in Action**

**Hawks Start Season with Games in Florida, South Carolina, and Maryland**

Matt Coulson will look to lead a young pitching staff this season as the Hawks move into NEC play.

Baseball season begins Wednesday at MU Baseball Field.
**Women's Basketball**

**Season Ends with Loss in NEC Semi-Final**

ALEXANDER TRUNCALAE  
**SPORTS EDITOR**

It was an up and down season for the Monmouth women's basketball team. After being ranked in the preseason to finish fourth in the Northeast Conference, the Hawks were able to get the fourth seed and secure a home game in the NEC Tournament. But a loss in their last game of the season to Fairleigh Dickinson, a team they had beaten by 26 six days earlier, pushed the Hawks to the fifth seed in NEC Tournament.

Michele Baxter’s team remained focused on the postseason as the fifth seed, and traveled to Hamden, Connecticut to take on Quinnipiac in the quarterfinals of the NEC Tournament. Led by Veronica Randolph, who had a game-high 18 points, Monmouth defeated the Bobcats 63-58 to secure the victory.

The game was a back-and-forth struggle throughout, as Monmouth's early 5-0 lead was quickly erased when Quinnipiac's Mandy Pennewell's five straight points gave her team the 8-7 lead. After the Hawks took a one-point lead at halftime, the Bobcats scored back to grab a 2-6 lead thanks to well-executed shots by Brianna Rooney.

The Hawks would regain the lead in the second half, as Monmouth’s early aggressiveness and the unforeseen Bender hit two free throws to give Monmouth the 30-29 edge heading into the locker room.

The story of the first half, as it has been in many games this season, was Monmouth’s defense, which had held Quinnipiac to just 31 percent shooting and forced the Bobcats to turn their attention to their inside game. Monmouth, on the other hand, had been stingy all season, had no problems getting the shots they wanted, and their defense had been a mainstay throughout the game. The Hawks would go on to build a 32-24 lead, and held the Bobcats to just 31 percent shooting in the second half.

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**Track and Field**

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The Outlook

**Late Winter Chill**

**After Quick Start, Lacrosse Goes 3-3 in Last Six Games**

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Brett Holland scored the go-ahead run against UCF