Sophomore Honored With Prominent Biology Award
Michael Slisz Becomes First University Student to Receive Major Research Recognition

Sophomore Michael Slisz became the first Monmouth recipient to win the Frank G. Brooks Award for best student oral research presentation at the 7th Annual Convention of the Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society Northeast District 2 Regional Convention.

This was the sixth time Monmouth has attended the conference, which took place on Saturday, March 24, at Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania.

"This award represents all the hard work performed in the lab over the past two years by me, Dr. Hutter (Monmouth biology professor who supervised the research)," said the student who won the award.

Hutter said one of the more unique aspects of Slisz winning the award was that he is just a sophomore. "It is unusual for a sophomore to win such a research award. Mike made this possible because he began his research early in his college career, and has consistently worked a lot of hours in the lab. Mike's experiments involve tissue culture and other cellular techniques that are not easy to learn."

"It usually takes a semester or two before students are competent in the basic laboratory skills to generate research already, and that he has the ability to communicate this research to the scientific community very effectively," she explained.

Slisz's research was focused on contact inhibition. According to Slisz, contact inhibition is when cells stop growing when they come into contact with other cells. Slisz took samples of fibroblast cells that are present in contact inhibited normal cells. These same pathways are not present in cancerous cells.

Map Kinase Phosphate (MKP) deactivates these signaling pathways when cells contact inhibited, this research can also make cancerous cells contact inhibited, or stop it from growing.

Professor and Biology Department Chair, Dr. Dennis Rhoads, said that winning the award is a big step for the biology department. "Awards like this from an external organization add credibility to our students and programs."

"It [the award] says that the facility and administrators from other universities and schools and from non-academic institutions recognize the quality of our undergraduate research program and the specific objectives of the project and their results." This research in general is hard to do. "This award is the most difficult part of the project. This research in general is hard. The best book in feminist cultural studies is the most challenging thing to do."

"I first started looking at this subject because I thought it was interesting and I thought it was a great topic to study. I was then exposed to it through my research, and I really enjoyed it."

"I was curious as to why that has held on when women and men are working equal numbers and numbers are taken on this additional work."

"Food is Love: Advertising and Gender Roles in Modern America."

Katherine Parkin, assistant professor of history and anthropology, received an Emily Toth Award from the Popular Culture Association and the American Culture Association at a national conference on April 6 for her book, "Advertising and Gender Roles in Modern America.

Emily Toth is a prominent writer in the area of gender issues and female empowerment.

"It was at the conference and she said that she was really excited that I won because she said it embodied her life’s work," said Parkin. "It is an award honoring the best book in feminist popular culture.

Parkin was nominated for the award by her press affiliate, University of Pennsylvania Press. This is the first book authored by Parkin. She began writing the book in 1995 and completed it in 2005. It was released in 2006.

"I first started looking at Campbell's soups," said Parkin. "I started with smaller projects then covered the entire 20th century.

Food is Love: Advertising and Gender Roles in Modern America."

Miss Parkin of her inspiration for writing this book. "It was a task unless he is going to give 100% effort to complete it. This is the type of student that will succeed no matter what path his career takes. He would like to go to medical school, and I think he is going to be an excellent physician."

"I was there at the conference and although I am a pretty tough critic, I felt he absolutely nailed the presentation. So I was ecstatic to have him absolutely nail the presentation."

Dr. Rhoads echoed these sentiments. "It usually takes a semester or two before students are competent in the basic laboratory skills to generate research already, and that he has the ability to communicate this research to the scientific community very effectively," she explained.

Sophomore Michael Slisz was honored with the prominent Biology Award for his research project. Slisz, who works as an emergency room intern at Staten Island University Hospital when in New York, hopes to be an ER doctor after Med School. For now he is content with his school work and running the Catholic Centre.

"It's a wonderful feeling to know our science programs are really good. However, I believe that we have -- that respect of your colleagues. That is a wonderful feeling to..."
Monmouth Hosts NJ Water Quality Forum

The Monmouth University Chapter of the New Jersey Community Water Watch hosted a community forum titled, “Water Quality: Suburban Sprawl, Scientific Studies & Community Action.” The speakers, at this event, shared their research on bacteria contamination in local waterways, discussed the impact of New Jersey’s overdevelopment on water quality and local community efforts.

The New Jersey Community Water Watch is a statewide student run organization dedicated to improving New Jersey surrounding waterways.

Suburban Sprawl, Scientific Studies & Community Action

The speakers presented a number of solutions to the challenges of New Jersey’s water quality. They emphasized the importance of recycling water and being conscious of the environment, as well as the significance of educating the public about the impact of suburban sprawl on water quality.

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Film Stirs Student Emotion

LEILANI CHIN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Counseling and Psychological Services presented the power-ful film “American History X” in the Young Auditorium March 29, to address issues of hate and violence in society and the main-stream media.

According to Dr. Franca Man-cini, director of counseling and psychological services, “difficult films” are chosen and processed by her counseling staff, which led to this film being selected. Although the film was not regarded as an “ideal film,” the states, “American History X” proved to be an effec-tive tool for spreading awareness.

“It certainly is a film that brings to the foreground how the cycle of hate and violence begets more hate and violence,” she said. “It is, however, a movie that, albeit vio-lent, captures students’ attention in a compelling way.”

The featured film displayed the life of a neo-Nazi skinhead named Derek Vinyard, played by Edward Norton. He is convicted and sentenced to three years of jail for murdering two black men. Vinyard is enlightened during his time in jail; learns the value of life and how everyone should be treated equally.

Eventually, Danny was convinced and trusted his brother in the decision to go back to living a life without discrimination. Sadly, it was too late, the damage had already been done and Danny’s beliefs in him being shot by a black peer. A controversial portion to this event was in the advertising, with the protagonist Derek being shown brandishing a swastika tattoo. Students’ attentions were captured by the image, and influenced their decisions on the movie, themes, and the event itself. Man-cini un-derstood the offensive nature of the image, but hoped that it would not stop students from attending the event, and watching the film. She stated that those in attendance were affected by the film, and had participated in a very open con-versation about their feelings and thoughts at the end of the movie.

“The fact is that there will al-ways be a segment of the popula-tion who will react negatively to the presentation of such difficult topics,” said Mancini. “Students were free to decide what to do, but I would hope that the people who were offended would choose not to stop at that perception, and in stead to come to the presentation and discuss their point of view, which undoubtedly is valuable.”

 “[Many students] found it to be worthwhile,” she added.

Approximately 20 students at tended the event. Students ex-pressed their overall feelings towards the film. Many students admitted to crying because the film was so stirring.

“The ending of this film was unexpected and overwhelming,” commented Shannon Connell, a sophomore psychology major. “It really helped me bring the exis-tence of prejudice and discrimination into reality.”

The question of what we hate was brought up. Danny Vineyard states at the end of the film, “Well this is my conclusion: Hate is bag-gage. Life’s too short to be pissed off all the time. It’s just not worth it.” It was discussed that the use of “hate” does not have any positive outcome or worth, so we are con-fused of why there is still preju-dices and discrimination still in today’s society.

Lina Jaramillo, sophomore psy-chology student, said, “In order to fight against judgment, I think that we must try to enlighten our friends and family so that we can spread the belief that hate is not beneficial to anyone.”

“People make their own choic-es about the ‘intent’ of a film, which is why we talk about it af-terwards,” commented Mancini. “[In this movie’s case], social change doesn’t happen overnight, and Danny certain got caught in this crossfire. The events that oc-cur after his death are probably even more important.”

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Athletics – Event Staff

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I come to you this week a bit more serious than in weeks past. This Sunday, at Cleveland, Ohio, the Cleveland Indians hosted the Chicago White Sox. The series was filled with violence and racial tension, including being interrupted by a spectator who allegedly made racist comments towards players. The Indians’ assistant manager, Sandy Alomar Sr., was hit by a pitch thrown by Chicago’s starter, Matt Thornton. Alomar was the subject of racist comments from one spectator, according to the Associated Press.

I have been covering the series with great interest, and I must say, it has been a depressing sight. The whole world seems to have become so divided, and it makes me wonder what we can do to improve the situation. I believe that we must start by accepting responsibility for our actions and beliefs, and by being open to new ideas and perspectives. This is what I was trying to do when I wrote the column last week, and I believe that it is important for us to continue to do so. If we don’t, then we will only keep making the same mistakes and repeating the same patterns of behavior.

We have heard this message many times, and I think that it is time that we start to listen. If we don’t, then I believe that we will only continue to make the same mistakes and repeat the same patterns of behavior. I hope that we can all work together to make a difference and to create a better world for ourselves and for our children.

Samantha Young
Editor in Chief

The Outlook
Dear Editor:

This is an open letter to the person or persons who vandalized my car on April 3rd while I was in class. Monmouth University, any university, should be a place of learning, of exchanging ideas, of tolerance, of hearing both sides and making informed decisions. The person who vandalizes my car obviously does not agree with the words on my bumper sticker. This person had no respect for my right to a different opinion than he/she has. This person didn’t have the courage to write me a note and identify himself/herself or try to set up a meeting to discuss our differences of opinion. No, this person acted in an intolerant way and showed no respect for the property of one with whom he/she does not agree. This person obviously felt that I have no right to have an opinion that is different from his/her own. Because he/she believes it is a right to have a bumper sticker to have a different opinion than he or she has, it must have made it seem acceptable to then vandalize my property. I expected better from a fellow student.

We are here to learn, to discuss, to disagree, but not to condem. Tolerance is a big buzz word today, but only if one tolerates what is acceptable in someone else’s opinion. If someone has a different opinion on a topic, according to the person who vandalized my car, that is not to be tolerated. The vandalizer cannot tolerate my view on abortion rights. You see, my car has a bumper sticker that reads “Equal Rights for Unborn Women.” The person who vandalized my car obviously does not agree with my viewpoint and feels that it is, therefore, acceptable to take a magic marker and black out the “Equal Rights” and keep the rest of the slogan. The irony is that, though the bumper sticker was made to read “Equal Rights for Born Women”, the person wielding the magic marker has violated my rights as a “born woman” to have a different opinion than he or she has.

So, dear vandalizer, this is an open invitation to you. I forgive you for marking up my car. I’ve fixed it with some rubbing alcohol and white out. It now reads as it did before. You see, I feel quite strongly about the rights of the unborn. I’d like to get together and have a reasoned discussion with you. Why do you feel so strongly for abortion? I really am interested to hear what you have to say. I would also like to have the chance to tell you why I feel so strongly about the rights for the unborn. Please feel free to reply to this letter with your own and send it to The Outlook at outlook@monmouth.edu or e-mail me personally and we can get together over coffee and discuss our different opinions and, hopefully, learn something from each other.

Sean K. Quinn

Opinion

Letters to the Editor: Vandalism

I am happy to say that in my years as a student here at Monmouth, I have had some great professors. Let me take this opportunity to say thank you. I am still in awe of the vast amounts of knowledge and real world experience our faculty possesses, yet there is something that has been bothering me since my first class. What has bugged me is that there are some professors who cannot keep their political views out of the classroom and off their office doors. It is bad enough that the faculty parking lots are filled with obviously left leaning bumper stickers, ones that have the letter “W” with a circle and line running through it but to have three-foot high numbers posted out during class is going too far. Incidentally, if I had posted someone’s picture with a circle and line run through it on Facebook or MySpace, I could be found in violation of the University’s “Civility Code” because it could be considered “threatening” but professors can “threaten” the President of the United States and it is considered free speech…go figure. Anyway, too often we are subjected to irrelevant and has viewpoints that have little to do with the lesson but everything to do with a professor’s opinions of a topic. I do not begrudge professors having their own viewpoints or speaking out in places like The Outlook, but the classroom is not a place for indoctrination.

As a conservative on campus, my viewpoints are very much in the minority, and walking through departmental offices and having to see stickers on professor’s doors that say “Bush Lies” and other political propaganda, quite frankly makes me feel uncomfortable. I have yet to enter an area with faculty offices that do not have at least one example of what a thinking person would consider bias material on an office door. These are materials that a balanced and true academic should not display at an insti-
tution of education.

It is not their views that I have a problem with or the fact that they technically have a right to voice them (even though they should not be doing so) but the fact that at an institu-
tion that prides itself on educating students to look at both sides of a situation, would allow faculty to spread their own political beliefs in the classroom and in their offices that drives me mad. As I write this in my last year, as an education major, I have been taught that there are to present the facts of both sides of an argument and then allow the students to make up their own minds, but I’m afraid that there are times when I don’t see that there, and that makes me very worried.

I hope that when folks read this article, which will be published during the Global Un-
derstanding Convention, that they remember one thing, Understanding and Peace cannot be achieved when only one side of an argument is being heard.

Sean K. Quinn

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we wish you much success!
There Should Be No Next Time

ERIN STATTLE
STAFF WRITER

“Vandalism Defaces Residence Halls,” cried one of the headlines of last week’s edition of The Outlook. This is just another incident of “kids being kids”, right? I don’t think so.

For those of you who may not have read last week’s edition of our school newspaper, or heard about it from faculty or saw the actual remnants of hate on doors, Monmouth University has been plagued by a rash of swastikas and Ku Klux Klan references de-honor of Black History Month’ themes. These parties, while not limited to the Monmouth University community, promote a chilly, even hostile, climate on campus that accepts even the most meagre forms of hate and ignorance present on our school newspaper, or heard about it from faculty or saw the actual remnants of hate on doors, Monmouth University has been plagued by a rash of swastikas and Ku Klux Klan references dedicate.

Facing residence buildings. The MU police claim that these shies aren’t directed at anyone in particular, but how would you feel if you woke up one morning, or returned from class, to find a hate symbol emblazoned upon your door? I know I would be completely offended and angry. And I am not the only one who would feel like that.

Even if these vile actions are not aimed at any one individual or group, which I find hard to believe due to the nature of the such as all the aforementioned, we have learned to be complicit, if we have actually learned anything at all.

The guilty individuals, who participated in the vandalism and threw the black-face parties, have committed their crimes and harmful acts in secret. After scrapping swastikas on doors and others’ property, they fled. After drinking to Aunt Jemima and her presence in America’s kitchens, they left and went home, never mentioning a guilty feeling over mocking and trivializing a historically racist image.

These people are, at best, cowards. They limit themselves and other people when they act and speak in racist tones. They are afraid to realize that skin color and ethnicity are not what separates us, but that the bigoted attitudes are what separate and draw hate.

As a community, Monmouth students should be outraged. We are paying considerable amounts of money to receive a degree that will allow us the rites of passage into the professional working world. I sure don’t want mine to bear the mark of racism embedded in the Monmouth University seal. That is not what I stand for and I sure didn’t choose this school for its racist student population.

Before you set out with an angry mob, remember some of the people who stood against racism and inequality with peaceful actions, not violent ones. Civil rights leaders, such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and citizens, like Rosa Parks, got their message across without physical violence. Everything they did flew in the face of their oppressors.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had an impact on Monmouth University. If you don’t believe me, look on the walls of the second floor of the Student Center. When we allow these recent hateful acts to go unnoticed, we forget our tie to the Civil Rights movements and the fight against inequality.

Next time you are invited to a “ghetto” party, or an event that requires you to dress up in minstrel show style blackface, decline. There will always be another party with another keg and games of beer pong. You don’t have to laugh at the struggles of others in order to have fun.

As for the faculty and administration, remember what your actions say when vandalism and parties like these are simply chalked up to juvenile and immature antics. Legally, at the age of eighteen, we are all adults. There should be no tolerance for blatant racism and acts of hate here at Monmouth.

Monmouth University boasts itself as a fine learning institute and members of our community should not be subjected to the learning impairments of racism. We all need to re-evaluate the atmosphere we are creating. It’s time to stand up to the racism that has managed to seep into our lives, here at Monmouth and onward.

There really shouldn’t be a “next time” for swastikas and KKK references here at MU. None of us should allow it.

GLOBAL UNDERSTANDING PROJECT
PHOTO OF THE WEEK

PHOTO COURTESY of Suzanne Guarino

Camp Darfur Mock Refugee Camps located at Erlanger Gardens outside of Wilson Hall as part of the Global Understanding Project.
CLASS
OF
2007

SENIOR
WEEK

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD APRIL 4TH-27TH AT THE OFFICE OF STUDENT
ACTIVITIES ON THE 2ND FLOOR OF THE STUDENT CENTER. ONLY GRADUATING
SENIORS MAY BUY TICKETS THROUGH APRIL 17TH. TICKETS FOR SENIOR WEEK
ARE NON-REFUNDABLE, AND CAN BE PURCHASED WITH CASH OR CHECK. TICKET
PURCHASERS MUST SHOW PROPER ID. ALL TICKET PURCHASERS AND THEIR
GUESTS MUST BE 21 OR OLDER TO ATTEND (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED). ONE
GUEST PER STUDENT ID (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED). ONLY GRADUATING SENIORS MAY STAY
IN THE RESIDENCE HALLS DURING SENIOR WEEK.
A PORTION OF TICKET SALES WILL GO TOWARD THE SENIOR CLASS GIFT.

Tuesday, May 8th
Bar A: $10
Spend time with friends, relax, and enjoy. All you can
eat barbecue (8pm-11pm). Late night coffee and tea
station. Shuttle to Bar A leaves starting at 7pm from the
Student Center parking lot.
Bar A will ID at the door.

Wednesday, May 9th
NYC Trip- $10
Come and enjoy the sights and sounds of New York
City. Bus leaves from the Student Center parking lot at
11:45am, and will leave New York City at 8pm.
(Under 21 allowed)

Thursday, May 10th
Medieval Times- $40
Step back in time for an evening of dinner and jousting
fit for a king. Bus leaves at 4:15pm from the Student
Center parking lot. Due to limited tickets, no guests will
be allowed. (Under 21 allowed)

Friday, May 11th
Casino Night- $10
Spend 6 hours in Atlantic City. The bus will
leave for Atlantic City at 2pm from the
Student Center parking lot.
(Must be 21 to be on Casino bus)

Saturday, May 12th
Senior Reception hosted by
President and Mrs. Gaffney
Semi-formal - Free
6-8pm at the Doherty House (rain site TBA).
Pre-registration required at the Office of Student
Activities. No guests allowed, because space is
limited to the first 100 people to sign up.

Saturday, May 12th
Stingers Night Club
Enjoy a night out with friends. Free shuttle service
from the Student Center parking lot, and no charge
at the door with MU ID from 10pm-2am.
Must show proper ID at Stingers

Monday, May 14th
Bowling- $5
Spend an afternoon bowling with friends. Bowling,
shoes, pizza, and soda included. Shuttle to Memory
Lanes in Shrewsbury leaves at 1:45pm from the Student
Center parking lot and returns at 4pm.
(Under 21 allowed)

Tuesday, May 15th
Jacks
Spend one last night at Jacks, where everybody knows
your name! Shuttle bus will be available at the Student
Center Parking lot from 9pm-2am
Jacks will ID at the door.

If You Have Any Questions Call: Student Activities (732) 571-3586
Life Across the Pond

LINDSAY PLESNIARSKI

April 11, 2007

Yes, all of these destinations were covered in one amazing week that goes by the name of Spring Break!! Italy and Germany, two absolutely gorgeous places! Most people go to 3 places on their Spring Break here, but Heidelberg is only an hour or so train ride from Frankfurt—which is where you will find the beauty of Germany. Well, starting off with Venice—gorgeous!! I couldn’t get over how much I was at the same place that the Italian Job was filmed (one of my favorite movies!!). The city is breath-taking! From its gondola rides to its shops and cathedrals, it is amazing to say the least! Thankful, most people know how to speak English since, surprisingly, none of us 10 people knew Italian. However, the understanding of most Spanish since some words are relative, and they appreciate the attempt.

Gondola rides are a bit expensive, so we didn’t get to check that out. However, there is a “water taxi” which is a free boat ride along the canal which did just fine for us! As far as the food goes, it’s the most heavenly! Fish, lasagna, and wine!!! Not to mention THE GELATO!!! I actually upset my stomach just thinking about the taste. Believe it or not, I was pretty enjoy doing self-guided history lesson with tons of people with friends all chip in for “Top Things to see in Venice” because of the amount of places we visited!! Rome was astonishing—to say by far the most amazing places I have ever visited. By FAAAAAAR—one of the most breathtaking, otherwordly, and beautiful. This place offers soooo much, including crazy night-life, which Venice and Rome to were other gorgeous sites we checked out.

Basically, Rome is one of my favorite places so far because there is soooo much to do and NONE of it is boring! The spectacular views, larger-than-life monuments and buildings, food, and wine!! I mean like thousands. There’s tons of places to shop nearby, many little outside market, and great food! Venice has those pizazz where I slice seriously is the size of half your arm!!! Of course, it is delicious! Other places we went to were the Basilica di San Marco and the Basilica di S. Maria Gloria. Both of these were absolutely breathtaking.

Next, we went to Rome, which was

I planned my Spring Break with a few friends around the 3rd week of arriving here. Now, I’m not saying that you have to plan THAT early, but Spring Break is crazy over here! You don’t want to get stuck with paying a lot of money for flights. I definitely recommend booking it NO LATER than a month and a half prior. I hope all is well back at MU and I’ll talk to ya’s later!!

PHOTO COURTESY OF LINDSAY PLESNIARSKI

Foreign correspondent in Venice, Rome, Italy.
Author and drummer Jack Slichter recounts his days in Semisonic.

Despite becoming subject of in-
cidental misidentification over the course of his, as a rock and roll
musician, Jake Slichter still smiles gratefully for the acknowledgement,
and will repeat, "No, I’m the drummer from Semisonic."

So what do a multi-platinum re-
cord, two world tours, and 100,000
fans Glastonbury Festival performer
look like? Before entering the WMUR studio, I took a deep
breath, and strolled on in to meet with the charismatic, energetic
Slichter wrapping up the weekly Wednesday
radio meeting, who would be my li-

"So, Furg, where are we doing this?
I asked, eager to shoot off my
first batch of questions. "Is he wait-
in your office?"

I turned, embarrassingly, to find Sli-
cighter comfortably settling and convers-
ing with me in the small office con-
ference room of The Outlook office.
He had arrived by train earlier that day.
I would later learn that Slichter had
arrived in a “Brooklyn” adorned navy blue
hoodie and jeans, a brown messenger
bag slung over his shoulder, and a
hair much longer and less platinum
blonde than that which Semisonic day,
photos would portray. It was hard to im-
agine that the person standing next to
me had the very face that corresponded
with my own mishap recognized him.
As he walked through the door, how a star
performer look like? Before entering
the studio, I took a deep

"Hi, I’m Jake," he said politely,
with a smile that jokingly poked
at his fellow band
member. "I was thrilled that anyone thought
I could do a book."

"I was thrilled that anyone thought
that I was anything," Slichter humbly
said. "This incredible last year’s amazing experience came along and
transformed the whole course of my music career.

Slichter recalls such events with
mildly forgiven in his book, Sa-
ny You Can’t ’Til You’re Outta Here, a
recollective narration detailing the
inner workings of the music indus-
try alike his life and the experiences
that has Semisonic. His book has never of
appeared in various drum magazines
and the New York Times in 2005,
and focuses mainly on his writ-
ing. In the time covered within
the book, Semisonic released two
albums, a collection of singles, and an EP.
The band could claim the most success through their
first touring single, "Begin
nearly, which helped to give
significantly credit to Nancy
Levin, the MCA head of radio pro-
tion, which he praised for its
promotion. Feeling Strangely
Fluey practically platinized the same
year, selling a little over a million
copies worldwide. However, while the
band never officially called it quits,
their music was more often heard
less support then before. While the
band still occasionally sold out venues
and reeling with the good feeling of
shows are really fun," recalled Slich-

t's book, the group never of
ceased playing and because you real
ly want to blow
people away. It’s really hard to play a show and have some
one come up to the audience
and say, 'I feel like I’m on

"I feel the scales falling from my
eyes when it comes around."

The Beatles - Strawberry Fields Forever

"It's a dreamy quality of the Beatle's music, from John
Lennon's deep, soulful voice to the orchestral arrangements
and the-list-inspiring, to the
vocalists."

"You speak fluent onion in Paris.
I love the exuberance of the
to the eloquent

drummers."

Bob Dylan - Oxford Town

"Simple and powerfully
hounding, I never get over how
dyl's melodies and lyrics, and
'shmoes as they sometimes
are, seem sort of universal truth.

R.E.M. - Nightswimming

A beautifully confessional
song with a laugh, hypnotic ar-
rangements.
Entourage Returns

KRISTEN RENDA
Contributing Editor

Sunday, April 12 marked the return of the television show Entourage. Since last year’s cliffhanger episode, fans everywhere were wondering what was going to happen to Ari now that Vince fired him. Will Jeremy Piven return to his Emmy-winning role? That was the question fans were asking as they awaited the new season. Not to worry, though, after watching Sunday’s episode, Ari Gold fans all around the world can relax because he is back, along with his always-entertaining assistant Lloyd.

The episode began with us realizing that Drama (Kevin Dillon) has finally landed what looks to be a successful role, and it will be coming out soon. We see him and Turtle (Jerry Ferrara) standing on a sidewalk in front of a giant billboard taking pictures. Drama refuses to leave until someone notices him, because ever since his show got canceled over ten years ago, he’s missed his fame.

Meanwhile, Vince’s (Adrian Grenier) birthday is coming up, and his “entourage” is planning a party for him. As the talk of the party and all the hype that goes with it continues, Vince realizes just how bad he wants Vince back as a client. He acts like he just got dumped and wants back in the relationship, which essentially is what happened, just profession

New ABC Drama

THE OUTLOOK

New ABC Drama
Traveler Has Potential

SAMANTHA YOUNG
Co-Editor in Chief

The story line thus far seemed well-developed and cohesive, a risk run with any “flashback” sequence.

Director David Nutter (The X Files, Supernatural) once again brings his signature style to the show, with cut aways and cliffhangers at every commercial break.

Much like Supernatural, a lot of the shots were outside and on the streets of the city, which would make sense since they are supposed to be fugitives. Usually, this would present problems with lighting and shaky camera work, but not here. The camera was smooth, very NYPD Blue, and the lighting and settings were realistic and believable.

All in all, I would have to say the latest effort by ABC is a green light. The most attractive quality is the cast of relative unknowns, under the direction of a veteran, coming together to create a show with “hit” potential.

The story of Will Traveler has just started. I can only hope Nutter continues to produce quality episodes and establish himself further as the man with the golden touch.

Entertainment

Peter Turluci
Contributing Writer

Making what you love to do for your job is a hard sale to come by, but 28-year-old cartoonist Richard Stevens has found it. Growing up reading and drawing comics and playing video games in seventh grade math class has finally allowed Stevens a chance to do what he loves, and that is Diesel Sweeties, a Web comic and syndicated newspaper strip. I sat down to get to know Stevens to discuss music, video games, and Web comics.

Q: And the answer was Diesel Sweeties?
A: Yes, basically the idea I had for the comic was a girl dating a robot.
Q: Your comic’s look is out-of-the

ordinary, as it is pixelated. How did you come up with this design style?
A: I was drawing it out, and was experimenting with a brush and pen, and I was just fiddling around because I wasn’t happy with how it looked, and I just started drawing robots at that scale [on my MAC] and blew it up and I just thought it said more about the robots than just drawing it.
Q: How have you taken your recent syndication status?
A: I wasn’t supposed to be on the Internet, I was [laughs] to be in print. But it worked out better this way. I think I thought I would go pay to make some self-published comic book, but instead by going through the Internet I managed to get to lots and lots of people.
Q: What would you attribute to your success?
A: Oh, I don’t think I have. I think that the only failure in a Web comic is when a cartoonist quits. We’re not really dependent on audiences or anything. It’s all about entertaining ourselves and hoping that other people like it. Do the best that you can make. You do your own music and your friends happy. I’ve seen a lot of people get really popular Web comics who didn’t really set out to do that and you know, they don’t really want to do that everyday. I mean, this is what I like doing. When I was in seventh grade I did a daily comic in the middle of geometry class—don’t remember what I called it, but I remember doing it.
Q: Your drawing style seems to have taken on a “gaming” system. What was your favorite game to play?
A: Tetris has been my love on every [gaming] system I have ever been able to get it on.
Q: Two of your characters are music based: Indie Rock Pete and Metal Steve. What type of music do you listen to?
A: I actually listen to music that’s made on Game Boys more than I listen to music that has guitars in it just cause it’s more appealing and soothing for me.

[If they played boss music scores] they would go up a hundred points across the board.

The Web comic can be found at www.dieselsweeties.com and original syndicated strips run daily in The Star Ledger.

Photo courtesy of Richard Stevens
Cartoonist Richard Stevens created an original comic that is pixelated and is based on the idea of a girl dating a robot.
The first feature, Planet Terror, was written and directed by Quentin Tarantino. A blatant and provocative rewrite of a song like "Stuck With You On the Outside." It went over as well as the covers and it is another song, but it worked. Doug exhaled. The band worked to write the performance of the four of us get off the stage singing TOTALLY outside the realm of Memoria's sound, as if by the band. Doug explained, "If I 'Will Survive' is not the only genre they cover, it's the band's ability to work together well and all are very talented. Everyone brought something to the table as showed hints of originality. The band even did a cover of Gloria Gaynor's "I Will Survive." Not often is there a group of men who are willing to attempt to turn a song like that into a modern rock song, but it worked. Doug explained, "I took the original and thought of the band's sound as something different and also added my own personal touch. The way the band mixes different styles and eras is amazing. I can't wait to hear more of it."

As the band started their set, they played their hits, but it was all really waiting for the main event. But, along with others, was slowly drawn closer to the stage. With the exception of Doug's white belt with a white belt buckle, I liked what I saw and heard. An interesting thing about Memoria is that it's not even the drummer sings, which is rare. Their best song is definitely "See You in the Wild." It's a little bit of everything as covers and it is something the band wrote. The song is available on their MySpace in an acoustic live version. The band says they are working on getting a full band version of that song available as soon as possible.

An interesting aspect to Memoria is the style of bassist Gavin Moore. His strumming style is far from one of the most popular things I have ever seen. Then again, you couldn't tell the difference just listening to the band. Doug added, "I think it's the band's ability to work together well and all are very talented. Everyone brought something to the table as showed hints of originality. The band even did a cover of Gloria Gaynor's "I Will Survive." Not often is there a group of men who are willing to attempt to turn a song like that into a modern rock song, but it worked. Doug explained, "I took the original and thought of the band's sound as something different and also added my own personal touch. The way the band mixes different styles and eras is amazing. I can't wait to hear more of it."

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The Last Open Mic Night
April 12, 2007
The Underground
(by Elmwood Hall)
10pm-12midnight

***LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, PRIZES, FUN & YOU!!! PREFORM OR HANG OUT!!!***

Free Food and Prizes!

This is an alcohol free event sponsored by the Office of Residential Life, the Office of Substance Awareness and

RHA
Residential Hall Association
Thanks to everyone who came out to our semi annual t-shirt sale, we raised a lot of money for a good cause! Happy Anniversary to Phi Sig- 20 years on April 11, 2007. Please join us every week! There will be approximately 5000 soldiers and generals who served in Iraq attending this breakfast. Succeeding the pancake breakfast, D Phi E will be hosting an Alumni Luncheon at The Club in Magill Commons from 2pm-7pm.

A Phi is pretty damn cool! Can’t wait to spend time with you girls on Sunday...ALL DAY! Woot Woot. My littles...SO HOT, Love you Peasul - DESTINI. Little love, sharing our birthdays! Deepths, thanks for making my birthday fabulous! Love you all. Harmoni loving the pants like whoa, haha! Ink Well so inappropriate. Secrets, love you both! Xoxo SunSet! Shoes. HARMONI & SunSet. Love you little HERRESS. I love my AO Bombshells. HARMONI, Big I love you! Hope your B-day was a blast! Bombshells always and forever Fabulous. Big. I love you ❤️ girlz.

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The Outlook 15

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

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Don’t let tourists go home this year badmouthing New Jersey and our water quality! Come out and make a difference!

Delta Phi Epsilon

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STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

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Volunteers are urged to contact the Monmouth University Chapter office at (732) 263-5753 or e-mail at: monmouth@njwaterwatch.org. Or contact the Brookdale Community College Chapter office at (732) 224-1875 or e-mail at: bcc@njwaterwatch.org.

Don’t let tourists go home this year badmouthing New Jersey and our water quality! Come out and make a difference!

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Crossword

ACROSS
1 Wall covering
6 Baby’s bed
10 Stacks
14 ScreamingLY
darogatory
15 Part of ABC
16 Far from terra
firma
17 Commit the
18 Part to play
19 Ananias, e.g.
20 Conclude
22 Oar
23 Old hand
24 Utensils suddenly
25 Formed
29 Wait covering
31 Polished
32 Umpire’s
talentful
36 Pick drinks
37 Procrastinator’s
tongue
38 Round
39 Propped up
41 “The Count of
Cristo”
42 Frees
43 Tongue-lash
44 Kind of cool
47 Mare’s morsel
48 Steer clear
49 Inflating
55 Expressions of
disapproval
56 Beyond risk
57 Sobredol
68 Coagulate
59 Organic
compound
60 Conjure
61 Towel word
62 As expected
63 Takes the
plunge
65 Down
1 Attention getter
7 Window
8 Landing place
9 Cheese from
Holland
5 Experienced
again
6 Jeweler’s weight
7 Web puld
8 Without work
9 Nice
10 Common widdler
11 Basketry
12 Emulated Pisa’s
tower
13 Small open pies
21 Actor Beatty
22 Trick piece
24 Fox’s tail
25 Medicinal
cippocastror
26 Auror
27 Skater’s leap
28 Doomsayers
29 Spouses
30 Played for a sap
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33 Horne of Oin
34 Riga resident
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37 A Spinga
40 Trampled
41 Gauged
42 Splod
43 Nice
44 Purple
45 Botanic
46 Word before oil
48 Coolly
49 List of dishes
50 M.l. trium
51 PBS series
52 Composer
53 Heat in the
microwave
54 Launch forces
55 Polo
56 Get the pace

Solutions

by Aaron Warner

I’m not one of those guys that only have one thing on their mind. I have at least three or four. I’m hoping for right now.

You Loaned something to Freddie Freeloader?

A College Girl Named Joe

I should have loaned him those DVDs!

How much debt would you have to be in to skip town?

Five dollars.

Five bucks. That’s it.

No amount of debt is too small for me. I’ll pay it.

Welcome to Falling Rock National Park by Josh Shalek

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For the Love of the Game?

REX DAVID S. GIDO
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

At first glance, I might seem more interested in physics problems than sports. Certainly, no one would ever confuse me with Michael Jordan (I suppose my average height might have something to do with that). But if there’s one thing that both Jordan and I have in common, it’s the will to play hard every time, to give 100 percent. This was my mantra when I signed up for recreational basketball last month. It was an opportunity for me to dust off my high tops, engage in some competitive spirit, and maybe even make some new friends.

When I played my first game, I was there to have fun. I shook people’s hands. I smiled. Most importantly, I wanted to play injury-free. I’m sure a lot of the other guys, too, had that in mind. At least that’s what I thought, until I saw someone get poked in the eye. Sure, the game was intense and people were playing roughly, yet inadvertent or not, the transgressor didn’t look too apologetic. I blamed it on the adrenaline rush.

One of the next games, however, culminated in one player getting in the face of another, hoping to exchange more than just basketball tips. Fortunately, only words were dealt, but that really got me to thinking: What happened to sportsmanship?

Webster’s dictionary defines sportsmanship as “conduct (as fairness, respect for one’s opponent, and graciousness in winning or losing) becoming to one participating in a sport.” Wikipedia adds that “sportsmanship expresses an aspiration or ethos that the activity will be enjoyed for its own sake, with proper consideration for fairness, ethics, respect, and a sense of fellowship with one’s competitors.” Most professional athletes follow these tenets. Unfortunately, not enough is said about them. It seems like every time you turn on ESPN, there’s a story about players starting fights, getting suspended for drugs, or engaging in criminal activity. I’m sure everyone remembers the Pacers-Pistons fight of three years ago and if you don’t, just search for it on YouTube. Enough incidents exist that it makes you wonder just what effect it has on players of all levels, even recreational athletes. If million dollar athletes can act that way, what’s to stop the average Joe from following their negative examples?

I am by no means criticizing players for playing hard and wanting to win. That’s part of the game. But so is sportsmanship. Along with that comes camaraderie, teamwork, and patience. What concerns me is the overwhelming desire for victory at any cost, when players forget that it’s a game, when trash talk gets too personal or when unnecessary roughness produces injury. When any of those things occur, people stop having fun. But it’s important not to lose sight of what sports are really meant for: entertainment.

Without that realization, we could all become geniuses. Who would want that? As Jordan said: “Just play. Have fun. Enjoy the game.”

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There are only two issues of The Outlook left in this semester. If you have been thinking of writing an Op/Ed article or Letter to the Editor, this is your last chance to make that a reality before the year is up.

How can you do this?
Send in your articles, letters, cartoons, and/or pictures to outlook@monmouth.edu with a subject line “Opinion” and your thoughts will be heard!

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**This Week’s Campus Events**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2007**
Camp Darfur
Engraver Gaston, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

War Zone
Young Auditorium, 2:30 PM

Softball vs. St. Peter’s
Softball Field, 3:00 PM

Women’s Tennis vs. NJIT
Tennis Courts, 3:00 PM

Diversity Slide
Wilson Hall Steps, 4:30 PM

**THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2007**
International Food Bazaar
Student Center Lobby, 12:00 - 2:00 PM

Sweetshops and Social Justice
Wilson Auditorium, 4:30 PM

Thursday Night Alternative
The Underground, 11:00 PM

**FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2007**
Baseball vs. Long Island University
Baseball Field, 3:00 PM

Movie: Montecitobrains
Young Auditorium, 4:30 PM

Texas Hold’Em Tournament
REEC, Fire-place Lounge, 10:00 PM

Movie: Letters from Iwo Jima
Young Auditorium, 8:00 PM
(Repeat Sat. at 8:30 PM)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2007**
Baseball vs. Long Island University
Baseball Field, 12:00 PM

Softball vs. Fairleigh Dickinson University
Softball Field, 1:00 PM

International Festival
Amazon Hall, 1:00 PM

Movie: The Mesmerists
The Underground, 6:30 PM (Repeat Sun. at 9 PM)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2007**
Baseball @ Seton Hall, 12:00 PM

Student Center, Departs @ 10:00 AM

Women’s Tennis vs. St. Francis
Tennis Courts, 11:00 AM

Softball vs. Sacred Heart
Softball Field, 12:00 PM

**MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2007**
Women’s Tennis vs. St. Francis College (NY)
Tennis Courts, 3:15 PM

**TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2007**
Baseball vs. Rider University
Baseball Field, 3:00 PM

**HIP HOP 101**
Saturdays, 6:14 @ 3:30 PM

**LETTERS FROM IWO JIMA**
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Saturday, 4/14 @ 3 PM
Young Auditorium @ Bell Hall

**weekend movie series**

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Writing Proficiency Examination (WPE)

The Writing Proficiency Examination will be offered next on
Thursday, May 3, from 9:45 a.m. to 12 noon
Friday, May 4, from 3:45 to 7:30 p.m.

Students who have used eCampus to check in for the typed exam should report directly to their assigned classrooms during the hour before the exam starting time.

All other students should report to Pollak Theatre’s lobby during the hour before the exam starting time for check in for the handwritten or typed exam.

Eligibility Requirements for the Exam
In general, you are eligible to take the May 2007 WPE if and only if you meet all three of the following conditions:

1. you are a current Monmouth University student at the time of the exam (that is, you have a start date that falls before the date of the exam); and
2. you have EN 101 and EN 102 or their equivalents (such as transfer equivalencies or Credit by Examination); and
3. you have not previously attempted the WPE.

Requirements for Attempting the Exam
The required reading set for the WPE will be available at the University Bookstore for a minimal fee beginning Wednesday, April 18, 2007. Students must purchase and read the reading set before the exam, and must bring the reading set to the exam.

In order to be admitted to the WPE, students must present a Monmouth University Student Identification Card. If you do not have an ID, you may obtain one at the ID Center, located in the Student Center.

Resources for Preparing for the Exam
To prepare for the examination, students should pick up and read the Writing Proficiency Requirement Preparation Manual, available for no charge at the Writing Office or online at http://www.monmouth.edu/writingoffice/WPRPreparationManual2006-2007.pdf.

The Writing Office will offer three information sessions about the WPE at which the format and expectations of the exam are explained and at which you can ask questions in person.

The information sessions will be held on the following dates:

Thursday, April 19, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in Student Center 202A
Wednesday, April 25, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in Student Center 202A
Monday, April 30, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Carol Afflittto Conference Room, Student Center, 3rd Floor.
FACIAL CROWD:
Track team captain Nick Williams journey as an unheralded champion

DANIEL ROTH
EDITOR AT LARGE

With an impeccable work ethic, our track team leader, Nick Williams, never once felt second to none, and complete modesty, Monmouth senior Nick Williams, has more than likely been the best athlete you have never heard about at Monmouth.

Standing 6-foot-1 and 225 pounds, Williams has struggled with his weight and has struggled mightily. However, he has maintained a smile and a friendly smile. When you walk into his apartment he automatically offers you a drink and will do whatever he can to make you comfortable.

When you sit down to talk, he will tell you he is on the track team but that is as far as he will go. The part he neglects to inform you about is that he is a six time track and field champion in his home state of Maryland – where he currently holds the state record for the discus.

Despite Williams' Junior Olympics and Junior Nationals, captain of the Monmouth track team and his high school record in the power clean.

"One of the reasons I never played football in high school was the success I had in track and field and also in basketball. When I first joined the team, I said to myself 'I figure I had more of a chance to get a scholarship in track and field.'" Williams reminisced.

But it took Williams a while to find track and field. "I was probably one of the last to come. I first started in sports. Growing up I was pretty good at baseball, and when I started playing football I found track, which I figured out I would be good at when our gym teacher told me I always seemed to throw further than everyone else," commented Williams.

Interestingly enough, Williams never played football and seems being a perfect fit. "Still to this day everybody always asks me if I played football. Growing up, our high school football team won four straight state championships and went 50-0, which makes it even more ironic that I did not play," Williams exasperated.

One in high school, Williams took off, winning the state championship in both discus and shot put in three of his four years. It is during that time that football article led to Williams getting involved in Olympic weightlifting.

"I got my first introduction to it after my mom read an article in our local newspaper about a local girl who was on the national team on a national scale. He said that he used Olympic weightlifting in order to develop fast twitch muscles which are key to throwing far. So I began in 10th grade," he said.

In the beginning, the weightlifting was simply a different exercise to me. I decided to give it a try. "At first, I was training primarily for track. I was using the Olympic platform. Eventually, my lifting coach offered me in competitions. We have been together for about 10 years and we're still training together," Williams recalled.

Olympic weightlifting consists of two lifts, the snatch, which is a lift from the floor to overhead without stopping momentum, and the clean and jerk, which you lift the bar from the floor to your collar bone and then over your head in one movement.

Within the next two years Williams traveled through the United States, competing in Pennsylvania, Arizona, Maryland, Tennessee, and Los Angeles. By the time be stopped the Olympic lifting in the winter of his senior year, Williams had won a massive amount of silver medals.

Williams said he's most proud of his sixth place finish at the 2002 Junior Nationals, and his third place finish in the 2002 Junior Olympics in Knoxville, Tennessee. In the Junior Nationals, he competed in the 185-pound weight class. In the Junior Olympics, he competed in the 205-pound class age 16-19.

Even with all the lifting, Williams' first love - and what would eventually lead him to college - was track. Williams came to Monmouth on something of a whim. "Monmouth was a last minute decision to be honest. I was looking out in Arizona and Maryland for schools to go to, and being bored, I just looked at Monmouth. I've been to the campus," said Williams. "When it comes to Williams, it is about more than just his marks during the track meets. "He brings leadership and experience. He is always there to help his fellow throwers when they need some help. That is why his teammates voted him team captain this year," said Flores.

One teammate believes that Williams is a big part in making the track team one of the most successful athletic programs at Monmouth.

Williams is one of the main reasons why the track team has shown it can be one of the strongest teams at the school. He is probably found pound for pound the strongest guy at our school. He is a great leader and gets everyone pumped," said Christian Keller, a former roomate and criminal justice major.

Williams said bringing has never been his style. "I've never been one to shout or brag about anything I've done," said Williams. "I prefer to let my actions speak."

Unfortunately, this May marks the end of Williams' tenure in track and field. "I'm probably going to stop throwing for good. I have done it for a while now, and I would like to coach," he said.

"I do plan on going back into Olympic weightlifting. This fall, I broke the school record in the power clean at 365 pounds. Based on my current weight and statistics, I could become extremely competitive on a national scale. I only did the sport for a couple of years and I feel I have potential to excel in it."
The Hawk File:  

Tom Corrie

ERIC M. WALSH  ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Listening to him talk, you know he must not be from around here. In case you were wondering, men's tennis athlete Tom Corrie was born and raised in Harpenden, England. Traveling many miles from his hometown, his ability to play tennis has brought him to West Long Branch, New Jersey to play for the Blue and White.

About three and a half years ago, Corrie made the decision to leave his home in Harpenden to continue his education and tennis in America. Having been touted as the number one high school tennis athlete of the junior class in his hometown, Corrie felt he could come to the U.S. and play for a well-respected college. Before arriving at Monmouth, Corrie attended Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Georgia to play for the third best junior college tennis program in the nation. Playing there for two years, Corrie had the chance to compete at the Junior College National Championships and helped ABAC finish in the top three for two straight years.

After his sophomore year at ABAC, Corrie felt it was time to move on to a program where he felt he could continue to improve and be an integral part of the team's success. He found Monmouth to be just that place. Finding many similarities between New Jersey and England, Corrie fit right in at MU. “England and NJ are pretty similars,” says Corrie. He did not see any difference in the style of tennis played, either. “It's no big deal playing tennis in another country,” Corrie explains. “It's a tennis court anywhere in the world. When I step on the court, I forget where I am and try and put everything into playing.”

With this attitude, Corrie has received many accolades from his coaches and teammates for his performance on the court, and was recently named the Prince/NEC Men's Tennis Player of the Week. Corrie explains his work ethic on and off the court and his love for the game saying, “I would say I am a committed player and student. I love practicing and training. I wish I was good enough to just play tennis for the rest of my life so I am trying to make the most of it while I can.”

The second singles player has enjoyed playing in West Long Branch and will play an important role in the Hawks’ run at NEC titles this spring. Although he is comfortable with being away from Harpenden, Corrie does have some things from home that he misses. “Sometimes I miss the small things at home, NEC plays the some of the food, TV programs, music and little things like that,” he notes.

Enjoying his time in the U.S. for the time being, the business management major plans on graduating in the spring of 2008 and using his degree to possibly return to England and pursue a career in sports marketing.

However, before he returns to England, Corrie would like to remain in the U.S. for one year to work, after receiving his degree. “As an international student, I can apply for a one year work visa, which I will do and probably stay in the U.S.A. for that year and work,” explains Corrie.

Looking to the future, Corrie is optimistic about returning to the place where he grew up to make a living there. “I will go home to England and work in London,” states Corrie. “I love music and sports so I will hopefully develop a career in either.”

As for that accent, he says that it annoys his opponents. Hopefully he can use it, along with his considerate talents on the court, to help bring the Blue and White an NEC title for the first time since 1996.

Hawks Split Four Game NEC Opening Series with Mount St. Mary’s Mountaineers

CRAG D’AMICO ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Monmouth Hawks traveled down to Emmitsburg, MD to open up their 2007 Northeast Conference schedule, and were able to come up with a split of their four game series with the Mount St. Mary’s Mountaineers.

The series was a match-up between the two schools that tied for fourth place in this year’s NEC pre-season coaches’ poll. Last season, the Blue and White swept a three game series between the two schools in West Long Branch with the Hawks shutting the Mount out in all three meetings.

Thursday afternoon, Hawks starter Brad Brach pitched a complete game allowing six hits, 145 pitches, struck out a career-high 11 batters, scattered 12 hits, and gave up four runs in five innings.

Kyle Messineo led the off the game with a solo home run to put the Hawks in the driver's seat right out of the chute. That was followed up with a two-run shot in the Hawks’ third, as Mike Casale went deep for the second time this season to give Monmouth an early 3-0 edge.

With the Hawks clinging to a 5-4 lead in the top of the eighth, Nick Niederhaus delivered a two run double to give the Hawks a 3-0 edge. As the Mount runners on second and third tagged up, Teters threw the ball to shortstop Kyle Higgins, who made a tag as the Mount runner tried to take second. The unassisted double play didn't get the Hawks out, as the Mount came back with two in the bottom half of the fifth, the two in the sixth, and then tied the game in the bottom of the seventh as Ryan Murray came through in the clutch with a one out homer.

In extra innings, the Hawks quickly loaded the bases, and were able to capitalize with an RBI single by Teters and an RBI groundout by Niederhaus. Matt Frazier came in for Monmouth in the bottom of the eighth and quickly retired the side to earn the 7-5 victory.

In the second game, Brett Brach had a rough outing, giving up eight runs on 10 hits as the Mountaineers offense exploded for a 10-3 win.

Saturday afternoon, the Hawks would drop a heartbreaker to the Mount 9-8. Monmouth scored their runs in bunches, putting three runs in the fourth and four runs in the seventh in support of starter Matt Coulson.

With Frazier trying to protect an 8-5 lead headed into the bottom of the ninth, the Mountaineers started to rally. They loaded the bases with one out and were able to drive in a run on a sacrifice fly to cut the deficit to 8-6. Messineo led off Mount junior Ryan Murray, who sent the game into extra innings with a late home run the day before, drilled a 2-1 pitch over the right field fence for a three run walk-off home run.

Meyers leads the Hawks with a .398 batting average and 27 RBIs. Messineo leads Monmouth with five home runs. On the pitching side, Buch continues to lead the Blue and White with a 4.00 record and a 2.18 ERA.

The loss dropped Monmouth to 14-10-1 overall and 2-2 in conference play. Following non-conference road trips to Princeton and Lafayette this week, the Hawks will look to get back on the right track with a four-game NEC series at the MU Baseball Field against the Long Island Blackbirds.

Notes: Messineo was named the NEC Player of the Week, as he helped the Hawks go 3-1 last week. It was the first time he earned the award. Messineo collected six hits and drove in eight runs. The senior lead off hitter also batted .400 during the week.
**Sawlsville’s No-Hitter Highlights Softball Sweeps**

ALEXANDER TRUNCALE  SPORTS EDITOR

After winning five of their last six games last week, the Monmouth softball team continued to roll, gathering four more wins this week with doubleheader sweeps of St. Francis (Pa.) and Robert Morris.

The tone for the weekend’s games was set down on Friday’s doubleheader against St. Francis (Pa.) when pitcher Kristine Watching, Nichole Sosnowski and Brittany Scott each had a goal just before half-time. The lead was extended to 7-1 in the second half, as Shawn Evans scored at the 15:54 mark. Megan Nutter, Amy Hanson and Jessica Picciuto closed out the scoring for the Hawks.

On Saturday, the Hawks were back in action against the Colleens of Robert Morris. Much like the previous two games, the Hawks’ offense was the story. Led by Nutter, who netted seven goals and was also credited with an assist, the Hawks dropped the Colonials 18-7.

The Hawks went into halftime with a 4-4 lead after picking up three straight tallies at the end of the half. Monmouth then went on to win 1-0 with the Casualties of the soaring Hawks.

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Despite Cold, Track Remains Hot

MIKE TIEDEMANN  STAFF WRITER

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“arbid on RBI of her in the fifth inning, singles in Dawn Gilchrist, Lisa DiLeo and Caitlin Tighe would score the other Hawk runs, providing more than enough offense to support Sawlsville.

Game two was much of the same, as the Monmouth got another big pitching performance – this time from Rand, who improved to 4-1 this season. Rand went the distance, allowing two runs on seven hits.

Two stellar defensive plays highlighted the game for the Hawks. In the third inning, Nichole Sosnowski, a catcher, made a sliding catch behind home plate. Nichole Alvarez had a defensive gem of her own, making a diving catch to rob the left-fielder of two outs in the fourth, with two Red Flash runners in scoring position.

Lise Simmetti knocked in the charging with three runs batted in while Gilchrist collected a pair of RBIs. Hawks scored twelve hits, with five different players collecting at least two in the game.

On Saturday, Monmouth welcomed another NEC opponent to West Long Branch when it was the Colonials of Robert Morris. In a pair of tight games, the Hawks prevailed 3-1 and 10-9.

In the first tilt, Sawlsville went the distance, allowing one earned run on four hits while striking out eight on her way to her ninth victory of the season. Down 1-0 in the fourth, Nichole ripped a two-run shot over the fence to put the Hawks ahead.

The second game featured more offense, as the Hawks jumped out to an early 6-0 lead in the second inning. Gina Mignogna opened the scoring for Monmouth with a run double. This was followed by Simmetti’s center field single which scored Mignogna. Gordon would conclude the scoring in the sixth-inning run on a double down the right side, scoring Alvarez. The Hawks found themselves with a five-run cushion in the fourth, up 9-4. But the Colonials stormed back. Spurred on by a three-run double by Ashley Smith, Robert Morris came back to tie the score in the ninth. However, the Monmouth’s all-time leader in career RBIs would again come through for the Hawks in the bottom of the seventh, as Gordon single in Simmetti to give the Blue and White the victory. Pitching in relief, Sawlsville picked up her second victory of the season on the year, scattering four hits and allowing an unearned run in six innings.

Gordon earned the NEC Player of the Week for the second time this season. In addition, she was named the offensive leader for the Hawks, hitting a .333 batting average with five RBIs.

With the wins, Monmouth improves to 7-1 in conference play and 7-2 overall. The Hawks are riding a six game winning streak, including eight unanswered goals, putting the game away. Nutter scored five times during the second half, with Raveia also picking up two goals and Pollock adding one.

With the victories, the Hawks stand at 11-3 overall and are riding a six game winning streak. The also own a 5-0 conference record, and are unbeaten in their last 14 regular season NEC games. They will look to extend both streaks on Friday when they travel to Emmitsburg, Maryland to take on Mount St. Mary’s.

Notes: McLaughlin was named the NEC Rookie of the Week following last week’s 11 point effort. Monmouth’s last regular season game will be against the Hawks of Mount St. Mary’s on April 24, 2005 in Emmitsburg, MD.

**Lacrosse Win Extends Streak to Six**

ALEXANDER TRUNCALE  SPORTS EDITOR

The Monmouth lacrosse team’s offense exploded last week, twice breaking the twenty goal mark and scoring a total of 59 goals in three games. Lafayette, St. Francis (Pa.) and Robert Morris were all casualties of the soaking Hawks.

The team began its incredible week with a non-conference tilt against Patriot League opponent Lafayette at Kessler Field. After falling behind 1-0 three minutes into the game by a goal at Lafay-ette’s Maddy Booth, the Hawks went on a 5-0 run over the next ten minutes. Ashley Waldman and Ali Pollock would add goals to increase the Monmouth lead to 8-2. Lafayette would score to cut the lead to five, but Megan Brennan would add two and Katie Degen would add one to give the Hawks an 11-3 lead. Monmouth took a 13-3 advantage into halftime after consecutive goals from Britney McLaughlin.

The second half was no different, as the Hawks continued their offensive barrage. Waldman, Pollock and Carolyn Raveia would each score two goals apiece in Monmouth’s 21-6 thrashing of the Leopards. Monica Johnson got the win in goal as she and Becca Ozel had a combined eight saves.

The Blue and White returned to Northeast Conference competition on Thursday, as they played host to the St. Francis (Pa.) Red Flash. The Hawks offense continued to click, as Monmouth embarrassed the Hawks 18-10. Degen led the way, scoring three goals while notching three assists. Waldman added three goals of her own and Burgos, Brennan, Kristie Sosnowski and Brittany Scott each account for two goals.

Monmouth went up 13-1 at halftime, as McLaughlin scored two, and Scott and Kaitlyn Robinson each had a goal just before halftime.

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Heather Gordon went 2-4 with the Hawks 5-0 shutout of St. Francis.

**Despite Cold Track Remains Hot**

Deanna Paulson in the 100m, Lasha Dickson in the 400m hurdles, and Michelle Losey in the 400m. On top of that, Meredith Malley gained a spot in the ECAC Divi-ision I Championships with her 0:00.06 time. She finished in the top eight in the same event. The 4x400 relay team, consist- ing of Darrin Chandler, David Gaines, Joe Quintano, and Der-rick Keitch, posted the fastest time on the weekend on its way to a first place finish.

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Scorching the Nets

Katie Degen scored three goals against St. Francis.

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