This past weekend was Monmouth's annual Family Weekend, which included a list of events students were able to attend with their family members.

Beginning on Friday night was the Murder Mystery Dinner, coordinated by Student Activities. The dinner had a psychic theme this year, and was performed by a group of six actors hired to present the mystery.

During the dinner, one of the characters was "murdered" and the attendees were trying to solve the mystery. In order to assist in the "investigation" the actors visited each table and engaged with the guests and answered questions regarding the murder.

The winner received an autographed copy of an at-home murder mystery game. In addition, gift baskets were given as door prizes, which included Monmouth Mom and Dad swag, coffee mugs, and key chains. The turnout was approximately 225 student and family members.

Shannon Killeen, Director of Judicial Affairs, noted that while some students were in charge of planning the weekend's events, she noted, "Family Weekend wouldn't happen without the assistance of many departments especially those within Student Services."

Also, the success of Family Weekend depends heavily on work of Aramark, the University's dining services provider. Aramark did a wonderful job of providing meals for the Murder Mystery Dinner, the Pre-Game Luncheon, and the Sunday Brunch.

A list of events were available on Saturday including the Monmouth Legacies Coffee Break, Parent Workshops, Career Planning for Parents, A Parent's Guide to Common Mental Health Issues Among College Students, Indiana Jones and The Mummy, Pre-Game Luncheon, the Hawks football game vs. Albany, and Casino Night.

The Monmouth Legacies Coffee Break was from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Magill Commons lounge. Monmouth alumni and their kids, who are current students, were invited for a cup of coffee, pose for a photo, and get a souvenir. This event was sponsored by the Monmouth University Alumni Association.

Before the football game, parents were invited to participate in the Get to Know Your Student program, which included a list of events students, professors and especially the SAB executive members. Unfortunately we were there all day setting up because we didn't have enough volunteers. More people needed to get involved on campus and should check out SAB. Although it was more work for the SAB executive members, it was so much fun and it was easy to see that all the families who came definitely had a great time.

As the weekend came to an end, events on Sunday included an old-fashioned brunch in the Magill Commons Dining Hall, and guided tours of Wilson Hall. Killeen added, "Family Weekend was very successful! In the six years that I have coordinated the event this was our best attendance ever with nearly 500 people attending the Pre-Game Luncheon and 400 attending the Sunday Brunch. We heard many positive comments from family members regarding the events.

Binge Drinking: A Campus Concern

CAITLIN FLaHERTY CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A Rider University student was found dead on the morning of Wednesday, October 17th from drugs and alcohol attributed as the cause. With another college death happening so close to the West Long Branch campus, administrators are concerned for students.

Collegedrinkingprevention.gov states, each year, 1,700 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 die from alcohol related unintentional injuries, including motor vehicle crashes and 599,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 are unintentionally injured under the influence of alcohol.

Suanne Schield, Substance Awareness Coordinator sees that very problem going on. "I think high schools and universities have been struggling with the issue for many years. Students are reporting drinking at younger ages, and this pattern of drinking continues into college. We know if you drink before the age of 15, you are five times more likely to have a substance abuse issue later in life." Schield continues, "I know many people believe drinking heavily in college is a 'rite of passage'. The true social norm is that most students, who drink, drink once a week or less, and don't binge drink."

According to the US Department of Health, binge drinking is defined as drinking five or more drinks in a row one or more times during a two-week period for men, and four or more drinks in a row one or more times during a two-week period for women.

A drink is defined as a 12-ounce can or bottle of beer, a four ounce glass of wine, a 12-ounce bottle or can of wine cooler, or a shot of liquor taken straight or in a mixed drink.

As said by Monmouth University’s student handbook, Monmouth’s alcohol offenses are as follows: the first offense alcohol violation is a $196 fine, and complete alcohol education, an online 2-3 hour class on alcohol. The second alcohol offense is a $200 fine, parental notification, arrest, educational or work assignment, and substance abuse evaluation.

The third alcohol offense results in arrest, one semester suspension from the university. Readmission is reviewed by the Vice President of Student Services. Athletes and some scholarships will also be in jeopardy if a student violates the code of conduct around substance abuse.

Monmouth University athletes feel the pressure of being an athlete while engaging in drinking on or off campus. Monmouth Hawk cheerleader Lauren Schriefer has that feeling every time she goes out.

“I know that college is perceived with drinking and being off on your own, but when you are representing a University, especially Monmouth, whether you are an athlete or not, you should present yourself appropriately.” Lauren continued, “Some students make fools of themselves and they not only make themselves look bad, but the University as a whole. Athletes are known for foul mouthed and personal behavior.”

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Student loan companies and universities: Are they too close?

NORMA AZAR CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Some student loan lender relationships with universities across the country have been scrutinized of late. Certain universities are accepting gifts and special treatment from the lenders to place them on their Loan Lender List.

One of the most examined areas for this sort of conduct has been the Tri-state area and Pennsylvania.

Monmouth University’s location alone poses a question of whether Monmouth is doing that too and if not what are we doing about it?

Many news organizations have been following the lender-university relationships throughout America. The New York Times reported that Attorney General Andrew M. Cuomo of New York said, “Dozens of colleges across the country have accepted a variety of financial incentives from student loan companies to steer business their way.”

The New York Times also reported that usually these relationships are the schools “at the expense of the student,” as reported by Jonathan D. Gift.

This may come as a concern to many students and parents who depend on their universities to steer them in the right direction when it comes to paying for college.

“The only loans I have are the ones that the school provided/offeredit,” said Diana Rossi, a Communications student at Monmouth University.

“The financial aid offices at many universities including at Monmouth University have been placed under a microscope after the bad press from other universities.”

Associate Vice President of Financial Services, loans continued on pg. 14

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A new Philosophy, Religion, and Interdisciplinary Studies department is being proposed to Monmouth University. Currently in the planning stage, the department is expected to come online by fall 2008. According to Associate Dean Golam Mathbor, Monmouth University has been working on a philosophy program in the past but in recent years it has disappeared, making the addition of the discipline necessary. Philosophy has a tendency to get associated with other departments of any theory, concept, or discipline that we talk about. Without a proper perspective of philosophy, higher education is incomplete.

While Mathbor says, “Philosophy is where the real higher education is,” it is the underlying theory of any theory, concept, or discipline that we talk about. Without a proper perspective of philosophy, higher education is incomplete.

Mathbor, who is also the acting chair of this new department, says, “It’s not so much about what I think. It’s more about the most fundamental aspects of our lives, and everyone’s future.” As for the Interdisciplinary section of this new department, it will serve to encompass the many issues that spill over academic disciplines related to religion and philosophy. This department, which already exists at the university, will be reissued from the Dean’s office to this new department, which at this moment is being housed in Howard Hall.

The university is in the process of creating a curriculum for the new majors that will be added as a result of this new department. They are hoping to add a Philosophy Major to the existing Philosophy Minor, and also a Religion Major/Minor. The university is also considering a Graduate program for the future as well, but it will be some time before these new majors are actually offered as part of Monmouth’s degree program.

Philosophy Professor Stuart Dalton spoke of some of the classes that he would like to see part of this new department. He said, “I wish there had been a philosophy major when I went to college.”
Lambda Theta Phi, the Latin fraternity, held its second annual presentation of “Next” last Wednesday, November 7, at 9:30 p.m. in Pt. Loma Theatre. Portions of the proceeds will be going to the American Heart Association, the national philanthropy of the organization.

“Next” is a dating show on MTV where there is one “nextor” who gets to pick from up to five “nextees” for a date. The nextor sets up a date and can keep moving through the contestants until he or she finds someone that he or she chooses to go on a second date with.

The hosts for the show were David Gaines of Lambda Theta Phi and Jessica Truglia of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority. Other organizations helped out with the event such as Delta Phi Epsilon sorority and Theta Xi fraternity.

Lambda Theta Phi got the idea from the popular MTV dating show, however they added their own twist. Vladimir Soto stated that, “The ideas for the show came from us not wanting the storyline, having people getting a date and more about making fun of show that we all see on MTV. To do so we had the necessary ticket sales, who’s sitting at the table, etcetera.”

Initially the show was going to have 30 contestants like last year, however the brothers of Lambda Theta Phi decided to cut the number to 20 contestants to have a much smoother and faster paced show.

To get participants, the brothers went to chapter meetings of other Greek life organizations in the previous weeks to gain interest. They also sat outside of the Student Center recruiting contestants. There were also some last minute additions of contestants who decided to participate on the day of the show.

Senior Nicole Reed was one of the show’s contestants. She explained how she enjoyed making up an alter ego and would definitely participate in the event again. She also said “I was asked to be a nextee only a few hours before the event, so I wasn’t really prepared but I think it was pretty enjoyable for the crowd and I am pretty easy to laugh at! Maybe next time I can be the Nextor!”

The show consisted of two rounds. During the first round, the main contestants, the nextors, were able to choose their partners from the list of nextees. The second round of the show consisted of two competitions to decide the winner. The first competition was a wheelbarrow race and then the finalists competed in a dance-off for the title of the ultimate winner. The grand winners of the show received two gift certificates to La Scarpetta Restaurant on Locust Avenue in the Cost Cutters shopping plaza.

Jaclyn Isaac of Phi Sigma Sigma sorority attended the show and said, “I had a lot of fun. The show was extremely entertaining and was a way to get the students of Monmouth University together.” Next was a definite success and Lambda Theta Phi plans on continuing the show next year.

Students of Greek life took part in “Next”, which will benefit the American Heart Association.
**Sushi is Back by Popular Demand**

The newly added sushi station in the Student Center sold out within the first hour of being required Aramark to order twice the supply for the following day, according to Eric Savoie, Food Service Director.

Due to student demand, sushi was brought back to the Student Center on October 29th, after being removed four years ago because of the lack of sales. “It either wasn’t marketed correctly or there wasn’t a great demand for it,” Savoie said. He decided to bring the sushi back after receiving several requests from students. This time around, he took a different marketing approach to make sure the sales wouldn’t mirror what had happened four years ago. “We sent out e-mails, and put up table tents and posters days before the opening date to inform the students what the sales was coming. This time we finally put the sushi out it was a huge success,” said Savoie.

Go Wasabi! is a sushi company from Queens, NY that delivers every morning at about 10:00 A.M. to Monmouth. The sushi price range from $3.99-6.99 which is purposely aimed towards an average student’s price range. “I would cost $14.00, but we know that wouldn’t sell as well,” said Savoie.

Offered sushi includes California rolls, Spicy tuna rolls, Shrimp tempura, Éel rolls, and Spicy crab rolls. “We currently sell sushi that the majority likes to eat, such as the California Roll, but as more demand comes for different kinds of sushi, we’re going to be making a bigger variety,” said Savoie.

There are also vegetarian options such as Seaweed salad, Edamame, which is boiled soy beans, seaweed salad, which are filled with vegetables. “Vegetarian sushi, which is often vegetables such as cucumbers, carrots, or avocados, rolled inside sticky rice and nori, is a healthier option for students and presents a lower risk than eating raw fish,” said Dr. Jim Konopack, Health Studies Professor. According to Dr. Konopack, many types of sushi rolls are a healthier choice in comparison to some other fried, high-calorie low-carbohydrate choices. “I find that sushi can be a healthy part of one’s diet as it is prepared properly. I support properly prepared and handled sushi as an option for students,” said Savoie.

Savoie is looking at the first semester as a trial period. “We’re going to see if the demand sustains itself. If so, we can bring in even more types of sushi, or kinds of sushi,” said Savoie. He adds that bringing in a sushi chef could be a definite option in the future, although the University will never have a “made to order” chef.” It would just be a sushi chef that would continue to make sushi throughout the day.

So far, sushi is still in high demand. “The sushi is selling like crazy,” said Teresa Younger, an Aramark cashier in the Student Center.

Students appear to be appreciative for the change in their dining options. “I’m glad we have sushi in our Student Center. It’s a great new addition to the food stations,” said Victoria Lucinio, a junior.

“I think it’s a fantastic program. It touches on the healthier food and gives several options to students. It adds an element to the food court that is necessary. We’ve done taste tests and it’s been well received. There’s been a lot of ‘thank you’ e-mails for bringing sushi to campus,” said Savoie.

**Kosher Items Now Available in Student Center**

In accordance with students’ demands, Aramark has recently started serving kosher foods in the Student Center.

For kosher items came from the fact that there are no kosher facilities on campus. Since there were no kosher facilities, a few Orthodox Jewish students have had demands for kosher foods. The kosher foods are therefore out on the top of the bottle cap and some of their chips as well.

So far, however, there are not selling well, which also comes from the fact that the University did not do this a few years ago. The demand for these items was not strong enough to support a kosher group on campus, but was just from demand from regular students. “We’re not going to be a large enough demand to support the program.”

“The kosher foods aren’t selling that well, but students are buying them.”

TERESA YOUNG

Student Center Employee

Kosher foods are available upon request in the Dining Hall. It might require a few minutes for the food to be cooked. But, chicken, stuffed cabbage and brisket are available at the Dining Hall. Students can request one of these at any time and it will be served to them.

According to Jewish beliefs, a kosher meal has to be eaten in a kosher facility. Once a kosher dinner that has been sealed and blessed is served in a non-kosher facility, it can no longer be called kosher.

“The irony is that once a student opens it up, the food it is no longer kosher since it is in a non-kosher dining facility,” said Eric Savoie of Aramark.

If a student wants a new item, they can request it on campus by Aramark all they have to do is have a large enough demands for the food. “The kosher foods, Aramark can’t provide Mongolian food because they don’t have a supplier for it. However, it is possible to convince Aramark to serve new foods on campus, such as the introduction of kosher foods. **Food Drive To Help Families in Need**

NICOLE GIANNOPLOUS

PHOTO COURTESY OF Chad Esposito

As of October 29, sushi is now available in the RSC.

There are many local homelees and needy families that can use some holiday cheer and a helping hand this holiday season. A Thanksgiving food drive is being held now through November 19, 2007 to help collect non-perishable foods for needy families in Long Branch. Items such as canned cranberry sauce, bread mix, evaporated milk, broth, and Jell-O would be greatly appreciated as well as any other non-perishable foods that can be placed in a collection box which is located in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center near the Information Booth.

Don’t want to drop non-perishable items into the box? The Monmouth University Bookstore is also collecting non-perishable items. Bring items in the box and receive a coupon for 20% off clothing and giftware imprinted with the Monmouth University logo. All donations will be given to the Long Branch Public Schools.

The SGA Giving Trees will also be on display in the Student Government Association collects and delivers wrapped gifts for local families. The trees will be in various locations on campus, like the Student Center, and will go to the Office of Student Services on the second floor of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center.

Want to help and don’t have much to give? Postage stamps and Christmas cards for incarcerated women would be helpful. Diaper sizes 4-5 or 5-6 and baby wipes are needed for Linkages, a shelter for women and children.

Another option this holiday season is adopting a family through Manna House, the Long Branch Public Schools, or the Visiting Nurse Association of New Jersey.

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Since my freshman year, my family has attended the annual family weekend festivities. This year, marking the last year my family and I will get to participate, was bittersweet to me. Thinking this would be the last time I would probably be at a football game or getting the tailgate luncheon my father and sister look forward to every year. It never fails, but my sister has asked me since freshman year if this is really the type of food we get every day at the dining hall. The answer I give her- "not exactly." She enjoys it nonetheless. It’s always fun to see all the families that come and visit the campus that day, wearing their Monmouth apparel and showing their spirit. This past Saturday, the Admissions Office hosted a Saturday session and all the prospective students and their families got a good first hand look at how much we get involved at our university with events like this. Though it was a bit crowded at times, I believe they got to see how much of a family we truly are here at Monmouth. I felt as though this year’s turnout was the best yet. The luncheon was crowded before the football game and the bleachers were filled also. Though this is not uncommon, as from what I have seen, it is one of the more popular events that families attend during the weekend. Following the luncheon, my family and I always take in the football game and always go to the bookstore to stock up on more Monmouth sweatshirts, t-shirts, etc. that we may not already have. The next day my mother, aunt, and I go to the brunch that is served and luckily this year had a nice day to walk around campus and take in the scenery. This is the point of the weekend where my mom takes as many pictures as our digital camera will hold and I’m not trashing my happiest in them. None-the-less, my mom can’t be happier at this time.

Weekends like these are special because your family gets to see where you live while away at school and what you experience on a daily basis. They can take a tour of Wilson Hall, take in an athletic event that is going on even head off campus to Ocean Avenue and enjoy the beach.

With events like these coming to a close, as a senior you can’t help but think the end is almost near. I know I was walking around on Sunday thinking that my time is almost up here. It amazes me how fast four years just goes by in your life. I know that it’s too early to say that, but I know I’m not the only one thinking graduation will be here before we know it. I can’t help but become a little emotional when I pass by the PNC Bank Arts Center on the Garden State Parkway and think that in only six months or so I will be getting my college diploma when commencement is held there.

The lasts that I mentioned in my first editorial are slowly happening. I’m sure everyone agrees with me that November has gone. It’s hard to believe that next week is Thanksgiving and we are at more than the half way point until the end of the semester. As the saying goes, time flies when you’re having fun. I think in regards to this semester it’s more along the lines of time flies when you are stressed. With the Thanksgiving break approaching, I know I’m thankful for one thing: a few days off to relax.

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Thanksgiving Season
Sharing and Giving

SARAH ALYSE JAMESON
ASSOCIATE OPINION EDITOR

So, it’s already November! The leaves are changing colors and falling, the air is getting much cooler everyday, the animals are beginning to hide away for the winter. I wouldn’t be surprised if we get some snow soon... it’s time to share Turkey around our Thanksgiving table with family and friends. And since we are sharing with those close to us during this Thanksgiving season, why not give to those who do not have much of their own to share with each other? We really should share and give to others less fortunate than us now, during Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving is the time for sharing and giving. Many clubs and organizations provide food for the needy in this season. I know that a group that I am currently a member of, the Catholic Center of Monmouth University, a group that meets quite frequently to pray and discuss our relationships to God, our religious feelings, members' religious viewpoints, things that are going on around us and college life in general, are meeting for a Thanksgiving meal on Thursday, November 15th, to rejoice and be thankful for all that surrounds us, in our lives, and we have to share with other around us. The Catholic Center recognizes all that we have and the many necessities that other people are lacking, and we wish to give to the public. On this Sunday, November 18th, after mass at 7pm, at the Catholic Center, behind the back parking lot behind Elmwood, we’re putting together Thanksgiving baskets full of donated items that have been provided by students here at Monmouth University, for needy families around Monmouth’s campus, here in Long Branch, New Jersey. We are asking students to donate any extra items that they wish to give to those less fortunate than themselves. If you have any extra items to donate or wish to go out and spend a few dollars to make others Thanksgiving a little more joyful, bring them by the Catholic Center.

Here at Monmouth, we all have more than enough, so I believe that you can all donate something, anything practical (canned goods, toilet paper, napkins, plastic silverware, dishes, etc.) to go to a needy family and make them happy. Imagine how you would feel if you didn’t have a Thanksgiving meal to share with the family or friends. These people will be so overjoyed with your offerings to share with them!

Everyone should share, just be a little generous and give a little! Good deeds go a long way. Share with others and when you have a little extra in your life, perhaps others will share with you! Thank you!

SAB is one of the largest organizations on campus, yet we do not have nearly as good of a turn out for our events as we perhaps these events could be more successful. We are open to the ideas of the student body, so perhaps contact our office or send an email (sab@monmouth.edu) with any suggestions that you feel would interest the student body. The goal is to spend a portion of time and energy into making our events special, and we would appreciate them being more attended.

We look forward to greater support for our upcoming events.

Just a Reminder

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FEATURES EDITOR

“This is just a notice that class will be cancelled for today,” I read on the sign in front of my classroom after I had driven almost over an hour in traffic to get to my class on time. I almost could not contain my frustration, as I had so much work to do and also a part-time job I was obligated to. I know I am not alone in the fact that I commute from an hour away with a full class schedule here at Monmouth. There are many other commuters who commute from a half-hour or even further away. Aside from the commuter parking lot, we have another issue, and that is the abrupt cancellation of classes.

It is understandable if a professor had an emergency and cannot make it last minute, but when a professor knows within ample time before the class and does not e-mail the students to inform them of a cancellation, it can be very frustrating for those of us who live so far away. I have a friend who only had one class during one particular day and lives an hour away and also works almost full-time. Unfortunately for her, the professor decided not to send an e-mail all day, and her entire hour was just to put it out that it wasn’t worth the gas, energy and time she put into coming down the busy highway. The next class, she came to find out that the professor did not have any excuses for not e-mailing the class ahead of time. The professor had full access to e-mail and knew within plenty of time that the class would be cancelled. This is not fair to those of us who have to drive far away.

As I stated before, if the professor has an emergency with no way of contacting the class, it is perfectly understandable. However, not all of us need to only walk 5 minutes from our dorm room to our classroom. We don’t all have the comforts of returning to our room after a surprise class cancellation. Some of us put a lot of time and effort (and money, with how expensive gas is these days) just to drive to our classes, and it would be much appreciated if this fact could be respected to make our already busy schedules a little less hectic if it is at all possible.

Students Seem to be Unaware

GREG MONTAGNINO
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Some of the student body seems to be unaware of the different clubs and organizations that the university has to offer. There is also the common misconception that commuter students feel that they cannot get involved if they do not live on campus.

I can say on a personal example that I am a commuter and still find the time to devote to a few clubs such as Student Activities Board, and All Lifestyles Included.

There are plenty of opportunities to get involved in campus which I feel would improve the time that many of the students spend here at Monmouth. Just coming and going for classes is simply not enough to say that you are part of the university. If you have the extra time, use it in a productive way by getting more involved in a campus organization.

SAB Events Are Not Given Enough Attention

GREG MONTAGNINO
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

My name is Greg Montagnino and I am the Diversity Chair for the Student Activities Board. Since the beginning of this semester, SAB has planned a number of events which I, along with the rest of the board feel are not being attended by enough of the student body.

Part of being a chair member is to plan a certain number of events for the semester that the student body will attend. If the students attend these events, SAB will come and be supportive of them.

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**An example of why parking may be a problem on campus.**

**Chad-Eric Esposito**

Have you ever come to campus for a 1:00 PM class only to find that there are no parking spaces available and no valet in sight? Have you ever gone off campus for a midnight snack run with a friend and upon returning have to walk half a mile back to your dorm? There are definitely some parking problems on campus even if the authorities deny them. On November 5, 2007, I had an interview with Captain Volpe, the chief of the Monmouth University Police Department, to discuss the parking issues on campus. In one of my classes I had heard that the parking problems were a result of ongoing construction. However, Captain Volpe said that there was no construction going on that would be affecting the parking. He also added that the M.A.C. construction should not be interfering and that they are planning on expanding two lots. Captain Volpe also said that the problems with parking were resolved when the police were told that every semester there is always parking problems upon the beginning of the semester. He also said that the University provides valet parking to help students who are having trouble finding a parking space. He also said that MUDP has also helped a lot with making sure handicap students have places to park and other issues.

"Already, there are not enough resident parking spaces available for all of the potential cars students may wish to bring to campus. When and if the supposed new resident buildings are built, there will be nowhere near as satisfying amount of parking spaces available," said Matthew Stoeszel, a Junior at Monmouth University. Personally, if a parking garage was built somewhere near or on campus it would help provide the parking spaces available to any students who are ever looking for parking. There may not be enough available free space to build more spaces and if a garage was built it would provide for more availability.

"A parking garage would help correct the parking problems currently on campus," said Matthew Monkan, a Sophomore at Monmouth University, "I can't see them doing anything else because of the land space available at this point."

Some students think that the parking spaces available are also smaller than they should be. They are so small, that some students claim to have problems getting out of their cars and have to inch out to get by neighboring vehicles.

Some students also find that MUDP can be biased on accident reports as well and feel that they show favoritism towards athletes. If this is the case, this needs to be corrected immediately.

Hopefully, Monmouth University will figure out a good resolution to settle the parking problems these and other students have. If they plan on building another resident building the problem could drastically get worse. This is definitely an issue that needs to be addressed before the construction of the new halls begins.
Hello everyone! For those interested in writing for the Political News page of The Outlook, please contact Daniel Wisniewski, President of The Political Science Club to get started! You can contact him at daniel.j.wisniewski@monmouth.edu. All topics and viewpoints are welcome! Thank you!

**Political Debate: Should the Government Sponsor Embryonic Stem Cell Research? (Week 1)**

This week we debate political issues of the day. Week 1 students make their initial argument followed by Week 2 in which they respond to their opponent.

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**Side 1: Destroying Embryos/Life: Promising But Unnecessary**

**Daniel J. Wisniewski**

**President, Political Science Club**

The question at hand is whether or not embryonic stem cell research should be sponsored by the government. Before a substantive analysis of embryonic stem cell research can be undertaken, at least two assumptions of American democracy must be evaluated. First, it is assumed that a democratic government is responsible to the population’s will—and in this case the governments of the various fifty states, up to and including the federal government. And second, it is assumed that Americans strive for the best possible solution to problems—in this case developing treatments for cancer. But an assumption that I do not agree with is that embryonic stem cell research is the best or best, way of finding therapeutic cures for diseases.

The best solution between embryonic and adult stem cell research is the latter. Adult stem cell research. Adult stem cells have already provided “relief” in the cases of at least seven different diseases; some of which are cancers, diabetes and Parkinson’s disease. I do not believe that I am wrong about this because I am no expert of the varying adult stem cells have “cured” these very deadly diseases.

But an example of a “cure” that I can provide however, because I understand the medical jargon is that of the case of 55 year-old, “Erica Nader. From livesite.org: Erica Nader had been injured in a car accident that had left her paralysed from the waist down. Transplanting adult stem cells from her bone marrow has made it possible for her to walk.”

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However, embryonic stem cells are not perfect because there are not any who are believed to have a wider range of adaptability to different cell types. In addition, embryonic stem cells are more common than adult cells, because they can be cultured in laboratories. However, adult stem cells are not adequate or inappropriate; their advantage lies in overcoming by techniques using mixtures of umbilical cord fluid. The question is, can it be done without or not research should be done where embryos are created and manipulated in laboratories, which is considered the destruction of human life.

Roughly 40% of the American population opposes embryonic stem cell research. So if you have roughly 124 million people who oppose a procedure (embryonic stem cell research) that could produce only the promiscuous cures, where a successful alternative does not exist, is it necessary to continue researching a procedure that so many people are fundamentally opposed to? America is not striving for “the best possible solution”; she is stepping on 40% of the population which consists of previously successful alternative existence. Where is the logic here? Let’s consider the other side of the story – the one that is popular rhetoric and think about what’s best for our country. So I will address the main point of the general community outside of the medical sphere, like a very prominent “cure.”

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**Side 2: Continue Funding Embryonic Stem Cell Research**

**Margaret B. Reilly**

**Vice President, Political Science Club**

During the last presidential election, one of the hot-button issues debated by the candidates was the issue of embryonic stem cell research. The provisions of this law called for no new cell lines to be procured by scientists for research, and that the existing cultures have consent from both contributing donors for use for scientific purposes.

While these guidelines have been key for embryonic stem-cell-funded research for the last six years, the issue still remains an important talking point among politicians. New Jersey voters turned down a multi-million dollar ballot initiative on the issue just this month, making it a constant state of fiscal crisis. But should such projects be related to the states in the first place? Since the federal government already has the National Institutes of Health (NIH) working with the pre-existing lines of cells, why does the government need to create a constant state of fiscal crisis? Despite the fact that state involvement in such endeavors would be superfluous, the federal government does now and should continue to fund stem cell research.

It is no secret that the federal government has been in the mix of funding embryonic stem cell research for the past several years. Embryonic stem-cell research, then, seems like an ancillary issue when we consider the Iraq war, social security, or education expenditure. However, the fact that President Bush opened the proverbial flood-gates in 2001 with policy 8, it would be cruel and foolish to cease funding to such programs.

If the next federal budget does not include any funding for embryonic stem cell research, it would obviously put an end to any research being done by federally funded research institutions. Not only would this halt any progress in finding cures for diseases such as diabetes, Parkinson’s, and Alzheimer’s, it would also cease exploration in new ways to alleviate devastating diseases such as cancers, Alzheimer’s, and Parkinson’s disease.

Less apparent, however, is the fact that a future president wants to resume research, it would be almost impossible for him or her to do so. Not only would a bill have to be passed in favor of funding embryonic stem cell research by what most likely be a Democratic congress, a measure that recently failed in the strongly Democratic state of New Jersey, that some conclude will happen. The latter part of the 2001 law that prohibits its research on any embryonic stem cells was recently overturned.

This would be a lengthy and costly battle between the current federal government and the federal government to fund the creation and destruction of embryos. But the impact of such a political battle after becomes, after examination, not whether or not the government should fund stem-cell research, but whether or not the government will fund embryonic stem cell research.

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**NJDLEG Session Set to Vote on Repealing the Death Penalty**

**Eric Seidler**

**Events Programer, Political Science Club**

From PolitickerNJ.com: New Jersey Assembly Speaker Joseph Roberts and Assembly Speaker Pro-Tempore Wilfredo Caraballo announced that they will seek to make December 6th a special day that removes the state from the country to legislatively abolishing capital punishment. Joined by “fellow legislators and leaders,” Speaker Helen Prejean and other death penalty opponents at a State House Press Conference, Roberts said “It is no secret to those who conceive the question of capital punishment that the repeal will go before the Assembly.”

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**Political Quotes**

“War is cruelty. There is no use trying to reform it. The crueller it is, the sooner it will be over.”

— William Tecumseh Sherman

“Never let any government imagine that it can choose perfectly safe courses; rather let it expect to have to take very doubtful ones, because it is found in ordinary affairs that never one seeks to avoid one trouble without one coming to the other.”

— Nicolò Machiavelli,

**The Prince**

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**“Forced down their throats during the lame duck session of the Legislature.”**

The New York Times

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About a month remaining until the scheduled floor vote of this bill it will be interesting to watch if enough capital punishment supporters affect the success or failure of this bill. A possible option that could please both sides of this debate is allowing the vot-
THIS WEEK OVERSEAS...

LESLIE WEINBERG OVERSEAS CORRESPONDENT

This weekend was spent racing our Volkswagen around the Autobahn while listening to Rammenstein and Polka music and afterwards we dined on brawn wurst while staring at posters of David Hasselhoff. The fun didn’t stop there; we ended our weekend in Germany with a devoted Jew living in Germany until the 1930’s when she had to leave her family and flee to England. It was apparent that Berlin is a city with a troubled past and an unsettled present. The majority of the city was either decrepit, had very modern architecture, under construction, or empty plots. Standing next to the Berlin Wall and Holocaust Memorial really reinforced how lucky we are and how we take that for granted. I noticed a lot of interesting things while in Berlin. They are a very energy efficient city; the escalators don’t work unless you run on them, the doors on the subway aren’t automatic and a button must me pressed and to prevent extra rubbish you have to pay for plastic bags.

Also in supermarkets, cigarettes were sold in giant baskets next to the registers (like candy would be above the conveyor belt) and yet there really weren’t that many smokers or cigarette butts around. Lastly, the subway system is based on an honor system and the trains aren’t cluttered with annoying advertisements. Maybe one of these days some of these ideas will make it over the pond. This past week my boyfriend visited and he could be described as somewhat of a Chatty Cathy. We were crossing a very popular pedestrian bridge over the Thames River and we noticed a homeless man drawing and selling his paintings. After talking to my boyfriend and finding out we were from America he told us something completely surprising. Out of anywhere in the US, when he had enough funds his life goal was to travel to Utah (he was well into his 50’s). I feel like most Americans would not wish to travel to Utah but he was a British man with no money and that was the place he desired to go out of the entire world. It just proves what you can learn when you put down the cell phone, take out the ear buds and actually notice people.

Tuesday evening, we went around the corner to the Royal Academy of Music for a jazz session. In a very intimate recital room, we saw two performances. The first was a first year’s jazz band and the second was the post graduation jazz ensemble. They were both incredibly talented and completely blew us away.

We continued our music week by travelling the great distance of a tube stop to Abbey Road. I was very surprised to see this infamous crosswalk to be incredibly ordinary. There was no entourage of 24!? Beatle fanatics kissing the road or stalking the Abbey Road Studios. Next, we went to Westminster Abbey and thanks to Chatty Kathy an Abbey employee showed us a private chapel closed off to the public. That evening we saw the musical We Will Rock You. This play is set in the not so distant future of 2300, where all live music is banned and all the cookie cutter teenagers are brainwashed by a global mega corporation. They are all obsessed with computer generated Boy and Girl Bands, the same fashions and thoughtsexcept for the internet except two rockers. These two outlaws are set out on a mission to find the last remaining real instruments on the planet while running from the cops. Need another excuse to see this show??

The entire music to the show is Queen’s greatest hits. This was a very high end production started by the members of Queen, so the set, costume and budget was absolutely insane. This show was incredible and I still have Queen stuck in my head 5 days later. I can’t believe I will be coming home in only 5 weeks, everyone wasn’t kidding when they said the time would fly by! Hope all is well across the pond. Cheers!

Kyle aka “Chatty Kathy” takes time to visit Abbey Road.
Thanksgiving is the turkey, but know the difference, trust me. You made it yourself. No one will little bowls and it will look like your mini apartment kitchen. Just wonderfully in the dorms or in some easy ways to do this. Those and start with appetizers, there are set! If you want to be super cool store and a dollar store, you are all if you can get this little party on a roll but There are only a few days left to grueling semester ever created. what to me seems to be the most grueling semester ever created. So maybe it’s not the 1600’s and you don’t want to dress up like a Pilgrim or Pocahontas. Maybe a traditional Thanksgiving Day feast requiring hours of preparation is not quite your idea of fun. But I’m thinking this year before everyone leaves to go watch the parade, get riled up over some football and enjoy seeing their relatives, we are living in the dorms or in an apartment you can roast vegetables in the oven or by the ever so brilliant oven or in your mini apartment kitchen. Just pour the dip into one of your fancy little bowls and it will look like you made it yourself. No one will know the difference, trust me. Obviously the biggest part of Thanksgiving is the turkey, but which one of us is going to cook the darn thing for 2 hours and succer someone into cutting it all up? Not me, that’s for sure; and I actually like to cook! However, there is a much easier way to go about this. Most grocery stores have precocooked rotisserie chick- ens which require no work! How about that? So pick up one or two of those depending on how many guests you will be entertaining. Sweet potatoes are a pretty big deal too so pick up a few of those. Even if you live in a dorm and rely on the handy old microwave you can make this yummy side dish! Just poke a few holes with a fork, heat it up in the microwave for about 8-10 minutes and top it off with some butter and cinnamon. Now for the vegetables. Lucky for us, most vegetables are easily cooked either by the microwave oven or by the ever so brilliant grill created by Mr. George Foreman! Both frozen and fresh vegetables are great because you can buy those new Ziploc Steam Bags and steam your veggies right in the microwave or grill them for about 10 minutes. Add a little sea- soning and you’re the next Emeril Lagasse. How gourmet! If you are the upperclassmen who is lucky enough to have an oven in your apartment you can roast vegeta- bles by brushing them with olive oil and sticking them in the oven while you slave over a no-bake cheesecake. Don’t forget the cran- berry sauce; you might have to borrow a neighbor’s can opener, but that’s about as complicated as this traditional side gets. If you’re into eating healthy, a great idea that is also really easy is a mandarin orange salad. That’s all you need are the oranges, let- tuce, walnuts, and your favorite vinaigrette dressing and you have a great side dish, starter dish or addition to your meal! Also, for appetizers you could make an antipasto salad, which is a nice break from the regular chips and dip, and it’s still just as easy. That’s all you have to do is slice the ingredients up, combine everything and toss them in a vina- grette. For the dessert, as I was saying no-bake cheesecake is a no-brainer! But don’t forget to add a little pumpkin into your feast. There is a great no bake Turtle Pumpkin Pie recipe courtesy of the Kraft. There are also some oth- er great, easy recipes you can find online to create great desserts. Now that you have the meal planned out, some Thanksgiving decorations are a great finishing touch. Aside from picking up a few cheap items at the dollar store, some easy ideas would be to hollow out a pumpkin and fill it up with some fall fruits such as apples. Another cool idea is to core a red apple and stick a long, thin candle in the hole. Romantic candlelight dinner anyone? As you can see, there are many easy ways to create a holiday feast on a college student’s bud- get in both dorms and apartments. Thanksgiving is just around the corner, so grab some friends and get this celebration started!

Turtle Pumpkin Pie:

½ cup plus 2 tbs. caramel topping, divided
1 Honey Maid Graham Pie Crust
½ cup plus 2 tbs. pecan pieces
1 cup cold milk
2 pkg. instant vanilla pudding
1 cup canned pumpkin
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
½ tsp ground nutmeg
1 tub (8oz) COOL WHIP

POUR ¼ cup caramel topping into crust; sprinkle with ½ cup pecans

BEAT milk, dry pudding mix, pumpkin and spices with whisk until blended. Stir in 1 ½ cups whipped topping. Spread into crust. Top with remaining whipped topping.

REFRIGERATE 1 hour. Top with pecans and drizzle remaining caramel with fork. Makes 10 servings.
Love in The Time of Cholera

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“We all must be happy without love.” That pretty much sums up the film Love in The Time of Cholera, the latest attempt at bringingGabriel Garcia Marquez’s novel to the screen. However, they have failed to translate the complexity of the story to the screen.

The story follows the characters through their lives and the heartache of love. At first, it seems like a story of the first love, but as the characters grow and mature, the story takes on a different dimension. It becomes a story of love, heartbreak, and the power of love.

It opens in a depressing way, but then it picks up as it goes. The characters become more involved and the story becomes more interesting. The cinematography and the makeup of the actors were both amazing. The makeup was so realistic that it felt as if cholera didn’t have a bigger part in the film because it felt as if cholera didn’t have a part at all.

The actors playing the roles of Fermina and Florentino were relatively young, and the whole makeup department did a good job of making them age over the fifty years. It was incredible how every little detail of wrinkles down to some on their ears were noticed.

Those two things for me made it up for the slow moving story. At 138 minutes, it was over on at many parts and I think many unimportant things could have been cut out. Overall, it could make it flow better. I also think that cholera could have had a bigger part in the film because it felt as if cholera didn’t have a part at all.

Love in The Time of Cholera hits theaters on Friday, November 9. It is advertised as a drama, but to mine eye it felt more like a romantic story. It continues to be apparent in the life of Fermina and Florentino are love at first sight. They continue to be love through their unrequited love. They would enjoy some of the random spurs of humor throughout the theater.

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Dan Not As Funny In Real Life

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Despite what critics have said about Dan in Real Life, I didn’t find the movie to be absolutely dreadful.

The film might be getting some bad reviews, but it differs greatly from the way it is advertised in commercials and previews. Many think that because this film features comedians such as Steve Carell and Dane Cook, that the movie is going to be hysterical. This is where they are wrong, and could be where the word is disappointed with the film. The actors in real life are funny, but they are portraying characters in a more dramatic type movie therefore they are not going to bring the same comedy to the screen that we might normally be used to seeing them perform.

The film has a more realistic humor to it rather than straight out funny. Instead of an obvious joke, the comments are more subtle and more common to the everyday life, such as Steve Carell’s relationship with his children. His oldest is at the point of learning how to drive, his middle child is busy finding love and his youngest is trying desperately to show her father she’s no longer a baby.

Several of these situations in and by themselves are comical such as Dan being a “murderer of love” according to his middle child or having a run in with the law. Many families have experienced these same dilemmas at one point or another, which makes them even funnier. Add in his eccentric extended family and you get even more drama. The family is overbearing and completely embarrassing in their attempts to help Dan (Carell) get back into the world of dating after the death of his wife four years earlier. On the second day of visiting the family in Rhode Island Dan’s mother kicks him out of the house so that she can spend some quality “girl” time with her grand children.

While “getting lost” in town at the request of his mother Dan manages to meet a woman who not only catches his eye at first glance, but continues to have him entrances for a good part of the rest of the day. After talking for quite some time he manages to exchange numbers with this woman and heads back to his parent’s house feeling excited, overwhelmed and all too eager to share this encounter with his family.

Unfortunately to his surprise, he returns home to find the girl he met at the shop there visiting, because she is dating his brother Mitch (Cook). Being the nosy bunch that they are, the family along with Mitch continues to harp on Dan to pursue this new woman from town, of course without knowing the woman is already dating one of the family members.

This only further frustrates Dan, because he finally found the perfect woman but he can’t have her and can’t get away from her. Of course many other obstacles occur which continue to carry everyday humor and even some dramatic moments throughout the rest of the film.

My only major problems with the movie are that it ends quite abruptly, and it’s basically the 2007 version of The Family Stone, aside from the fact that Carell’s character is a widowed husband and father of three children and that there is no family heirloom ring involved.

This film is most likely not going to be appreciated as much by the population here at Monmouth, because many of us are not widowed owners and are not a point in our life where we are raising a family of our own. Instead I think this film would be most appreciated by our parents rather than college students and younger.

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COUNTRY MUSIC’S BEST BRING HOME AWARDS

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On Wednesday November 7th, the biggest night in country music took place in Nashville, Tennessee—the 41st annual Country Music Association Awards. With performances by country music stars such as Brooks and Dunn, Kenny Chesney, Keith Urban, and Carrie Underwood, it’s safe to say that this year’s CMAs was a success.

Opening up the show was Vocal Group of the Year winners (for the fifth year in a row) Rascal Flatts, singing the title song off of their new album “Still Feels Good.” The group also closed the show with help from their friend Jamie Foxx singing “She Goes All The Way.”

Brad Paisley’s performance was awesome and the way he opened it was very clever. All of a sudden a giant marching band started playing down the aisles and then walked onto stage and out came Brad with his guitar beginning the notes of his hit single, “Online.”

Many other performers did an excellent job at the show and here are some of the night’s big winners.

Entertainer of the Year
Kenny Chesney
Taylor Swift

Male Vocalist of the Year
Brad Paisley
Carrie Underwood

Vocal Group of the Year
Rascal Flatts
Sugarland

Single of the Year
“Before He Cheats”
Carrie Underwood

Song of the Year
“Give It Away”
George Strait

Album of the Year
The Love Triangle in Dan in Real Life.

Embarrassing Songs of The Outlook
A glimpse into the lives of the people putting out the paper

LISA PIKAARD

Living through the ’90s, we’ve all been exposed to both quality and terrible music. As the entertainment editor, I have grown to accept a lot of music but there is always one song or album that when you listen to music on random and it comes up, you cringe and hope no one is listening.

The 90s gave us “Step by Step” and New Kids on the Block, Los Del Rio’s “Macarena,” “Can’t Touch This” by MC Hammer, “Stay” by Lisa Loeb, and so many more songs that the songs that appear are songs forgotten or absurd. Although music is evolving and there are some great musicians out there, the United States also brought to the music world acts like Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan (both of whom have had at least one song on the Billboard charts). Britney Spears’ newest album has managed to come in second the the Billboard charts when it debuted and there is just one song worth listening to on the entire album. Celebrity, overwhelming airplay, and attractiveness have lead to some chart topping songs and musicians that do not even deserve to be called musicians.

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Moving away from the bad music, it’s safe to say that this year’s CMAs was a success.
NORMA AZAR
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The department of art and design hosted an opening reception on Sunday, October 23rd to introduce their most recent gallery showing ‘The Faculty Art Exhibition’. The Faculty Art Exhibition gives an opportunity for the faculty of the art and design department to show off their artistic talent. The exhibit gives students an opportunity to see what their professors are capable of doing.

“It’s a great chance to see what the art teachers are doing,” said Gallery Director Scott Kanuer. “It’s good to have their actual work here.”

The opening reception for the faculty art exhibition is a big event compared to the usual art exhibit reception. “This is a big one,” said Art Club President Jacque Mazzu. Mazzu went on to explain that usually there are just a few snacks and the exhibit. This time around there was much more than just a few snacks. In the courtyard there was an abundance of free food and drinks to welcome the guests as well as the Marc Muller Jazz Trio to provide music and set the tone.

The pieces being shown in the exhibit can be purchased, according to Kanuer. “We will put buyers in contact with the artists,” said Kanuer when asked about the prices of the art. If someone is interested in buying any of the art being shown they can contact Kanuer for help.

The pieces are priced in the gallery that is being shown downstairs in the Rotary Ice House. His piece is a piece in the gallery to be shown downstairs in the Rotary Ice House. His piece is a piece in the gallery being shown downstairs in the Rotary Ice House.

Also for sale were decorated pumpkins, sold by the Art Club, and sold in groups of three or four. The pumpkins are painted with acrylic paint and are surrounded by an eye-catching black display with a variety of neon colors, including red, pink, and green.

Patricia L. Swannack, Monmouth University Vice President for Administrative Services, said that cost for the signs was $25,958. “SGA paid $14,313 and my department paid the balance as well as installation costs,” said Kanuer. The signs also include an array of graphics while displaying the banner “Monmouth University. Where leaders look forward”, the date and time, as well as upcoming news and events. Also, in the event of an emergency the signs will also be able to display important safety information.

Monmouth University police officer Doug Mattison said it’s a convenient sign to use because it posts events in seconds and allows the University to make changes on a daily basis. Today it displayed information on getting a flu shot at the presentation on cystic fibrosis.

To assist the students who live on campus, one of the signs was placed on Cedar Ave. at the end of the tunnel from the academic buildings to the quad.

“I especially like how the sign displays the time. You can walk to class from the dorms, it gets very easy to get sidetracked. Now I know if I’m running late to class,” said Alex Shivot, a sophomore who resides in Spruce Hall.

To assist commuter students, a sign was placed in the parking lot entrance off of Norwood Avenue. Jennifer Nissam, a senior commuter student commented, “The new signs are really nice and are very beneficial because they let me know what’s going on at MU. I usually only hear about Monmouth’s events and news on the radio, but now that I’ve already usually missed them” she added.

In contrast, sophomore commuter student Christopher Brooks sees the new electronic signs as a safety hazard and an unnecessary expense. “The road from Norwood Ave. to the parking lot is a nice scenic route with the beautiful fall foliage and the electronic signs take away from the beauty of it. We should leave the electronic signs to the indoor basketball court.”

Monmouth University, however, sees the new signs as a way to upgrade and be up-to-date with technology. “It’s hard to say how many people are responding to them, but I think they are excellent for conveying information about any topic to everyone and in the future we hope to provide commuter students with parking information and availability,” said Swannack.
November 12, 2007 will be the start of a week-long Holiday Food Drive sponsored by the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA). Donations boxes for non-perishable items – to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Food Branch Food Pantry – will be conveniently located in the Monmouth University Student Center (first floor in front of the information desk) and outside the Communication Department main office (second floor of the Planetree Center).

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For more information on the PRSSA Holiday Food Drive or any of PRSSA’s events or services contact Shannon Monaco by e-mail at samp769@monmouth.edu.

Habitat For Humanity

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Habitat For Humanity

Congratulations to everyone who made it through the new member programs, Sig Tau would like to welcome Matthew Smith into the brotherhood. We would also like to take a minute to congratulate Sigma Tau Gamma’s new officers, Paul Rinaldi, Christian Traum, James Laski, and Brian Brzozowski. We truly believe you are all going to be a great addition to our brotherhood. Bravo boys!

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The Outlook

November 14, 2007

“Environmental Health and Humanity: Clean Clear Water and a Power Shift to Global, Local and Campus Sustainability” This day’s events are sponsored as part of the joint effort between the MU chapter of New Jersey Community Water Watch and the MU Global Service Project. New Jersey PRIG’s Community Water Watch is a Statewide AmeriCorps organization that works to raise awareness and engage students and community members in service and education projects to protect our local waterways. This is our second year at Monmouth University.

1:00 to 2:00: “Sustainability: Shifting the Power to Campus” – B-7 Hall Young Auditorium

Tony MacDonald, the director of the Urban Coast Institute, a MU Centre of Distinction, will kick off this talk on sustainability, what we are already doing and what else we can do to tread more lightly on the Earth, beginning right here at Monmouth. Panel includes: Nikki Starnisky and Allie Bennett - MU Water Watch’s Chair and Vice Chair, who organized a trip down to PowerShift2007, a global warming conference in Maryland and Washington, DC. Jess Lina - Urban Coast Institute Research Assistant working on a campaign to build rain gardens on campus, decrease our use of plastics locally and create a student-run Sustainability Advisory Council at Monmouth

1:30 to 2:30: Coastal, Climate and Social Change Carnival! Student Center Patio

Come one come all! This event on the Student Center Patio is a chance to learn more about global environmental and social issues as you peruse information booths from Water Watch, the Fair Trade Group, Outdoors Club, Sociology Club and more. While you wait for the cleanup to begin at 2:30, you can play our environment-themed carnival games for chances at prizes such as candy and an oversized stuffed polar bear! Laptops will be out to check your ecological footprint on the Earth and free Fair Trade Coffee samples will also be available! 2:30 to 4:00: Water Watch Whale Pond Brook Cleanup (Rain or Shine!) Water Watch will be ending this environmentally focused day by getting students, faculty and administrators involved in hands-on service to protect the Whale Pond Brook, an important but impaired local waterway that is partially housed right here on campus! We will gather in front of the Student Center and wait over to the cleaning area where there will be a free lunch for all volunteers. Participants should plan on wearing sturdy shoes and dress for the weather.

The cleanup will run as follows:

2:15 to 2:30 - Meet at the Student Center sign-in and peruse the fair

2:30 to 2:45 - Cleanup Kickoff speakers: Jackie Johangten, Water Watch Coordinator and Professor John Tiedemann, Assistant Director of the Urban Coast Institute and Associate Dean of the School of the STE:

2:30 to 4:00 - Clean up areas along the Whale Pond Brook, lunch served!

Society Club

Alpha Sigma Tau welcomes 10 new members to its organization, Congratulations Girls!!! Moxi, I’m so proud of you!!!! Dolce, where’s your partner, gabana??!!! Bria= GANGSTA! You the fans are a great asset to the athletics community. Talk to you soon.

The The Outlook

Society Club

The Sociology Club will be selling Beads for Life outside the Student Center Wednesday, November 14, as part of the Global Understanding Day and Health and Humanity Week. Beads for Life are made by women of Uganda and the proceeds benefit their communities. We will be next to the Water Watch table so come on by and buy some beautiful beads! For more information, please contact Dr. Miranda Mezey in the sociology department. Visit www.beadforlife.org for more information on the beads and women of Uganda.

Looking for something warm to do this winter? Help the Sociology Club with Project Linus! The Sociology Club will be putting blankets together to be distributed this winter as part of Project Linus, a non-profit that provides children with security through handmade blankets.

Where: Wednesday, November 28 2-5 pm.

What: Magill Commons Club Room 309

You don’t have to stay the whole time and friends are always welcome to tag along!

Come out and help give some security to someone who needs it!

For more information regarding Project Linus, please see Miranda Wond in the 3rd floor of the Student Center or visit www.

Local Outreach:

Interested in donating games, gift certificates, MU Hawk items, etc., to the Long Branch Middle School Incentive Program, contact Sandy Brown at sbrown@monmouth.edu

Show Times

3:00 – Issues and Insights

3:30 – Proper Reality

4:00 – M Squared

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5:00 – M Squared

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6:00 – News

6:30 – M Squared

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Horoscopes

Today's Birthday (Nov. 14).
You can accomplish great things this year, with less effort than usual. Finish those old projects you've begun and found too difficult. They'll be easy now.

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

Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19) - Today is a 5
Advance your career carefully, without drawing a lot of attention. Don't go for the fame quite yet. Build a structure to bring in the fortune.

Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) - Today is an 8
Look a little farther away for the perfect person or thing. Expand your search and you're more likely to find one that's exactly right.

Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) - Today is an 8
You'll get your message across with no confusion now. It's not just the words, though they are important; it's your strong intention.

Leo • (July 23 - Aug. 22) - Today is a 5
Make sure the client and-or the boss is completely satisfied. If you can manage that, everything else will be easy.

Virgo • (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) - Today is a 9
Your plan is working. Did you include a part where you jump the fence? Don't stay confined, get out and try something at least slightly outrageous.

Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - Today is a 6
Don't go shopping yet, except for necessities. Stick to the basics even if you think you can afford the frills. Don't forget your bigger objectives. Well, OK, one little treat.

Scorpio • (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21) - Today is an 8
A loved one thinks you can do just about anything you try. Believe that person if you get shaky. Keep focused, and don't look back.

Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is a 6
You have more than you realize. Don't use it all up. Put some away in a secret place where you can get to it quickly. It's nice to have reserves.

Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - Today is an 8
People are in the mood to make plans and decisions. A person who's been argumentative will be easier to convince.

Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 6
You're making a favorable impression by doing what you promised. Important people are saying nice things about you, and that's all good.

Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) Today is a 10
Through the help of an old friend, everything falls into place. You're lucky, and that helps too. Achieve a long-held objective.

Crossword

ACROSS
1. Splinter group
5. Out-of-fashion
10. Kind of crazy?
14. Ibuprofen target
15. Quick past
16. Coastal eagle
17. Native American tribe
18. Medieval surcoat
19. Highway
20. Sheep fat
21. Famed violin maker
22. International monetary standard
23. Big rigs
25. With intensity
27. Coil
29. La Scala offering
31. Corrida call
32. Irritate
34. The nays
38. Emcee
40. Attire
42. Legal wrong
43. Chose
45. Fed the pot
47. Commit slander
48. Brooding places
49. Most recent
52. Proprietary product
55. Plot of the way up?
56. News piece
57. Hot under the collar
60. Soft
63. Sound quality
64. Actress Sophia
66. Highbistro,
66. By and by
67. Clear thinking
68. Half a dozen
69. Shipped
70. NPR director
71. Lawn sport
72. "John" director
73. Down
74. Pouchlike structures
75. Hosiery shade
76. 3 of the poorest quality

DOWN
4. Rock on the edge
5. Itemized
6. Grads
7. Albacore in a can
8. Correct text
9. Make up one's mind
10. York or Friday
11. Group of scouts
12. Total
13. "I am Woman" singer
24. Traveler's guide
26. Period of time
27. London district
28. Drop heavily
29. Bakery
30. Little irritant
31. QED part
32. Just OK
33. Eye part
37. Editorial notation
39. Apartment building
41. Time to serve
42. Important people
43. Scottish Gaelic

Solutions to last week's crossword

Welcome to Falling Rock National Park by Josh Shalik

Paul

BY BILLY O'KEEFE MRRBILLY@COMPAUL

So I said to the guy who was serving me coffee, I said, "You've got a lot of buttons, don't you?" He said yes. So I said, "You know, I've never been in a restaurant where they have buttons on the table." He said, "Yeah, because it's a coffee shop." I said, "Well, what's the harm in having buttons on the table?" He said, "Well, it's an idea." I said, "Why not have a restaurant where everyone can have buttons on the table?" He said, "I don't know, it's a good idea." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's give it a try." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's do it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's do it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's do it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's do it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's do it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's do it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's do it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's do it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's do it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's do it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's do it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's do it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's do it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's do it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's do it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's do it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's do it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's do it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's do it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's do it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's do it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's do it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's do it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's do it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's do it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's do it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's do it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's do it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's do it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's do it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's do it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's do it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's do it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's do it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's do it." He said, "OK." I said, "Well, let's try it." He said, "OK.”

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Interested in volunteering?
How about helping out those in crisis?

The Rape Care Program of 180 Turning Lives Around has received numerous community service awards for their dedication to victims of sexual assault in Monmouth County. 180 Rape Care Advocates are certified members of the Monmouth County Sexual Assault Response Team, and generously volunteer their time helping victims in crisis.

We need your help.

Currently, the Rape Care Program is looking for men and women of all backgrounds to join their Rape Care Advocate team. Participate in a 50-hour training, to become an Advocate and member of the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) of Monmouth County. It includes areas of sexual assault awareness, crisis intervention, hotline counseling, the medical/legal/emotional needs of a sexual assault survivor, and the Criminal Justice System in relation to sexual assault.

We will begin training on Saturday, January 19th, 2008 and continue for six consecutive Saturdays (1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, and 3/1). Sessions will be held from 9 am – 4 pm. The training will be held at the Little Silver Women’s Center at the intersection of Rumson Road and Church Street (not to be confused with Church Lane). Interested parties should call 732-264-4433. Please slowly and clearly leave your name, address, telephone number and email address, and an application and information packet will be mailed to you.

(Please be advised that acceptance of registration does not ensure admittance into the program.)

Make an impact…
Become an Advocate.
What are your plans for Thanksgiving Break?

COMPILLED BY: SARAH ALYSE JAMIESON

Liz
Senior
“I’m going to have it with my family and catch up with close friends.”

Kyle
Graduate Student
“I’m going to my parents’ house, in South Jersey.”

Stephen
Junior
“I’m just going to hang, rest, and do nothing.”

Alyssa
Freshman
“I’m going to see all my friends that are coming home from school.”

Jessica
Junior
“I’m going to see all my friends that are coming home from school.”

Mike
Senior
“Eating eggs and pancakes, and jammin’ out with my friends and Cocuzza!”

Jack
Sophomore
“Going with my family to my lake house, in Lake George, NJ. I’m looking forward to it, it’ll be fun!”

Kristin
Freshman
“Spending time with my family and friends, in Ocean Township.”

Jon
Sophomore
“I’m going home, to Brick, NJ, and spend time at my Grandparents’ house.”

Chris
Sophomore
“I’m going home for dinner with my family, then working at the Freehold Mall on Black Friday.”

GET INVOLVED IN CAMPUS ACTIVITIES!!

Campus Events This Week

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14
Asian Name Art • 12:00 - 4:00 PM • RSSC Lobby
Disney College Program • 11:45 AM, 1:00 PM, 2:30 PM • 307 RSSC
Students & Faculty as Change Agents for Social Justice • 2:30 PM • Magill
Texas Hold’em Tournament • 7:30 PM • RSSC Fireplace Lounge
Spanish Gypsies: From Caravans to Cyber Space • 7:30 PM • McAllan 222
Fall Play - All in the Timing • 8:00 PM • Woods Theatre • Plays thru Sat.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15
Visiting Writer - Kimoko Hahn • Time TBA • Wilson Auditorium
Karaoke Night Benefit • 7:00 PM • Anacon Hall (Tentative)
Thanksgiving Dinner • 7:00 PM • Catholic Centre

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16
Our Sons, Our Daughters, Ourselves • All Day • Campus Wide
Stretch to Relax • 6:00 PM • Fitness Center
Amateur Comedy Night with Tiny Glover • 7:00 PM • The Underground
Hampton String Quartet • 8:00 PM • Poliak Theatre
Movie - The Invasion • 9:00 PM • The Underground at Elmwood Hall

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17
Football vs. Duquesne University • 12:00 PM • Kessler Field
Holiday Bowl(trip) • Contact Residence Hall Association for details
Movie - The Invasion • 3:00 PM • The Underground at Elmwood Hall
NJ Nets Trip vs. Miami Heat • Depart 5:00 PM • Tickets On Sale in OSA
35th Annual Ebony Night • 7:00 PM • Anacon Hall
MU Ice Hawks vs. Delta • 8:15 PM • Wall Sports Arena
Movie - Rush Hour 3 • 9:00 PM • The Underground at Elmwood Hall

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18
Women’s Basketball vs. Villanova • 3:00 PM • Boylan Gymnasium
Fall Play - All In the Timing • 3:00 PM • Woods Theatre
Movie - The Invasion • 3:00 PM • The Underground at Elmwood Hall
Thanksgiving Basket Assembly • 8:00 PM • Catholic Centre

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19
Lyr Sync • 10:00 PM • Poliak Theatre
Philosophy Philm Phorum “The Matrix” • 7:25 PM • Turrell Boardroom

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 (THURSDAY SCHEDULE)
Residence Halls Close at 4:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21 (FRIDAY SCHEDULE)

The Invasion
Friday, November 16 @ 9:00 PM
Saturday, November 17 @ 3:00 PM

Rush Hour 3
Saturday, November 17 @ 9:00 PM
Sunday, November 18 @ 3:00 PM

Thanksgiving Dinner • 7:00 PM • Catholic Centre

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 15: Karaoke Night Benefit at Anacon Hall (Tentative)
- November 16: Amateur Comedy Night with Tiny Glover at The Underground
- November 17: Football Game vs. Duquesne University at Kessler Field
- November 18: Women’s Basketball Game vs. Villanova at Boylan Gymnasium
- November 19: Lyr Sync at Poliak Theatre
- November 20: Residence Halls Close at 4:00 PM
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Great Danes Run Over the Hawks

Monmouth allows 175 yards rushing en route to a 21-3 loss at home

The Monmouth football team fell to 3-7 overall losing to the Albany Great Danes 21-3 Saturday at Kessler Field. The defensive battle turned into a one-sided offensive showing for Albany as the Great Danes rolled up 21 points on Monmouth in the second half.

The teams exchanged possessions throughout much of the first half, as Monmouth and Albany combined for 15 punts. It was the Great Dane defense, however, that held Hawks running back David Sinisi to just 59 yards on 24 carries, and kept him out of the end zone for the first time in 20 games.

After the game, Sinisi would describe Monmouth’s inability to move the ball in simple terms, “We just couldn’t execute,” he said. “We couldn’t find a spark.”

When asked to comment about the consecutive game scoring streak coming to an end, Sinisi responded, “I have no thoughts on that. Throughout the whole thing, I never even thought about it once.”

Monmouth tallied the only points of the first half after a poor Albany punt. The Hawks took over at the Great Danes 31, Quarterback Brett Burke found Steve Downes for 13 yards on third-and-four, then later in the drive, found Adam San Miguel for nine yards down to the Albany 14. Fred Weigant’s kick was good from 30, and the Hawks took a 3-0 lead.

The punting game would soon prove to be Albany’s most effective weapon, as Chris Lynch launched one of his two 60+ yard punts late in the first quarter, and the take the and not look back. After San Miguel misplayed an Albany punt that traveled 69 yards all the way down to the Hawks back in their own territory. But the Hawks were not deterred. On second-and-eleven, Burke scrambled 32 yards, all the way down to Albany 22. But Monmouth’s attempts to widen their lead fell short, as Burke’s pass intended for Troy Yudin fell incomplete, and Weigant’s kick sailed wide right and led remained 3-0.

The Hawks were the benefactor of good field position once again when Albany quarterback Vinny Esposito fumbled the ball at his own 46, and Jeff Brady recovered for the Hawks. Monmouth was once again set up with good field position. But the Hawks couldn’t capitalize on the turnover, as a holding penalty harmed the Blue and White’s chances at putting another score and were forced to punt it away. Neither team could muster an offensive attack, and the Hawks went into the locker room clinging to a 3-0 lead.

In the second half, the tide started to turn against the Hawks and in favor of the Great Danes. On second down on their offensive possession of the half, Burke was picked off by L.B. McGloshy, who returned it all the way down to the MU 30.

Albany was able to convert a key fourth down deep in Hawks territory. But the drive stalled and the Great Danes forced to settle for field goal. Frazier’s kick from 22 was good at the score at 3-3.

The two teams again exchanged possessions, but it was late in the third quarter when Albany would have a chance to change the game. After another three-and-out, the Hawks again punted the ball back to the Great Danes. Albany capped the game’s scoring three plays later, when David McCarty blew through the Hawks defense and rumbled 67 yards for a score, and Albany improved to 8-3 overall and 6-0 in Northeast Conference games.

Throughout the game, the Great Danes took away the deep threat of the Hawks by playing a cover two, and Monmouth could not get any consistent offensive threat. But it was the kicking game where the Hawks fell short, as Callahan faced the game was won.

“The kicking game really affected our whole game, it really affected the momentum of things. It put us in bad field position and by the same token put them in good field position.”

The Hawks finish the season next week at home against Duquesne. Kickoff is scheduled for 12 pm at Kessler Field.

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Photo Courtesy of David Beales

John Nalbone had two catches for 24 yards in a losing effort for MU.
**Soccer**

**Women Win the NEC Championship at Home**

**Defeat Sacred Heart 1-0 on The Great Lawn in NEC final, advance to NCAA Tournament**

**MIKE TIEDEMANN**

**STAFF WRITER**

You never want your season to end prematurely. Whether it is in the regular season or the post-season, every team wants to prolong their respective season. And for the members of the women’s soccer team, they did just that. After hosting the 2007 NEC Championships this past weekend, the Hawks are now preparing this week for more soccer. It could have been their last chance at revenge.

Amy Hoyer, the NEC Player of the Year, tallied two shots on goal in the 95th minute. That was the only goal of the game and the Hawks are preparing for the 2007 NCAA Tournament. At press time, their opponent is unknown. However, the road to the NCAA Tournament was not an easy one. On Friday, the Hawks had to face an LIU team that would be looking to avenge an early season loss. Earlier this season, the Hawks were able to overcome LIU in double overtime by a score of 2-1. With the stakes higher than ever before, Alessandra DeTata made sure LIU wouldn’t get their chance at revenge. DeTata used her head to put in a ball from Shannon Rogers in the 50th minute. That was the only goal of the game as the Hawks moved past LIU by a score of 1-0. The NEC champion, heart, who had come back from a one goal deficit to secure a chance to face the Hawks in the championship game.

And so on Sunday, in front of about 500 people, it was the Hawks trying to defend The Great Lawn one last time on the season. Having lost only once at home this season, the Hawks not only had history on their side, but also Christie Pearce Rampone, who served as an honorary captain for the game. Rampone is the program’s most prolific alumnae.

With the stage set, both teams took the field looking for a common goal. And it was someone familiar with headlines that helped the Hawks continue their season. In the 14th minute, Illiana Blackburn’s cross found Andrea Lopez’s foot as she one-timed the ball past Sacred Heart’s goalkeeper. That was Lopez’s fifth goal of the year. And that was the only goal the Hawks would need. The final whistle blew, marking the Hawks first NEC title since 1996 and their fourth overall. They had been proving all year that they were the team to beat as they amassed an overall record of 12-4-4. With timely scoring and a stifling defense, the Hawks have been impressive throughout the fall season. And now it will continue in the NCAA Tournament. Just like they had planned all along.

The team will travel to State College, Pennsylvania to face Penn State in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The Hawks’ Soccer Championship on Friday, November 16, at Jeffery Field.

**Wilson Scores High Marks On and Off the Field**

**NATALIE WHALEN**

**CONTRIBUTING WRITER**

Imagine a college schedule like this: 21 credits per semester and two-hour soccer practices everyday.

“I find it difficult at times to balance my academics and athletics,” admitted Monmouth University senior Damon Wilson, “but that’s the life of a student-athlete and I can handle it.” Not only does Wilson handle it, but he does it well.

The star forward is the Blue Hawks’ leading scorer and has a solid B+ grade average to boot. Last Sunday, Monmouth won its third straight regular season Northeast Conference (NEC) title among teams in the North Atlantic Region, according to a poll by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. At 12-4-2 overall and 7-2 in conference play, the team is hoping for another NCAA tournament berth. But first, they must win their conference tournament, which begins Friday.

Last season, Wilson scored the winning goal in double overtime of the NEC Championship. The game ended up in a tie but his assist was inspirational to everyone. “In the classroom Damon is diligent, attentive and always does his work,” teammate John Castro said. “On the soccer field he is determined and an all-around great teammate, always being inspirational to everyone.” Assistant coach Hugh MacDonald agreed. “Damon’s a very talented player with great speed and good upside,” he said. “If he puts the work in and maintains the right mental attitude, he could have a shot at the next level.”

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**Men’s Soccer Athlete**

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Women Run Into the Record Books
Cross country earns the second best finish in MU history at NCAA regionals

On Saturday, November 10, the women's cross country team finished 16th out of 37 teams at the NCAA Di-
vision I Mid-Atlantic Regionals at Lehigh University. The team's 16th place finish was the second best in school his-
tory and its 464 points was just 12 points shy of 15th place Rutgers.

The Blue and White, who had the best placing of any NEC team, were led by sophomore Caitlin Lynan who
recorded the best overall finish ever for Monmouth women. Lynan finished the 6K course in 21:40, which was
good enough for 41st overall. Fellow sophomore Meredith Malloy was not far behind Lynan, finishing in 21:56,

Embury finished in sixth and seventh for the Hawks, respectively. Ruggiano finished 138th, stopping the timer at
23:44. Embrey completed the course in 24:08, coming in 190th.

Monmouth's 16th place finish was second best for the Hawks since it was first in 2000, the last year they won the
NFC title.

The top two finishers in the meet were Princeton and West Virginia, who get the two automatic qualifying bids to the NCAA Championships on November 19, at Indiana State Uni-

The Hawks' men recorded the best finish of any NEC school in any of the NCAA Regionals held on Saturday.
The squad finished 23rd, earning 668 points overall.

Much like he did all sea-
son, sophomore Peter For-
gach led the Blue and White with a 12th place finish in 32:53 over the 10k course at Lehigh. Jeff Cody finished second among Monmouth runners, finishing in a
personal best of 33:23 which was good enough for 155th. Matt Caporaso and Randy Hadzor finished third and fourth, running 33:24 and 33:28, respectively. Ben Harrison was the second fastest
10k in Monmouth histo-
ry for a freshman in his first attempt on a Lehigh's 10k course. Hutter stopped the clock at 33:45, a time of 33:45.62, precisely to Felix Oviedo’s time of 33:20 set in 1995. Dustin Coleman and Shawn Starks finished 16th and seventh, re-
spectively for MU.

Georgetown and Villanova finished first and second overall to attain the two automatic qualifying bids to the
NCAA Championships.

Both the men's and women's cross country team will continue their fall schedule at Van Cortlandt Park in the
Bronx, NY, at the I-CA and ECAC Championships on November 17.
Congratulations Hawks Soccer

The women's soccer team defeated Sacred Heart 1-0 to capture their first NEC title since 1996. Story on page 22