The Annual Fund's Employee Giving Campaign featured numbers for 2007 earning $201,010. The previous year raised $126,628.

Anthony DelFranco, director of the Annual Fund, said that this fund is the foundation of the university’s fundraising. “Our job is to acquire new donors to come on board; those that have never made a gift,” he said. “Once they do come on board we want them to continue to move up and renew their gift.”

The Annual Fund raises money through direct mail, face to face solicitation and the Phonathon. Direct mail, the cheapest yet least effective way, has raised approximately $60,000 to $70,000. Face to face solicitation is often aimed toward donors of the President’s Society who make donations of $100,000 or more.

The Phonathon, the most effective way to raise money, allows the students to reach out to the alumni as well as other donors.

“We have our own students do the Phonathon which is nice because it gives a job to students,” said Mills. “We have an increase in payroll deduction, employee were able to donate straight from their paychecks. In addition to that, the naming category of giving was revised.”

Mills said that he was pleased with the amount of donors that participated in the year's Employee Giving Campaign. He said that 55% of the full-time employees at the university gave gifts. “We have already seen people increase their gifts for this year,” said Mills. “We are trying to get across to people that fundraising isn’t just the development offices. It is everybody. Seeing the employees step up the way they have is a great sign of that.”

DelFranco added that 29 departments had 100% participation, which is the most they have ever had. There has also been increasing numbers in the President’s Society boasting 53 members currently.

“Another reason why this was important was because we are going to submit an application to the Kreusi Foundation,” said DelFranco. “One of the things they look at is the employee giving.”

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Eight Students to Travel to Tanzania in May

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In May, eight students will embark on a trip that will take them from coast to coast to east, as they are used to do. These students will travel to Tanzania, Africa, with Cross Cultural Solutions, an organization that focuses on sending people around the world to help women and children.

These students will travel to Bagamoyo, which was founded at the end of the eighteenth century and was the original capital of German East Africa as well as one of the most important trading ports on the East African coast.

“I know Ghana, which is the country that Africa has always been a long dream of mine,” said Sarah Pfeger, the student who will be leading the students’ involvement, “I think it’s going to be an amazing place and can’t wait to meet the people and see the country.”

Monmouth University graduate student, Shatiera Porte’s sentiments, saying, “Once I heard for the first time we were planning a trip to Africa I was ecstatic. Not only have I always wanted to go to Africa, but to learn about another culture and get to meet people from different walks of life with one another. I feel that we are all blessed to get the opportunity to visit another country and embrace their culture, values, religious beliefs, and do whatever we can to help them.”

SHATIERA PORTE’
Graduate Student

McGin Visits New Jersey, Takes Lead

DANIEL J. WISNIEWSKI
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Pundits had lined up to jab Arizona Senator John McCain’s record at the Monmouth County Republican Committee (MCR) event. They were disappointed when the candidate declined to follow the script and instead challenged them to more seriously consider his record.

McCain’s persistent campaigning has inspired high school classmate James “Jimmy” Mazza, who died in 2007 because of what he had accomplished in his short time on the earth. “It dawned on me that life is not given to me; it is a gift that I am given.” Mazza said.

McCain visited the Great Garden State last Monday, before the “Super Duper Tuesday” primaries and before Romney’s announcement. The senator was joined by an all-star lineup: State Senator Bill Baroni, Florida Governor Charlie Crist, Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, Connecticut Independent-Democratic Senator Joe Lieberman, and his 95 year old mother Roberta. Going forward, McCain will have to convince conservatives that he is their man, while at the same time appearing moderate enough to be viable in the general election.

McCain has been challenged by conserva- tives last summer after supporting a very moderate comprehensive immigration reform bill. The bill included a path to citizenship for many illegal immigrants, often called amnesty, which is highly disliked by the conservative base. McCain said he had been cream out of the straight talk express and the Senator almost out of the race. Many Republicans went to the camp of Mitt Romney, who positioned himself as the “true” conservative. But after Romney’s withdrawal announcement at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) Thursday, conservative voters will have to reevaluate their options. With Mc- Cain growing stronger every day, the race between McCain, a liberal demo- cratic candidate, or an unforeseen third party candidate, is heating up.

McCain’s persistent campaigning and record as a public servant, as well as his time elapsed since Mc- Cain’s withdrawal, also explains his return to the lead.

Senator John McCain has become the Republicans’ presumptive nominee, far ahead of the remaining candidates, former Arkansas Governor Mike Huck-abee, Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty, and Ron Paul. Even if Huckabee, the second-place candidate, were to win every primary remaining, it is unlikely for him to come close to McCain. Many of the winner-take-all primary states have already voted, and McCain would still pick up noticeable delegates in the coming primar- ies. Regardless, Huckabee is still running until a republican candidate reaches “the magic number” of 1,217 delegates.

As of Friday, McCain has 744 dele- gates, Huckabee 181, and Ron Paul 16.
During winter break, the Monmouth County Police Department participated in training sessions that occurred on campus. The training was at the Monmouth Police Training Academy to practice measures in case of an emergency on campus.

In the beginning of January on 2 when the Monmouth County Emergency Operations Center held the university. "MOCERT is the county SWAT type that would respond to assist the MUPD in any emergency situation on campus," said Chief McElrath. If any emergency situations were conducted by the MUPD and the West Long Branch Fire Department. The police department underwent active shooter training in Wilson Hall while officers were off duty. "Active shooter training was conducted in two three hour training sessions. Training covered tactical formations, com- mon room situations and entry into Wilson Hall," said Chief McElrath. "The session will continue with an active shooter training being conducted."

The West Long Branch Fire Department participated in a Fire and rescue training. The session was three hours long. This training session was to show firefighters the types of training that a Monmouth County student would face in responding to a fire emergency on campus," said Chief McElrath.

In conjunction with the Center for Rapid Response, the MUPD and the Monmouth County sheriff’s office participated in an active shooter evacuation simulation on Janu- ary 15 in the event of a Nor’easter. The purpose of the two hour session according to Chief McElrath was "to make sure emergency services and all students of campus are aware of the basics in terms of keeping college students inter- ested in first aid."

Nicole Stevens, SG Senate and Chairperson on the Commit- tee on Human and Community Relations talks of the program and says, "It’s a solution to im- proving safety and response to a party. Since the project is aimed at keeping students safe, Party Smart kits were given out last night in the Student Center with many different items to help students make their party safer, such as running shoes, a first aid kit, coupons for local food places, coupons for first aid kits, and a list of restaurants that can deliver directly to the students."

Do you party often? Or have you ever found yourself wishing that your after party plans were better? SIFE has introduced a program that was developed by students to help other students party smarter.

SIFE's program is designed to help prevent any arrests or al- cohol related problems. "It’s a solution to improve safety and to help to make any party situation go smoothly. All of the information presented is there to take advantage of it, and geared toward helping students in a ma- terial way without alcohol or drugs," said Chief McElrath.

The Party Smart program is a collaborative effort of the offices of Off-Campus and Commuter Services, the Student Govern- ment Association, and the Office of Substance Awareness. If any students are interested in this free kit, they can contact the Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services, the Office of Student Affairs, or to return fire if they think the students need assistance. You can also access any information online at www.mon- mouth.edu/commuter.

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On Tuesday, February 5, at 7:30 p.m., in the MU Catholic Center’s main din- ning area, a “Mardi Gras,” Fat Tuesday, dinner party for all of the Catholic Center’s members to and guests. The party celebrated the next day was Ash Wednesday, the begining of the 40 days of Lent, which is to Easter Sunday, the holiest day of the Catholic Church. Ash Wednesday is a day for the active Catholic followers, so “Fat Tuesday” is symbolic of a day for active Catholics to fill their tummies and be ready to fast the following day.

Several regular members and a few of their welcomed guests en- joyed the “Fat Tuesday” breakdancing dinner, which members prepared for all. The meal shared included scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes with M&M’s, wings, cookies and more. The vast meal was prepared in large part by the Catholic center’s president, Ash- ley Hager, a senior, History, Political Science and Secondary Education major, and with help from students. Ashley, Jennifer Mustranged, a freshman, History and Political Science ma- jor, and Gabriele Gabrielli, a sophomore, History and Secondary Educa- tion major.

“T he food was delicious!” Mary Balthazart, a junior, Psychology and Elementary Education major, stated, “Props to the chef and kitchen helpers for making such a yummy, Fat Tuesday meal!”

The Catholic center, Brian Brzozowski, a sopho- more, Mathematics and Secondary Education major, explained how the meal hit the spot! “It was very good and the sauce was smoky and a bit spicy!”

The Catholic Center’s president, Amanda Ballesteros, a sophomore, Anthro- pology and Psychology major, stated, “Props to the chef and kitchen helpers for making such a yummy, Fat Tuesday meal!”

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"The ultimate goal of all of us is to have as safe a campus as is possi- ble.” -- in reference to the Governor’s comment about the subject of gun violence in New Jersey, his plan included a toll raise on the turnpike and statewide, along with a freeze in state spending for the coming three years, but with strong opposition from both Re- publicans and Democrats.

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7 p.m. Film Screening: Agouti’s Peanut (Tropical Forest People)
Q & A: Prof. Bill Mitchell
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Centerpiece Events
5:30 p.m. Foods of Peru Dinner
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Pardon my Mistake, I’m Only Human

BRIAN BLACKMON
STAFF WRITER

In last week’s Article of Interest “Comics: A Shared Language,” a few typographical errors materialized concerning some of the French words used within. Where mistakes originate (whether in this or any work) is beyond my knowledge, and I can only attribute them to the same unique forces which Marcel Duchamp and his fellow Dadaists would credit with further shaping their works. While the forces working upon the art of Duchamp included the accidental dropping of his artistic vision and its subsequent dust collection (as was the case with his 1915-23 The Bride Stripped Bare by Her Bachelors), in the technologic present, it is now the infinite fallibility and limited vocabulary of spell-check. Other mistakes are of the human variety of course, with those sneaky typos that pop up like so many Gremlins to blemish even the best work of journalism or literature (everyone from Hemingway to Capote has experienced them). Mistakes are part of being human, and the next time—faithful Outlook readers—that you come across mistakes in this or any other literature, remember that it is the beautiful mark of the human mind, the same source as the poetry of Shakespeare and the prose of Washington Irving. Even mistakes have beauty.

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Pit bull: Friend, Not Foe

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When the topic of dog breeds inevitably comes up in casual conversation, many automatically feel that pit bulls are mean, untamable and ferocious. This, however, is simply not so. Any animal can be bred to be nasty. Any animal can also be bred to be lovable. It all depends on how it is brought up.

Why do pit bulls have a bad reputation? Many ruthless owners bred their pit bulls to fight because they have very muscular bodies and extremely powerful jaws. Their bodies are often compared to a weightlifter’s. Even if one has a very muscular body, that does not mean that he or she is always ready to hurt another person.

Many pit bulls are bred to fight.

At a very young age they are encouraged to fight each other and are brought up knowing no other lifestyle. The trainers of these dogs often abuse, malnourish and pester the pit bulls incessantly. They are taught to attack indiscriminately and often. One recent example in the news is the former NFL player, Michael Vick, who raised pit bulls solely to fight.

If any animal is raised to fight, then naturally, it will be an aggressive animal.

Pit bulls are not innately mean. They actually have a very sweet demeanor and respond well to commands. This is why they are easily led astray by their masters to become guard dogs and fighters.

In the nineteenth century, pit bulls were actually used as nannies for young children. If brought up correctly and treated well, pit bulls will guard their masters and protect them.

On a personal note, my family owns a pit bull. He is the sweetest and smartest dog I have ever known. Not only is he unfailingly loyal, but he is also extremely smart and very lovable.

He can often be found snuggling with one of my family members. He is the biggest cuddler and always wants to be the center of attention. In the middle of the night, he’ll actually go under the covers of my parent’s bed and sleep in between them.

He knows when he is being talked about and in what context. If someone is crying or upset, he instantly comes to that person’s side and shows his support.

He not only knows if someone is approaching the house, he’ll sense immediately if they are friend or foe. If someone is delivering food to the front door, for example, he merely pokes his head out of the door and wags his tail. Thankfully, our house has never been robbed, but it is safe to say that our dog would scare off any person intending to do us harm.

Whenever we mention the word, “walk,” he immediately gets excited and knows that in a few minutes he will be on his leash and taken outside for a nice, leisurely stroll around the neighborhood.

It is always hard to hear people say bad things about pit bulls. Yes, some are mean. But that is only because of the environment they have been raised in. I feel really sorry for those dogs that are abused and made to fight.

My family rescued our dog from an abusive home. At first he covered in the corners whenever someone went to pet him. After a few days he realized that our family truly loved him and wanted to see him happy. Now he is the best dog ever.

Yes, sometimes he does chase our cat. But it is only in jest. He would never actually harm another living thing.

It is important for people to open their eyes and realize that it is not a dog’s fault if it is aggressive or mean. It is usually due to the fact that the owner has mistreated it or bred it to be vicious.

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1 February 2008
Hello everyone! For those interested in writing for the Political News page of The Outlook, please contact Ashley Visniweski, President of The Political Science Club to get started! You can contact her at ashley.visniweski@monmouth.edu. All topics and viewpoints are welcome! Thank you!

THE OUTLOOK
February 13, 2008

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Vice President, Political Science Club

MARGARET DAVIES

Last week, my opponent and I debated political issues of the day. We agreed that not English should be made the official national language of the United States. I made the case that implementing such a measure would be unnecessary, while my opponent argued that not doing so could prove disastrous for the country.

Making English the official language of the United States would not only be impractical; it would also harm everyone who would be forced by statute or Constitutional Amendment to learn English. It simply means that the federal government and its bureaus would conduct business only in English. Therefore, anyone who is not fluent in the English language would be forced to take classes to further their understanding of American culture.

The by-product of this bureaucratic unity in my opponent's argument is that it would simply make no sense at all to try and get them to start learning English. My opponent argues that it would be more practical to make English the national language, so why not just impose English on everyone?

My opponent asserts that it was a series of language barriers between the citizens of the ancient Roman Empire that led to the empire's downfall. This may very well be true, but it is not the case for us to conquer Mexico, it might make sense to try and get them to start coming to America to learn English. Machiavelli would certainly agree. However, since America is like Rome only in its Power and not in its location, this argument makes no sense. Even if America were about Cuba or Puerto Rico as additional states in the Union, it would be more reasonable and far less incendiary for them to adopt statewide legislation regarding language than to try a federal government.

However, America is not attempting to conquer half the globe, and is not even likely to be absorbing any new states any time soon. So once again, why pick this time in our history to adopt an official national language? Perhaps this is the case, because it is not a serious problem that is on the rise, fixing itself.

My opponent's argument, let's say that things were not improving as they are. The number of non-English-speaking Americans was on the rise and citizens were crying out for a solution. Even in this scene, 1968 campaign is the extent to which this campaign is enlistng college age students to the cause.

Barack Obama has been either the largest benefactor or cause of this youthful political resurgence. Early exit polls reveal that Obama won by large margins in the youth demographic, even in states won by Clinton. Obama won the youth vote by about 34% to 31% in New Jersey, while losing the state by 10 percentage points. Obama has taken a lead over the top in several states, including New Mexico, where Obama won by a razor thin margin after winning the first contests. General elections focus groups reveal that young voters are making an emotional connection to Obama's personal narrative and the campaign's call for a new parity in politics. At the same time, they hope to unify the nation from partisan gridlock.

Young people have largely disconnected from our political process and voter registration. A vicious cycle develops where presidential candidates stopped targeting young voters, because of the young vote, stopping the young vote by claiming that they were not voting because campaigning was not speaking to them. While political participation takes shape in many forms and can be expressed through many channels, the primary variable for measuring political participation is whether or not young voters turn out. The voter turnout rate among 18-29 year olds since 1968 has been fairly static, attaining an all time presidential record in 2000, peaking at 48.8% in the 2000 presidential race. Explanations for these disappointing voting trends are focusing on social and societal factors. The structural explanations focus on lower percentages because voter registration guidelines and rules governing voter access across states. Nearly one-third of the nation resides every two years, mostly from the youth demographic. New Jersey's rigid registration laws require voters to register weeks in advance of an election disfranchises college-age voters because of their transient lifestyle. States allowing same day registration, such as Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Maine, can rightfully brag about higher voter turnout rates. Others argue that societal factors explain low voter turnout rates. Research found that low voter turnout in young people is due to a lifestyle choice that is at odds with the strengthening of the American identity as part of that melting pot. The youth is why we need to declare English as our national language.
STUDY ABROAD

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PAIGE SODANO
NEWS EDITOR AND OVERSEAS CORRESPONDENT

Hey guys! So I’m writing this outside at the moment, because it’s such a nice day and I’m looking out at the beautiful Regent’s Park, which as I mentioned last week, surrounds Regent’s College. It’s one of the Royal Parks of London and I didn’t realize how big it was until a bunch of us walked around it the other day. The park includes the home of the London Zoo, boating areas, and many open fields for playing sports. We stopped to watch all the people playing soccer, or football as they call it here, which was fun to see how intense they get. The weather has been awesome here - you know it’s nice out when you see people eating lunch outside in the beginning of February.

Regent’s broadcasted the primary for us to watch on a big screen, so it was cool seeing live footage from Boston, New York, and a few other cities around the U.S. and getting filled in on what’s going on with our politics back at home.

Just walking through London with no destination can be so much fun, because you always end up finding so many things to see and do.

On Saturday, we attended to visit the London Aquarium, but the line was ridiculously long, so we decided to just do it another day when it won’t be as crowded. Another thing that I want to try and do again is the Changing of the Guards ceremony at Buckingham Palace. After standing outside the Queen’s residence for about an hour, we were finally told that the ceremony wouldn’t take place until the next day – oh well, I still got some great pictures.

After walking around some more, we ended up finding guards standing on horses, which are called no other than Horse Guards. They remain as the official entrance to Buckingham Palace and St. James’s Palace. This entrance then continues to lead into Green Park, another one of the Royal Parks of London. Later on, we ended up at the Churchill Museum and Cabinet War Rooms. The museum part of it is dedicated to the life and work of Sir Winston Churchill, the former British politician who served as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

This museum included everything from documents he had signed, to clothes he had worn at important events. Also included in the exhibit is an electronic, computerized timeline of Churchill’s life, divided into certain time periods, which can be moved with just a touch of a finger.

The War Rooms portions of the exhibits are the actual rooms in which the prime minister, his secretaries, and everyone else working for him, would stay in as shelter from possible bombs. It was really neat seeing the actual things that came straight out of the World War II era.

I’m off to Dublin, Ireland on Thursday, so I’ll be writing as soon as I can back from there!

Cheers.

PHOTO COURTESY of Paige Sodano

The beautiful statue of the Queen Victoria Memorial stands outside of Buckingham Palace.

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Sir Winston Churchill’s kitchen is part of the underground War Room exhibits found in the Museum.
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The band released their album on Tuesday, and each was just as irritating as the other. A repetition of genre over the years, more so as time passed. The past couple of years, the genre over the last decade has continued to keep him from letting go. No one else was interested in this album unsurprisingly lacks any musical contribution to the industry.

“Time to Say Goodbye” is about a love that is better off left behind. Pierre sings about all of the lies and issues that act as catalysts in breaking this bond to a screeching halt. It basically presents itself as a follow up to “Your Love Is A Lie,” exposing, once again, the burdens of an unfaithful lover. At this point, it was unclear of what was more nauseating, Pierre’s vocals or hearing about this relationship in the first place.

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Hey Idol lovers! On last Tuesday’s episode of American Idol, the show kicked off with the audition tour in Atlanta, Georgia. Joshua Jones opened up the auditions with his Queen rendition. While his vocals were decent, Simon expressed concern about Jones’ “demonic” eyes. They were so bad that the judges actually made him turn around and sing for his audition again. Despite his hurdles, the judges allowed him to keep his golden ticket, with advice from the judges to work on keeping his eyes normal. While there is that certain someone that can balance her home life with her time spent on the road. In short, it is a typical love song with the same idea that has been repeated an uncountable amount of times.

Regardless, there were still some interesting performances—both good and bad. Tiffany McCambridge performed her song in a way that was entirely different than how her husband sang it. The whole point of the episode is to show the very best and the very worst, which the producers did not produce very well.

For those of you who cannot wait for the Sex and the City writer, Kristen Bushnell, Lipstick Jungle, as NBC’s newest guilty pleasure. The hour long drama follows three successful women working in New York City, who just happen to be best friends. Wendy Healy, played by Brooke Shields, is a movie executive and producer, who leads a high pro- life filled with celebrities and power. While her family is much harder than she thought. Her husband takes charge when it comes to caring for their children after school and must reconcile the fact that he often lives in his successful wife’s shadow.

Top 5 on the Billboard

1) Alicia Keys -- As I Am
2) Juno Soundtrack
3) The Mars Volta--The Bedlam In Goliath
4) Bullet For My Valentine--Scream Aim Fire
5) 2008 Grammy Nominees

Awards

1. Latin Recording of the Year
2. Contemporary Pop Vocal Album
3. Rock Song of the Year
4. Rock Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocal
5. Best Long Form Music Video

American Idol Season Finale

VERONIQUE BLOSTEIN STAFF WRITER

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Do You Really Want to Be the Next American Idol?

A first-hand look at the American Idol audition process

ENTERTAINMENT

ANTHONY ESPOSITO
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Every single person on the planet can say that in some way shape or form has come in contact with anything related to the world of television. Even if you may have seen a commercial, heard one of the six songs they play during it, or even watched its opening credits, you have been a fan since the days of Kelly Clarkson. You may think the show can’t possibly get any better, but you would be wrong, because we want our shows back. Because we want the writers to get the recognition they deserve. Without the brilliant writers of American Idol, all of the lines that we hear, the writers can’t do anything, but all they have to do is write the words and the stage hands big at these corporations and tell them to give the writers what they deserve because we want our shows back. However, hours passed, we had not yet moved, and the sun was up and at the horizon. We had to move, we know me, I know my sexay all day, but I don’t look good when I sweat. We set up, and we finally start moving. We make our way through the paper line, flash out ID and release form, and are handed a bracelet and ticket. First part, we have to get dressed in our costume, and it is now Saturday, and the auditions aren’t until Monday (cue showering with a plastic bag). Krista and I go back to her house, and practically sleep until we arrive. We were told we needed to arrive at the Wachovia Center at 9am on the day of the audition, so we assume that we will be arriving and going right in? Wrong. They make you wait outside on a line again until about 11am. At 11, the doors open, and we begin to let the people in. As we get closer to the line, we hear songs and breathe. Basically he tells us how the day is going to go. It is a two part process. First, you sign up, make sure you have your ID ready, and dance right when we were told. We ended up passing out at around 10pm considering we needed to line up at 8am the next day.

Here is the itinerary as follows for those of you out there or could do this. 9am you can go to the Wachovia Center to register for your spot to audition early. So basically to start (haha, they said start) at 10am. 3:30am Saturday the 25th. Alarms go off, time to shower, get all dolled up, and hit the road for the grueling day ahead. Oh, but wait, not until we make sure the world of American Idol and release form, which basically meant America. We also know that we will use anything about that they find out or film in any form, they want them. This is also more of an aggressive, into a negative for national television, and there is nothing we could do about it. Krista and I arrived at the Wachovia Center around 7am and signed up two women (who we later referred to as our adopted moms) to the end of the line, and the beginning of our survival. Painful weekend. Did I mention there were about 3,000 people in line, over 1000 people were already in line. The sun had not come up at this point yet, so the heat was still bearable. Without the writers at work, there were no new scripts, and shows (and movies) couldn’t even film the scripts they had because filmmakers didn’t have the rights to tweak the script on their own. Some shows couldn’t even film because the actors in the show are members of the WGA. Those actors couldn’t cross the picket lines and had to support the cause they are a part of. The strike was so serious that it caused the suspension of the Golden Globe Awards due to the fact that no actors or writers were present. In hopes to reach an agreement with the bigwigs at the major media corporations before Oscar night so a Golden Globe re-creation wouldn’t happen, the writers have succeeded and will be back to work on Wednesday, February 27.

There was a meeting with the head of the Writers Guild of America and the head of the media corporations on Saturday February 24th, and not only will be receiving a nice share of royalties from their work when it is broadcast over the Internet. This was the main concern the writers had. Whenever their work is broadcast on television or sold through DVDs, the writers are not being given a percentage of money going by asking them to help in the strike. People may think they can’t do anything, but all they have to do is write the words and have the stage hands big at these corporations and tell them to give the writers what they deserve because we want our shows back.

The Strike is Finally Over

KRISTEN RENDA
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

As I first reported back in November, there was a strike within the world of television. Since then, America has seen what actual reality television is like, because those were the only television shows that were still able to be in production. Walking down the streets of New York or Los Angeles every day, you can either see the writers were picketing outside different corporations. They handed out flyers and passed out cards to get their voices heard.

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Happy Valentine’s Day MU!

Valentine’s Day is right around the corner, and for a lot of people, this is good news. However, it may not be for others! Either way, it should be a day to be enjoyed, whether you’re single or attached. There’s no need to mope around simply because you don’t have a date…you can still have fun with it anyway! Here are some ideas (including last minute!) for your significant other if you’re attached, or some neat little party or gathering ideas for you and your friends if you’re single!

Valentine’s Day is all about love…and chocolate of course! Here are some fun chocolatey ideas to give to your partner or your friends!

- Chocolate covered strawberries
- Brownies – use a cookie cutter to shape them as hearts
- White chocolate raspberry cheesecake

There are tons of recipes you can look up using many different types of chocolate. There is bitter-sweet, semi-sweet, milk and white. Of course, if you are waiting until the last minute, there is always a customized (and inexpensive!) gift that you can pick up at almost any store!

A pinch of salt
1 tsp butter
1 egg
¼ to ⅛ tsp sugar

Melt butter and allow to cool a little bit. While that is cooling, mix in milk and eggs with a whisk. Add butter and whisk well. Add a little bit of sugar while whisking. Apply thinly to a nonstick pan (or use Pam). Separate crepes with a paper towel so they don’t stick. You can add anything to crepes; bananas, fruit, jelly, etc. To make them extra special for Valentine’s Day…roll (two crepes up with fruit) or whatever you like) and decorate them with confectioner’s sugar and use raspberry jam to make a heart around them.

Attached! Here’s a customized (and inexpensive!) gift idea!

Being a student, money doesn’t exactly grow on trees for us. You may think that this may hinder getting your honey the perfect Valentine’s Day gift…but here’s a simple idea that he or she will love!

Pick out your favorite picture of the two of you together. You can get a picture frame at a Dollar Store, and pick up some decorating supplies at AC Moore, Michael’s, or anything else that. Customize the picture frame to how you think your significant other might like it! It’s thoughtful, inexpensive, and guaranteed to get the right reaction.

Single? It’s Party Time!

If you’re single, there’s no reason to stay in and mope around! Have a little get together with friends. Here are some party favor ideas to make your friends’ Valentine’s Day fun too!

- Fill a basket with red, white and pink carnations, each tied with ribbon. Have corsage pins on hand if guests choose to pin on flowers as they arrive.
- Cover your front door with fun decorations like roses, ivy wrap and cut out red and pink hearts.
- Place red and pink candles around the house, and in the bathroom for a more romantic feel!
- Make a mixed CD of a few love songs (or songs completely against love, if you prefer!)
- Make some simple brownies, cut out red and pink hearts, cut out red and pink hearts, and place in a heart shaped box for your guests to decorate on their own!
- Have a bowl of red punch. A great recipe for punch is simple: Equal parts cranberry juice, cherry juice and lemon-lime soda with crushed ice to keep it chilled.
- Leave candy hearts (the ones with the little sayings on them) around the kitchen or dining room table (if you have one) for decoration.

As can you see, you don’t have to be attached to someone to enjoy Valentine’s Day! There’s great ideas for all of your loved ones, including your friends and family! Happy Valentine’s Day!

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**Alpha Sigma Tau**

Alpha Sigma Tau will be hosting the first annual “Beauty and the Greek” on Monday, February 25, 2008. “Beauty and the Greek” is a chance for Greek and non-Greek students to be partnered up and compete for fabulous prizes. The format of the event is similar to the show “Beauty and the Greek”. The proceeds of the event will go our many philanthropies such as Suicide Awareness. Mark your calendars and please come to support the sisters of Alpha Sigma Tau!!! If you have any questions or are interested in participating as a contestant please contact Jenna DeLozier (s0620281@monmouth.edu) or Nicole Russo (s0583809).

**Political Science Club**

The Political Science Club is planning an exciting spring semester! If you’re interested in writing about politics or recent news events write for the politics page of the Outlook. Interested in debate? The club is beginning a debate team this semester. The club is also planning a Support the Troops event as well as a trip to Washington, D.C. If you’re interested in having a lot of fun with the Political Science Club, stop by a meeting every Tuesday in Bey Hall room 228 at 3:45.

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**RHA/Winterball**

RHA meetings are every Tuesday at 9pm in the Oakwood Lounge. Residents and commuters welcome!

RHA is also the proud host of Monmouth’s Annual Winterball in Wilson Hall. This year our theme is *A Hollywood Affair* and it will take place on Saturday, February 23, 2008 at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale now in both the dining hall and in the information booth in the student center.

Prices are: 1 for $30; 2 for $45; 3 for $60; 4 for $75. We look forward to seeing you at this red carpet event!

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**Women’s Political Caucus of NJ, MU Chapter**

The Women’s Political Caucus of NJ Monmouth University Chapter wants YOU! If you missed us at the involvement fair, and are interested in politics please contact Nicole Kavanaugh at s0664922@monmouth.edu for more information on this multi-partisan organization. The WPCNJ MU Chapter will be the second WPC chapter at a University in the country, and second only to Rutgers.

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**Student Activities Board *SAB***

Come help organize and plan fun activities and events on campus. We want your suggestions and ideas, and we want to hear what you have to say. SAB is open to all students on campus so stop by our meeting this Thursday at 4pm, 3rd floor student center. Have a 4:30? Stop by for 15 minutes! Every minute makes a difference! Can’t make it to the meeting? No problem, email us at sab@monmouth.edu or stop by our event in the dining hall this Thursday at 8:30pm. We invite everyone to attend this free event on Valentines Day.

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“It’s a surprise!”

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Freshman
“Going to SAB event in the DH to win a Wii”

Megan
Freshman
“Going out with friends”

Grace
Senior
“Going out to dinner and then going to sleep.”

Jackie
Sophomore
“Working, it’s just another day.”

Sam
Sophomore
“Trying to win a Wii at the Dining Hall”

Kait
Freshman
“Going to dinner with my best friend”

Cori
Senior
“Hopefully someone surprises me with some roses and something romantic...hint hint.”

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Hawks Go ‘Oh and Two Men drop two more NEC games to Sacred Heart and Mount St. Mary’s

**ERIC WALSH**

**SPORTS EDITOR**

The Monmouth men’s basketball team has played hard all season, making almost every game a close contest. However, the Hawks have found themselves on the losing end of 17 of the 22 total games they have played this season. This remained true for the team’s two games this past week, as Monmouth played hard, but lost both games by a close margin.

On Thursday, the Hawks came out flat at Sacred Heart, going down by double digits in the opening half. The Blue and White took an early lead as Whitney Coleman hit a three-pointer from the wing. The Pioneers came back with a charge as Chace Hardy hit back-to-back threes to start an 11-0 run for SHU, who went up 13-5 with 14:41 remaining in the first half. The Pioneers kept coming at the Hawks, increasing the score to 23-8, and ending the half with a 21-4 run in 8:23. With 5:24 remaining in the first stanza, Sacred Heart led 32-13 after another pair of three-pointers. However, MU dropped to a 5-19 overall, and 2-10 in the NEC.

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A Word on Sports
Why College Football Doesn’t Need a Playoffs

ALEXANDER TRUNCALE
STAFF WRITER

The 2007 college football season was one like no other, although, it ended much the same way it did in 2006, with my Ohio State Buckeyes getting steamrolled in the National Championship game by yet another SEC school, while I sat and watched. Ohio State was once again, died a little inside.That’s because there is no playoff system in Division 1- A college football (er, excuse me: Football Bowl Subdivision) only got louder this year, with multiple teams getting hot at the same time, leading short-changed by the so-called BC Mess system. The most vocal opposition to the BCS and in favor of a playoff systems was often coming out of Georgia, and southern California, with college football pundits arguing for the conference strength of Georgia, and the Southern Cali.

I’ll give you a minute to digest that. Fact is, every week is like a playoff in college football and there is no sport in America in which the regular season means so much. It’s not just about what your team is doing, but what other teams are doing as well. Here is the best example I give for what I’m trying to illustrate. Let’s say you’re a fan of an SEC team that is on the brink of securing the mississippi playoffs. It’s the last two or three weeks of the season, and your team, in order to get in, needs help from other teams. Some need to win, some need to lose. Well, it’s like that every week in college football’s battle for the National Championship.

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