Seniors Display Art Work in Annual Show

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ASSISTANT OPINION EDITOR

The Monmouth University Art Department presented its annual Senior Art Show Exhibition on Friday, March 20th. The show was presented in both the 800 Gallery and the Ice House Gallery at the Monmouth University campus.

“The Senior Studio Art Show Exhibition is an accommodation of the senior art student’s preferred art work, from their time here.” Suzanne Tomes, a Monmouth senior and Fine Art major stated. Her work is found in the Ice House Gallery, along the right side wall.

“For me personally, the art work that I am displaying at the show is mostly from my upper level art classes.” Suzanne stated, “I feel more challenged in my upper level art classes; there is more creative license in those classes.”

At the back corner of the left side wall in the Ice house, Andrea Zalenski, a Monmouth senior, had art work displayed for the crowd. “When it comes to my art work matter, I like to look at the art work’s technical and style of how I am producing works rather than looking at the work’s subject matter. The style of the art piece can set such a tone toward the work’s subject matter. The style of the art piece can set such a tone toward the work’s subject matter. The style of the art piece can set such a tone toward the work’s subject matter. The style of the art piece can set such a tone toward the work’s subject matter. The style of the art piece can set such a tone toward the work’s subject matter. The style of the art piece can set such a tone toward the work’s subject matter. The style of the art piece can set such a tone toward the work’s subject matter. The style of the art piece can set such a tone toward the work’s subject matter. The style of the art piece can set such a tone toward the work’s subject matter. The style of the art piece can set such a tone toward the work’s subject matter. The style of the art piece can set such a tone toward the work’s subject matter.

“This is one of the better shows that I’ve seen here in ten years, ever since I have been employed here at Monmouth University,” stated Professor Aristovulos.

“We would like to thank the students, the faculty and the staff for all of the hard work that has gone into this event. We are extremely proud of the work that has been submitted to the show; ‘The seniors have really impressed us with the quality of their work.”

Dean Michael Thomas and Professor Mike Richison, plucking over senior Katie Fastnacht’s art work, was encouraged by the show, put on by her fellow classmates, “This art show is extremely inspiring to me, being an Art major.”

Art work displayed in the right hand side on the 800 Gallery was created by Christine Lindstrom, a senior, Fine Art major. “I’m so excited to have my art work up in a gallery for the public to view. I am planning on attending Graduate school, so I look forward to working on much more art in my future,” stated Christine.

Cynthia Plantamura, a Fine Arts senior, reflected on one of her pieces presented at the show; “This was one of my most challenging pieces of work. A portrait of my daughter; sitting on steps was difficult because it was the first time that I had done a full figure. I am very proud of how it turned out through.”

“I feel very pleased with my work in this show. In my years here, my professors have certainly been there to guide me. I am planning on attending Grad. school to get my MFA and become a college Art Professor, in my future.” Katie Unanue, a Monmouth senior, Art and Education student declared.

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The Senior Studio Art Show Exhibition will be on display from now until Friday, April 4th, in both the 800 Gallery and in the Ice House, on the Monmouth University campus. Dean Thomas stated at the close of the opening event for both art galleries, “This night was truly a success. Come out and see the magnificent work that our senior students have created.

Bias, Hate Crime Seminar on Campus

On Wednesday, March 19, 10 a.m., the Monmouth County Prosecutor’s Office educated attendees about the difference between bias incidents and hate crimes. He informed people about prejudice and stereotypes, and showed an audience full of types eyes what happens when people commit hate crimes, and nobody does anything to stop it.

The presentation started with a short video entitled “The History of Hate in America.” Compiled of clips from movies such as “American History X” and “Mississippi Burning”, the video threw in-your-face images at the audience, who expressed feelings of anger and sadness at what they were seeing. An image of a black man hanging by his neck from a tree as his murderers smiled for the camera. A little boy holding his parent’s hand, and they’re both dressed in white hoods. But this happened decades ago. This doesn’t happen anymore, right? Wrong. Hate didn’t end with slavery, the Holocaust, and Timothy McVeigh. According to D’Amico, in 2002, there were approximately 500 known hate groups in the United States. In 2008, there are a reported 888 hate groups in our country. There are more White Supremacist hate groups than any other hate group.

Ok, so prejudice still exists, but not in New Jersey, right? Wrong again. Until 2007, New Jersey led the country when it comes to hate crimes at Monmouth University alone since January 2007, according to D’Amico.

In his presentation, D’Amico told the story of a 14-year-old boy who was bullied for being gay. He found a list of known hate groups that meet in your town. To view a list of known hate groups that meet in your town.

Along with being second in the country when it comes to hate groups, New Jersey is first when it comes to hate crimes at Monmouth University, according to D’Amico. The students all received a one degree high school diploma. Please look around and see the magnificent work that our senior students have created.

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DEAN OF THE ART DEPARTMENT

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Shadow Nation Hosts Pepsi Challenge

NATALIE RAMBONE STAFF WRITER

In March of 2007, a group of Monmouth University students came together to form Shadow Nation. In conjunction with the Athletics Department, the students decided there was a need for an Athletics Fan Club, now known as Shadow Nation. The goal of this club is to increase the hype and spirit at all games.

One of the events that Shadow Nation decided to do as one of the events exclusively for Shadow Nation members was a Pepsi Challenge. The challenge, which took place over a four week span, was directed by Shadow Nation Committee member Lauren Acquaviva.

“The Shadow Nation committee was really excited when we received the money from Pepsi.” The money was given to a committee member to decide how the support would be used.

Ostroff was one of the female escorts for the event. During the event, Ostroff was on the sidelines for the event. Jacobs planned the event. With all put towards the Zeta Tau Alpha scholarship, the proceeds collected from the planners of the event. With the guys were amazing, more than we could ever ask for. The guys were amazing who participated and overall it was a great success,” said Ali Ostroff.

Before the big event, the planning was not easy. “I was asked to go into New York City to the Italian Embassy in America and participate in a panel interview,” said Dioguardi. “After the interview, we took place in Italy, I worked about two weeks before I heard that I was chosen to participate in the program.”

Dioguardi is a Communciation major with a minor in Italian. During this trip, she hopes to meet new friends and continue learning more about the language. However, she is no stranger to Italy as she lived there for a year. “I was glad to have been a part of it.”

Though Ostroff was on the sidelines for the event, Jacobs was one of the female escorts during the event. “It was great to have been a part of it.”

The event was well attended with members from the Monmouth University Greek community to the student of the University. Many of the male students that were participating in the pageant were very excited to be a part of the cure.”

In each round two participants faced another on court. There were specific spots on the court that the participants could choose from and each spot was worth a certain number of points, ranging from 1 to 3. Each participant was given 30 seconds to try out their skills on the basketball court. The main goal was to score as many points as possible. The participants who had the most points at the end of their shot off’s would then proceed to the next round. Every round used this way, including the championship round. The contest consisted of two elimination rounds, a semi-final round, and a championship round and each round was held during halftime of a Shadow Nation sponsored basketball game. Participants included Joe Rancanii, Julian Muscio, Devin Menker, Gina Mignagna, Joseph Lopardo, Stanley Filis-Aime, Adam Lefensberger, and Walter Barnes. Joseph and Julian were the last two contestants to compete. During the championship round that took place two weeks ago, they tied twice, but in the end of the second round of overtime, the winner was Julian Muscio. His prize was a brand new mountain bike, one of the items donated by Pepsi for this event. One of the participants, who said Real Men rock “The Pepsi Challenge was a great idea to get students to come out to the games and be involved.”

“I was happy to be a part of it.” said Dioguardi. “It has that the challenge was a great way to get the shadow nation members involved and give them another way to get great stuff while supporting Monmouth University Sports. For its first year on campus, Shadow Nation has almost 200 members and is continuously thinking of ways to gain support and get students, especially male athletes and sports fans involved. The Pepsi Bike Challenge was the first of many great things we will see from the Shadow Nation committee.”

Like this bike? Keep an eye on the Shadow Nation for more school spirit boosting contests like this one.

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JULIAN MUSCIO Mu Student

ZIA Hosts Sixth Annual Big Man on Campus

TAYLOR PORTER CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On Wednesday, March 26, 2008, the sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha held their annual Big Man on Campus event in Pollak Theater. This event is a male beauty pageant and Big Man on Campus is held every year to raise money for breast cancer awareness within the campus.

“The money goes to the Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation and Breast Cancer Awareness and Education,” said Ali Ostroff, co-fundraising chair and one of the planners of the event. With the proceeds collected from Big Man of Campus the sisters also collected outside donations from various vendors, all of the money collected will be allocated to the Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation.

Both Ali Ostroff and Shannon Jacobs planned the event. Despite Ostroff was on the sidelines for the event Jacobs was one of the female escorts during the event. “It was a great idea to have new friends and continue learning more about the language. However, she is no stranger to Italy as she lived there for a year.”

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NEED AN EX ED PLACEMENT?

Experiential Education Opportunities
Internships, Co-op’s, & Service Learning

Listings Provided By
The Office of Service Learning and Community Programs & Cooperative Education

Summer Camp Companion for a Child with Cancer
Be a companion, friend, and mentor for a child with cancer at a one-week overnight camp in Blairstown, NJ. The camp will take place from June 21st - June 26th; transportation to the camp will be available from CentraState Medical Center in Freehold, NJ.
Contact Marilyn Ward.

Migrant Education Program
Provide assistance as a teacher’s aide in a six-week educational program beginning in July for the children of migrant workers in Marlboro and Long Branch. The children are recent immigrants to the U.S. and have limited English proficiency. Great for Education, Social Work, Psychology and Spanish majors.
Contact Marilyn Ward.

Radio Sales/Marketing Intern
Work closely with Account Executives at WRAT 95.9 located in Belmar, NJ. Great opportunity for Business, Communication, Public Relations, and Screen Study majors. Should have an interest in radio.
Contact Kathy Kennedy.

Museum Internship
This internship program in Newark, NJ will provide students with meaningful career development experiences while at the same time improving practical knowledge of the program. The placement will take place from June 16th - August 8th. Ideal for Art, History, and Communication majors.
Contact Kathy Kennedy.
Monmouth University to Host Relay for Life

Event will help raise funds for cancer research and programs

DELAINE SARRAF
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Monmouth University, together with the American Cancer Society, will host an overnight relay event beginning at 5 p.m. on Friday, April 11. The event is part of Monmouth University’s practice field to raise funds for cancer research and programs.

The Relay for Life will begin with a brief welcome and opening ceremony. Then cancer survivors present will do a Survivor Lap, as the sun is setting, celebrating their victory over cancer.

Several student organizations and the employees of Monmouth University are organizing the Relay for Life, which will be held at the West Long Branch campus for the first time. “I’ve participated in three Relays in Friedland in recent years,” said Monmouth University sophomore Mallory Rapiarda, who is chairing the event. “I’m excited to finally bring this event to Monmouth.”

Interested participants are invited to form teams of eight to 15 members. Teams may bring tents and sleeping bags to camp overnight. The goal, to keep at least one team member awake on the track at all times, symbolizes that cancer never sleeps.

A “luminaria ceremony” will be held on Friday night, April 11. Participants will decorate luminaria bags to remember loved ones who have lived with cancer and those who have battled cancer. Additionally, a “memorial board” will be created and displayed with photos of loved ones, co-workers, friends and neighbors who have been impacted by cancer.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service. For more information, please visit www.cancer.org.

New Public Relations Advisor Announced

PRESS RELEASE

Ms. Ann T. Higgins, President of Utopia Communications, has been appointed Professional Advisor of the Monmouth University PRSSA chapter.

Student Newspaper Seeks Dedicated Undergraduates

ERIC WALSH
SPORTS EDITOR

The Outlook, Monmouth University’s student-run weekly newspaper since 1933, is looking to fill the recently vacated News Editor position immediately. The staff holds general meetings every Monday at 8 p.m. in room 260 in the Jules L. Plangere Center at Monmouth University for all students who are interested. The News Editor’s position is open to all students, regardless of their major and experience. The Outlook welcomes all who have an interest in joining the staff and meeting new people.

For all who are interested in getting involved with The Outlook there are general meetings held every Monday at 8 p.m. in room 260 in the Jules L. Plangere Center.
Monmouth University Group Promotes Literacy

The International Reading Association (IRA) is a leading advocacy group for worldwide literacy which fosters lifelong reading and supports literacy development initiatives for children of all ages. The Monmouth University Council of IRA provides the opportunity to achieve personal goals through therapeutic horseback riding. Members volunteer in the Red Bank Head Start program twice a semester. Time is spent reading to the children and the children are allowed to take the books home in order to help build their personal libraries. In the Red Bank Public School system the IRA MU Council volunteered to create “Bilingual Storytelling Gloves” for seven preschool classes. The Storytelling Gloves were a hit at the Fall Open House to create “Bilingual Storytelling Gloves” for seven preschool classes. The Storytelling Gloves were a hit at the Fall Open House.

A way in which IRA promotes literacy within the community is by being a “Reading Buddy.”

Luther King Jr. Children’s Festival, The Big Event, and the Fall Open House. The Monmouth University School of Education and the IRA MU Council have a partnership with Red Bank Head Start where members bring in brand new bilingual books and give them to each of approximately 40 children twice a semester. Time is spent reading the books to the children and the children are allowed to take the books home in order to help build their personal libraries. In the Red Bank Public School system the Council volunteered to create “Bilingual Storytelling Gloves” for seven preschool classes. The Storytelling Gloves were focused on the story of The Three Little Pigs and were donated to a child per class.

In the Long Branch Public School system, volunteers from the IRA MU Council go to the Gregory School to serve as a “Reading Buddy” during the school day. Also, on March 3, 2008 the group adopted six kindergarten classroom doors at the Gregory School in honor of Dr. Seuss Day. The doors were decorated based upon a theme from a Dr. Seuss book which was later read to the children by an IRA member from Monmouth University.

The IRA MU Council also works with the non-profit organization, SPUR, to provide individuals with disabilities the opportunity to achieve personal goals through therapeutic horseback riding. Members volunteer in a span of several days during Disability Awareness Week assisting with awareness programming.

The Monmouth University Council reaches out to various organizations such as Red Bank Head Start, Long Branch Public Schools, Red Bank Public Schools, and Special People United to Ride (SPUR). The IRA MU Council also participates in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Children’s Festival, The Big Event, and the Fall Open House. To find out more about this event, please contact McAllister-Spooner at smcallister@monmouth.edu.

PUBLIC RELATIONS STUDENT SOCIETY TO HOST “THE AMAZING RACE” ON CAMPUS

PRESS RELEASE

The Public Relations Student Society of America will be hosting “The Amazing Race,” a scavenger hunt, on campus Saturday, April 5, 2008. The scavenger hunt will begin at the Underground, where teams of two will register at 6:00pm.

The Amazing Race is made possible through the Weekend Warriors Program and will be an exciting event. The teams will begin their scavenger hunt at the Underground, where they will be handed their first clue which will lead them to their next destination.

Free snacks and beverages will be served to all participants. Great prizes will be awarded to the teams that come in first, second, and third place. Whichever team arrives back at the Underground first, will be awarded with a prize valued at $100. PRSSA wants everyone to stay on campus this weekend for your chance to race against your friends in this fun competition.

If there are any questions about this event, please contact PRSSA President Shannon Magazino at Shammon.M.Monaco@monmouth.edu or Professor McAllister-Spooner at smcallister@monmouth.edu.

HATE CRIMES AND BIAS SEMINAR OFFERED

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Next week will mark the 7th Annual Global Understanding Convention. For those who are not familiar, this is a time when the campus focuses its attention on the importance of being aware of various global issues that affect our world. Always featuring a theme, the topic of this year's convention is "Beyond Borders: Individual Responsibility—Collective Action."

I spoke with Dr. Salma Sarsar, Associate Vice President for Academic Programs Initiatives, and Dr. Golan Matthor, Associate Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, who are both involved heavily with the event. They encouraged everyone to attend some of the innovative and interesting programs that will be offered this year. The speakers that will be featured are experts in their field and will only add to the importance of the program. For example, one speaker presenting is Robin Raphael, a former United States Assistant Secretary of State for South Asia. She will be speaking about the United States involvement in Iraq, as she was amongst the deconstruction team there, according to Dr. Sarsar.

Maybe some of us are not as aware of what is going on in the world and believe that it does not affect us directly because some-thing occurs indirectly could have equally powerful repercussions.

Dr. Sarsar added, "This week, in a sense, provides the campus community with a positive experience to reflect upon and enhance their awareness of global issues." When speaking with Dr. Math-ter he acknowledged a valid point regarding the importance of this convention. "We have that responsibility to bring those things that are happening in the world to students," he said. "We needed to bring that awareness and make the students familiar with what is going on in the world." With that said, think about your role in society. How do you make your mark on the world? You can make it better simply by raising your level of awareness of the world around us. After all, every little bit helps.

The Importance of Global Understanding Week

Did you know... your cartoon or picture can be here next week! It can be about anything but should be related to the Monmouth community, and assistant editorial positions. If you are interested, please attend Monday general meetings at 8 p.m. for additional information.

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Reading material and advice on things you will hate, being sick, and getting flu shots.

**Things that Should Have Been Taught in Freshman Seminar**

**LILY WEINBERG**

**CONTRIBUTING WRITER**

Please note: the following is mostly advice on things that every student should have been taught in freshman seminar, rather than advice on things that every student should have been taught in freshman seminar, that is, the class that was taught in freshman seminar. There are many different types of students, and it is impossible to give advice that is applicable to all of them. However, there are some general principles that can be applied to most students.

**The bobber...the latecomers...the rising DaVinci and fake note taker...a know-it-all who is always right...the texters...and the early packer uppers...**

**Recognize anyone who could fit these descriptions?**

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**Folk Art of the Trademark**

**BRIAN BLACKMAN**

**SOAP WRITER**

The creativity of many talented artists has been invested in the rich tradition of advertising, especially in the cultivation of trademarks. As with other forms of folk art, the iconic images that become symbolically linked in our minds to a specific product and/or company successfully ingrain themselves within our cultural history—they become a part of our lives. Symbols such as the Jolly Green Giant (introduced in 1928) exist in every medium, from the labels on cans of vegetables, print and television kids, billboards and merchandising; that Virginia’s Planters held a 1946 merlot contest, which allowed the bubble bot to scoop the Bros. Gentile an avenue through which to grace them with his winning Mr. Fourchat entry (the character was subsequently introduced in a 1918 issue of the Saturday Evening Post, embellished by the hand of an unknown artist). Furthermore, if English painter Francis Barraud hadn’t sought to capture the bittermemories of his deceased brother’s dog Nap- per, listening intently to a phonograph recording of its deceased master, then the 1898 painting *“His Master’s Voice” would never have existed, and New Jersey’s Victory Talking Machine Com-
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.wisniewski@monmouth.edu. All topics and viewpoints are welcome! Thank you!

Who Are These People and Who Invited Them? GERARD D. HANLEY SENIOR EDITOR

In recent weeks, we as Americans have been subjected to a true sign of the times. What has become of the standard of our beloved country? Former Governor of New York Eliot Spitzer was implicated in a major prostitution scandal. Those who created the cell phone law make the simplicity that talking on the cell phone is like drunk driving, both creating reduced reaction times. Frankly, I was in the same situation as those of us who choose to be responsible and not drink. This law builds off of a law that already existed in most states prohibiting any driving distractions. New specifically citing cell phones and making them a primary stop offense. This law was even considered in the first place was the false idea that cell phones accounted for most “driver distraction” related accidents, when in reality they can only be attributed to a small percentage. Accord- ing to a major study done by the University of North Carolina, cell phones only account for about 1.5 percent of these distractions. A test of other non enforced ac- tions such as radio dials and flip phones showed wonder if politicians are pushing these laws for public safety because they are currently trendy. There are many flaws that make this law flawed to people, difficult to enforce, and unfair. Most notably is the ex- pectation that everyone is able to drive use hands free sets. Research shows that people using hands free sets are at equal risk for a collision because it is not the holding of the phone that dis- rects, it is that we are talking on the phone. So why have laws been passed against handheld phones and not the act of talking in the car? Well there are a few rea- sons, first is the idea that it is just a minor disregarding of basic freedoms, second is the fact that it is extremely difficult and costly to enforce. These laws are difficult to enforce because in order to stop the act you must pull people over for speeding and then see if they are talking on the phone. They can tell you the act happened. You turn around to see what happened, and you see the culprit sitting there with their phone glued to their ear. You think to yourself, “This could all have been avoided if this person had just left their con- versation.”

In the world of New Jersey cell phones con- tributed to 3,500 road related acci- dents and eleven deaths in 2006. Eleven lives lost in one year because a cell phone conversation was taken on the road, and distracted a driver from their one goal, to drive. N.J. is trying to rectify this problem by making it a primary offense to talk on your cell phone while driving. This is a needed step in the attempt to remove distractions from the road. If motorists feel the need to continue their con- versations on the road, then N.J. police officers will be able to deal with a $100 fine to the culprits.

Previous laws in New Jersey made it a secondary offense to talk on your cell phone and drive. This meant if a police officer pulled you over for speeding and you were talking on your cell phone they could slap on an additional charge. On the other hand if they only saw you speaking on your cell phone and you were committing no other crime they then could not pull you over. The new law gives police of- ficers the ability to pull you over for no other reason then for talking on your cell phone. This is the attempt to remove one powerful distraction from the road.

Some may feel that it is unfair to make people abandon their cell phones while driving; this is be- cause emergencies can happen anywhere, and a person may need to contact someone while they are on the road. This is not a problem though because the N.J. legislature has only made it illegal to talk on your cell phone directly; it is still legal to use hands free communication with your cell phone. While this is still a distraction, N.J. law makers feel that a responsible person will still be able to operate a car correctly while talking on their cell phones using the hands free tech- nology.

For those people out there who do not believe it is dangerous to drive while talking on their cell phone, they need only turn to MTV Killers. This television show puts commons myths or be- liefs to physical tests to determine if they are true. In one episode they tested if it is more dangerous to drive while talking on your cell phone or to drive drunk? After be- ing tested by a driving instructor sober, on the cell phone, and just under the legal B.A.C. (.08), they found that they had failed on both the cell phone run and the drunken driving run. More specifically they found that the subjects failed the cell phone test by a much high- er margin. The main reason for this test. This study was just a recent test of a previously done British driving study.

While this was only one study and may need multiple tests before being completely proven, it does open our eyes on the laws of driving while talking on the cell phone. While some people may have to use multitask, there should only be one task while on the road, and that is getting from one point to another safely. If you think you are a person who can handle be- ing on the road and driving with a cell phone, then think of the person who is driving behind you who can’t handle multitasking. That person is a danger to you and your fellow motorists. While this law is making you put your cell phone down, it is also making the person who can’t multitask on the road put his/her phone down too. If this law can make just one person think twice before picking up their cell phone while driving, then it will do New Jersey a world of good.

Political Quotes

“Being president is like running a cemetery; you’ve got a lot of people under you and nobody’s listening.” —Bill Clinton

“Three qualities should be considered in evaluating applicants for staff positions—head, heart, and guts.” —Richard M. Nixon

All quotes from Quotationary by Leonard Roy Frank.
Kristen McMonagle
Overseas Correspondent

Buongiorno! I have to confess that my favorite part about Spring Break was attempting to speak Italian, because I think it is such a beautiful language. If you haven’t guessed already last week I spent seven whole days traveling in Italy, from Rome to Florence to Venice.

It was an amazing and adventurous experience that I will forever cherish, because who knows if I’ll ever get to go back! However, I did follow the advice of my travel book and throw a coin with my right hand over my left shoulder into the Trevi Fountain, which is supposed to secure your safe return to Rome someday. I hope it comes true!

We started in Rome where there were many sights to see! We navigated our way around the metro system and found ourselves standing in front of the Colosseum and the Roman Forum. Florence had a lot less sights to see than Rome which was a nice break, but we quickly realized that Florence has the most amazing food. Many meals of pizza, pasta, and gelato filled our two day stay there. We did see a few sights though!

My favorite part was seeing Michelangelo’s "David" statue at the Accademia Museum. Also, we climbed over 450 steps up the Duomo Cathedral and saw over 100 islands connected by over 400 bridges. The streets are all canals and people take boats instead of cars.

We took a water bus to our hotel and road up the Grand Canal. We saw police boats and fire boats which was a gorgeous experience!

Finally, we were in Venice. The most beautiful city I have ever seen. Venice is made up of over 100 islands connected by over 400 bridges. The streets are all canals and people take boats instead of cars.

We were such tourists and took a gondola, but it was so worth every Euro! The gondola went through tiny canals and under bridges as the driver hummed. It was late at night so the water was very calm, the city was pretty silent and the canals were lit up.

I miss Italy already, but as always coming back to London feels like coming home. Rome had amazing sights, Florence had fantastic food and gelato and Venice was too gorgeous for words.

I hope you all had wonderful Spring Breaks and are enjoying the second half of the semester! Ciao!

Venice has been popularly known as the “City of Bridges” or the “City of Water” because the entire city is connected by bridges, therefore many locals travel by boat instead of car.

Florence has a wide variety of gelato to choose from to satisfy a sweet tooth.

It is so cool to think about how much history is behind these enal gelato! Florence had a lot less sights to see than Rome which was a nice break, but we quickly realized that Florence has the most amazing food. Many meals of pizza, pasta, and gelato filled our two day stay there. We did see a few sights though!

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My first favorite part about Venice was going to the island of Murano, which was about an hour boat ride. This is where the famous Murano glass comes from, and we were able to watch a glass blowing demonstration and buy some nice souvenirs.

My second favorite part about Venice was our gondola ride. Yes, we were such tourists and took a gondola, but it was so worth every Euro! The gondola went through tiny canals and under bridges as the driver hummed. It was late at night so the water was very calm, the city was pretty silent and the canals were lit up.

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The Trevi Fountain located in Rome carries the longstanding tradition of throwing a coin into the fountain to ensure a safe return back to Rome.

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Demi Moore Detoxes with Leeches

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Ever wonder how over the hill celebrities such as Demi Moore, who is 46, are looking youthful and healthier than ever? No, it’s not from spending millions of dollars on personal trainers and cosmetic surgery; it is from blood sucking leeches.

On March 24th, Moore, appeared on the David Letterman Show and said, “I’ve always been somebody looking for the cutting edge of things that are for optimizing your health and healing, so just a week ago I was in Austria doing a cleanse and part of the treatment was leech therapy.”

Leeches, for those of you who don’t know, are worm-like creatures that suck blood or eat flesh. Sounds like quite the luxurious Hollywood fad now doesn’t it? These aren’t just swamp leeches, these are highly trained medical leeches. These are not just some low level scavengers; we’re talking high level blood suckers,” explained Moore.

Moore had a couple leeches tested out on her belly button before letting a total of four leeches get a hold on her. “It detoxifies your blood,” she told Letterman. “And they have a little enzyme on them when they’re biting down on you, gets released into your blood and generally you feel quite a bit. And your blood is optimized. It detoxifies the blood and I’m feeling detoxified right now.”

This unusual form of therapy is not just for the medical times. Leeches back then were closely linked to doctors who were quickly given the nickname “leeches.” Physicians of that era used millions of the parasites annually to treat their patients.

Now in present day, most doctors veer away from leech therapy, yet some still think they can play a special role in certain kinds of surgery. The leeches are believed to help promote blood flow to damaged tissue.

When leeches bite a victim, their unique saliva causes blood flow to increase and prevent clotting. As a result, when a victim is bitten they can bleed for hours, allowing oxygenated blood to enter the wound until veins re-grow and regain circulation.

Leeches play an important role when reconstructing minuscular veins. In 1985, a Harvard physician was working on a technique to re-attach the ear of a five-year-old child. The tiny veins kept clotting, so with the aid of leeches, the ear was saved. This success has established leeches in the modern medical world. Since then, leeches have saved lives and limbs.

As much has leeches have helped with medicine, they also have a downside. Leeches can sometimes slip off the patient and reattach themselves in unwanted places. As a result, scientists have invented a “mechanical leech” that can perform the same duties that a real leech could but would not scar the patient as much.

Bottom line, Hollywood is always searching for a new way to stay young forever. Now with cosmetic surgery prevalent it should not come as a surprise that celebrities are allowing leeches to detoxify their bodies.
This Season on Idol

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Entertainment Editor

Hey Idol fans! In case you were wondering, last week’s article was a week outdated, so this week’s article will cover events that happened these past two weeks on American Idol.

During this season’s release, the producers of Idol brought the tunes of Lennon and McCartney back for another night of performances. This time, the performances did not live up to the previous week.

Carolyn Smithson had her worst performance of the season. Brooke White took a huge leap backwards with her rendition of “Here Comes the Sun.” Ramielle Malubay still failed to impress the judges and “didn’t show the best of her ability,” according to judge Simon Cowell.

The person who stood out the most was Sy SYCOSO’s ron’s tion of “Yesterday.” She finally proved that she has quality, and belted out the memorable tune flawlessly. “Very, very, very good performance tonight,” said judge Randy Jackson.

During the study abroad editor

American Idol

The outlook Staff's Favorite Embarassing Movies

Jackie Editor in Chief
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“She’s Too Young”
“It’s the most amazing Lifetime movie ever.”
“Just always get sucked into it.”

Lisa Managing/Entertainment Editor
“3 Ninjas”
“Rocky loves Emily.”

Kristen Entertainment Editor
“Motocrossed”
“Riley Smith is HOT!”

MEGAN LABRINA
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Many of you probably saw the commercial for a new comedy show entitled UnHitched which aired during this year’s Super Bowl which featured a man acing playing the drums. If you didn’t catch the ad, I’ll do it for you.

UnHitched features four friends in their 30’s who have recently been thrown back into the dating pool for different reasons. Jack “Gato” Gately (Craig Bierko) married his college sweetheart, only to end up divorced from her 15 years later. His best friend, Tommy (Johnny Sneed) has also been through a divorce or two, but each of them are handling their new found freedom differently. Fred (Shaan Majumder) and his ex-wife. He has been out of the dating scene since 1994, and his ridiculous attempts at getting back into the dating lifestyle are anything but successful. Tommy (Johnny Sneed) on the other hand is a pro at being divorced, having survived three failed marriages, most likely on his part. Out of the bunch, he is definitely the most forward and least likely to ever stay in a steady marriage.

Tackles The Lighter Side of Divorce

Round up the group is Gator’s neighbor Kate (Sharzad Jones), a lawyer who was recently dumped from a seven year engagement, only to find that her ex-fiancé, Chad, has managed to propose to his newest girlfriend after several failed engagements. The cast also includes Phil (Pat Finn) who most will re- member as the oblivious father from the commercials. He can usually be seen sorting around one of his kids no matter where he is, be it at Gator’s house or at a bar with his buddies.

Each of these friends experience a new relationship after several engagements, which are not surprisingly ends up with them going home alone. But, to try to explain these episodes wouldn’t do them justice, because the scenarios are far too ridiculous to be able to convey through words alone. Simply put, these characters are involved in the most absurd and comical shenanigans in which their dating experiences inevitably following Murphy’s Law, because it always seems that if something could possibly go wrong for them, it usually does.

If you want to catch an episode of UnHitched tune into Fox, Sunday nights at 9:30.

The hysterically funny performers of the Farrell brothers new comedy UnHitched (right to left) Johnny Sneed, Rashida Jones, Craig Bierko, and Shaan Majumder.

The Top 10 finalists perform Maxime Nightingale’s “Right Back Where We Started From,” to commemorate the week’s theme of the years they were born.

David Cook took a leap singing “Billie Jean” by Michael Jackson, but performing the Chris Cornell arrangement. Everything about the performance was perfect. Jackson called Cook “the most original” and told him, “You might be the one to win.” Abdul was “blown away,” and Cowell said “That was better. While it was probably Malubay’s best performance, (aside from the pitchiness to- wards the end of the song), she did not exceed the level that Underwood had set for that song. Jackson did not like it, but Cowell said that it was not bad as Jackson said it was. While Jason Castro and Chikezie did not perform at their prime this week, Mendocino has another great week with a powerhouse performance that Jackson referred to as “stellar.” However, Cowell came back with a hint of criticism, saying that he felt she has a limit on her vocal’s and “that song stretched it.”

White made another attempt at the piano, singing “Every Breath You Take” by the Police. While she started off the song incorrectly, she restarted and gave a pretty nice performance. While all the judges commended her on knowing that the started off wrong and fixing it, Jackson and Cowell said they would have liked to hear her perform with just the piano. As opposed to having the band come in later in the song. Michael Johns gave his best performance this season, singing a combination of “We Will Rock You” and “We Are the Champions.” Kristy Lee Cook also gave her best performance, singing “God Bless the USA.” Abdul said that the song was a “good choice for you,” and Cowell called her “best performance by a mile.”

Smithson gave a Knockout perfor- mance of “Total Eclipse of the Heart” by Bonnie Tyler. However, Cowell and Jackson didn’t quite enjoy it so much, and Cowell said she seemed “tense.” The judges also criticized David Archuleta’s performance of Australian singer John Farnham’s “You’re the Voice.” It was a strange song, but Archuleta nailed the key change. Cowell referred to the perfor-
I Scream, You Scream

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**Alpha Xi Delta**

The ladies of Alpha Xi Delta are prepping for Greek Week and their upcoming event for The National Parkinson's Foundation along side Theta Phi Alpha. The event will take place on April 22, 2008 in Anatomy Hall, from 7:30-9. The event will be a silent auction for some really great prizes. Please come out and donate! We hope everyone is getting excited for Greek Week! Keep an eye on this space for more Alpha Xi Delta updates, or check out our Facebook profile. Interested in Joining Alpha Xi Delta? Much Xi love to everyone! <3

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**Phi Sigma Kappa**

Brothers…It has been a long time coming, and we’re finally back. It has been a great week doing community service and having a record showing at the dance off thanks to Chodehed…We have been one thing on our mind, and that is to win Greek Week…We thought we should come back with a bang so read at your own advisory cause this is going to be one of the best, we have finally won something on our own at last…It’s been a long time coming, and we’re happy we won! And we’re proud of ourselves! Congratulations Alpha Upsilon Class!!!! Insiders? Bah! You my bog? Bah! It’s the Bermudian Triangle in the Bahamas! January 6, 1980. Love you guys, Gia, Vignue, & Allure.<3 Sirena Spyrile. I will be late to go home and get those brownies, except I don’t need to sugar curl my hair! Ha-ha. Let’s have a chicken titianus andgenre the next time we plan a meeting? Little-let’s hang out more like last week? Dolce- you’re officially my only sunshine. GSmalls I <3 you too. Radiance- lets scheme. I love you. Love, LuckyStar

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**Volunteer Corner**

Ronald McDonald House: www.mrh.cnj.org

The Ronald McDonald House provides a home away from home for families of seriously ill children receiving treatment at local hospitals. RMHC in Long Branch is looking for volunteers to help with day shifts during the week. Volunteers will staff the front desk and may also receive training in answering phones and taking reservations, accepting donations, registering and checking out families, providing tours to families and visitors and assisting with office work. For information, contact Camitha Whipple, LB House Manager at 732-222-8755.

Many other volunteer opportunities are available. Search “Volunteer Directory” on the MU website for a complete listing. Questions? E-mail volunteer@monmouth.edu or stop by the Office of Service Learning and Community Programs, Room 301c in the RSSC.
How is your semester going so far this Spring?

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Ryan  
“Crappy! A ton of work.”

Jeannette  
“I have “Senioritis!” It’s a lot of work, and I don’t feel like doing any of it!”

Jen  
“Very good, I’m doing well in all of my classes, and I like all of my Professors.”

Danielle  
“Better than last semester.”

Becca  
“I passed Chemistry, so much better now.”

Harrison  
“Classes suck, but everything else is fine.”

Chase  
“Soccer’s starting, and the weather’s getting better, so it’s good.”

Bryan  
“It’s going good, but I can’t wait until summer.”

Devon  
“School’s CRAZY, but it’s almost the summer.”

Christian  
“I got a little weird, but it’s cool now that I have changed my major.”

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Campus Events This Week

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| WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 | Festa Italiana • 11:30 AM • Anacon Hall  
Baseball vs. Rutgers • 3:00 PM • Baseball Field  
Comedian Ronnie Jordan • 9:00 PM • The Underground |
| THURSDAY, APRIL 3 | Anxiety Screening Day • 12:00 - 5:00 PM • Student Center  
Leadership Workshop: Transition for Student Clubs • 2:00 PM • Artiflato Cont.  
Dainty Dames and Burly Boys: Identities in Crisis • 4:00 PM • Planger 235 |
| FRIDAY, APRIL 4  | Texas Hold'em Tournament • 5:00 PM • Student Center Fireplace  
Karaoke Night • 6:00 PM • The Underground |
| SATURDAY, APRIL 5 | Softball vs. Mount St. Mary’s • 1:00 PM • Softball Field  
Meet the Pep Band • 5:00 PM • Student Center Fireplace  
The Amazing Race • 7:00 PM • The Underground |
| SUNDAY, APRIL 6 | Men’s Tennis vs. NJIT • 12:00 PM  
Softball vs. Rider • 1:00 PM • Softball Field  
Lacrosse vs. Long Island • 1:00 PM • Kessler Field |
| MONDAY, APRIL 7 | Global Understanding Week Begins - LOOK FOR DETAILS |

ATTENTION STUDENT CLUBS:

Applications are now available for the 2008-2009 Student Club Office Space within the Rebecca Stafford Student Center. Clubs and organizations must be recognized clubs through the SGA and the Office of Student Activities Office. Groups that currently occupy student club office in the Student Center space must re-apply to be reconsidered for office space in 2008-2009. Applications are DUE FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2008.
The Monmouth baseball team came back from its 10 day streak with a doubleheader sweep of NJIT. After winning its next four games over a five day period, the Hawks defeated Temple and then went on to sweep a three game series against NJIT. In the opening contest, the Hawks improve their overall record to 7-8 on the season.

In their first game since March 16, the Blue and White hosted Temple on Wednesday, March 26. The contest was a pitcher’s duel right down to the end, as Monmouth salvaged a run in the bottom of the seventh inning, and was able to hold off the Owls 2-1. After both teams missed out on scoring opportunities early on in the game, it was the home team that scratched out the first run. In the bottom of the sixth inning, with one man on, Paul Bottigliero singled past the Owl shortstop to bring Shawn Teters in from third base to make the score 1-0. Temple came right back a half inning later with their first run in the top of the seventh. With runners at the corners and no outs, a throwing error by MU allowed the tying run to cross the plate. The Senior pitcher answered back in the bottom of the seventh inning. With two outs, the Hawks put together a rally to plate the go-ahead run. The home team put players on base as Brett Holland singled to center, followed by a sacrifice bunt from Kyle Higgins walk. After Holland stole third, MU had players on the corners. Holland came home on a wild pitch by Temple reliever Kyle Miller as the Hawks moved Monmouth the 2-1 advantage. Monmouth got through a scary top of the eighth inning as they got the runner out at the plate and tre- cure the 2-1 victory. Kyle Breese earned his second career victory in only his fourth start, going 7 1/3 innings, allowing only one run on six hits. Justin Esposito registered his second save of the season, pitching a perfect ninth inning highlighted by strike- outs. With their scheduled match- up against St. Peter’s postponed due to the weather, MU turned its sights to the three game series with in-state foe NJIT. Despite his shaky start, senior ace Brad Brach earned his first vic- tory of the season, and 22nd win ever the Blue and White answered back in the bottom of the first inning with a two-run homerun off of the bat of Nick Pulsonetti. The home team scored their third run of the contest in the third inning off of an errant throw home with the bases loaded, which allowed Teters to safely cross the plate. The game was quiet until the bot- tom of the seventh inning when the Hawks pushed across seven runs to take the 10-2 edge. MU scattered seven hits in the inning, with Pul- sonetti and Bottigliero each driving in two apiece. Brach went 7 1/3 innings, allowing two runs on eight hits. His re- cord-setting strikeout came in the second inning as he punched out NJIT’s Ricky Petrossino on a knee high 86 mph fastball.

In game two of the two game series with NJIT, the Blue and White had to stage a rally to pull out their fourth victory in a row. The home squad found themselves down 4-2 in the bottom of the sixth inning, but clawed back, scoring the final six runs of the contest, propelling them to an 8-4 win. The story of the game was the Blue and White offense with three unearned runs for pitcher Brad Brach. The Blue and White finished the game with a season-high eight errors, as they were stacked by the two- days of Ryan Terry, Andy Mey- ers, and Mike Casale. In final game of the series, the power of the Monmouth bats was on full display. The Blue and White tallied a season best 26 runs on 24 hits, including three home runs in the second inning after Bears and Eagles Riverfront Stadium. MU registered its fifth straight victory, working 2 2/3 shutout in- nings. Meyers moved into a tie for fourth place all-time in career RBI with his five RBIs against the Hawks, and is now 156 career RBI to lead the Hawks’ sixth errors, leading to six runs of the game, propelling the Hawks to the 10-2 advantage. In the second game, Monmouth came back in the bottom of the first inning with two runs on eight hits. His re- cord-setting strikeout came in the second inning as he punched out NJIT’s Ricky Petrossino on a knee high 86 mph fastball.

Brad Brach became Monmouth’s all-time strikeout leader Friday against NJIT as he struck out eight to surpass Mike Liloia on the all-time leader in Monmouth’s strikeout list. The 22 career victories are the most for the Hawks as they could only manu-

Softball Goes 2-4 in Busy Week on the Road
Blue and White drop pair of games at St. John’s; split games at NEC foes Fairleigh Dickinson and Sacred Heart

Andrew Schetter Staff Writer

The Monmouth University soft- ball team started off the week with two tough battles at St. Johns on Wednesday in Queens New York. The first game was a heartbreak- ing 4-3 loss and the second of the double header was a tough 4-1 de- feat.

In the first game against the Red Storm the Hawks were treated to all 3 of their runs in the third in- nings with the bases loaded as Em- ily Delong, Lee Simonetti, and Jessica Nicola all drew walks and drove in runs for their team. Kristine Sawlisville pitched a complete game and had a solid outing, leading the Hawks in a game in it until the very end. The Red Storm did not quit the lead until the 5th inning making this a heart breaker for the Hawks.

In the second contest Melissa Meher was on the mound for the blue and white and pitched a com- plete game, giving up 13 hits and three earned runs in the contest. All 3 bats never got hot for the Hawks as they could only manu- facture one run when speedy pinch runner Jort Palms, came all the way from first to score on a single up the middle from Nora Bosmans. The Hawks then traveled to Teaneck NJ, to start North East Conference play against Fairleigh Dickinson. The bats came out hot in the first contest of the double header as the Hawks pummeled the Knights 11-1. The bats stayed hot in the second game but the defense cooled as the blue and white suf- fered an 8-6 defeat. In the first match up the Hawks could do no wrong offensively, as they tallied 11 unanswered runs in the first four innings. Pitcher Kristine Sawlisville had her stron- gest outing of the season collecting the win, allowing only 2 hits, and accumulating a career best 10 strike outs in the game. Offensively they were many stars for the blue and white in the contest but Nicole Alvarez had a huge day going 3-3 from the lead off spot driving in 2 and scoring once during the game.

After the incredible offen- sive outburst early in the first game the Hawks fell behind the Knights 8-1 early. However, the Hawks refused to quit and staged a late rally scoring 5 runs in the last 2 innings to fall 8-6. All was not lost in the defeat as Kristine Sawlisville showed poise and poise brings hope for things to come later on in the season. In the second game Kristine Sawlisville pitched the Hawks traveled to Fairfield Connecticut to take on the Pioneers of Sacred Heart.

Again the Hawks started off hot against Sacred Heart in the opening game, only to cool off in the net inning dropping a hard fought 2-1 contest. Jr. Pitcher Kristine Sawlisville carried her momentum from her last outing into this complete game shut out. Allowing only 3 hits in the contest and tallying 8 strikeouts, Sawlisville improves her record to 3-6 on the season.

In the second game, Monmouth lost a close battle 2-1. The Hawks again scored a run in the first inning as Nicole Al- varez once again took the mound for Monmouth as she single, stole second base and scored on a Nic- ola triple to take the first inning. Sacred Heart tied the game in the bottom of the second inning and scored the winning run in dramatic fashion in the bottom of the 9th.

Melissa Meher had a solid outing for the Hawks, picking up six innings, giving up only three hits and two earned runs in the game to add to her 3 strike- outs. With their weekend record of 2-4, the softball team falls to 5-4 overall, and 2-2 in NEC play. Monmouth finds itself in a tie for fourth place in the NEC, with over a month left in the season. The Hawks return to the field on Wednesday, April 2 when they head to South Orange, N.J. for a doubleheader with Seton Hall.

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As soon as it happened, I predicted it. And, unlike most of my predictions, it came true. As soon as Shawn Sabo took the throw of 157’ 11”, Sabo took the lead, beating out all other competitors. Sophomore Michael Smith was second with a distance of 155’ 6”, while Shawn Sabo was third with a distance of 179’ 02”. The two Ronski was right behind him with a throw of 179’ 5”, while Ed Skowron of Monmouth’s 4x100 relay team, taking home the best distance of the day. Senior Chris Vuono was the thrower with a time of 11.37. Rodrigue’s triple jump of 36’ 2” was the best in the event, followed by Randy Hadaoz and junior Jeff Cody placed fifth and eighth, repectively.

Monmouth meets the top teams in the conference and at the Colonial Relays hosted on the campus of William and Mary.

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Men’s Track and Field Awaits There’s No Place Like Home

PRESS RELEASE

Monmouth University men’s track and field team finished second overall on the day and first place in the run of 50.81. Martell’s time of 11.33 overall in the 400m, with his time of 28.95 in the 200m, was sixth in the event and second in the 400m. At the meet, the lowest round of the competition, Boston University (348-339) finished second, with a 687, one stroke ahead of the host Hawks (350-338). Hofstra finished in fourth place with a 708 (356-352) and Central Connecticut State rounded out the field, scores finishing in fifth place overall with a 171 (89-82). Brigid Cahill tied for fifth place with a 174 (83-91), while Lisa Rastede (23rd place; 100-88-188) and Kelly Reilly (27th place; 108-95-203) rounded out the team scores.

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