Monmouth Relay for Life Raises Money for the American Cancer Society

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Assistance Managing Editor

Monmouth University hosted its Relay for Life, a race to raise money for the American Cancer Society on Sunday, April 11. The “Biggest Party on Campus,” as it has been called took place on the Monmouth University Practice Field, and covered the entire night.

The relay is an overnight, inclusive party where participants camp out, listen to music, barbecue, dance, and take turns walking around a track to raise funds to fight cancer.

“The relay fights Cancer,” Kathleen Gellion, Director of special event for the American Cancer Society (ACS) stated. “There are three main reasons we hold this relay, one, to celebrate the strong survivors, two, in honor of remembering those who we have lost, and three, to fight back for a cure.”

Mallory Rapisarda, a sophomore, Public Relations/Communications major stated, “At our event, we celebrate the many survivors, we have a survivors dinner at 5 p.m., held in Boylan Gym. All survivors are welcome to attend. At 7 p.m., our opening ceremony will begin; it will open the event, the relay. Fight for a cure! The relay will be led by the Relay Committee, and Coach Calahan, the MU field hockey coach, will make a speech. Then the relay will begin! We will have activities, events and bands rocking music all night. A luminary ceremony will be held, later in the night, for remember those who we have lost to this sickness. I hope that everyone has a blast tonight! We at the committee have worked so very hard to insure that we all have fun here!”

On the stage of the relay first, beginning at 5 p.m. was the American Hallow, a group of 3 girls; 2 guitar playing singers along with a drummer. The performers played a few of their original songs to get the relay participants all ready to race.

“We are really excited to play for the crowd and get everyone pumped to relay for a great cause!”

Stated Deanna Massey, a Rutgers University junior and one of the American Hallow performers. Katie Field, an MU senior, Public Relations major, stated, “I came out to help support the cause tonight.” Charlie Hayle, a sophomore, Marketing major, announced. “A ton of people who were close to me have been affected by Cancer. So, I came out to help in any way that I can to fight for a cure! Cancer.”

“The PRSSA club is out here tonight, wearing our PRSSA shirts, to support this good cause.” Amanda Quinn, a senior, Communications Public Relations and Journalism major stated, under the PRSSA’s tent.

Shannon Monaco, a senior, Public Relations major, stated, “This is a great event, and we, the PRSSA club, are glad to be a part of it. I hope that all of the survivors have a great time here tonight!”

The Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority had a tent set up at the race as well. “We are here to support a good cause.” Cori Buscemi, a senior, Public Relations and Journalism major and AST sister, stated during the night. Professor McAllister’s fund-raising committee class was present at the relay. A member of the committee, Rich Ibara, a senior, Public Relations Communications major, stated, “We are the Ride Ravers! We got real involved in the relay for Life continued on pg. 2

Renowned Journalist Speaks at Opening Ceremony of Global Understanding Convention

FRANK GOGOL
Contributing Writer

Renowned journalist and activist Sarah Chayes spoke at the opening ceremony to the seventh annual Global Understanding Convention in Wilson Auditorium this passed Monday.

The ceremony opened with an address from President Paul G. Gaffney II on how the Global Understanding Convention came to be. In the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks in 2001, Monmouth University faculty, staff, and students came together with the goal of encouraging and promoting activities that would create awareness of global issues explained Gaffney.

“This was followed by the Monmouth University Chamber Choir’s rendition of “Somethin’ Like a Star” by Robert Frost. President Gaffney returned to the podium to present awards to recognize faculty, staff, and students who had helped to make this year’s convention possible.

Maya Ferguson, a former Monmouth University Trustee, spoke next and expressed the great joy that it brought her to see how the convention has grown with each passing year. “The world is a small place.” said Ferguson, and to live in it safely and happily, “we need to develop understanding.”

Sarah Chayes, activist, humanitari an, and former National Public Radio host, spoke next and spoke about her time in Afghanistan and the Arghand Cooperative, a group that produces skin care products from readily available natural materials indigenous to Afghanistan, which she helped to found.

“I started to feel that it was a little irresponsible for me to be making a living off of other people’s stories without any responsibility of how the story came out,” Chayes said.

With this in mind, and in the wake of the September 11 attacks, Chayes decided to go to Afghanistan because she felt that the country would be important in the direction history takes in the twenty-first century.

In 2002, Chayes ended her career at National Public Radio and moved to the village of Kandahar in Afghanistan, which she describes as “the moon with goats,” where she helped to maintain a dairy cooperative.

While on a trip back to the U.S. in 2004, Chayes visited a small soap company in New Hampshire. The factory where the soap was produce turned out to be one lady mixing oils in her kitchen. After reading the ingredients on the soap’s package, she realized that half of them grew naturally in Afghanistan and that she could do what the woman was doing.

In 2005, Chayes started the Arghand Cooperative in Kandahar. The Cooperative consisted of twelve members representing nine different Afghan tribes and produced a variety of skin care products from pomegranates as well as other naturally occurring fruit in Afghanistan. Using pomegranates in this fashion was extremely productive because in their fruit form they are very heavy and thus very expensive to export as well as perishable whereas in the form of a bar of soap the product would weigh little and would not expire, explained Chayes.

“Monmouth University Profess or and journalist John Morano noted that Chayes’ method reflects that of a journalist in that she took what was available to her and made it in to something similarly how a journalist takes the information they have gathered and makes it into a story.”

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Kathleen Gelchion’s opening speech had the audience yelling “C’mon! Celebrate! Live! Fight!” She recognized Sharon Smith, Sheila McAllister and Mallory Rapisarda, who had introduced President Gaffney. All of them had shared how much fun they were having! The ACS raised $18.360 for donations, and that’s just the start of it. We hope to raise more than a million tonight! Donna Mancini, leader of the “Desperate Mommas” stated.

Sandy Brown, Outlook’s office Coordinator, walked through the building to buy more relay stuff. We are here on behalf of our 22 year old daughter, a cancer survivor for five years now! The Desperate Mommas were a great help. We raised $18,360 for donations, and that’s just the start of it. We hope to raise more than a million tonight! Donna Mancini, leader of the “Desperate Mommas” stated.

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U.S. Ambassador Robin Raphael speaks about Iraqi reconstruction and progress at Wilson Hall

DANELLE DECARLO
FEATUERS EDITOR

Ambassador Robin Raphael, a practice leader for the Global Af¬

fairs practice at Milstein Group at Cassidy & Associates spoke in Wilson Auditorium on April 8th for Global Understanding Week.

During her speech, she talked of the American, British, and French reconstruction attempts; security, political econom¬

ics, reconstruction and diplomatic. As she walked for a cure, Java City’s Jen Cabral, stated, “This is the best event for being there to fight more time over there.”

The numbers were the significant improvements since June 2007. The levels of violence were the high-

eweek time, but instead of spending a cure, she said, “They are recruiting very quickly to the markets and open their shops.” The U.S. is trying to develop a

famous similar to the one used in Anbar a few years ago. They had a very difficult time over there and there were many troops lost. How¬

ever, the Sunnis began to realize that Al-Qaeda were using them to come in and fight the U.S. soldiers, so they joined forces and helped develop their own militias. “Literally overnight things calmed down and remained that way since then.” She said “The Iraqis with that is it more ethni-

cially mixed.”

They now have legislation for refunding to help the Iraqis the Iraqi army. They are working on train¬

ing the Iraqis to create their own military and police system. About 16 billion dollars has gone towards that. So far, there are about 540,000 soldiers in the Iraqi military. Violence is above and beyond the hopes of obtaining 30,000. “We are having more trouble than the army,” she said.

The issue is time,” she said. “The economic policy of the current administration can be attributed to the fact that there have been 4 different governments in the last 3 years. With this instability, it is ramped,” Raphel said. “We are in a dramatic decrease in civilian deaths and of US troops.

A lot of the neighborhoods in Baghdad are up against a wall. She said “People are starting to go out to eat and enjoy the markets and open their shops.” The U.S. is trying to develop a

They were recruited very quickly and became a part of the Iraqi army. Where as the army is doing much better since many of them were al¬

ready a part of the Iraqi army. They key to this has been expanded use of officers embedded with the U.S. military. They are very effective because our officers

There are no institutions or po¬

litical compromises on corruption is ramped,” Raphael said. “We are in such a hurry to hold an election, but we made the big change of forcing people to vote by ethnic identity (independent, Sunni, Shiite) rather than by logistics.”

Some helpful adjustments that have been made are that the Iraqi army is working more directly with local government such as municipal gov¬

ernment. We are moving more from the center of the country to the rest of the country.

It’s difficult to find experts who are actually out go there to work with them,” she said.

Another development is that there is an escape of refu¬

ees. There was a hope that after the actual war was over that people would come back, but there are still about 200,000 Iraqis in neighboring countries such as Jordan and Syria.

“This creates a huge strain on the neighboring countries,” she said. “It causes their real estate to go up and put strain on their health and education systems.”

The international community is slower to respond to these refugees that need shelter, food, health and education. Economically, there is good news. “The economic policy pro¬

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**Global Understanding Week: World Water Challenge**

**KATLYN KANDLER STAFF WRITER**

Monmouth University kicked off the Seventh annual Global Understanding Convention (GUC) on Monday, April 7, 2008 with the goal to emphasize individual responsibility and collective action. Monmouth’s chapter of N.J. Community Action Partnership (NJ-CAP) will work to spread the word about the world’s water condition with their workshop and workshop on the first day of GUC.

Located at Magill Common, the New Jersey Water Watch members presented their Water World Challenge to members of the university community. The room was set up with five different tables, each with a different number on the table. When each person signed in, they were given a card of a different color representing one of five countries. Among the chosen countries were the United States, the United Kingdom, Asia, Africa, and Gambia, which is a small country in Africa that has the lowest amount of water usage per person.

“Right now one in six, more than one billion of us, don’t have access to clean water,” said Water Watch’s secretary, Marygrace Murphy. “In less than 20 years, by 2025, the World Health Organization estimates that two-thirds of the world’s population will lack access to water.”

**Erika Jenkins Contributing Writer**

For Global Understanding week the film “Two Women” was shown at Monmouth University. The film, which was written and directed by Tahmineh Milani, focuses on the lives of two women and how the Iranian revolution of 1979 has negatively affected the way women are viewed in the Middle East.

The film centers around the lives of Rooy and Fereshet, two Iranian architecture students whose lives are dramatically controlled by the patriarchal society around them. While Rahi is able to pay attention to her career and succeed despite the obstacles placed against her, Fereshet, a student in politics, is forced to drop out of school.

The film depicts the unfair treatment of women after the Iranian revolution in 1979. The divide between men and women in the middle eastern culture begins at a young age. Dr. Saliba Sarsar of Monmouth University led the panel discussion after the movie. She formed a women’s political party in Iraq which lobbied for the party in Iraq which lobbied for the female education in science and mathematics, girls will, “help their mothers take care of the house and help watch their siblings.”

**Diana Cappeluti Staff Writer**

Activist for the rights of Middle Eastern women, Zainab Al-Suwaij, spoke about the decrease in women’s rights in Middle Eastern countries and the different programs established to reverse this trend on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 in Anacon Hall.

The event was organized by the combined efforts of the SAB and Kelly Heather, Assistant Director for Student Activity, Multicultural and Diversity Events. Murphy expressed her excitement for Al-Suwaij’s lecture. “We really loved the topic she spoke about and contacted her as soon as possible so that more people could come out and hear her,” she said.

Existing problems for women in the middle East, according to Al-Suwaij, are the result of radical Islamic groups’ oppressive treatment. “We see a woman being lashed for getting raped and the beating of husbands for being politically active,” she said about the brutality women face in her homeland of Iraq.

Al-Suwaij discussed her involvement in politics and her right to win back rights for Middle Eastern women, beginning when she was 18. She formed a women’s political party in Iraq which lobbied for their access to education, politics, and in the world of entertainment. She began her activism by organizing protests and rallies for women’s rights. She knew back home had somehow followed her, and she began lecturing on Iraq, but it isn’t safe to talk about it. The latter part of this global balancing act of water involves educating our peers in America to see that there is an obvious divide between men and women in their place. “Two Women” raised a lot of questions from the audience about the middle eastern culture such as, will the divide between men and women ever come to an end. The movie and the panel discussion both positively contributed to Global Awareness week, and taught those at Monmouth how important it is to know about other people’s cultures.
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The Perils of Living On Campus

KRISTEN RENDA
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Living on campus seems like a convenient perk to going to Monmouth, especially when you live in the apartments on the main side of campus. At least that’s what I thought when I started my senior year living in the Garden Apartments. The dining hall is right next door, all of my classes were in Plangere which was right across the lawn, I had my own bedroom, and things seemed great. However, things aren’t as glamorous as they appear.

Throughout the semester we have had problems with the fire alarms going off randomly a few times in the night causing us to go outside in the cold at around three in the morning. Also, the walls are extremely thin and going to sleep is very difficult when razing parties are happening next door and above you. Calling the police doesn’t help because the noise will stop for about 10 minutes and then it will start right back up again. Many times throughout the year I have found myself getting in my car in the middle of the night to sleep at a friends house. All of that I have dealt with, and said maybe it will get better (and it has), but last week an event occurred that threw me over the edge. My roommate and I found a mouse in our apartment and we went nuts. We couldn’t figure out how it could’ve possibly gotten in the apartment or what to do. We wanted to call facilities, but it was after hours so we called the police station like we were told to do if it were an emergency.

I told the woman who answered that there was a mouse in our apartment and if they could come over and do something and she simply told me that they don’t deal

with situations like that. I’m sorry but what are we paying all of this money for to live on campus if facilities won’t help us out when we need them to? I found that ridiculous so my roommate bought a trap and for the past week we’ve been trying to catch the rodent but have had no luck.

I still found it odd that facilities wouldn’t do anything, so I sent an e-mail to residential life seeing if maybe they could do anything. Sure enough facilities was supposed to come to our apartment and lay out traps for us.

Hopefully within the next few days someone will help us out so I can stop sleeping elsewhere, but until then, this is a warning to all those underclassmen looking to continue living on campus, I know the commuter parking lot is a dreadful thing to deal with, but it’s better than having constant problems for an entire year.
The ‘Are We There Yet’ Story

AMANDA KLAUS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

That July morning mom was like a rabid rotweiller as we were all scrabbling to gather our belongings. She snarled at us from below the staircase to have our1
stuff together. Our dad was composed as he smoked his Black & Mild cigarette outside. I was trying to take my time as I was taking his time as he organized everything we threw his way into our back of 1993 Dodge Caravan, my grandpop slept on the lawn chair toiling on his tan. My sisters and I seized every pound of clothing we owned, including our endless amounts of colored flip-flops (you never knew when you needed your coins to wear, so you better be safe and just pack them all), favorite night-gown, the sloppers with the rabbit head attached to the front, and at least 10 batting suits along with the must have cover-ups. In addition to the clothing and accouterments, Alaina tried to bring 20 board games and she would make sure we played them all. My sisters and I would try to cram a room full of “necessary” items into our small sized duffel bags. Each make sure we packed packed with our own storage case carriers; they were embroidered with our names on the front in a style they tried to make hip. One of my mom thought it was the best Christmas gift anyone could ever receive, even God himself could not fathom a more creative cigarette case.

My mom was still yelling, “get down here, get ready to road-trip,” and I thought to you all aren’t down here in two minutes! So Alaina, and I zipped up our bags and helped and headed over the railing, hopping not noticing the stewardess leaning screaming from below. At that point we were about to embark on our ride to our summer vacation.

As soon as the sliding door of our mini-van closed, I knew there was no turning back. We waved bye to our house and set off on a week long adventure together.

We were only five minutes into the ride and I was suffocating. In the same car with my dad and my sister, I was not going to take a nap, instead I would dream a sleep that was sweeter than the one I would have if I had not been choking. My dad was singing Steely Dan lyrics to this day I have no idea who was in the Steely Dan band) making my sisters and I non-stop complainers. We would much rather be listening to the better “dad music” like The Doors, Tom Petty, The Steve Miller Band, or even Billy Joel, but no. Instead he made our ears bleed with the words of Steely Dan. My mom, sitting in the passenger seat had her bathing suit on underneath her clothes, a crop top, her black curly hair was pinned back with the sunglass holder, and she was projectile vomiting. Her neck stretched as she recorded the end of the war on top of his lungs with the nasal flam language sound attached to each word. To think I was singing my parents had in common, smoke, and puffed his Black & Mild and mom praised her Marlboro Light 100’s. I was suffocating once again.

After the sudden, Amelie screeched to deafening that I thought someone’s pizza was burning. Fluffy was vomiting. Not only was our tranquil mother turning into a monster vomiting. Amelie, sitting in the row behind me alongside Alaina and the two pets, was covered in a chunky brown mess. The stench was unforgettable. After hearing the shriek, my dad immediately stopped the van. With a bang, the door to the backseat, Alaina, who was laughing at the situation, was jolted into Ame- lia’s lap of the chunky brown mess. Mom tossed back one of the beach towels to the last row and let out an exasperated sigh and asked us to waste valuable sun time on the beach, clean yourself up.” To my left, grandpop was sleeping. His neck stretched as far back as it could, to where his jaw was precisely pressed open. Every now and then his head would twitch and he would grunt and snort, falling on me. I took it upon myself to tighten his seat belt so he would not fall into the aisle without knowing who had tightened him up. My mom’s theory with the white car was that reaching 100 degrees it soon became appropriate for my sisters and I to be搞定 out of our seats, leaving enough leg room for the snake. As soon as the sliding door of our mini-van closed, I knew there was no turning back. We waved bye to our house and set off on a week long adventure together.  

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Father Jakub believes that it is good to be in love with someone, but that’s not the way a relationship should work. I a relationship you need to give yourself to your partner and listen to discuss after. This was an interesting topic. The church believes that God made man and woman different so that they could complete each other and make one another whole. The church believes that the true meaning of sex has been reduced by the media. Sex should only happen between two lovers who love and respect each other.

On Thursday the Catholic Center hosts; History and Political Science majors have ranged from discussions on the topics of love and to discuss after. This was the last Theology Talk in a series that has been very exciting. The Catholic Center that was their angle to the Center, “Love, Sex and Beyond”, was a very insightful event; Father Jakub was discussing relationships with the students. Father Jakub began his talk with a quote, “To talk that "Women use sex to earn love," while "Men use love to get sex." He stated that the topics that he talked about were timely and timely for the current society. Father Jakub stated, “It’s anchor time! Michael Dante will perform again!” Mary Grace Murphy announced, “Give it up for Mary Grace Murphy!”

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THIS WEEK OVERSEAS...

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Traveling on the weekends is really exciting, but with the semester coming to a close so quickly, I’m really trying to appreciate every second in London. There are still so many things to do and so many places to see right here in this city.

I am trying to spend all my time soaking up London to the fullest, because who knows when I’ll get to come back. This town has become like a second home to me and it’s going to be very hard to leave in a few short weeks.

My parents came to visit for all of last week and we had an amazing time together. It was fun being a tour guide and showing them all the sights.

We took a day trip to Stonehenge and Bath, saw the West End production of “Harry Potter,” shopped at Harrods, walked across Abbey Road, and my mom conquered her fear of heights as we rode on the London Eye.

The first few days were beautiful out and my parents and I really enjoyed strolling around London’s gorgeous Royal Parks. They got to experience a rare occurrence of snowfall in London, which was pretty exciting. We also went to Platinum Palace, and I’m talking about it.

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I’ve been able to experience so many great things here that I probably would have never done if I hadn’t studied abroad. I spent a weekend exploring Stockholm, Sweden, ate delicious waffles and chocolate in Belgium, went pony-trekking in Wales, celebrated St. Patrick’s Day in Ireland, and spent Spring Break on a week-long journey through Italy.

My favorite part of all though has just been living here in London. It has been such an adventure finding my way around this city, meeting new people, listening to new types of music and simply living life to the fullest. I will miss every little thing about this city and this school. I think I will even miss the random hail storms that I always get caught in! This weekend coming up will be my last weekend traveling in Europe while I’m here. I am going on the school weekend trip to Edinburgh, Scotland.

The rest of my time will be spent enjoying every second in London. I cannot tell you enough how this has been the best time of my life. I seriously suggest that everyone look into studying abroad. London was the perfect fit for me, but there are so many other places to study as well.

This has been a once in a lifetime experience for me and I will have wonderful memories of it for the rest of my life.

Photo Courtesy of Kristen McMonagle

A look back at just one of the many trips Monmouth Study Abroad students have taken. The beautiful scenery that can be seen while Pony Trekking through Whales.

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The impressive aerial view of the Swiss Alps that passengers aboard a flight from Venice to London were able to view through their plane windows.

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Everyone Can Love NYC, Even on a Student’s Budget

The time has come to put away the winter jackets, prepare for warmer weather and finally start getting outside to enjoy spring. However, it may still be a little too cold to go to the beach, so we must utilize other options to take in those breaths of fresh air. A great idea that can be a weekend or a simple day trip is something very close to Monmouth – New York City. It is easy and cheap to travel there, and there are hundreds of things you can do.

You are probably thinking, “New York City is way too expensive for me.” However, there are actually lots of things that you can take advantage of that fit perfectly into a student’s budget, and by this I mean absolutely free.

NYC sponsors many free walking tours of the city. Even if you’ve been to the city many times, there is so much to see there may have been things you missed or that you don’t know all of the information about. For example, the Alliance for Downtown New York leads a free 90 minute walking tour. Also, The Central Park Conservancy Tours have themed walks during the spring and summer seasons with very different types of art and sculptures such as Waterways and Vistas that would be perfect for the nice sunny spring days we’ve been having. Also, if you just want to go play in a park, there are obviously many to choose from.

If you are a history or art fanatic, there are plenty of free museums to visit. For example, New York Unearthed is a museum dedicated to New York’s archeological heritage. If you’re into the arts, the Beaux Art Museum is also free. If it’s a really nice day out, you can check out the outdoor museum called the Socrates Sculpture Park in Long Island City. Of course, there are the big museums such as the Museum of Modern Art that everyone should see, and these only suggest a donation, but it is not required.

If you’re looking for free adventures, you should keep an eye out for special days. The Bronx Zoo, for example, has pay-what-you-wish Wednesdays and is a great attraction for the little kid still living inside that ever-growing and maturing college student. If you’re into World War II history or art, the Franklin Institute is another place to check out for live concerts and free live performances at the Central Park Summerstage. Bryant Park also has a lot of free concerts and live shows once the weather gets nice.

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If you’re feeling very ambitious and saving your pennies, there are certain days and pay-what-you-wish museums along with the ones listed above. Another example is the Sony Wonder Technology Lab. More outdoor activities to enjoy that are free or very cheap include the many performances at the Central Park Summerstage. Also, if you are into blues, rock and R&B you can see live performances at the BB King Blues Club & Grill right in Times Square. Bryant Park also has a lot of free concerts and live shows once the weather gets nice.

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If you’re feeling very ambitious in saving your pennies, there are lots of cruises around NYC that can be great for even warmer weather. Also even if you’re in NYC, don’t think that just because you left Monmouth that you can’t still enjoy the beach. There are plenty of nice beaches around the area if you are tired of all of the hustle and bustle of the city streets. There’s Coney Island, Great Kills Park in Staten Island, Rockaway Beach in Queens, the Gateway National Recreation Area in Brooklyn, and many more.

If you’d like more information on fun things to do for a weekend or day trip in NYC, you can visit Nyckids.com. There are lots of suggestions, tips, deals and tricks for getting around the city and what to do so you can plan your day ahead of time. Also, check out Hopstop.com to help you find your way around if you haven’t visited the city a lot. Enjoy the weather, it will be a nice break from classes and finals.
Concerns on the Border

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Over the past several years, illegal immigration has been a hot topic for politicians and Americans everywhere in the United States. This issue has caused a lot of controversy, not that this article is being written, a 700 mile fence wall is being constructed between the boarder of four American states and six Mexican states, to stop the flow of illegal immigrants from Mexico.

This topic has gotten a lot of attention from the media, on television, radio, and even in newspapers. However, we must be aware that illegal immigration is not the only thing occurring along the border between the US and Mexico. There are more impacting, eye opening concerns that directly affect both Mexico and the United States: environmental concerns.

As part of the 7th Annual Global Understanding Convention at Monmouth, the film “Borderline Cases” was presented at the Wilson Hall auditorium at 6:00 p.m. It was hosted by Professor Julia Riordan-Goncalves, from the Department of Foreign Language Studies.

“Borderline Cases” is a film that presents the environmental concerns of many Mexicans living along the Texas-Northern Mexico border, because of US and Canadian owned “maquiladoras,” or assembly plants. US-owned companies must dispose of waste and toxic chemicals on American territory, but some companies leave their waste in Mexico, out in the open. The residents of this region are exposed to many hazardous chemicals and waste water that are released by the assembly plants, which are not regulated.

The film, produced in 1997, effectively shows that not only are the environmental issues an important matter for Mexicans, but also for Americans.

In Northern Mexico, some main cities share a border with several American cities. Not only do these cities share the border, but they also share the negative effects of the dangerous chemicals discarded by the “maquiladoras.” For example, Matamoros, one of the cities in Mexico, borders Brownsville, Texas. In 1997, there were 94 US or Canadian owned assembly plants, between two to four miles of border in both cities. Matamoros was once a fishing village, but after exposure to the toxic chemicals, many parts of the city are now barren. The chemicals also put in jeopardy the health of employees that work in the “maquiladoras.” Many pregnant female workers and their children suffer the effects. Several children in Matamoros were born with birth defects, such as retardation and malformations, because of the chemicals. In Brownsville, Texas the foals smells from the “maquiladoras” traveled miles into the city, making the atmosphere uncomfortable for the residents.

Another example is Ciudad Juarez, in Mexico, which is home to 300 “maquiladoras”, of which very few have waste water treatment plants. The dirty water from the assembly plants travels into a channel, which then leads to a river. On the other side of the border, the residents of El Paso, Texas are exposed to the same problems. However, compared to Ciudad Juarez, El Paso government officials better implement regulations to deal with the problem. New industry is limited, many cars have filters to control emissions and air pollution. Yet, a lot are leaking. What is more, the ones that are not leaking are mandatory at least once a year to make sure they are working properly. This is not the case in Ciudad Juarez, where the problem is even worse and people suffer from respiratory diseases and skin illnesses.

Birth defects in Mexico have tried to relieve the environmental concerns in their cities, but in some cases, they are not successful. It is important to mention that environmental laws in Mexico are fairly new; the country started issuing laws in 1980. The problem is even though these laws are in place, they are not enforced and are not stringent enough. On the bright side, Mexican officials have made agreements and treaties with the United States, through NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) to help control and solve environmental issues in both countries. Many assembly plants have been installed near Mexican-United States border and other cities. Also, many assembly plants have acquired scrubbers and stacks to reduce air pollution, and cars have been undergoing inspections and tune-ups every year.

Some progress has been made, the environmental and health concerns still persist. Fortunately, the Mexican government and the United States government keep cooperating to find a solution. The “Borderline Cases” film provoked positive reactions to the problem, making the atmosphere uncomfortable for the residents.

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“I interviewed her for a social service and at first she appeared to be very needy, but when she had the chance to be the teacher, she became different,” said Fish. “She addressed 60 teachers from Ocean County area who have Holocaust studies so they could teach it more extensively.”

“I was interested in the story about the woman who lost her entire family because it made me empathize with her,” Roach said. “It was saddening and made me think about what would be our reaction and make me feel something as traumatic as what she went through.”

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The first to be interviewed on the video was a couple that had survived as newlyweds. They had only been married for a few weeks and after being separated for a while, the wife hired a man to find her new husband.

“I didn’t realize that the couple survived together and it was interesting because they survived as newlyweds,” said Fish. “They touched upon it lightly and I knew that they were the kind of people that others could fall in love with. It made it very real and very human and easy to empathize.”

“The couple was really endearing because it was a man and his wife about whom you could easily put yourself in their shoes and he didn’t even mind. What made the story more personal was their interaction and their display of affection.”

A second woman to be interviewed had her entire family sent to Auschwitz after she had been arrested. She was sent under a different name by the recommendation of her uncle. A SS officer who decided to make her a servant, who worked at a farm the woman’s wife about her is one of the reasons she survived the Holocaust.

“I interviewed her for a social service and at first she appeared to be very needy, but when she had the chance to be the teacher, she became different,” said Fish. “She addressed 60 teachers from Ocean County area who have Holocaust studies so they could teach it more extensively.”

“I was interested in the story about the woman who lost her entire family because it made me empathize with her,” Roach said. “It was saddening and made me think about what would be our reaction and make me feel something as traumatic as what she went through.”

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University News

THE OUTLOOK
The rich and famous came together this week on *American Idol* for *Idol Gives Back*, where the show raises money for causes all over the world. The top 12 contestant of *American Idol* took calls up on the stage at the studio. The show also broadcasted from the Kodak Theatre in Los Angeles, where all the celebrity performances took place.

In the beginning of the show, host Ryan Seacrest announced that *American Idol* had raised over 15 million dollars just from their sponsors alone, including News Corporation, Ford, Coca-Cola, iTunes, ExxonMobil, AT&T, Allstate, and M.A.C. Aids Fund. He continued to update America on the rising total donations from both America and Canada.

*Idol Gives Back* included performances by Miley Cyrus, Annie Lennox, Carrie Underwood, Gloria Estefan, and Mariah Carey. Fergie performed with John Legend, and right after with Heart. The top eight Idols also performed “Seasons of Love” from *RENT*, and closed the show with “Shout to the Lord.”

Many of the celebrities traveled through America and Africa to report on conditions that many people are unfortunately to live in. Bono, the Manning brothers, Annie Lennox, Celine Dion, Simon Cowell, Forest Whitaker, Reese Witherspoon, Alicia Keys, Miley and Billy Ray Cyrus, and Brad Pitt all took part in these reports. Danny and his family visited Africa and performed their song “What About Now” for the poverty-stricken.

Amongst all the sadness in these reports, *Idol* did not fail to deliver some comic relief. Jimmy Kimmel performed a comedy routine on Simon Cowell, and Robin Williams did a bit, acting as “the last Russian Idol.”

Other celebrities that appeared either on stage or in videos asking America to donate included Julianne Moore, Adam Sandler, David and Victoria Beckham, Keifer Sutherland, Whoopi Goldberg, Ellen DeGeneres, Sarah Silverman, Keith Urban, Dane Cook, Vanessa Hudgens, Ashley Tisdale, Rob Schneider, Tyra Banks, David Spade. Ben Stiller also appeared after the close of the show, doing a quick sketch arriving to an empty theatre for *Idol Gives Back*.

Gordon Brown, the Prime Minister of Britain, also appeared in a video. He pledged that his nation will give 200 million dollars to the cause, which is equivalent to 20 million nets that will prevent malaria from spreading in Africa.

*Idol Gives Back* raised over 60 million dollars from donations from both America and Canada. That total continues to rise, as the lines remain open, according to Seacrest. If you would like to donate, you can call 1-877-IDOL-AID, or 1-877-436-5243, or go to AmericanIdol.com for more information on other ways to donate.

The group broke up in the mid-nineties after much success. “We were just tired. What happened to us in the span of a couple years was mind-blowing, and no one really knew what it was. We were learning as we went. A lot of groups today know the mold and plan accordingly. We didn’t start out with the idea that in two years we’d be playing stadiums. So by the end of our touring obligations in like 1992, we just want to go home,” explained band member Joey McIntyre.

TAYLOR CORVINO
ASSISTANT ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

New Kids on the Block Reunited

Nearly 14 years after the release of their last album, *Face the Music*, Bostonian boy band New Kids on the Block is reunited. Now grown men, these ex-teens heartthrobs hope to reach out to their aged fans of the late 80’s and 90’s. The new album, which is still untitled, is set to drop this summer, followed by an international tour in the fall.

New Kids on the Block is comprised of five members: Jordan Knight, Jonathan Knight, Joey McIntyre, Donnie Wahlberg, and Danny Wood. At the height of their career, the quintet sold over 70 million albums worldwide, as well as countless concert tickets, t-shirts and lunchboxes to their adoring female fans around the world.

That music, so we’re going to sing it with basically the same sound,” said Wahlberg. The band is getting a head start and headlining 2008’s annual Zoo-topia concert on May 17 at the Izod Center, which is already sold out.

“Lots is riding on the backs of the members of New Kids on the Block and everyone is eagerly waiting to see if their comeback will be a success. There is no doubt about it that their fans are excited and want take a nostalgic trip down memory lane with their favorite boy band. Be on the look out for the release of their new album this summer.

"Our old songs aren’t necessary standards — they were pretty sweet — but it’s going to be fun in a live show. People come to hear
Entertainment
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MONMOUTH SENIOR TRIES OUT FOR A ROLE IN HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3

Monday, March 31, 2008, was the Monday of the audition days. Three weeks ago, on a whim, she had signed up for the audition, but she had no idea what the audition would entail. She had no idea what to expect and was a bit nervous. She had never done anything like this before. She had never auditioned for a role in a movie before. She had never had to perform in front of a panel of judges before. She had never had to sing in front of a panel of judges before. She had never had to dance in front of a panel of judges before. She had never had to act in front of a panel of judges before. She had never had to do anything like this before. She was scared.

On Monday, March 31, 2008, she went to the audition. She went to the audition with a friend. They went to the audition together. They went to the audition as a team. They went to the audition to try their best. They went to the audition to give it their all. They went to the audition to show what they were made of. They went to the audition to prove themselves. They went to the audition to show what they could do. They went to the audition to make a name for themselves. They went to the audition to make a difference. They went to the audition to make a difference in the world. They went to the audition to make a difference in their lives. They went to the audition to make a difference in the lives of others. They went to the audition to make a difference in the world. They went to the audition to make a difference in the world.

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Chayes went on to speak about some of the difficulties of running such an operation in a war-torn country like Afghanistan.

"One of the biggest issues is trust. Nobody trusts anybody," she said. The atmosphere of mistrust has caused the cooperative to adopt a non-nepotism rule that prevents the friends and family of members from working in the operation in order to avoid unfair majorities from forming. Trust is also a major road-block for the Afghan people because they do not trust their government, for which Chayes admires them, but lamented that, "no one will vote in the next election. They felt it was rigged. It made Florida [in the 2000 U.S. Presidential election] look like a case of free and fair."

Another difficulty for the Afghans, as well as the Arghand Cooperative, is the absence of electricity. Electricity is provided a hydroelectric dam where the turbine is broken. "We get approximately six hours of power every three days and because we need electricity to make the soap, we have to watch the equipment in shifts so that when the power comes on someone is there run the machines," said Chayes.

Chayes related her experiences in Afghanistan to the convention and said, "Despite the cultural differences, I've been struck by the similarities between the Afghans in Kandahar and people living the United States." She explained that both Afghans and Americans are dual citizens; the Afghans to tribe and country and the Americans to state and country. She stressed the importance of finding these similarities and said that they are "the ticket out of a thirty-year long nightmare." The floor was then open to the audience to ask Chayes questions. When asked what were the biggest concerns of the Afghan people about their country she cited the cleanliness of streets, properties and borders, and food and drug laws as a few, again drawing parallels to some of the things Americans are concerned about.

At the close of the ceremony, President Gaffney returned to the podium to thank all the people who had attended. In his closing comment he said, "There are two kinds of people in the world, spectators and players. You've just heard from a player. This young woman can do anything."

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“I’m going to Florida, then I am working at a summer camp for children with special needs.”

Ross
Grad Student
“I am working then going on my Honeymoon!”

Eddie
Senior
“I am going to Aruba in July then Las Vegas in August.”

Matt
Senior
“Me and my friends will do a trip through Europe if they have money.”

Erin
Junior
“I’m going to Lollapalooza in Chicago.”

Dave
Junior
“l’m going to work and have fun.”

Michael
Senior
“I’m gonna work a lot, do an internship and hopefully go away somewhere.”

Linda
Senior
“I’ll be at the beach, Lavallette.”

Marissa
Sophomore
“I’m going on a family trip to South Carolina and working at a pet shelter.”

Alex
Senior
“I’m going to work, chill and spend time in Lavallette, with Marissa!”

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Campus Events This Week

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16
Student Employee Appreciation Day • 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM • RSSC Lobby
Alcohol & Marijuana Screening Day • 11 - 4 PM • Health Center
Spring Career Fair • 12:30 PM • Anacon Hall
Softball vs. Rutgers • 1:00 PM • Softball Field
Band - Verdict • 2:30 PM • Student Center Patio
Virginia Tech One Year Later - Candlelight Vigil • 8:00 PM • Res. Quad
Ice Cream and Game Night Social • 9:00 PM • The Underground

THURSDAY, APRIL 17
Marijuana Man • 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM • Student Center & Magill Leadership Workshop • 2:00 PM • Carol Affl itto Conf. Room
Late Night Lounge • 10:00 PM • The Underground

FRIDAY, APRIL 18
Education Symposium • 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM • Anacon Hall
Baseball vs. Quinnipiac • 3:00 PM • Baseball Field
Lacrosse vs. Wagner • 4:00 PM • Kessler Field
Glass Etching Program • 8:00 PM • The Underground

SATURDAY, APRIL 19
Baseball vs. Quinnipiac • 12:00 PM • Baseball Field
Maximum Velocity EXTREME Festival • 1:30 - 5:30 PM • Bey Hall Lawn
An Evening with Groucho • 8:00 PM • Polak Theatre

SUNDAY, APRIL 20
Baseball vs. Quinnipiac • 12:00 PM • Baseball Field
Lacrosse vs. Mount St. Mary’s • 1:00 PM • Kessler Field

MONDAY, APRIL 21
Film Viewing: Strike • 2:30 PM • Wilson Auditorium
Student Loan Workshop • 6:00 PM & 7:30 PM • Wilson Auditorium

TUESDAY, APRIL 22
ShadowNation Barbeque • Student Center
Black Light Volleyball • 7:30 - 10:30 PM • Great Lawn

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23
Snakes Alive! • 2:30 PM • Student Center Patio
SOAR Awards Program • 2:30 PM • Magill Commons
Student Loan Workshop • 7:30 PM • Wilson Auditorium

To include your campus-wide events, send an email to activities@monmouth.edu. We do not list club or program meeting times in this schedule.

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SENIOR WEEK

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD APRIL 10TH – APRIL 30TH AT THE OFFICE OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES ON THE 2ND FLOOR OF THE STUDENT CENTER. ONLY GRADUATING SENIORS MAY BUY TICKETS THROUGH APRIL 21ST. TICKETS FOR SENIOR WEEK ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND CAN BE PURCHASED WITH CASH OR CHECK. TICKET PURCHASERS MUST SHOW PROPER ID. ALL TICKET PURCHASERS AND THEIR GUEST MUST BE 21 OR OLDER TO ATTEND (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED). ONE GUEST PER STUDENT ID (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED). ONLY GRADUATING SENIORS MAY STAY IN THE RESIDENCE HALLS DURING SENIOR WEEK.

Tuesday, May 13th
BAR A - $13
Spend time with friends, relax, and enjoy!!! All you can eat barbeque from 9:00 pm – 12:00 am. Shuttles to Bar A leave from the Student Center parking lot starting at 8pm. There will be 3 shuttles running from 8:00 pm – 1:30am (last shuttle home). Shuttles hold 15 passengers each, so plan your return time from Bar A accordingly. Bar A will ID at the door.

Wednesday, May 14th
MEDIEVAL TIMES - $45
Step back in time for an afternoon of lunch and jousting fit for a king. Bus leaves at 10:45 am from the Student Center parking lot. Due to limited tickets, no guests will be allowed. (Under 21 allowed)

OCEAN PLACE - $20
Join the senior class for a barbeque dinner and bonfire on the beach (weather permitting–there is an indoor rain location for bbq) from 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm. Two 15 passenger shuttles to Ocean Place leave the Student Center starting at 6:30pm and run through 10:30pm. Due to limited number of tickets, no guests are allowed.

Thursday, May 15th
CASINO NIGHT - $20
Spend 6 hours in Atlantic City!! This includes an $18 coin token to the Tropicana. The two busses will leave for Atlantic City at 2:00 pm from the Student Center parking lot.

Friday, May 16th
SIX FLAGS GREAT ADVENTURE - $25
Spend an exciting day at Six Flags!! The bus will leave Student Center for Six Flags at 10:30 am and will be leaving Six Flags at 6:00 pm. Limited tickets, so get them early! (Under 21 allowed)

Saturday, May 17th
SENIOR RECEPTION
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This is a semi-formal event being held at the Doherty House from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm (rain site TBA). Pre-registration required at the Office of Student Activities. No guests allowed, because space is limited to the first 120 people to sign up.

Sunday, May 18th
NYC TRIP - $12
Come and enjoy the sights and sounds of New York City. The bus will leave for NYC at 11:45 am from the Student Center parking lot and will be leaving NYC to return at 8:00pm. (Under 21 allowed).

Monday, May 19th
JACKS
Spend one last night at Jacks, where everybody knows your name! Shuttle vans will be available at the Student Center parking lot from 9:00 pm – 1:45am. There are two 15 passenger vans so plan your leave time from Jacks accordingly. Jacks will ID at the door.

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All this talk of rain gardens sounds great, but how do we pull it off? We cannot assume that the gardens do not just pop out of the ground. Building this project requires a lot of planning from several groups of people. The Urban East Institute kicked off the whole idea off. A part of the Institute is Professor John Tie-demann, who was instrumental in the details of the project. They worked out the logistics of the garden, as well as deciding where the garden will be placed. In addition, the Institute got the flowers donated to from generous sources and they sorted out where to place the plants based on each plants’ growth and set the annual demands to amounts a large of amount of time.

Planning for the garden started back in January, and has been building up since. The Institute created a plan and a timeframe that is as flexible as it is strong. We have been able to follow through with just about everything, but should a problem arise then the plan allows for extra time. This type of planning is useful in a project that can speed up or slow down at any time.

So where does Water Watch fit in? They are involved in getting the news out to the community, getting people involved, offering support, and actually building the garden itself. We have been working together to get the news out to local newspapers, including Atlanticville, to have them publish the story about the garden for the surrounding towns to read. Also, we have gone to various schools that set up garden classes to teach students about the poor water quality in our state. We also are preparing to offer tours to our own and surrounding neighborhoods to show people how easy it is to help to the environment.

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For the competition the SIFE team decided on four projects. The first of which is the project entitled “Growing Nuts.” Growing Nuts is a multi-faceted project based in Nigeria that incorporates all aspects of the SIFE criteria (market economics, success skills, entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and business ethics). Growing Nuts is currently in its first phase which is laying the groundwork for achieving its overall objectives. The project teams of Nigeria, Monmouth University SIFE is working with a company that produces a vitamin-rich product called Pumpamy. It is a mixture of certain ingredients that creates a food that nourishes people relatively cheaply and provides them decent mix of nutrients. The overall purpose of this program would be to understand the business environment and allow others to create this product for themselves, either through a franchising opportunity or ownership. The program has been implemented in Hungary; however, future areas of expansion include Nigeria, the Marshall Islands, China, and the New Jersey hospital system.

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So what is left for the SIFE team this semester? Well, there are a couple of things that we have to take care of before the years ends. The remaining meetings for SIFE will be about planning and creating a strategic plan for even greater success next year. As Monmouth University SIFE is becoming involved with SIFE our meetings will be held every Wednesday in Hy Hall Room 229 or you can email us at SIFE@monmouth.edu. Hope to see you there!
Volunteer at the 2nd Annual Family Fundraiser at the West Long Branch Public Schools on Saturday, April 26. Volunteers are needed to help with carnival games and crafts for children from 4:00pm – 6:00pm or from 6:00pm – 8:00 pm. This is a quick, easy and fun way to get involved in the community and help to raise funds for the West Long Branch Foundation for Public Education. Please contact Theresa Fontana at 732-870-2242 for more information on how to get involved.

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.
Rough Weekend at Home Has Blue and White Looking Forward to Rutgers

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The Softball team had a tough weekend dropping all four games they competed in against Wagner and Long Island respectively. The Hawks will get a chance to get the taste of defeat out of their mouths on Wednesday against Rutgers at home.

In Saturday’s doubleheader the blue and white were on the losing end of a 6-4, 2-1 sweep at the hands of Wagner. The Hawks improve to 22-21 in conference later on this season. The Hawks now shut out their opponent in six of the eight conference games they have played thus far this season.

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Baseball Has Near Perfect Month

Hawks victorious in 15 consecutive games before Wagner loss on Saturday

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On March 15, after the 11-7 loss to Quinnipiac, the Hawks were without a doubt the biggest story in the Big East. On Saturday, April 12, they were without a doubt the biggest story on Long Island. That one loss in the opening game of their doubleheader last weekend against Wagner in the first game of their doubleheader on Saturday. The Hawks prevailed over the Hawks in the second game of their doubleheader on Sunday. The Hawks did give up their first loss of the season in their third game of their four-game series against Wagner, but they still managed to win the fourth game of their four-game series.

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