Monmouth Community Gathers to Watch Historic Obama Inauguration

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Students and staff alike came together in Pollak Theater last Tuesday, January 20, to watch the historic Inauguration of President-elect Barack Obama.

The event was organized by the Department of Political Science, Department of Social Work, and the Department of Communication. It was also co-sponsored by the Stand Up and Be Counted Program here on campus.

The ceremony began at approximately 11:30 a.m., following the swearing-in. Renowned signer Aretha Franklin began the Inauguration ceremony by singing My Country 'Tis of Thee.

At 11:46 Vice President-elect Joe Biden was sworn into office by Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens.

Followed by a musical selection by John Williams with Islahk Perlman, Yo-Yo Ma, Gabriela Montero, and Anthony McGill entitled Air and Simple Gifts, which was composed specifically for the event.

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MU is First Independent New Jersey University to Sign Agreement with the EPA

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FEATURES EDITOR

Monmouth University became the first independent university in New Jersey to sign a comprehensive green initiative agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in an effort to improve the school’s energy, water, and fuel usage.

"Monmouth University is already a leader among institutions of higher education regarding environmental commitments," said EPA Regional Administrator Alan J. Steinberg. “This agreement with EPA will strengthen those efforts and identify areas where the school can do even more to reduce its carbon footprint.”

In accordance with the agreement, the University will become a member of several of the EPA’s volunteer programs that will provide training and support from the agency’s experts.

The school has agreed to improve usage habits in several areas.

Through the EPA’s Green Power Partnership the school will explore options to find more ways to make and use clean, green energy.

In addition to steps taken prior to the agreement, the University will work with the EPA’s ENERGY STAR partnership in efforts to reduce energy use across campus but 10 percent.

In an effort to increase water efficiency, water-saving fixtures have been installed and the school will educate students and staff alike about water conservation.

To improve waste and recycling standards, Monmouth and it’s nice to say you were alive to see the first African American president being inaugurated. It’s something I will be able to tell my children and grandchildren,” Hart said.

Patricia Swannack Appointed to Monmouth County Greenhouse Gas Reduction Advisory Committee

GINA COLUMBUS
NEWS EDITOR

Patricia Swannack, Vice President for Administrative Services, has been appointed to the Monmouth County Greenhouse Gas Reduction Advisory Committee for her acts and leadership on conservation.

The committee, which serves the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Monmouth, aims to develop a plan to reduce the county’s carbon footprint.

Swannack was appointed as one of 27 science, government and business professionals to work towards the committee’s goal.

The advisory committee will also work to perform deeds such as creating an inventory of Monmouth County’s operational greenhouse gas emissions, a plan for the implementation of policies, programs and operations to reduce emissions, and offering steps or guidelines to reach the ideal New Jersey climate stabilization goal. It also works with different levels of governments to bring up different ideas and promote the state’s goals for climate stabilization.

Swannack has focused on conservation throughout her time at Monmouth, and says that there are a number of reasons that it is so important.

“First there is the impact on climate that you see. The earth is changing and time is running out. It is very important that we do what we can to start making a difference. This is a way to help the environment and have a positive impact on the future,” Swannack said.

The advisory committee will meet regularly to discuss strategies and solutions for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the county. The committee’s work is expected to take several months, and the final report is anticipated to be presented to the Board of Chosen Freeholders in the spring of 2009.
The Monmouth University Debate Team traveled to upstate New York on November 23, 2008, to participate in SUNY Binghamton University’s 19th annual College Debate Tournament. The Debate Hawks competed against 48 teams in their division from 11 schools. Some of the other schools that debated against Monmouth in the competition include: University of Massachusetts and West Point, Cornell University, Boston University, West Point Military Academy, Boston College, the New School and New York University.

Five of the six Monmouth teams made it into the play-off rounds of the tournament. Four Monmouth students were presented with individual speaking awards. The winners included: Kristyn Mikulka, first place; Daniel Wisniewski, sixth place; Danielle Diodato, eighth place; and Brian Tiscia, twelfth place.

Mikulka, who serves as a co-captain of the Debate Hawks, was first out of out 48 teams. Mikulka said, "Dr. Patten is a really good coach, and with support from the University the team will continue on shining as a representative of Monmouth in the academic community," said Wisniewski.

The team’s trip to SUNY Binghamton was sponsored by the University’s Department of Political Science, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

“...I feel the team has been able to develop and grow from our trials and errors into an extraordinary team,” Mikulka said.

“The tournament was hard work. I stayed up late writing arguments and researching on my laptop, we then would wake up early and debate for 8-10 hours a day, then again for another day,” said Wisniewski.

Each year, a topic is chosen for every tournament. The topic for this tournament was agricultural subsidies. This is money that the government gives to farmers as an incentive to produce a certain good such as corn, cotton, wheat, rice, and for fisheries.

Mikulka and Tiscia debated about subsidies on corn which was devoted to making ethanol. The two team members took the stand that the government needs to remove these subsidies because it is affecting food production thus creating starvation.

Wisniewski also added, “We did very well as a team for our second tournament. I am very happy with the development of the team and progress plac and we are getting to a place where we can start winning first place. We have had strong showings in individual speaker rankings and five of six teams made the play-off rounds at the West Point Military Academy tournament and the SUNY Binghamton tournament. It is almost impossible to overstate the impressive accomplishments of our debaters in their first year of competition,” said Patten.

Patten also added, “We are currently practicing and raising funds in the hopes of attending tournaments this spring. We were personally invited to a tournament at Cornell University... and will attend as many as we can afford.”

DR. JOSEPH PATTEN
Associate Professor of Political Science

The Debate Hawks pose after participating in SUNY Binghamton University’s 19th annual College Debate Tournament, where four Monmouth students were presented with individual speaking awards.

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## Debate Team Wins Awards in National Competition

### MUPD Crime Blotter

The Monmouth University Police Department is an armed, fully commissioned police force operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The department consists of 20 full-time officers and detectives, as well as safety officers, dispatchers, and traffic attendants. University police officers patrol the campus and off-campus residential facilities in marked patrol units, on bicycles, and on foot.

If you have any questions regarding the MU Police Department, or if you need any assistance, please feel free to direct any inquiries to 732-571-3472.

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Save Our Shore From Being Destroyed By Industry

LESLEY WEINBERG, CUDDER AND SPERBER

Now more than ever: the Jersey Shore is in popular demand, and not only by New Jersey natives and tourists. However, while some want to put surfboards in the ocean, others are looking to put something else in the ocean that will completely disrupt the lives of NJ residents, visitors and wildlife. Examples are Asbury, and the Atlantic Sea Island Group want a piece of our coast. Picture the Empire State Building. Now take enough dirt, sediment, and buildings into material to fill 10 Empire State Buildings. Create an island 14 times the size of Giants Stadium and build an industrial complex on top. The complex will be used to offload, store, and process liquefied natural gas (LNG), a foreign oil fuel. The Atlantic Sea Island Group wants to construct such an island called “Safe Harbor Energy,” 19 miles off the coast of sea level. Bright, New Jersey and 13 miles south of Long Beach, NY. This island would be the first ever man-made island and would smother up to 140 acres of seafloor. Christened “Insanity Island,” one of the largest and richest fishing spots in our area would be smothered by dirt, sediment, and pollution. In addition, this region is home to millions of endangered species including: North Atlantic Right, Fin, and Humpback whales, and Kemp’s Ridley, Loggerhead, and Leatherback sea turtles. Further, the Atlantic Sea Island Group has no experience when it comes to offshore construction and LNG operations.

The second proposed offshore LNG port is by ExxonMobil, calling it “BlueOcean Energy”. ExxonMobil wants to build a facility – the first of its kind – 7 miles off the Manasquan Inlet. This experimental facility has never been constructed in the world and would consist of permanent floating LNG terminal. Other states have rejected this type of facility off their shores. NJ shore citizens opposed to this port are Big Oil’s guinea pigs.

Excalibur Energy is proposing a third LNG port, called “Liberty Natural Gas,” for 16.5 miles off Asbury Park’s shore. This project would cost $2 billion and would be Big Oil’s largest.

LNG will be re-gasified on the vessels connected to the buoys and pumped into the new pipeline. Fifty miles of new pipeline under the seafloor would stretch from Asbury Park to Linden. The new onshore pipeline through already over-industrialized NJ communities will stretch to Linden. The source of the LNG is expected to last the next 120 years. Importing LNG will make us more dependent on foreign sources of energy, and drive-up energy costs as LNG is more expensive than domestic natural gas. The Russians and Dubai, who have the largest global supplies of LNG, will likely supply the proposed LNG ports off the Jersey Shore. As we know, these nations are unstable and can help stop the insanity.

If New Jersey opens our doors to LNG it will only serve to lock us into another polluting, foreign fuel dependency and addiction - only this time it will be for our energy we need to power our electrical plants, heat our homes, and cook our meals”, said Clean Ocean Action Executive Director, Cindy Zipf. “LNG is not in the public interest; it is only in Big Energy’s interest. The answer to the question, ‘Should New Jersey, New York allow offshore Liquefied Natural Gas facilities proposed along the shore or that they can put a stop to it. Often, people think they are just one person unfriendly.

It is important for people to get involved because that is the only way we are going to stop this. Massive public opposition is the only way.”

John Weber
Surfrider Foundation East Coast Regional Manager

“Importing LNG poses many environmental and pollution problems associated with existing gas drilling activities.

So what is LNG anyway? LNG is natural gas that is cooled to minus 159 degrees Fahrenheit to become liquid. This energy-intensive liquefying process compresses the gas over 600 times from its original form to make it easier for transport on large tankers that are up to nearly four football field lengths in length – to ports throughout the world. Once an LNG tanker reaches its destination port, more energy is used to heat it into a gaseous state. The gas then travels through pipelines to utilities and, ultimately, to our homes and businesses for use. Do we need LNG? Currently, America is already dependent for natural gas supplies and according to US Government estimates, has enough natural gas to last the next 120 years. Importing LNG will make us more dependent on foreign sources of energy, and drive-up energy costs as LNG is more expensive than domestic natural gas. The Russians and Dubai, who have the largest global supplies of natural gas, will likely supply the proposed LNG ports off the Jersey Shore. As we know, these nations are unstable and can help stop the insanity.

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Chinese-Americans Welcome a New Year

DIANA CAPPELLUTI

SOPHONORES

The Chinese New Year has become popular to a big family dinner. Nowa-
days it has become popular to go out to a restaurant instead of cooking at home,” Professor He said. The entire new year cele-

state or away from home, it is
time for family reunion. Many
people fly back home to have
a big family dinner. Nowadays
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out to a restaurant instead
of cooking at home,” Professor
He said. The entire new year
celebration typically lasts five to
six days, consisting mostly of
visits to and by relatives, col-
leagues, and friends. There is
tradition behind different foods
eaten on the eve of the new year, such as
dumplings and fish. The for-
mer, since it is cooked by
steaming or frying, repre-
sents the warmth and unity
surrounding families during
the new year. The latter
means surplus for the year
to come—extra money, food,

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strong>What it Means to be Green</strong> 

Monmouth University is making the changes that are needed to, but are we all helping to make the campus green? As far as the administration goes, they are definitely doing their part to make the campus greener. Are the students doing their part? It’s very hard to tell how many students make the effort to be more environmentally friendly. This University has taken friendly. One would, and two large strides in becoming a "greener" place.
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WANT TO GO HOME

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There is nothing quite like a first term. After every second semester, you begin to look forward to the start of another weekend of college mischief; unfortunately, the end of my first term is not so enjoyable.

My week ends Thursday at 3:45 p.m. when I make my way to the over packed commuter lot. Three classes under my belt at this point and I just want to be home. What luck, not only do I have the long ride home to look forward to, but I also have the five to seven minute wait to exit campus.

You would think this delay would be related to the abundance of commuter students at Monmouth University; however, it is an issue that can be easily avoided. Missing a few turns, or missing the exit makes it hard for you and me, but I still have to wait. And if you don’t, we’ll just blow you at literally.

This article was written as part of CO 342, Editorial Writing, which is taught by Dr. Eleanor Novek.

DANIELA CANABAL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Remember the days when people actually stepped off campus at night? Before I had a driver’s license or a cell phone I can remember searching into the night because of how I did not have enough change, I would dial 1800-Collect and tell them my name, the company I worked for and if the phone was required in an emergency, a simple “I’ll call you later” was all it took.

I speak for most Greeks when I say I don’t join Greek life to become professional beer pong players or to win “blistest sister” superlatives. I appreciate Greek life for what it has to offer as a whole, lifetime relationships that you will have with you for the rest of your life. In my opinion you’re lucky if you get to experience something. My sisters are my soul mates and the people who appeal to the stereotypes are the ones missing out.

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But others do, not to mention it’s disrespectful and inconsiderate. Courses are expensive and even worse if you choose to change your mind. You can’t just drop a course the next day when you decide to change your major; you have to pay the fee. When you drop courses, the GPA effect to your grade point average which can have a negative effect in college scholarships.

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Students who excel in music, sculpture, theater, or other arts may have a leg up on the competition for spots if they can show "How to Make Colleges Want You," suggests trying activities that can help them stand out as starting a business. Students should also show initiative by, for example, setting up a school, said Kristen Campbell of Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions.

"Anything that shows you're passionate about something and you're taking a leadership role," she said.

Colleges look for diversity. SAT scores are lower in the Northeast or Northwest. An ethnic minority? Make sure you show your cultural heritage. Grow up in an unusual place? Don't be shy about discussing your childhood experience.

The Common Application, which is used by 346 of the country's most selective institutions, allows students to take the SAT or ACT. Admission officials typically say they look at students' standard- grades, test scores, extracurricular activities and community service. They also consider chances of getting an acceptance letter, here's what admission officials expect from high school courses.

Four years of English, with an emphasis on writing and extensive reading.

Four years of math, typically including two years of algebra, a year of geometry and a year of pre-calculus.

Four years of science, typically biology, physics, chemistry and earth science.

Three years of social studies, including world and American history.

Four years of a foreign language.

When possible, take the SAT or ACT, and some may require it. Some schools that demand extensive reading, for example, starting a club at their school automatically get in with an ACT score of 28 or an SAT score of 1,230.

Not many students are prepared for the ACT, much in her chemistry class if they also have a combined SAT score of 1,140, on of a composite score of 30 or an SAT score of 1,500.

Those that make the ACT are expected to score at least 30, or a score of at least 27.

Students must also take the writing portion of each test.

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Performer and Stage: A Mythic Dynamic

BRIAN BLACKMON
STAFF WRITER

Across the vast oceans of ever advancing centuries, the theater stage has existed as a mysterious and sacred realm, upon which mortal beings seek to attain Pro-methean heights, offering themselves as human conduits of pure artistic energies, translating the electrical currents of inspiration derived from the divine into the language of performance.

When Thespis, in the midst of Greece’s annual pageant honoring their popular deity of wine and passion, first spoke his lines (somewhere in the faded past, near 534 B.C.), history notes that drama had found its first actor, and audiences had gained their first theatrical shaman.

Stages were soon erected, upon which human beings embodied masks (tools of transcendence), acting out the eternal saga of God and man, life and death, love and sorrow—portraying the cosmic universe for the entertainment of the mass.

While the transition of time and culture affected relative evolutions upon the physical manifestation of the stage, the role which this edifice served has remained as powerful and transforming. It was the stage that served as the earth upon which the spirits of William Shakespeare’s (1564-1616) universe were cultivated and commanded to live—the stage performed on March 4th, 1877 and The Nutcracker (introduced to the world during Christmas of 1892). Here we may also find the voice of Enrico Caruso’s (1873-1921) brokenhearted Canio, from Ruggero Leoncavallo’s 1892 Pagliacci, winning undying sympathy with his sincere “Vesti la Giubba.”

With the closing decades of the nineteenth century (in which so much history was lived) the distinct genres of music, dance, circuses, and comedy would provide the necessary material for America’s vaudeville, (presented under a single theater roof, upon a single stage, and composing the same night’s billing), drawing upon the ancient arts of the Old World talents who were coming to this new nation as immigrants—embracing the country as Americans.

These variety shows enjoyed tremendous popularity until the 1950’s, finally replaced by the technological implications of network radio programming and the new sound motion picture films of Hollywood, California—both mediums drawing heavily from the vaudevillian ranks, and gaining such immortal talents as the ever-passionate singer Al Jolson, and the always unique and hilarious Marx Brothers and Three Stooges.

The popularity of radio and film as an alternative to vaudeville made it clear that the stage exists as an intangible concept, with a physical theater not being requisite to its existence. Radio and film never replaced the stage, both mediums serving merely as extensions of the history and meaning of the theatrical arts.

This relationship is additionally reflected in that levithian of popular entertainment, television (which challenged both film and radio for dominance during the 1950’s). In the same way that the make-up of the pagan stage of Thespis differed from the Christian stage of Shakespeare, different mediums are simply new manifestations of the stage’s construction, from which performers can express the perfection of their chosen craft, capturing the lightning of art with shamanic eloquence, to share with the mortal masses.

**Shakespeare crafted many of the comedies and tragedies that inspire modern playwrights.**

**The Greek’s were the first Western Society to master the stage.**
Sawnnack Appointed to Committee

PATRICIA SWANNACK
Vice President for Administrative Services

“My hope that my appointment to the committee will provide an opportunity to share some of the University’s experiences with members of the County so that together we can make Monmouth County a better place to live, work and learn.”

MU Signs with EPA

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such as Montclair State, among others. “Monmouth University is proud to enhance its commitment to a greener, cleaner campus for all of its students, faculty and staff, as well as the surrounding community,” said Monmouth University President Paul G. Gaffney II. “This agreement will yield results in the near term, but it also stands to help make Monmouth a better place to learn and live for the future.”

Monmouth has efforts in recent years to create a more energy efficient campus. In 2005, solar panels were installed on several of the buildings. This past semester, the plastic cutlery in the Rebecca Stratford Student Center was replaced with biodegradable cutlery.

“I think any efforts to make the campus greener are great and I am hopeful that these transitions are smooth. These kinds of changes are important and necessary,” said Sabrina Shuckin, a junior Public Relations major.

Senator Sean Kean (R-Monmouth) commented, “Monmouth University is helping residents of New Jersey and beyond with their conservation efforts.”

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Looking Forward to Looking Back
75th Anniversary
Ace Guillen Brings Laughs to MU

Angel “Ace” Guillen, who has appeared at the Laugh Factory, the Comedy Store, and on Comedy Central, NBC, and Unacceptable Behavior, performed at the Undergound on Wednesday, January 28.

As a seven year community college dropout, Guillen was able to easily warm up the crowd of about 30 people with college related humor. He also adapted to the environment by including people walking past the surrounding windows and through the doors into his show.

He covered major topics like the inauguration, voting, airport security, and gay marriage. His personality really began to shine through while doing impressions and accents of bands like Dave Matthews and Bob Dylan, movies, music, video games and porn, his favorite type of comedy.

Guillen is originally from California and often uses his Mexican background for material. He also uses real life experiences and news from CNN or FOX. He has been doing stand up for 10 years and turned 32 when he performed at Monmouth.

His favorite place to perform is at a pub called I'm a r-icks, in Riverside, California where he grew up. It is the first place he performed, and it is also a biker bar. “People would manacle, when he touched on the topic of the economy, he offered a word of advice for up and coming comedians when he said, “Don’t think about it, just do it.”

Sophomore Kyle Seiverd, also a standup comedian who is no stranger to the stage said, “I’ve never seen re and think he did a great job for someone who is not well known; he has quality jokes, I especially loved the ones about the Mexicans.”

For more information about Angel “Ace” Guillen, you can visit www.aceguillen.com.

New in Music:

The Fray
February 6

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Comedian Ace Guillen has appeared at the Laugh Factory, the Comedy Store, on Comedy Central, and now Monmouth University.
The Ground Floor
"Because when I arrive, I bring the fire, make you come alive!"

FRANKIE MORALES

Entertainment Writer

It’s almost over. After months of being cooped up in a studio, perfecting the sounds, adjusting their performance and editing their hits, the notes, the latest hit music release from Outlook Records has arrived. The album, stocked on the shelves for your approval is the sophomore album from Kevin Rudolf, “The Ground Floor,” a food experience for all things music.

This album compilation features smash singles such as “The Latest up and coming artists,” “Be Without You” is the kind of song that riffs the hip-hop genre, but rather bends it and makes it a lot edgier. Then again, this seems to be the current trend of hip hop artists with such stars as Kanye West adapting the 808 drum machine on his latest release and countless Lil Wayne camoués on rock number outfits, including "Tiffany Illness" on the latest Fall Out Boy album. But Kevin Rudolf, in it in a style that makes it obvious he is one of the originators of the trend, particularly with his leads when Rudolf is displays his solo talent. Then again, that’s not to say that Rudolf doesn’t make an effort to strip that down, particularly with “I Song” and the closer “Great Escape.” It is a piano-laced crooning of what seems to be a broken relationship that his heart wasn’t in that he had to walk away from.

Regardless, Rudolf puts together a respectable first time effort at a two month long gig in the foreground instead of behind the scenes. It certainly works on the mindless enjoyment level, and I won’t lie, it managed to pump some adrenaline in me.

However, its long lasting power might be minimized in how simple the lyrical and musical stance it. Since this article is called the "Ground Floor," it’s safer way to get a room for the bandwagon and if Rudolf learns from his first effort and beefs up his lyrical content and musical arrangement, you might as well strap a rocket to his back.

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But the exposure certainly doesn’t stop there, as Rudolf has been scheduled to take part in many more events that will certainly keep his lead single “Let It Rock” on fire. Later next month, Rudolf will perform at the stage performance at the NBA All-Star Weekend cele- brations, as well as being apart of the Shaq week. It might be a matter of time before the new- est addition to the rock/hop “take- over” is seen at all turns.

If it sounds intriguing enough, check out his hit at MySpace.com/KevinRudolfMusic before you be- come just another person in line. If not, then just stay in my line and get your ticket for another edition of “The Ground Floor” soon to come.

American Idol Kelly Clarkson is back

Kelly is back! Season one American Idol winner and two- time Grammy Award winning Kelly Clarkson is set to release her high- ly anticipated fourth studio album on March 17. All I Ever Wanted will feature her new single “My Life Would Suck Without You” which was just released to radio last week.

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2/2 Black History Month Flag Raising Ceremony, Great Lawn, 12 pm
2/3 T Sgt George Watson, Sr. USAF: Experiences of an Original Tuskegee Airman Anacon, 11:30 am-12:45 pm
2/13 Staged Reading of ‘Dutchman’ by Amiri Baraka, Woods Theatre, 4pm
2/16 Living History Lecture: Roles of Blacks During the Civil War from a Woman’s Perspective, Anacon, 11:30 am-12:45 pm
2/18 Break the Cycle, Be the Change, Wilson Aud., 9-10:30 am.
2/19 From Slavery to the Prison System: Human Rights Violations in America, Anacon, 1-2:15 pm
2/24 The Dorian Parreott Ensemble, Student Center Cafeteria, 1-4 pm
2/27 Black History Month Flag Lowering Ceremony, Great Lawn, 12 pm
2/28 Blacks in Wax Museum in Baltimore, Bus leaves Student Center at 8 am

“Shore Looks Good” Fashion Show

Saturday, February 7th 2009

Wilson Great Hall . Doors Open 6:30 PM
Tickets $10 in advance and $15 at the door

For the 5th year, Hawk TV, WMCX, The Outlook, and the PRSSA are hosting a fashion show featuring local designers and Monmouth Student’s modeling the clothing.
All proceeds are donated to a local charity, including the profit made through our gift raffle.

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If you could give President Obama advice, what would it be??

COMPILED BY: SARAH ALYSE JAMIESON

Sarah senior
“Don’t screw up.”

Jim senior
“Good luck.”

R.J. sophomore
“Help the economic situation.”

Kaitlyn junior
“Keep the market available to young potential business owners.”

Aracelis junior
“Follow your heart”

Anderson freshman
“Lower Capital Gains taxes.”

Macey freshman
“Ban Trans. fat.”

Sarah freshman
“Help the environment in America as well as other countries.”

Chris freshman
“Create and protect Universal Health Care.”

Colleen freshman
“Create more jobs to help future generations.”

If you could give President Obama advice, what would it be??

To have your campus-wide events included, send an e-mail to hkelly@monmouth.edu.

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Campus Events This Week

Winterball Tix go on SALE! 2/2-2/12: 11AM-3PM • RSSC & 4-8PM (7PM weekends) • Magill
Mass • Tuesday at 12PM • Thursdays at 12PM • Wilson Chapel
Mass • Wednesday at 7PM • Catholic Center

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28
Pop Art • 1-4PM • RSSC Lobby
Living Off-Campus 101 • 1:30PM • RSSC 202A
Housing Info Session • 4 PM • The Underground
MLK Tribute Celebration • 7:30PM • Anacon
Why Believe Series • 7:30PM • Catholic Centre
Fraternity Recruitment IFC Round Robin • 10:30PM • Young Aud.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29
Living Off-Campus 101 • 2 PM • RSSC 202A
RA Info Session • 4PM • The Underground
Lecture: The Virtual Immigrant • 4:30PM (Reception 6:30PM) • 800 Gallery
IFC Fraternity Recruitment through 2/3/09

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30
Sorority Recruitment Round Robin • 4:15PM • Young Aud.
Movie: High School Musical 3 • 7 & 11PM • The Underground

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31
Handwriting Analysis • 4-7PM • Magill Commons
Movie: Zach and Miri Make a Porno • 7 & 11PM • The Underground

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1
SUPERBOWL!
Superbowl Party • 5-9PM • Catholic Centre

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2
Black History Month Flag Raising • 12PM • Great Lawn
Black History Month Keynote Speaker: Dr. Mejendra DliFonseka Okururu-
A Dream Renewed? Africans in American and the Obama Phenomenon • 1-2:15PM • Wilson Aud
RA Info Session • 5PM • The Underground
Housing Info Session • 6PM • The Underground
PHC Bid Pick Up • TBA • Carol Aflitto
Women’s Bible Study “Courageous Love” • 2:30-3:30PM • Catholic Centre

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3
TSgt George Watson, Sr. USAF: Experiences of an Original Tuskegee Airman • 11:30AM-12:45PM • Anacon

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4
Documenting Our Presence • 2:30-3:30PM • RSSC 202B
Off-Campus Complex Info Session • 3:30PM & 6PM • The Underground
Why Believe Series? • 7:30PM • Catholic Centre

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**OL Training would be May 13-15 & June 28-July 3**

**Orientation Programs would be July 7-July 24**

Interested? Want to find out more?
Stop by the Office of Student Activities, 2nd Floor Rebecca Stafford Student Center to pick up an application!

Written Application Deadline: Thurs., Feb. 19, @ 4:30 p.m.

Questions call 732-571-3586 or Email activities@monmouth.edu
Hey Pep Banders! I hope your 2009 has started out fun and safe and that everyone had a restful break. I have high expectations for what we can do this year and am excited to follow through with them. Special thanks to you everyone who helped put together and staff our Martin Luther King Jr. event! We greatly appreciate the time and effort that was put in to produce a quality event with an enjoyable and interactive learning experience. More thanks to everyone who participated over the winter break at the basketball games. Our appearances make the games so much better for the audience and I know the teams and coaches appreciate our dedication. Our first and next rehearsal will be Thursday, January 29th at 7:00 PM. This includes new songs – “Celebration” and “Sell Out”. We also have more announcements to go over including information about our upcoming small jazz combo group. On Saturday, March 14th, we will attend the South Amboy St. Patrick’s Day Parade. This is during Spring Break. Please let Alimee know by February 6th if you plan on attending; you would be paid a small amount. Don’t forget, cash prizes are still available to members who recruit new folks. Also, if anyone has any suggestions for a fundraiser we can do this year, please let one of our officers know. If anyone has other goals for the band this semester or next year, don’t hesitate to let us know your thoughts for our Student Government Association Report. As always, we are excited with the opportunity to recruit new members; if you or anyone else is interested in joining, please stop by at any of our rehearsals or come out and join us at one of the basketball games! Have fun, and enjoy the Spring semester!!

STUDY ABROAD CLUB

Study Abroad Club was really excited to participate in the MLK Children’s Festival for the first time. We taught kids about travel and other cultures. Congratulations on another successful year! The first official Study Abroad Reunion will be held on May 2, 2009, at Anson Hall. We are looking for all students who have studied abroad to help with planning for this event to make it a great success. In order to look for a cure for our travel bug bite, we are looking into potential trips during break or a weekend. Stay tuned for details on those trips. If you are interested in traveling or love your study abroad experience so much and want to share it with other students, get in touch with us! For those of you who are interested in studying abroad, first step meetings are held each day from January 21-30 from 2:30pm to 3:00pm in the Student Center, room 301 D. Our meetings are Wednesdays at 2:30pm. outside Java City, Fireside. In case you can’t make the meeting or have any questions, email s0603942@monmouth.edu. Happy Traveling!
Horoscopes

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

**Aries** • (Mar. 21 - April 19) - This week is an 8
Calm down. The brain freeze you fear is permanent will break away as the weekend arrives. Relax and take it slow now because the weekend will have you enjoying yourself and moving faster than you thought possible.

**Taurus** • (April 20 - May 20) - This week is a 5
Wondering what planet these people came from? Yes, there are some weird things that have been going on but social and you will put yourself in a position to succeed. The weekend may not be easy but struggle through it. Use your free time to really get to work.

**Gemini** • (May 21 - June 21) - This week is a 9
The crazier the suggestion the more you seem to be enjoying it as the week progresses. Allow innovative ideas to change your mind a few times but do not take on more than you can handle. If something works, do not let it go. As the week comes to a close you may finally start feeling that strain. Speak your mind and you will find you are quite eloquent and intelligent.

**Cancer** • (June 22 - July 22) - This week is a 5
Overthinking is your curse this week. Your heart is taking you down one path but do not ignore what your mind is telling you. Think before doing anything. By the weekend you will need to slow down because the pressure is taking you near your breaking point. Relax and first take on the enjoyable tasks.

**Leo** • (July 23- Aug. 22) - This week is a 7
If you think your suave tricks are going to work; this time you may just be mistaken. Delve deep into your bag of tricks and maybe you will find something to work but don’t count on it. Do not get discouraged, however, you are going to enjoy using your mind to figure this one out. Skepticism is key as the weekend approaches. Learning is expected for this weekend.

**Virgo** • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) - This week is a 6
Organization is your life but no one is where they should be lately. Breathe and smile! Do not complain. Be sure, however, to point out the necessary dates and times to the people around you. By this weekend you realize that you can rely solely on yourself and need to take some time to do just that.

**Scorpio** • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - This week is a 7
Information is key. Stay in the real world even though the desire to get lost in your ideal world is very strong. Do not see just what you want; see what is really there. This weekend is one about resolving issues; not starting new ones.

**Sagittarius** • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) -This week is a 6
Feeling like you’ve lost your mind, your keys, your wallet and your dog? Focus on holding tight to things (and people) that matter to you. As the weekend arrives have some fun and try something new. You’re sick of worrying about the same thing all the time so try something new!

**Capricorn** • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) -This week is an 9
Finally your life plan seems to be making sense. Get creative and make some informed decisions as the week progresses. This weekend you know what you have to do. Your to do list is long but necessary. Act fast so you can enjoy the end of the week.

**Aquarius** • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) -This week is an 8
People are all around; go out and meet them! You feel like your social life hasn’t been quite up to par so get out and meet people you meet the more ideas that will be flowing your way. As the weekend arrives have some fun or a little problem or two but you’ll blow right by them.

**Pisces** • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) -This week is a 7
The beginning of this week you could focus on just one thing but by now you should be able to enjoy everything you’ve been thinking about instead of stressing. Have some fun telling the people close to you that you care about the week but don’t forget about yourself. As the weekend arrives realize that you have been making excuses. Stop feeling yourself and look at things for their actual value, not their assumed value.

**Horoscopes are strictly for entertainment purposes.**

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**Crossword**

**ACROSS**
1. Church table  
6. Derek and Jackson 
9. Actor’s platform  
14. Drench 
15. Facer maker, briefly 
16. Large villages 
17. Uneasy feeling 
18. Australian pay 
19. Opera songs 
20. Penny pincher 
21. Pull behind 
22. Present, e.g. 
23. Daytons 500 or Indy, e.g. 
25. Sleds 
27. Subway stops 
31. Mole 
32. Old card game 
33. Absolutely not! 
36. Roosevelt follower 
39. Bancroft and 
42. WWII riveter 
43. Young adult 
44. Former Spanish dictator 
46. Printer’s spaces 
47. TV guide abbr. 
49. Belgrade populace 
51. “Waltzing...” 
55. Earth orbiller 
56. Privileged few 
57. Youth grp. 
59. Gas containers 
63. Log structure 
64. Mare’s morsel 
65. Shira resident 
66. Wept 
67. Cycle starter? 
68. More adorable 
69. Stock up on 
70. Shamus 
71. Tucks away

**DOWN**
1. Sandler of “Little Nicky” 
2. Anderson of “WKR...” 
3. Harbor vessels 
4. Declare to be true 
5. Gets back into shape 
6. Mixologist 
7. Herman Melville novel 
8. Flat boats 
9. Island, NY 
10. Ripped open 
11. Inspiring reverence 
12. Grind together 
13. Stalom curves 
14. Pigeon call 
15. Prevarication 
16. Blind strip 
17. Verbal subtlety 
18. Top-drawer 
19. Mariner of fiction 
20. Of films 
21. Going by yacht 
22. Mark Twain’s Huckleberry 
23. 1979 Polanski film 
24. Beings 
25. Branch of automation 
26. Islamic holy city

**Solutions**

1. Passing 
45. -Magnon
2. Red light 
26. -Rational 
3. Shihbure 
27. Piscis 
4. Circa 
28. Combiner 
5. Allied org. 
29. Recognized 
6. Knights
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The Hawks, who came into the match-up in second place in the NEC with a 5-2 record, held a lead as high as nine points in the first half. Monmouth's intensity in the final minutes remaining in the contest, however, continued to be strong allowing Jenni-

Birds went on a 3-0 run and again Barber answered with a bucket for the home team, giving the Hawks a 13-18 lead, with four minutes to play in the half. The fans that traveled to Boy-

Women Prevail in NEC Battle of the Birds

Alex Nunner goes up for the game-winning field goal with just eight seconds left to defeat LIU 74-73.

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Marisa Jimenez drove to the basket to hit the go-ahead layup to propel the Blue and White to victory.

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A Word on Sports

The Rivalry On Tobacco Road: Duke vs. North Carolina

TIM RHEM

The search for a new Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach began immediately after the season concluded. After meeting with each of the candidates, one individual stood out above the rest. Tim Rehm was the 2008 graduate of Springfield College in Massachusetts with a degree in applied exercise science. He thoroughly impressed the panel and was offered the job.

Tim Rehm, the Director of the Fitness Center as well as the Coordinator of Strength and Fitness at Duke, is now the new Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach. He was interviewed by 20 candidates, ten of which were former Duke athletes. Rehm, who previously was employed by the New York Giants, Northern New Jersey, it provided him with a chance to work at a Division I institution within my home state. When I downed my interview, I immediately knew I knew that Rehm was the one I wanted to have a hand in the process.

The emphasis that Rehm has for his chosen vocation became evident as he talked about his passion for the sport. He has a unique understanding of the game and the demands required for success. His approach to developing strength and conditioning programs for several sports is innovative and creative. He is dedicated to his craft and his determination to succeed is contagious. Rehm is a true professional and a great addition to our team. He will be a valuable asset to our program and will make a significant impact on our team.

Eric Walsh

SPORTS EDITOR

The men’s track and field team is one of the top programs in the country. They have won numerous national championships and have produced several Olympic gold medalists. The team is currently ranked number one in the nation and is expected to continue their success throughout the season.

The major weakness of the Tar Heels is that they do not have many outside shooters. The Tar Heels could be a team that could really have a year like the Blue Devils, but they will have to improve on the outside shooting. They have to prove that they are capable of being a top team in the ACC.

The major weakness of Duke’s is their lack of size. They have a lot of talent, but they have not been able to put it all together in the same game. The Blue Devils have a lot of potential, but they need to improve on the outside shooting. They have to prove that they are capable of being a top team in the ACC.

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The Track and Field team, led by Christopher Taiwo’s school record setting triple jump of 47 feet 2 1/2 inches, had six athletes qualify for the IC4A because of their efforts at the Boston Terrier Classic on Saturday.

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