Students Help Spring Clean the Ronald McDonald House

FRANK GOGOL
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

A group of students calling themselves the “Hamburger Helpers” aided the Ronald McDonald House’s Spring Cleaning event in Long Branch on April 26 in an effort to ensure that the facility and its property were in the best possible conditions for its continued use.

The team formed in Professor Christy Hezel’s Small Group Communication class and decided to volunteer so that they could get to “help hands on,” instead of simply raising money for the cause. The group’s primary goal was to get to “help hands on,” instead of simply raising money for the cause.

“Everyone at the Ronald McDonald house was so appreciative of our help. We really had a great time there!” said Turner.

Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) is an organization whose mission is to create, find, and support programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children. On the organizational website, four core values that help achieve the mission are listed: “focusing on the critical needs of children, celebrating the diversity of the programs we offer and the staff, volunteers and donors who make them possible, staying true to our heritage of 35 years of responsible stewardship, operating with accountability and transparency.”

The Long Branch chapter of the RMHC, where the students

WPE Gets Thrown Out
University Administrators Final WPE this Semester

GINA COLUMBUS
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The Writing Proficiency Examination, which is administered to first year students at the end of each spring semester, has been removed from the list of General Education requirements because of the changing curriculum and the need to practice writing proficiency in a course required.

Susan O’Keefe, Associate Vice President for Academic Administration, said that the WPE has been part of the General Education curriculum since 1989. “The faculty instigated that students were weaker academically [20 years ago]. The student profile is better than how it’s been. To recisice for the curriculum in 2010, they felt that an assessment of writing was no longer required. It served a purpose, but it is no longer needed in our profile,” O’Keefe said.

If a student fails the May WPE, he or she must then register for English 112, Persuasive Academic Writing. Students who will be taking the WPE are those who have already taken English 101 and 102. Although the exam will not be administered in the future, O’Keefe said that stu-

Neva Pontoriero and Nicole Stevens Named Recipients of the 2009 Library Research Awards

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Information literacy and developing students’ critical thinking skills are a high priority at Monmouth University. Last year, the Monmouth University Library established Library Research Awards to recognize students who demonstrate skill and creativity in the application of library and information resources to research papers completed in fulfillment of a course requirement.

Graduate student Neva Pontoriero and undergraduate student Nicole Stevens have been selected to receive the 2009 awards. Both award winners made extensive use of library resources and services, demonstrated the ability to select, evaluate and synthesize the information collected, and showed personal learning and development of research skills.

Neva’s research paper, Connecting University Image and Public Perceptions, was written for her fall 2008 Professional Communication class. The project was nominated for the award by Communication faculty member Sheila McAllister-Sponnen. The research paper explores the connection between image formation, identity management, and public perceptions of service organizations, specifically in the university setting. In her supporting essay, Neva described her

Major Decisions to be Made For Graduating Seniors

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Students attend college in preparation for the real world and job market. But sometimes, when after college there is no one hiring? In these tough economic times with unemployment at the highest rate it has been in years, the degrees with the most appeal to employers may be the best way to ensure a job after graduation.

According to Monmouth’s Institutional Research Center, the most popular majors on campus are business, communication, education, criminal justice and psychology. “Majors like business and communication are popular because the options for jobs are so broad, and in this economy you need to be open to different opportunities,” said Danielle Schrama, coordinator of the First Year office.

A CNBC feature about the economic crisis gave a list of the top college degrees that have “the most drawing power in the job market.” The list, according to

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SGA Awards Honor Students for Yearly Accomplishments

ELIZA MILLER
STAFF WRITER

The 2008-2009 Student Awards Ceremony honored students for their academic achievements and leadership in particular areas held on April 26 in the Pollak Theatre. All recipients who received an award were put into a 2008/2009 booklet and are recognized by Student Government Association for all their achievements.

Starting off, the ceremony began with a warm welcome speech by SGA President Jeffery Cook, who was then followed by opening remarks presented by President Paul Gaffney II. After the opening remarks and explanation of how proud the university is to have such hard working and dedicated students, Dr. Golam Mathbor, Associate Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, began awarding students.

Dr. Golam Mathbor awarded 41 students in areas connecting to the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. Some awards included Academic Writing Prize, Creativity in Design Award, Creative Writing Prize, Italian Student of the Year Award, Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Anthropology, and or Radio Broadcasting Award.

The next awardee was Dr. Ranjana Sharma, Dean of Monmouth University Library, awarded two students for things relating to the Monmouth University Library. These awards included Monmouth University Library Research Award for 2009 given to Nicole Stevens, and Monmouth University Library Research Award for 2009 given to Neva Pontoriero.

Dr. Michael Palladino, Dean of the School of Science, Technology, and Engineering awarded 25 students in areas relating to the school of science, technology, and engineering. Some awards included ACS Analytical Chemistry Award, Biology Honor Society-Chi Eta Excellence Award, Computer Science Award, Outstanding Scholar in Mathematics, and or the Software Engineering Department Academic Excellence Award.

MU President

Dear Monmouth Student,

I’ve been thinking about your successes recently. Have you? Normally, you will hear me asking “what have you done lately” or more importantly “what do you plan to do next?” We aim for you to look forward. Once in a while, however, it is healthy to reflect on the victories you have accumulated. Now is that time, as the semester and academic year come to a close.

Absolutely, you have encountered a bump or two in the road. Just as absolutely you have overcome them. You have passed exams, written papers, done experiments and analyses, spoken in front of fellow students. You’ve made friends. New experiences can now be listed in your personal history. You have made a difference here and the community. You are more critical in your thinking about your world and your own personal decisions. I have seen your confidence soar.

Mostly, I am proud that you have learned to watch out for each other. I see increasing evidence of peer loyalty. I saw it today, this past week, this semester, this year. When I tell prospective students about MU, I tell them about you and your concern for each other. Congratulations. Good luck on your exams.

Paul Gaffney

MU President

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WPE Removed from University’s Curriculum After this Year

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dents must still take it this year, because the catalog of re-
courses are in indicates which courses they should take, which
includes the WPE.

After this year, students must fulfill the Writing Proficiency Requirement by receiving a C- or better in English 101 and 102. If they fail the course, they must either repeat it or enroll in Eng-
lish 112.

O’Keefe also said that the new curriculum, which is revised ev-
ery 15 to 20 years, has been un-
derway for the past few years. “This is what colleges and universities do ev-
ey so often; it keeps the core curriculum up to date,” O’Keefe said.

The revised General Education curriculum, established by the Fac-
ulty Council, has several changes for incoming students other than the withdrawal of the WPE. Courses English 101 and 102 will still be required; how-
ever, only three credits of a Lit-
erature, English 201 or 202, will need to be taken.

The Aesthetics requirement must still be fulfilled, but there will be a variety of course-
to be offered to students, rather than the four appreciation courses in dance, theatre, music and art. Perspectives will also

be opened up for a change in the variety of courses.

There will now be a “combina-
tion” requirement with Western Civilization and Social Science courses. Students will complete this either by taking two classes of Western Civilization and one of Social Science, or two class-
es of Social Science and one of Western Civilization.

The 100 level class of Infor-
mational Technology will be optional for students, depending on what their major’s depart-
ment requires. The same will be applied for the Humanities course, Critical Discourse.

The Mathematics requirement

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for three credits in a Cross Cul-
tural course and three credits in a Global Understanding course.

The Ronald McDonald Seminar course that many first year students took last fall passed a three credit First Year Semi-
nar course will be required to help first year students adjust to their new surroundings and spark an interest in their intend-
ed majors.

“One will not allow this other way, but the opportunity is there,” O’Keefe said.

O’Keefe advises students who have been fulfilling the current General Education core curricu-

lum not switch over to the new curriculum, or to wait until they have all of the information on what the core curricu-
lum will be.

This year, the WPE will be administered to students on May 7 from 9:45 a.m. to 12 p.m. and May 8 from 5:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Registration occurs at a first come, first serve basis.

Depending on when one reg-
isters to take the exam in e-Campus assigned computer labs on a word pro-
cessing program. Handwritten exams will also be given in Pol-
lak Theatre.

As advice to students preparing for the exam, O’Keefe says to “get familiar with the reading sets and be sure to follow directions.”

“Hamburger Helpers” Clean Up

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volunteered, was established in October of 1987 and is located adjacent to Monmouth Medical Center. It was founded by Ernie George, a local McDonald’s owner

and member of the Long Branch Rotary. While there the team cleaned everything in the facility from the walls to the refrigerators and got to know some of the residents.

“We cleaned the house, we had the opportunity to meet a little girl with an untreated brain tu-
er. She was an absolute sweet-
heart and we got to see firsthand

how important the Ronald McDon-
ald House is for families with sick
children,” Turner said.

The Ronald McDonald Houses are located near children’s hospi-
tals and offer families a refuge 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Up to eight families can be accommodated in the Long Branch House and all bedrooms feature a private bath, phone line and answering machine. Disability accessible rooms are also available. Families share a fully equipped kitchen, common living and quiet areas, a playroom, laundry facilities and gardens with an outdoor play area.

Financial costs accompanying treatment of a seriously ill child are often enormous and many parents take time off from work, while some have to leave their job altogether in order to care for their child. This

strongly affects the families, espe-
cially those with moderate or low incomes. The Ronald McDonald House helps in reducing costs and families are asked for a contribu-
tion of $10.00 a night for their stay, but no family is turned away if they are unable to pay.

“We are so happy we were able to help out at the Ronald McDonald House. They do so many valu-
eful things that directly affect our local community and we are proud of the opportunity to lend them a hand on their spring cleaning day!” Turner said.

Slumdog Millionaire Makes its Way to Monmouth University

Last Wednesday, April 22, 2009, the South Asian Student Association (SASA), “La Car-
bonera” Philosophy/Religion Club and The Center of Distinc-
tion for the Arts presented the movie “Slumdog Millionaire” on campus. The event had a tre-
 mendous turnout by students, staff and community members. Audiences were mesmerized by the touching thriller and enjoyed every bit of the movie.

Danny Boyle’s film Slumdog Millionaire has been a great suc-
cess throughout the world. The film is set and filmed in India, which tells the story of a young man from the slums of Mumbai, Jamal Malik, one of the slums, struggles to survive after his mother’s murder by the extrem-
ists. Through his journey he learns valuable lessons that help him win on the show “Who want to be a millionaire?”

Slumdog Millionaire won eight academy awards, the most for any film of 2008, includ-
ing Best Picture, Best Director, Best Adapted Screenplay, Best Film Editing, Best Sound Mix-
ing, Best Cinematography, Best Original Score and Best Orgi-

dinal Song. This film’s charasmat-
ic story line led it to win these prestigious awards.

As we approached the final scene of the influential movie, there was a huge lull in the enthusiasm in the crowd. People realized that you do not need to be a genius to succeed in life.

Overall, the event was a great success and provoked global awareness for poverty and des-
tiny. Last but not least a spe-
cial thank to Eileen Chapman, Barbara Powderly, and Profes-

sor Simonelli for their contribu-
tion and making it possible to show this great film on campus.

As President of the South Asian Student Association I would highly recommend this film to everyone who has yet to watch it and anyone who wishes to learn about the different lifestyles of the slums in India.

The South Asian Student Association brought Academy Award winning film Slumdog Millionaire to campus this past Wednesday.

Commission on Higher Education Honors EOF Program Seniors

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The New Jersey Commission on Higher Education honored ten Monmouth University Educa-
tional Opportunity Fund (EOF) seniors at Georgian Court Uni-

The Ronald McDonald House in Long Branch where student volunteer group the “Ham-
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tions. The three categories the students were honored in are the following: Outstanding Academ-

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Saying Goodbye to the Best Four Years of My Life

PAIGE SODANO
SENIOR EDITOR

Wasn’t it just the other week I was moving my pink bedding and boxes of Easy Mac into Cedar Hall? No, I’m wrong – it was four years ago. Oh, my time sure does fly by. As I started writing my senior goodbye for The Outlook it dawned on me that this is the last time I’ll be penning my name to a student-run newspaper, because I am done being a student very soon. My time at Monmouth has been by far the best experience of my life – nothing will ever compare to what I have learned, the people I have met, and most importantly the friends I will have for the rest of my existence. This school has taught me the best decision I ever made – so enjoy every second of it, for those of you who still have precious time left here. There are so many people I want to thank you for putting such a stress on me. I have kept it at a minimum, so bare with me next time I will ever write anything for The Outlook it will be a bit more sentimental. This is my last chance to thank everyone who I have met, the people who you are and each one of you have been a pleasure getting to know. If only we would’ve hung out more since we DO live on the same street, but our busy lives didn’t allow that. Thanks for all your help, especially with making the stories list every week. Best of luck in the future, I know you’ll go far! Lisa: I’ll never forget the stress ball in my class – sandwich. Thank you for ALL your help and teaching me layout back in the day. Keep in touch, I have to know that where English degree takes you, because you have worked so hard for it! I’ll always think of you when I hear the BSH – and I love that we both have the oldest 90s songs on our iPhones!

Danielle: Love that we became friends because we both LOVE London. It’s been great becoming so close with you, and I’m really going to miss you so we have to keep in touch, and be so proud of you when you end up working at Epic together! I wish you only the best in everything you do!

Taylor: CorWino, we wish we had been best friends instead. Todd with TWO d’s, Chatum, Helicopter Dance-Off, our similar living situation I’ve ever had at MU: Drew, Ashley and Marina – Dwight, R.I.P. It’s been more fun than I ever could have expected! Thank you for all the laughs and thank you for the shoulders I have cried on. I love you, roomies. I have made the greatest friends here, and please do keep in touch. I know I’m going back to PA for now, but come visit Amish country with me! I wish every single one of you all the best of luck in everything you pursue, I love you all – and thank you for the memories!

It’s now time for me to say goodbye to all of my wonderful Outlookers who have made my four years at this organization so worth the time I have given. Frank: Thank you so much for your patience, especially last semester, I don’t think I could have done it without you. We also can’t ever forget the office, it wasn’t just an office, but something you could call home. We had quite the heart to hearts, and I’m sure you helped me to grow up a little bit. I couldn’t do anything without you Frank. Who knew that someone looking girl would become best friends with another almost 65 years later? Thanks to you, I have learned to control how much blush I paint on my face. Funny how I always think of you when I pass by the old Peerless. Good luck with everything, and Frank, and have a fabulous senior year, and – I mean it – check out Facebook messages!

Chrisy: You’ve been great, just the way a good housemate should be. I’m so happy to have been a part of your last semester when my life was crazier than I could ever handle. We had endless heart to hearts, and I’m sure that snobby-looking girl would be proud of you! Thanks for taking photos and being there for all the endless hours I stayed up writing Outlook articles. We used to write Outlook articles together because we didn’t want to do it alone! I love you Miss M. Love, Paige Pooh. P.S. Want to dance on chairs to “Barbie Girl” later?

K.P.: You will always have a place in my heart, and I’ll never forget our endless memories. You have taught me so much about life lessons we won’t ever forget. We’ve had our ups and downs, but we got through all of them. I have watched you grow as a person and a student, and I am so proud of you! Thank you for everything, and you’ll always be ‘in my atmosphere’! P.S. You wanted it.

Now as much as I want to name every single one of my friends, I will truly miss living with you – and razing your closet. Oh, how you’ve improved my fashion choices. I’ll never forget all the memories we have made the past four years, and I can’t thank you enough for studying abroad with me. I also can’t ever forget when we used to write Outlook article together because we didn’t want to do it alone! I love you Miss M. Love, Paige Pooh. P.S. Want to dance on chairs to “Barbie Girl” later?

It’s been great having you on the staff, have fun next year! Chris N: The office isn’t the same without you – thanks for ALL your help, it has been much appreciated! We don’t go losing a few bucks! Good luck with everything and hold on to that computer charger – it needs it!

Sarah: You’re great and it’s been so nice working with you. If you wish for the best of luck in all you do! However, Facebook is a little bit out of control and all of us girls are a little jealous about it! ha! Leslie: You’re such a pleasant person to be around, and I love that we share an obsession with London together. I know you’re going to miss asking me to do things for Habitat, and me throwing a party for Habitat! I hope you’ll do it another last minute. Good luck in all you do!

Ron: You’ve been such a great staff member, I wish we had time to become better friends, but good luck in the future!

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The Outlook staff have helped shape me into a person, and the skills I have learned have contributed to my plume into the “real world” – yikes. Being involved in this class has taught me so much about leadership and I can only hope that I have left a lasting impression on you all who have not been involved. My experiences with The Outlook have been at an end, but have been incredibly generous and helpful.

Professor Frangipane: You have been the most influential professor and I can’t thank you enough. You have an extraordinary way of teaching and I’ve enjoyed every second of it. Your class was the best one but I was actually mad when it ended. You’re a true legend in my eyes, thank you so much.

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“You know, Danielle…” my dad said at my high school graduation party in 2005. “…we’ll be doing this again in a quick four years.” I brushed this off of my shoulders quickly; faster than I could blink my eyes and realize that it is now 2009, and I am writing my senior goodbye for the finale of my college career. It is hard to believe that this is my final contribution to The Outlook.

It is really incredible to me that in less than a month I’ll be handing my diploma proving that I’ve earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Communication with a concentration in Public Relations and Journalism at Monmouth University. I use the word earned, because I feel that the past four years have been four big stepping stones to the point where I’m at now; yet another turning point.

First and foremost, I have to mention The Outlook. Without it, I wouldn’t be able to write a senior goodbye (Thanks Frank). Since freshman year I wrote, edited, and sent stories from overseas while I studied abroad, and this newspaper gave me amazing opportunities to show off my work and everything I learned in my journalism classes. Plus, now I actually have something in my portfolio for my career.

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I’d like to thank a few people that have been guardian angels, really, throughout my college career. Number one is Professor Sanford; my advisor, my professor, and my life savior throughout many freak-outs. Thank you so much for dealing with me stressing out and for fixing every and any problem I had, you are incredible and an inspiration.

Professor Morano, I’d also like to thank you for putting the face of God into me whenever I handed in a paper to make it perfect; it has made me a better writer and taught me the value of putting hard work into everything. Thank you for your guidance, your stories, and everything you do. You are so helpful and inspirational and I appreciate it more than you know. I always looked so forward to your classes.

Professor Hokanson, thanks for being so fun and making class something to really look forward to. Also, thanks for making Comm Theory a piece of cake. I cannot believe the paper I produced with as little stress as I felt! You are such a big help with everything and always put a smile on my face.

To all of my professors, thank you. Every class has taught me what I know and made me who I am as my college career comes to a close.

As far as friends, let me start with freshman year. All of my roommates from I-suite in Spruce (you know who you are) are the best. I am so happy we were all so close and have so many fond memories, and most of all such good friends to hold on to even after my college career. Sophomore year, before I studied abroad in London, my Oakwood roommates; what more can I say? Besides that, we had the time of our lives for that one short semester, and I’m so happy we still keep in touch and can be close, even if we can’t see each other all of the time. I miss you girls.

I am also so grateful for the study abroad experience I was fortunate enough to have. To everyone that I studied abroad with, we had an amazing, incredible, fun time and it was the best time of my life up until this point. I made such good friends, had so many laughs, all while traveling Europe and learning about other cultures; what more could you ask for? You guys are the best!

To the entire senior class of 2009, I wish everyone the very best of luck in everything you do. What a crazy four years it has been, but we made it! Finally! I am very honored to share the stage with you on May 20 as we walk across to get our diplomas, that tangible evidence that we worked our butts off while we were here (and had a great time doing so!)

I have to thank my parents for the opportunity of being able to go to college. I am so lucky. To my mother, who I called at least every half hour of the last four years freaking out about some project or paper, and her patience with me. I love you so much, and you are the best mother any girl could ask for.

Dad, you were always my academic words of wisdom. You taught me to work hard, keep my chin up, and remember to have some fun while doing so. Thank you for your guidance and for being an amazing father, it means so much to me and I love you.

Also, I’m very ready for my college graduation celebration! My brother, Ari, what can I say? You are awesome, you certainly make me laugh...constantly. Thanks for supporting me with everything throughout the years. You’re the best bro ever, love you.

The rest of my family – you have all been so supportive of everything I do, have done, and will do, and there is nothing more I could ask for.

Last but not least, everyone at The Outlook that I’ve met throughout the past four years. I would love to write an individual goodbye to all of you, but I’d need the whole newspaper to fill it. You guys are the best and we have some fantastic memories together (Just a few to name; bonding at Applebees, NOT leaving AIM up, extremely non-productive e-board meetings, The Office quotes, Chris Netta, and tons of others!). Sandy, thanks for everything you do for us! It was such a pleasure to work with all of you and I wish you all the best. I truly hope we can all keep in touch! I love you guys!

In short, writing this makes me realize just how lucky and fortunate I am to receive such an amazing education from Monmouth. I was able to be a part of so much at this school, and as much as I’ve been saying lately that I can’t wait to graduate, I am very sad to leave and I know I’ll miss it so much. Again, thank you to everyone who helped guide me along the way, and I will be sure to take everything I learned, academically or otherwise, to my other journeys in life. CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2009!
It has really set in that this is the last issue of The Outlook for the year. It really seems like yesterday that I was walking in the office at the end of August to meet Sandy and start cleaning out Jackie’s...well, everything. But here we are, issue 25 and this experience was something more than a learning adventure for every facet of my life. I didn’t do this alone, though. Every way of the step someone was here to help me in one way or another and I would like to thank those people.

Frank: I don’t even know where to start. At the beginning, I suppose. I’ll never forget that first meeting with you and Paige back in September! But seriously, thank you for everything this year. ChrisKeller: I owe you very special thanks because no matter how much work the rest of us put into each issue, without you it would have never made it to the “snobby girl” rampage this year. I will walk away from it quite like I did from our meeting.

ChrisKeller: No, that’s not a typo, your name is one word. ChrisKeller. I owe you very special thanks because no matter how much work the rest of us put into each issue, without you it would have never made it to the “snobby girl” rampage this year. I will walk away from it quite like I did from our meeting.

And to the rest of you Outlookers (as Paige has called us) thank you all for your hard work and dedication this year. There are a lot of memories. We have nowhere but up to go next year and it will be the best year for The Outlook yet.
From Stereotypes to Soul Mates

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CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Becoming a college student has its benefits and doubts. It can be difficult at first trying to find your place. You pick up along with developing good grades and adjusting to dorm life.

I’m three years in and I think I’ve found a perfect medium.

Coming to a New York college from the outskirts of New York City, I brought a whole new world to the outskirts of New York City. It has its benefits and doubts. The social life is new and exciting. It’s different from the social life back home. I think that I’ve found a perfect medium.

I came to appreciate Greek life for what it has to offer to everyone as a whole, lifetime relationships that you will have with you after you graduate.

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

The Outlook would like to apologize for the following errors and omissions:

In the picture associated with the story about the Student Employee of the Year Ceremony, Gary Phoebus was mistakenly identified as Provost Pearson.

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Sober Transportation: What Can Monmouth Do?

RON GASKELL
FEATURES EDITOR

I went to a friend’s house to party for the first time, in a rather sophisticated social affair. That is to say, I went to a kegger in a basement. But the basement suite drive to the event after about two hours of trying to decide how we were going to get there. No one wanted to drive, because everyone wanted to drink. And for God’s sake, if you were alive at any point last night, you know how biting cold it was outside. Far too treacherous of a walk.

So we finally took a position on the whole ordeal: two people would drive, and since they would most likely be drinking, we were either walking home or sleeping there. A decent enough conclusion. But at the end of the night, there were too many people around to sleep, and it was still far too frigid to walk home. So, thankfully, a friend made the hike to come scoop us up, and we got home safe and sound (and warm). Now, you may be saying to yourself, “Good for you, but all my friends are jerks and drunks. They’d never come pick me up!”

Actuators, it’s just like one big sister.” Superlative.

Drunk driving is a national problem that requires student attention. Speak up and make a difference.

I’ve also made some poor decisions when it comes to transportation, and thankfully have come out of it unscathed. But I won’t be making those choices again.

Sober transportation is an extremely important issue, especially on a college campus, and especially at a college that does not offer all that much entertainment on its campus. What do we have? The Tuesday Night Alternative: sitting in a crowded room listening to some kid butcher Dylan on guitar? An acoustic Abu Ghraib?

No, this student body already relies on rub elbows with its peers. So we need a safe (and cheap) way to get around. Taxis are a rip off, and I’m almost positive that the one I took home a few weeks ago drove around in circles before finally getting me back to campus.

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Opponents of a drunk bus say that it encourages binge drinking. Even if this is true, which it may be, you must take the good with the bad. People are going to drink, regardless of what barriers we may put into place, and that’s the issue. We, as a campus community, should take the steps to ensure that when students drink, they do so responsibly.

So I encourage everyone reading this to go out drinking, get into the car, and drive home. The numbers will eventually start adding up, our voices will have to be heard, and change will have to come.

I’m kidding of course. Please do not get behind the wheel after having any drinks. But do speak up. When you finally realize that you of these long, chilly walks down Norwood and Cedar, then call upon the administration to do something. We guaranteed at least this about why it hasn’t been done already. Speak up, and be heard. Change comes about by the stereotypes that we need a safe (and cheap) way to get around. Taxis are a rip off, and I’m almost positive that the one I took home a few weeks ago drove around in circles before finally getting me back to campus.

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POLITICS EDITOR

The 2008 Presidential Election marked the first time, for most undergraduate students, that voting for president was possible. With this civic responsibility came dozens of questions—those about the condition of the job market and state of the economy after graduation and those about affordability of higher education.

When considering relevant issues, many college students made education, economy and the job market top priorities. Just three months into Barack Obama's presidency and the ball is rolling; he has already formulated a stimulus package plan, created the American Opportunity Tax Credit plan and began the process of simplifying financial aid for students.

According to the United States Census Bureau, more than 11 million students and their families currently receive financial aid to help pay for higher education. Obama has already declared that a simplified financial aid application process will be put into effect, making it more accessible to students and their families. The President's plan is to reform the grueling process of filing a FAFSA application by ridding what he believes is excessive information and time-consuming questions. He has vowed to set-up a financial aid option on tax forms so that families may choose with just a simple check mark to be candidates for receiving financial aid for their college students. Vice President Joe Biden fully supports Obama's plan for simplification. In essence, the FAFSA form will be eliminated so that families can have easier access to financial assistance, especially with the possibility of having more than one student enrolled in college. Simplification would be nice, many families agree. However, criticism of the President's plan remains: just because the application will become easier for and more accessible to families, this does not mean the number of financial aid recipients will increase. Yet, President Obama wants to increase the amount of students receiving aid, and this means budget cuts somewhere or money out of taxpayer's pockets.

According to a recent New York Times article, an additional $6 billion would have to come from taxpayers' money in order to offer as much financial aid as the President would like. For the time being, the Department of Education says the President will struggle to find money to finance more aid for college students. The President continues to work hard to increase college financial aid and to find ways to get more grant money. He has proposed that more students be considered for and incorporated into the Federal Work Study Program. An alternative to this is community service, says Bill Richardson, democratic governor of New Mexico. "The cornerstone of the Obama-Biden proposal is scholarship for every student—$4,000 in exchange for one year for community service." Richardson said.

The governor also noted the current lack of funds for accomplishing Obama's plan for more financial aid, yet he is hopeful. He believes that by prioritizing awarding more aid to college students and reallocating money in the Department of Education, Obama will achieve his goal and is confident that the student voice will be heard.

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Obama’s Education Plan: Reforming the FAFSA

The first steps toward enacting President Obama's plan to reform the FAFSA are being taken.

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This week overseas... Always be prepared

A study abroad student shares her insight from a personal experience

Monmouth Study Abroad students from previous semesters were able to enjoy the views of many different places that our school has to offer including: Australia, London, Italy and Spain. If you are interested, the Study Abroad office is on the 3rd floor of the Student Center, or e-mail Robyn Asaro at rasaro@monmouth.edu

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Of all the Study Abroad programs Monmouth offers, the Spain program ended up being the most intimidating. For most people, the language barrier is the main reason why prospective students are hesitant to commit to the program. Not to mention that all classes are offered in Spanish, students live with a host family, and the program is located in a city very similar to New York. However, everything I just mentioned is the exact reason why the Study Abroad program is life changing and by far one of the greatest experiences anyone could ever have.

I first studied in Madrid in the summer of 2007. Our group of eleven students, most of whom were born and raised in suburban areas of New Jersey, seemed tiny and lost in such a large city. However, after about five days of getting lost on the metro headed in the wrong direction and looking both ways down one-way streets, we began to feel like we could fit in. The short six weeks flew by faster than anyone could imagine. We ALWAYS had something to do; whether it was going to the weekly “welcome” party offered by the school, a museum trip, or a weekend bus trip, we were always on our feet, busy about the city, about country, the people and its culture. Students on the trip came without knowing a word of Spanish, and left feeling confident in returning to Spain or visiting another Spanish speaking country because of how well they could now speak the language. I used to be intimidated by large cities, but after living in Madrid for six weeks, I felt independent and confident in my ability to adjust and live in an area much different than my small hometown in New Jersey.

When we returned to the United States, something about me had changed; I needed to return to it. I was on another plane flying to the Madrid Barajas Airport. My second experience in Madrid was in no way better or worse than the first; it was completely different. The Monmouth students were different, my teachers were different, how well they could now speak Spanish as much as possible. Buy anything you possibly want because you never know if you will be able to return. Don’t sweat the small stuff, things happen, and they will pass. Trust your family and ask them questions. Understand that your roommate might have different views on the city and learning as well as the language. I can’t tell you why, but that’s okay. Travel on your free weekends. Take pictures of EVERYTHING. Keep a journal. Buy lots of postcards from all the places you visit. Use your phone to take pictures of the city and the people that you meet, it’s something that can never be taken away from you.

Like anyone who has studied abroad will tell you, the experience is truly life changing. Madrid will feel like your home after a few days and before you know it, you will be back in America. In the beginning, don’t expect to be able to use the phone for the first time while you are there! See everything you possibly can. Try out all new foods, try new things, experience it all! It’s a lot about the city. Try new food, even if it is completely different than what you’re used to. Walk whenever possible (the metro is convenient but walking allows you to see much more). Speak Spanish as much as possible. Buy anything you possibly want because you never know if you will be able to return. Don’t sweat the small stuff, things happen, and they will pass. Trust your family and ask them questions. Understand that your roommate might have different views on the city and learning as well as the language. I can’t tell you why, but that’s okay. Travel on your free weekends. Take pictures of EVERYTHING. Keep a journal. Buy lots of postcards from all the places you visit. Use your phone to take pictures of the city and the people that you meet, it’s something that can never be taken away from you.

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How do you sum up the best 12 weeks of your life in 500 words?

Always be prepared

Despite a rocky start to her trip, Lindsay was able to view the Temple de Sagrada Familia in Barcelona, Spain, which is still under construction since March 19, 1882. The funding for this is based on donations only.

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STUDY ABROAD THE OUTLOOK

April 29, 2009

"...one of the most important things I think every study abroader should know: be prepared." LINDSAY CADMUS  MU Study Abroad Student

Always be prepared
Father Ireneusz Ekiert is the Catholic Center’s priest, before, without a permanent priest.

The Monmouth senior explained how in confession, Father Ireneusz is very under-standing and compassionate. “He treats the repentance as the sacrament that it is,” Clemency said. “Father was definitely called by God to be the priest that he is today, and I am very glad that God placed him here, to work with us.”

“Father is a great example and whiteness, on campus. He is someone who wish to follow his teach-ings. He has touched me in the sense as well as in a spiritual journey. His Homilies (religious lectures) bring me to a deeper prayer life.”

Father Ireneusz explained that he would probably just be a worker in the business world. Clemen-cy added, “Father was not being our Priest, butJakub said that if Father was not with all of the would perhaps simply be a religious mission- ary, working for God in a dif-ferent way.”

“I love working here, at Monmouth University. I enjoy working with students,” Father said. “I plan to be here for about three years. I am really enjoying on my studies, but I cherish my time here. I am planning to study Psychology and counseling the next school year, so I may stay here for two years. I am very interested in a different campus, as a Psycholo-gical Counsellor. Whatever I do, I am going to find plea-sure in doing.”

Clemency and Jakub stated how they would also have the chance to stay and work with them, on campus. “Father’s joy truly speaks through him,” Jakub said. “This campus is truly blessed because he was hand-picked, by God, to be here and guide us.”
the National Association of Colleges and Employers, includes computer science, business management/administration, marketing, and economics. Accounting holds the number one spot for the college degree with the most hiring potential.

Scheana frequently advises undeclared students on career choices. Students often come in with a major based on suggestions from family and friends about what career will earn them the most money after graduation. They have fantasized ideas about a job from movies and television or stories from others. It’s not until courses in that major begin that students get a sense of what the major really entails, she said.

Junior Felicia Norott, 21, of Freehold, experienced the pressure that others place on choosing the right major during her senior year of high school. Entering Monmouth University as a history and secondary education major, she quickly realized that was not for her, despite growing opportunities in the education field.

“I was told by my guidance counselor at high school that the only thing you could do with history was to teach it. After talking with my academic advisor, Dr. Veit, I realized all the possibilities there really were for studying history,” she said.

Norott hopes that an anthropologist minor to complement history and secondary education major would be her major.

“Many just require a degree, any degree,” she said.

If you are able to arrange an interview, a good impression is necessary, especially if the job is competitive. Employers are looking for motivated, enthusiastic people who are eager to work, Hill said. Also important is preparation, everything from proper attire to knowledge about the company.

First impressions are vital, whether in a face to face interview or even on a social networking site. “It’s perfectly legal for employers to look at your MySpace or Facebook page to get an impression of you,” Hill said. Removing immature or unprofessional content is a wise decision, as well as making a professional email address for employers to reach you.

Although the unemployment rate in New Jersey is the highest it has been since 1990, according to the United States Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics, Hill said he has a more positive outlook of the job market than what the media portrays.

“Graduating students have more entry level positions available for them. There are many opportunities because of lack of experience and lower salary requirements. They can compromise a little more than other workers,” Hill said.

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, though, the employment rate of college graduates for the class of 2009 will be the lowest in years at 22 percent. At Monmouth there are several opportunities in the education field. Students often come in with a fantasy ideas about a job from others. They have family and friends about what career they after graduation. They have a sense of what the major really entails, she said.

Jennifer Harris, Associate Director of Alumni Affairs, works with alumni to help them navigate the job market. Along with the Placement Office, Alumni Affairs organizes career days and networking services, like speed networking, which helps alumni make business contacts if they find themselves in need of a job.

The events began as a result of more and more calls from alumni recently laid off. These alumni ranged from the seasoned to the freshly graduated, Hill explained.

While the emphasis placed on the most beneficial majors is still strong, for many students pursuing one of those majors is not the way to go. Students who struggle with the course work and are unhappy with the major must realize that it is often not worth it. Scheana advises that, “Employers will teach you about the job. Instead, find a major you love and that you do well.”

Students Making Decisions

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The submission period for the 2010 MU Library Research Awards begins on May 1, 2009 and ends March 1, 2010. Papers written for classes in the spring, summer and fall 2009 semesters are eligible for the awards. There will be three award categories: Undergraduate, Graduate, and Honors' Thesis. Application forms and additional information are available on the Monmouth University Library’s website on the “About the Library” page.

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The title, when looked at closely, really is a grand reflection of the story. The “Red” tells of the chaotic and dangerous tone established within the novel and the “Album” represents not only the musical aspect of the book, but also acts as a play on words in that an album can be called a record, and a record is another word for an account of something. Interpretively speaking, the title could mean a chaotic memory of Asbury Park. This kind of thought about just a title is something comparable to Shakespeare.

There is truly nothing I can say is wrong with this book, which is a first for me. It brings a little of everything to the table and hits close to home, and this University. I highly recommend this rare read and give it 10 out of 10.
The Ground Floor

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The show itself has seen quite an evolution in the last few years, from being a strictly punk festival to adapting more to pop-punk, to include some metal, then hip-hop, then full-blown pop before becoming the melo-dramatic pot of music that it is today. With many musical con- ditions, it has to be difficult know- ing where to go and when. Ah-ha, that’s where the Ground Floor comes in to ease your mind and help you plan out your visit of May 1st, 2nd and 3rd the right way, tours and shows, it’s only proper to adapting more to pop-punk, from being a strictly punk festival.

The popular Skate and Surf Festival Bamboozle Festival will be returning to New Jersey.

The Used. Needless to say, there are festival regulars, Silverstein, of whom I have seen at most of their shows, and the incomparable Far From the Bread Aisle to deliver his hit “Poppin’ Champagne,” a “Red Letter Day,” All Time Low

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Time: 8-10 p.m.
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April 29, 2009

Dear Students:

April 24, 2009

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Vice President for Student Services

Mary Anne Nagy

Sincerely,

I look forward to your anticipated cooperation and I hope to see you at Springfest. Best wishes on your final exams!

Your commitment to making this event a celebration of the year’s achievements is critical. I know I can count on you to do so!

For those students who live off campus, I would also remind you that the local communities have a zero tolerance for any violations of the rules and regulations of the University and your willingness to take care of one another are all essential elements to the success of this day. Therefore, I ask that you spend a few moments reviewing the following guidelines that will be in effect before, during, and after the festival. Your respect for local laws and regulations of the University and your willingness to take care of one another are all essential elements in the success of the day. Therefore, I ask that you spend a few moments reviewing the following guidelines that will be in effect for Springfest 2009.

1. If you plan to attend Springfest 2008, you should know that backpacks, refrigerators, and other large items will not be permitted into the festival area, while they are in possession of such items.
2. Students living in any of the on-campus housing units will not be permitted to host a social gathering during or after Springfest. The Office of Residential Life will review all party applications and then contact the apartments that have been approved by Friday May 2, 2009.
3. Parking in the Great Lawns of Garden Apartments lots will be strictly enforced. If you plan to drive to campus for the festival and do not have a valid parking permit in the Garden or Great Lawn parking lots, you MUST park in the Commuter parking lot by the Student Center. No exceptions permitted. Students should enter the campus from the Larchwood Avenue entrance.

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What are you Most Excited for when the Spring 2009 Semester Comes to an End

COMPILED BY: SARAH ALYSE JAMIESON

“I’m excited to be finished with school and to enjoy the summer.”
Chris senior

“I’m excited to go to China this summer and travel around Beijing.”
Lauren senior

“I’m most excited to graduate Monmouth.”
Amanda senior

“I’m excited to be on the beach and go on vacation.”
Jim freshman

“I’m excited to attend many BBQs.”
Tom senior

“I look forward to continuing to believe that the Senior Gift of a new mascot doesn’t cost $4,018.”
Carl freshman

“I look forward to spending the summer with my mom, Bernadette.”
Andrew senior

“I’m looking forward to spending the summer with my mom, Bernadette.”
Lou freshman

“I’m looking forward to having the entire summer off.”
Jordan sophomore

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The Writing Proficiency Examination (WPE) will be offered next on
Thursday, May 7, from 9:45 AM to 12:00 PM
Friday, May 8, from 5:15 PM to 7:30 PM

Eligibility Requirements for the Exam
In general, you are eligible to take the May 2009 WPE if and only if you meet all three of the following conditions:
1. you are a current Monmouth University student at the time of the exam (that is, you have a start date that falls before the date of the exam); and
2. you have EN 101 and EN 102 or their equivalents (such as transfer equivalencies or Credit by Examination); and
3. you have not previously attempted the WPE.

Requirements for Attempting the Exam
The required reading set for the WPE will be available at the University Bookstore for a minimal fee beginning Wednesday, April 22, 2009. Students must purchase and read the reading set before the exam, and must bring the reading set to the exam.

In order to be admitted to the WPE, students must present a Monmouth University Student Identification Card. If you do not have an ID, you may obtain one at the ID Center, located in the Student Center.

Resources for Preparing for the Exam
To prepare for the examination, students should pick up and read the Writing Proficiency Requirement Preparation Manual, available for no charge at the Writing Office or online at http://www.monmouth.edu/writing_office.

The Writing Office will offer three information sessions about the WPE at which the format and expectations of the exam are explained and at which you can ask questions in person.

The information sessions will be held on the following dates:

Thursday, April 23, from 4:30 to 6 PM
Wednesday, April 29, from 2:30 to 4 PM
Monday, May 4, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM

All information sessions will be held in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center, 202B

Additional information is available from the WPE Information Line at 732-263-5491 and from the Writing Office in Wilson Annex Room 510.

Volunteer Corner

Search "Volunteer Directory" on the MU home page for more opportunities.

Questions? E-mail volunteer@monmouth.edu or stop by the Office of Service Learning and Community Programs, Room 501E in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center.

“The way to build self-confidence is to do things you’re not sure you can do.”
Paul Williams
April 29, 2009

The girls drove. I dozed off occasionally through the night. Well, not really. It was this particular Saturday that the noise of the powerful wind making lessons for strumming with an elderly stranger who taught me techniques for strumming with my fingers instead of a pick. The five of us pulled up for a warm up session before competing válidamente against UNCW and Cape Fear Academy as well as other schools located along the East Coast. Despite each of us surfing our best in the chaotic mess of an ocean in addition to incredible shredding by freshman Tom Blaney, we unfortunately did not place among the top three schools in the competition. We had way too much fun to be upset about the loss and went back out for more surf after the competition.

That night we rewarded our starved stomachs at a place that Stephanie brought us to called Flaming Amy’s, which reminded me of what I love about the south. Where else could I get a steak and cheese quesadilla with faces, chest to head high waves, no-overzealous winds blowing all around me. We crashed in our sleeping bags in the back of the Jeep and tortured Stéphanie’s aunt’s house. On the way home we took turns driving since we were even more exhausted, and arrived back at Monmouth at 5:00 AM Monday morning. I napped for a few hours on the couch in Birch Hall before getting up for my 8:30 music appreciation. Even though I was probably awake for forty minutes in that class and still had sand between my toes, the trip was totally worth it.

In spring 2009, the Monmouth Surfers were approved as an official university club. The members are few but we are slowly growing. Now that we represent Monmouth University, new members cannot count on trips that include such risky activities as showering in outdoor showers of unoccupied beach houses or camping on the beach, but if the club continues to grow, it’s possible to receive funding to make it more affordable to stay in a motel or rent a house. Our club is open to all students regardless of how often they surf. We have already participated in Monmouth University’s annual Day of Service. Starting in Fall 2009, the club plans to offer surfing lessons while providing wetsuits and beginner boards for anyone who is interested. I will be studying abroad in Sydney during the fall but I hope to see many students that are more interested in surfing and environmental responsibility because of the surfriders club when I return for the spring. The club meets every other Wednesday in Edison 122 at 3:30pm.

Pep Band... Thanks for a great year! With all our hard work, we put on so many great performances, whether it was through Monmouth football and basketball games, parades, performing for school functions, or performing in front of the New Jersey Nets! I’ve only been with the pep band for 3 semesters, but I’m proud of what I’ve seen. Aimee, all of us in the pep band are grateful for your energy and dedication direct- ing the band. You’ve done so much scheduling, organizing, recruit- ing, planning, and more; we would not nearly have performing forces and excitement we have now without all your energy. Remember to let Aimee know by Thursday, April 30, if you plan to go on our Six Flags trip (Saturday, May 2). Also, Aimee, May 1. Please, have a great remainder of the semester, enjoy the weather, and study up for finals!!

STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD

The event you have been waiting for all semester is finally here!! The Student Activities Board presents Plain White T’s With Special Guests this Thursday, April 30, 2009. Doors open at 7:30pm 4-30-09, the concert will take place in Pollak Theatre, with reserved seating only. Tickets are still available at the Information Desk in The Student Center for full-time graduate and undergradu- ate students, and mu faculty. Tickets are $10 for students, $20 for guests (limit 1 guest per Monmouth ID). Personal checks and cash only. Come relax away the stress of finals at Springfest on the Green this Sunday from 12-6pm. The day will be filled with free concerts, food, games, and a beer garden for those who are 21 and over. For any questions, call 732-922-4704 or email sab@monmouth.edu.

STUDY ABROAD CLUB

Do you wake up every day thinking about your time spent abroad? The study abroad club has the perfect event where you can be as nostal- gic as you’d like about your study abroad experience. This event is open to all Monmouth students and guests: those who want to study abroad, love to travel, or just want to meet people from the past 8 years of the study abroad program. Our first Study Abroad Reunion on Saturday May 2nd, from 6-10 pm at CONNOLLY STATION, 711 Main Street, in Belmar. Tickets are $25 per person and include a wonderful evening of trips down memory lane, delicious appetizers, a tantalizing buffet, dancing, maybe a few pictures, and door prizes. Contact s0638@monmouth.edu for more information. Or drop off your checks payable to Monmouth University, cash, or credit card info to the Study Abroad Office, 1st Floor of the Student Center.

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Daily Mass

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Wednesday and Thursdays at 2:30 pm

Bible Study

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STUDENT APPRECIATION THANK YOU!!

The Science Technology and Engineering Dean’s Office sends a sincere thanks to our dedicated and enthusiastic office assistants: Alice Grogan, Chelsea Lorantz, and Sara Chamberlain. Thanks for all you do to keep our office running smoothly!
Horoscopes

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

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Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19) - This week is a 7
Improved procedures or new personnel may this week cause unexpected delays. Although annoying, offer silent support at present authority figures may be highly sensitive to group criticism. After Thursday surprising business or romantic proposals may arrive without warning: explore potential friendships with creative people.

Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) - This week is a 5
Friends and lovers may be this week be mildly possessive of your time: after Monday watch for unusual messages or confrontations. For many Taureans much of this may be a repetition of past disputes. If so, study the opinions and actions of loved ones: obvious clues will soon lead to breakthroughs. Later this week a workplace mistake may create unusual financial or time expectations. Be precise.

Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) - This week is a 7
For many Geminis creativity, passion and sensuality are now increasing. Early this week watch for compelling invitations and rare emotional overtures. Potential mates will now steadily reveal their deeper feelings. Respond with enthusiasm: romantic compliments are sincere. Wednesday through Saturday pay special attention to the minor comments of family members or workmates. Someone close may now need to attend to family issues or take a brief rest.

Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) - This week is a 6
Ethical issues and complex legal restrictions may this week be resolved. Beginning late Monday, and lasting for the next 8 days, watch for authority figures to announce key decisions and clarify past misunderstandings. Late instructions, unfinished paperwork or unique assignments may be accepted with alert. After Friday some Cancerians will experience a dramatic wave of romantic attraction. Chose wisely: new relationships will become quickly demanding.

Leo • (July 23- Aug. 22) - This week is a 9
Managers or officials may this week provide unreliable information or vague promises. In the coming weeks, however, disjointed projects will net positive rewards: remain dedicated. After Tuesday family relations will improve: expect joyful moments and witty exchanges. Some Leos will this week and almost three months of low family interest or social disappointment. Take time to fully explore new suggestions: someone close may now need to witness your renewed faith.

Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) - This week is a 7
Study intimate relationships closely this week; present others may reveal obvious clues to their long-term intentions. Key family decisions and new daily habits are highlighted: watch for loved ones to press for added commitments or revised home rules. Thursday through Saturday accent home renovations, financial speculation and detailed family discussions. Although bothersome, this is the right time to begin complex building projects or land contracts.

Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - This week is an 8
Colleagues or partners will soon create surprising opportunities: expect compelling ideas. By early next week reliable paperwork will arrive.

Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - This week is a 4
Group dynamics and social loyalties may be unusually complicated over the next few days. Follow your instincts and avoid public declarations of affection. At present, friends and lovers will easily misinterpret words, comments or promises. Wednesday through Saturday highlights revised job descriptions, new team projects and strained workplace relationships: expect a recent business proposal to be postponed. A demanding week: stay focused.

Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) - This week is a 6
Work colleagues may this week add new ideas or suggestions. Don’t be rattled: over the next six days colleagues and new employees will be seen to be unnecessarily boisterous. Tuesday through Friday accounts for unique assignments may be accepted. A demanding week: stay focused.

Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - This week is an 8
Unusual business or financial news may arrive early this week. If so, expect last minute adjustments, cancelled projects or poorly defined instructions. Give authority figures more time to settle outstanding personnel issues: your patience will be rewarded. After Wednesday many Capricorns will experience a compelling wave of social interest and subtle romantic overtures. This is an excellent time to search out new relationships.

Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) - This week is a 9
Colleagues will soon revise their social outlook and group expectations. Late Monday watch for others to question their own abilities or confidence. Be gracious: in the coming weeks clarity and optimism will arrive in all business relationships. Wednesday through Friday a new friendship may turn briefly romantic. Significant others will now demand clear signals and bold decisions. Wait, however, for new circumstances.

Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) - This week is a 6
Watch paperwork for valuable new opportunities: within the next few days vital work assignments may steadily expand to include revised partnerships or lucrative business proposals. After Tuesday social messages may be unusually scattered: expect competing facts or opinions. Friends and relatives will soon revise their ideas concerning long-term promises, daily expectations and social or family planning. Stay focused on immediate goals and all will be well.

Horoscopes are strictly for entertainment purposes.
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A Word on Sports

BY KIMBERLY FARRICKER

The Bronx Bombers did not make the playoffs for the first time since 1993. This was an embarrassment for the Yankees team, management, the owners and fans. The Yankees also ended last year in their old stadium, better known as the house that Ruth Built so not making the playoffs made it even worse for them.

The Yankees are known as a team that runs deep through October and they have won the most championships out of any sports franchise. There is actually a quote about the Yankees and the World Series, “why is it called the World Series if all the games aren’t in New York.” To be exact, the men in pinstripes have won twenty-six World Series and start with the Cleveland Indians.

The Yankees have not made it through the first round of the playoffs since 2004, when they lost in the ALCS to the eventual World Champion Boston Red Sox. The owners, Hal Steinbrenner and Hank Steinbrenner, wanted to bring something to the fans who feel he should stay in the fold.

With the pitching of his nasty curveball and his hard fastball.

The new Bombers deal worth $161 million. The free agency market, the Yankees wanted or expected.

Kennedy did not have the season of his best seasons last year. The Yankees history. The Bronx Bombers are expected to throw a right-hander AJ Burnett to a deal worth $161 million. The Bronx Bombers are expected to throw a right-hander AJ Burnett to a deal worth $161 million.

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The Hawks started their six game week with a double header on the road against Lehigh University. On a sunny Thursday afternoon in Bethlehem Pennsylvania, the number one team in the Patriot League took two from Monmouth with wins of 4-3 and 6-3. The first game went nine innings, while the second game went 10 innings.

In the first game saw Melissa Murphy’s three run double allowing one on four runs, and recording three strikeouts. Mehter left the game in a one nothing hole. Monmouth rallied however, answer- ing with back to back singles to tie it up in the top of the fifth to knot the contest at one a piece. Abby Martin opened the scoring for the Hawks as she scored from second on left fielder Chelsea Paprocki’s two RBI single to center.

Relief pitcher Dara Palms started strong with two two out innings. In these innings Monmouth was able to take the lead in the sixth. The Blue and White, in the sixth. The Blue and White, in the sixth. The Blue and White, with a two out, two RBI double, Nichole Alvarez able to collect yet another Hawk two run lead as they went up 4-2 in the middle.

Unfortunately, Palms was unable to preserve the lead for her team and recorded her first loss of the season. Palms allowed two runs on four walks, and was also hurt by two errors by Lehig.

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The Hawks are the New York Yankees are on the DL so they will most likely be called up young right hander Phil Hughes. Though Hughes struggled last week, he was able to pitch a 5-7 pitch in Triple A and the Yankees hope Hughes can give them the lift they need.

The next problem the Yankees needed to address was their pitching. For the past seven years, Jason Giambi was the main first baseman. The Yankees lacked confidence in him at first base, so they would always carry guys on the roster that could play first base. The Yankees were not sure they would land their first baseman target as they made a trade to acquire switch hitting, versatile fielder, Nick Swisher. Swisher was able to play first base and the outfield. Swisher is coming off of one of his career worst seasons. So far, Swisher is playing great and has been the Yankees right hander Phil Hughes.

The Yankees front office, which was led by Mark Teixeira. At the start of the year, the Yankees chances of Sign- ing Teixeira were not good. The Boston Red Sox were very aggresive in landing this elite free agent. The Yankees ended up signing the switch hitting, two base hit up in the seventh as the Hawks took game number two and a piece. Monmouth would give up a run in the seventh as the Hawks took game number two and a piece. Monmouth would give up a run in the seventh as the Hawks took game number two and a piece. Monmouth would give up a run in the seventh as the Hawks took game number two and a piece. Monmouth would give up a run in the seventh as the Hawks took game number two and a piece. Monmouth would give up a run in the seventh as the Hawks took game number two and a piece. Monmouth would give up a run in the seventh as the Hawks took game number two and a piece. Monmouth would give up a run in the seventh as the Hawks took game number two and a piece. Monmouth would give up a run in the seventh as the Hawks took game number two and a piece.

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Emily DeLong hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning to send the Hawks to the NEC playoffs with a 5-4 win over Quinnipiac.

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