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SKETCH COURTESY of Patricia Swannack
The Doherty House will replace the original house and feature three apartments on the second level.

President's house demolished

ALISON MCSHERRY
EDITOR IN CHIEF

After much investigation, the university decided to tear down the President's Mansion located on Norwood Avenue over winter break and to construct a new house in the spring.

According to Patty Swannack, Vice President for Administrative Services, it would be more trouble to try and repair the damages than it would to simply build a new, more practical structure.

After having George Cooper Rudolph conduct a feasibility study, the school learned that the damage was worse than they had anticipated.

The entire project will cost approximately \$2.5 million dollars and should be completed in 18 to 19 months.

"There was a tremendous amount of water damage," Swannack said. "We weren't sure what was causing it. During that process they were able to identify some additional damages that we were not even, really completely aware of. We were not aware of them to that extent."

The structure was built on a

foundation composed of sand and cement. The sand that was used came from the beach, and the salt in it has been consistently eating away at the cement for decades, causing many of the house's doors, windows, and frames to sag.

"Everything is traceable back to this compressing foundation," said Bob Cornero.

The structure was demolished during the university's winter recess.

"It was disappointing to see the house demolished because a piece of Monmouth University history has been destroyed," said Paul Sisolak, a student who toured the house shortly before its destruction. "Things like the house's winding stairwells and railings had very antique, ornate designs to them, and are now gone forever."

The new building will be called the Doherty House after the university's former chairman who made a large donation to aide the university in building a new home for the president.

The house has been owned by the University since 1961. It was the original site of the Department of Education before becoming a residence.

The original structure was built in the 1920s, though there have been several additions over the years.

The estimate to repair the facility was approximately \$2 million so Swannack and her staff recommended to the board that they demolish and rebuild.

"That was the other concern of the board, if we put \$2 million dollars into that building, you still have a hundred year old wooden facility that's inefficient," Swannack said.

The new residence will be seven feet shorter than the existing structure, though it will be built at the same location.

The house will be available for banquets on the first level, as the president will live in an apartment on the second level. The first level will be a living room, dining room, small sitting room, and a kitchen in the back.

"There will be three apartments on the second floor. Two are guest apartments, one will be for whoever the president is, his or her spouse, and their family," Swannack said.

"It will last two hundred years, structurally," said Petra Ludwig, Director of Public Affairs.

Indecent exposure on campus

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On Tuesday, January 11, 2005, at approximately 7:30 p.m. a female student on her way to Wilson Hall was followed by a suspicious man who eventually exposed himself to her.

According to the police report,

the female student was walking the campus' center path approaching the Student Center on her way to Wilson Hall when she realized she was being followed. She turned around to acknowledge the suspect who was approximately

30 to 50 feet away from where she was standing. From that point the perpetrator dropped his pants, exposed his buttocks and genitals to the victim and began masturbating. The male suspect did not attempt to talk with or contact the victim but simply walked towards the main commuter parking lot in front of Bey Hall.

The suspect is described as a light complexioned white male, 25 years old, approximately 5'9" in height, with a medium build and medium length dirty blond disheveled hair. It has been reported that the suspect was wearing a dark color ¾ length water proof type jacket and blue jeans.

According to Detective Frank Graham this is the first time that an incident like this has occurred on campus. The punishment for this type of act falls under two different offenses. The first and more serious is Criminal Sexual Contact, NJS 2C: 14-3b, which is a fourth degree crime and pun-

ishable by up to 18 months in prison, NJS 2C: 43-6a (4), and a \$10,000 fine, NJS 2C: 43-3c. The second is Lewdness, NJS 2C: 14-4a, which is a Disorderly Persons Offense and punishable by up to six months in prison, NJS 2C: 43-8, and a \$1,000 fine, NJS 2C:43-3c.

To prevent this from happening again the patrols have been advised of the perpetrators description and the circumstances surrounding the incident, and the area of Bey Hall. The rest of the campus will continue to receive the same aggressive attention from patrol that it always has.

Nevertheless, Detective Graham advises students "that they should be aware of their surroundings, make sure they are in a lit, populated area and/or be with a friend or friends."

He also feels it is important that students know the emergency phone number to the police department, (732) 571-3499 and should dial from their cell phones whenever any suspicious behavior arises. In addition, they should be aware of the locations for emergency phones on campus and dial extension 3499 when in need of police assistance.

All students and employees are reminded that the University Police provide a free 24 hour escort service if anyone is concerned about walking about the campus alone.

Anyone with information on this crime is asked to contact the University Police at (732) 571-3472.

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Weekend blizzard delays Monday classes at MU

ALISON MCSHERRY
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The university had a delayed opening on the morning of Monday, January 24, as a result of a blizzard that dumped over a foot of snow on the campus and surrounding areas.

All classes that were slated to start before 1:00 p.m. were cancelled while offices and other campus facilities did not open until that time. According to the provost's office, the classes will not be re-scheduled.

"I consult with the president, provost, and other cabinet officers regarding the university's options with respect to opening, closing, or delaying the beginning of the business day and academic schedule," said Patti Swannack, Vice President

for Administrative Services. "Many factors are taken into consideration, especially the condition of the state, local, and county roads, as well as conditions on our campus."

The university and other parts of New Jersey received upwards of a foot of snow, forcing Acting Gov. Codey to declare a state of emergency, thus giving police the power to close roads at their discretion.

So much snow accumulated that facilities management was forced to work around the clock to plow the roads, parking lots, and pathways on campus. They had to go as far as to hire outside contractors to come in and assist the university in clearing the campus.

"Due to the severity of the storm

and since the governor declared a state of emergency, we made arrangements to feed employees who worked, as well as arranged for them to rest in the Student Center so they did not have to drive to and from

"I slid and fell right on my back."

VANESSA GRUSVKA
Student

work in violation of the governor's orders," Swannack said.

"I think they did an amazing job," said Mary Anne Nagy, Vice President for Student Services. "I know there are some folks that feel they could have done better, but it's a

tough job and we continue to plug away at it everyday."

As the snow fell, many students were stuck in their dormitories and forced to shovel out their cars at the end of the storm.

"It took me 45 minutes to dig out," complained junior Kelly Adamsky.

According to the MUPD, no car accidents occurred on campus as a result of the snow.

Adamsky also commented that despite the plowing, it was still difficult to get to class.

"Walking from the residential side is dangerous with the three inches of snow and slush that you have to walk on top of."

Vanessa Grusvka, another MU student, slipped and fell as a result

of the snow and ice.

"I was going into the lobby (of Oakwood) and I slid and fell right on my back," said Grusvka. "My neck is killing me. I'm going to the chiropractor on Friday. I'm really annoyed because this stuff happens to people all the time and no one ever gets it fixed!"

The exact figures on how much the storm ended up costing the school had not been determined at the time of publication.

"Each year in my operating budget I establish a 'snow removal' account," said Swannack. "Some years it costs more than others. We do not have the snow cost for the blizzard at this time, but I expect that it will be quite costly. Let's hope that this is the last snowfall for this year."



Christine Schumann and Jenn O'Donnell pose with Mickey Mouse in front of the Magic Kingdom in Walt Disney World on an S.A.B. trip to Orlando, Florida. See page 4 for more photos.

PHOTO BY Jenn O'Donnell

S.A.B. brings Monmouth to the most magical place on earth

JENN O'DONNELL
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This past winter break, the Student Activities Board (S.A.B.) took an off-campus trip that had never before been imagined. From January 6th to 10th, the Monmouth community had the chance to go to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

For students, \$425 covered round trip bus fare to the Philadelphia International Airport, round trip airfare through US Airways, a four night hotel stay in All Star Sports Resort on the Disney grounds, and a four-day park hopper pass, which included four trips to Pleasure Island or Disney Quest.

It took many months of planning by S.A.B. Vice President of Finance Joe Bucher who was very pleased with the outcome.

"Being the first winter break trip that S.A.B. has sponsored, it went very well. Everybody enjoyed their time in Florida, and

S.A.B. will certainly consider hosting the trip again in the future," said Bucher.

All 57 people who attended the trip enjoyed 80 degree weather and Florida sunshine while exploring all Disney World had to offer.

Junior Karen Hampton said, "This was the first time I've been to Disney World. The timing was

cluded non-family activities.

Senior Mary Kinoian thought her experience was one that she would relive again if she could. "Disney was really fun! (It was) a great way to spend winter break," said Kinoian.

Since the trip goers were staying on the Disney grounds, they were able to take advantage of a service Disney offers. For those staying in a Disney hotel, the parks opened early or stayed open late. By showing your park hopper pass and hotel room key, guests were given a wristband which allowed them to enjoy the parks with only other hotel guests. This helped everyone get on

rides much quicker than during the day.

Trip advisor Mike Patterson thought the trip went flawlessly. "For the first time, S.A.B. conquered an event at this level and I think it went very smooth. S.A.B. did an excellent job planning the trip. I think everyone enjoyed themselves and it was a great thing to do over winter break" said Patterson.

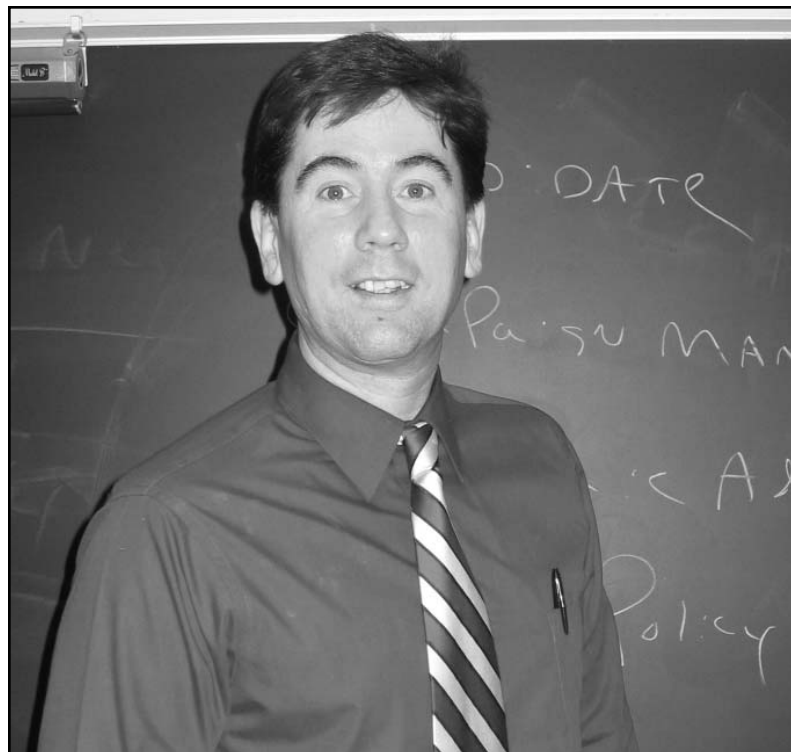
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MIKE PATTERSON

Associate Director of Student Activities and Student Center Operations

perfect, so I got to do all of the good rides. I hope the school does something like that again."

Many people who went on the trip were able to experience a different side of Disney than they had ever experienced before. A few families did attend the trip, but for those who came solo with friends, they were able to see the lighter side of Disney, which in-



Professor Patten in the classroom.

PHOTO BY Ryan Scally

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ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Joseph Patten is an assistant professor of Political Science at Monmouth University.

"I teach Media Law every semester," said Patten. "I also teach such classes as American Presidency, Public Policy, and American Government."

This is Professor Patten's third

year teaching at Monmouth University and he says he enjoys his position here at the university.

"What I love most is simply engaging with young people about issues facing our country," explained Professor Patten.

"I also have a background as a debate coach so I get excited helping to facilitate and be apart of public debate."

In addition to being an assistant professor in political science, Professor Patten is involved in other areas of the university.

"I am the governance secretary on the faculty council," said Professor Patten. Governance secretary, he mentioned, deals with all the elections on faculty council. "I am a member of the honors committee for students who are in the honors program. I am also the advisor to the political science club," said Professor Patten.

Professor Patten is also one of Monmouth University's liaisons

for the Washington Semester Program and as well was a co-chair

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JOE PATTEN

Assistant Professor of Political Science

with Dr. Nancy Mezey for the program Stand Up and Be Counted which helped students at Monmouth to register to vote as well as raise awareness about voting.

Originally from Woodbridge, New Jersey, Professor Patten lived

out of state for over ten years.

He attended college at West Virginia University for both his undergraduate and graduate education, majoring in political science.

Prior to working at Monmouth University, Professor Patten was a professor in Iowa.

"I was an associate professor at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa," he recalled.

Professor Patten said that in the future years at Monmouth University, he would like to see students, who are political science majors, go on to important leadership positions.

"My goal is to work closely with the students of political science and to help facilitate the transition from college to leadership positions in our society," he said.

"I would like to see our students become governor of state, run for public office, and sit in the halls of Congress. That is my dream."

Monmouth University Student Government Association to host 4th annual charity auction

Michael Gerard Puharic Memorial Foundation to benefit.

PRESS RELEASE

WEST LONG BRANCH—The Student Government Association of Monmouth University will host its fourth annual charity Auction at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2005, in Anacon Hall.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from the free admission Auction will benefit the Michael Gerard Puharic Memorial Foundation ("Michael's Feat").

Numerous area businesses and restaurants, as well as Monmouth University offices and departments have donated auction items. Items to be auctioned include retail merchandise, dining gift-certificates, memberships, and athletic tickets and memorabilia.

"This is an opportunity for Monmouth University students to give something back to the community, while assisting ill newborns in area hospitals," Auction Chair, junior Joseph Bucher said. "Last year, the auction raised over \$2,000 for Michael's Feat, and we hope to surpass that total this year."

Michael's Feat is a local non-profit organization designed to support, give comfort and ease the burden for parents carrying and delivering seriously ill children. The fund was established in memory of Michael Gerard Puharic, who passed away 83 hours after birth due to a serious chromosomal disorder. Founded by his parents, Adam and Dana Puharic, Aberdeen, Michael's Feat supports parents through material donations enabling parents to bring their ill children home.

"We are extremely grateful to

Monmouth University for their continued support of Michael's memory," Dana Puharic said. "The Student Government Association is allowing us to educate, raise awareness, and support area parents of seriously ill newborns."

Michael's Feat, which was named as the Northern Monmouth Chamber of Commerce's 2004 Volunteer Organization of the Year, provides needed items, financial support, overnight bags, and educational resources to families of seriously ill newborns, while also providing items specifically designed to aid premature babies to local hospitals.

Additionally, Michael's Feat is creating a Family Respite/Resource Center for parents with seriously ill infants at the Neo Natal Intensive Care Unit at Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch. The Center will provide: a resource library, including medical dictionaries, magazines, and books; a comfortable environment for families to rest and relax while visiting the NICU; and a playroom area for siblings.

The auction is open to the general public. Anacon Hall is located on the second floor of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center, adjacent to the commuter parking lot.

For more information on the Fourth Annual Student Government Association auction call Student Government Association President Devon Gottshalk at 732-923-4703. For more information on Michael's Feat call Dana Puharic at 732-239-7887 or visit www.michaels-feat.org.

Meet MU: Joe Patten

Assistant Professor of Political Science

MU receives grant to restore Wilson Hall



From left to right: Susan Bass Levin, Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs; Patricia Swannack, Vice President of Administrative Services; Lisa Easton, Easton Architects, NY; Dr. Thomas Brown, Chair of the NJ Historic Trust.

PRESS RELEASE

Monmouth University today announced that it will receive a \$750,000 matching grant from the Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund. The funds will be used to restore the roof of the University’s historic Woodrow Wilson Hall.

This is the second grant from the New Jersey Historic Trust for the renovation project.

“Thank you to the New Jersey Historic Trust for supporting the important restoration of Woodrow Wilson Hall, a national historic landmark,” said Paul G. Gaffney II, president of Monmouth University. “Beautiful Wilson Hall will be enjoyed by generations to come.”

The Trust’s grant program was created to initiate and

promote historic preservation throughout the state of New Jersey and to encourage joint preservation efforts by the public and private sectors. It funds both capital projects and planning projects for historic preservation.

Woodrow Wilson Hall, formerly known as the Shadow Lawn Mansion, was built in 1929 as the private residence of former F.W. Woolworth Co. president Hubert Templeton Parson and his wife Maysie. Philadelphia architect Horace Trumbauer and his assistant Julian Abele, the first African-American professional architect, designed the mansion in the neoclassical French tradition. The construction incorporates limestone quarried in Belford, Ind. (also used in the Empire State Building), steel,

concrete and 50 varieties of Italian marble.

Woodrow Wilson Hall stands upon the precise site of the original Shadow Lawn, which was destroyed by fire in 1927. Shadow Lawn mansion was loaned to President Woodrow Wilson by its owner Joseph B. Greenhut during the campaign of 1916 as the presidential summer home. Thereafter it was known as the Summer White House.

Appropriations bills must be approved by the New Jersey State Legislature and signed by the Governor before grant monies can be released.

Created by the State Legislature in 1967, the New Jersey Historic Trust is a nonprofit historic preservation organization affiliated with the Department of Community Affairs.

Spirit Coordinator hopes to spread spirit

NATALIE B. ANZAROUTH
STAFF WRITER

As the 2004-2005 men’s and women’s basketball season continues, spirit coordinator Tom Manzo hopes to get more students and the community involved in home athletic events.

This season the spirit campaign launches its agenda which hopes to spur student attendance through “theme nights,” a competition where student groups could win a \$5,000 reward for displaying their school character. Groups are divided into Athletics, Fraternities, Sororities, and Clubs.

“I can’t wait. I just anticipate that the creativity is going to be overwhelming,” Manzo said.

Continuing off of last year’s success of both the women’s and men’s teams, Monmouth University hopes to not only reach out to students, but to the surrounding Monmouth community as well.

“We hope the community is proud to have a Division I athletic program in their backyard, and we hope they’re fans as well as neighbors,” Student Government Association President Devon Gottshalk said.

Under Manzo’s initiative, programs have been specially designed for community members to become more involved in Monmouth Athletics. ‘Come celebrate your birthday with the Hawks’ is intended for kids to be granted time to meet the team, be given t-shirts, and presented with a birthday serenade by Shadow, the newly named mascot. Manzo is also working on group sales and package deals with Aramark, the Student Center food provider.

“It interacts the students here at Monmouth with the community,” Manzo explained. “They’re looking at the students as mentors, and that’s important. I think our students are really starting to enjoy it. When we hear cheers like ‘this is our house’ that tells us that we’ve accomplished comradery,” he said.

One of Manzo’s top goals for this year is to gain communication with local merchants. “Just as recent

as today I’m meeting with Dunkin Donuts,” Manzo said on Friday. He hopes to discuss an advertisement deal for Boylan Gym and future plans for setting up a Monmouth University headquarters at a nearby Dunkin Donuts, where students could receive discounts on products.

Manzo also announced that Redken by L’oreal will sponsor this year’s Women in Sports program. “That was a great score for us to get a company as recognized as Redken,” he said.

Since Manzo became the coordinator for school spirit last year, he has been dedicated to being visible on and off campus. He was just profiled on the cover of Friday’s [Jan. 21st] Sports section of the Asbury Park Press, where President Paul G. Gaffney said, “He’s been great for the program. I think the athletes love him and the students do as well.”

Manzo is rarely seen behind his desk. He is usually out on a mission spreading school spirit throughout the campus and the community. “We’re looking for a tremendous student body support this season,” Manzo said.

Manzo also explained that athletic performance is contingent upon student attendance. “It’s hard to play on the road...being at home and being welcomed by your own fans gives you that great advantage,” he said.

“Our athletic teams give Monmouth students a reason to be excited, supportive, and productively rowdy...I would love to see students with their faces painted, wearing jerseys, and hyped up,” Gottshalk said.

The campaign also thinks that the new layout of the gym will help students to cheer in unison. A platform was recently built for the school band to perform behind cheerleaders, in what Manzo says makes them “part of the student body.”

“I think we’ve accomplished a tremendous goal from last year, and that goal was that we didn’t want the students competing against each other,” Manzo said, and he added, “I want to have a problem where we have no space to put all the students.”

Hawk TV to host fashion show

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“Fete de L’Amour” or in English, “Love Feast” will be this year’s theme for Hawk TV’s fashion show. Taking place on February 26, 2005, at 8 p.m., the event’s festivities, produced by the Beverly Nevalga, will be held in the Woodrow Wilson Great Hall. According to Brian Specia, assistant show producer, the event will be, “A representation of classy and eclectic styles from local and New York City designers.”

Designers such as Kahri, Kitten, Vone Fashion, To Tie For, Pink Kimono, along with boutique stores like Funk and Standard, Nirvana, and New York Trends will be displaying their unique creations at the Wilson Hall.

Many of the designers have had successful premieres in the fashion industry but seek more exposure to the public.

Before the end of the fall semester, Hawk TV conducted a model search with over forty-five female potentials. Out of those forty-five, twenty were specifically chosen to fit designer criteria.

The models that were chosen are of all shapes and sizes, to cater

to real world sizes.

Along with the new spring, ready-to-wear collections, there will also be raffles and giveaways available for the audience to win. Some of the prizes include gift certificates to spas, manicures, and much more.

The producer of the event, Beverly Nevalga stated, “I conceived the idea to blend fashion, music, and video for a fashion event. When you’re asked to imagine a fashion show, you immediately think of models cat walking down a runway. I want this to follow in similar fashion, but add flair to it.

We invited independent designers and local boutique store owners to showcase their work for our show, to promote young talent and promote the local scene. We’re consumed by MTV and celebrity life that we forget about our roots. I want this fashion show to anchor this independent spirit back to college students again.”

“Fete de L’Amour” is just a couple weeks away. Tickets are \$10 for Monmouth students and staff (\$15 for non-students) and can be purchased at the Hawk TV office located in the Plangere Center or by calling Ashleigh Johnson at 609-271-1127.

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Disney World 2005 - a trip to remember



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The most well recognized part of Disney World is Cinderella's Castle in the Magic Kingdom. On the second floor is a restaurant called Cinderella's Royal Table.



PHOTO BY Jeff Humbert

Mission Space in Epcot takes people on a imaginary voyage to Mars and is one of Disney World's newer attractions. Adventurers feel simulated G-forces from take-off and propulsion around the Moon because the ride spins incredibly fast.

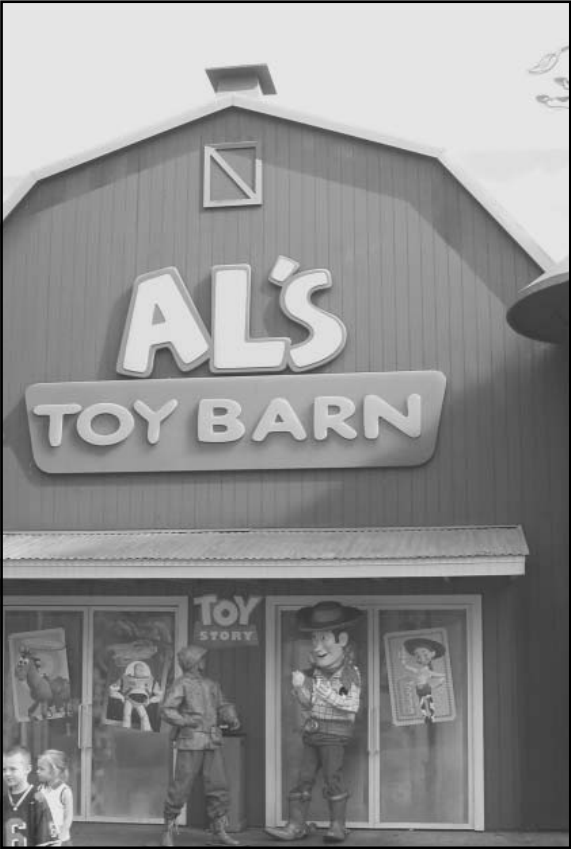


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Woody and the Sargent from Toy Story spend the afternoon outside Al's Toy Barn signing auto-graphs.



PHOTO BY Jeff Humbert

Featured in the classical music film Fantasia, these animated mops are a part of Disney history.



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In MGM Studios, Pluto and Mickey pose for a photo with Jeff Humbert, Amy Coles, Alessio Brasile, Joe Lizza, and Bill Madden.



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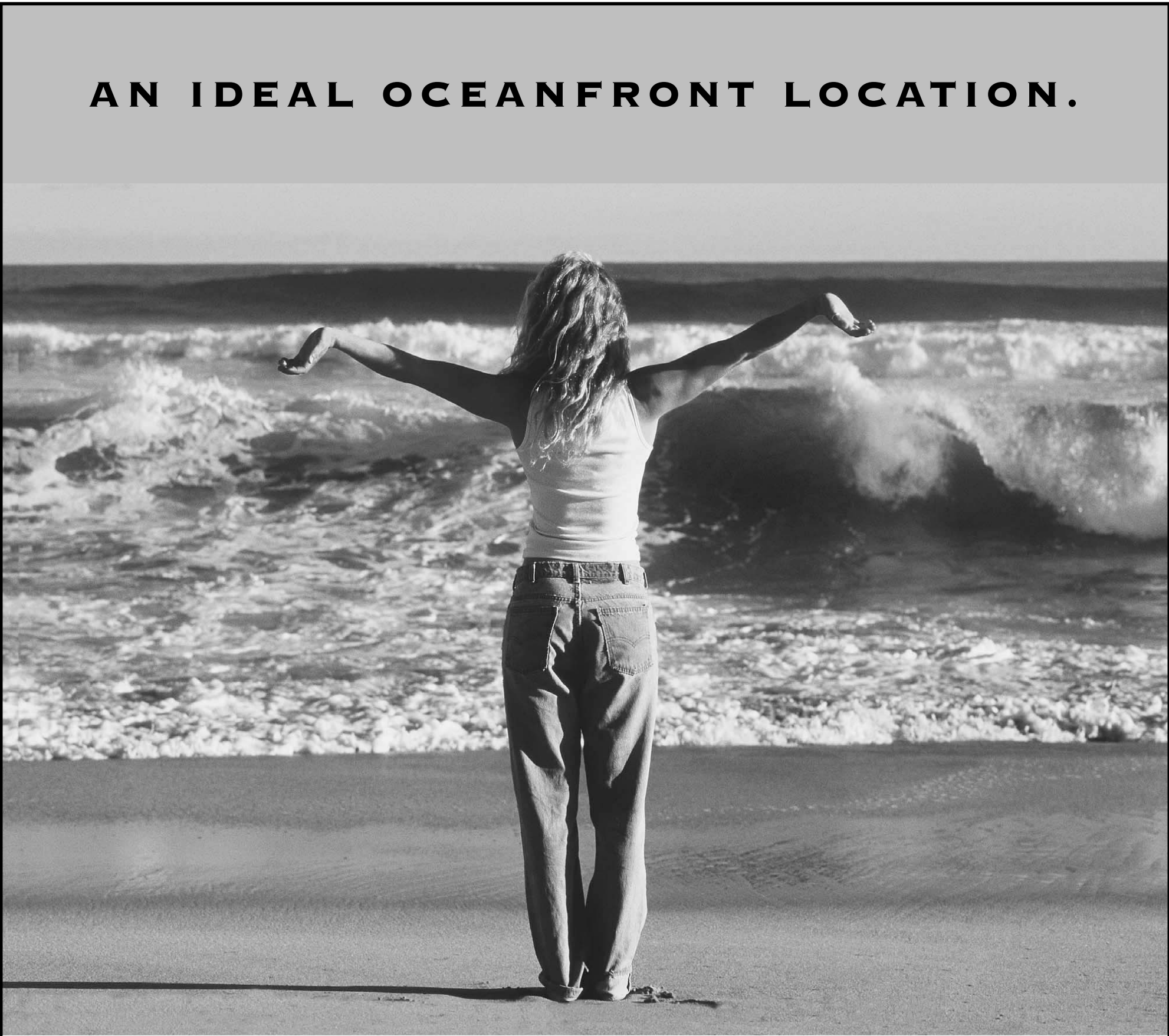
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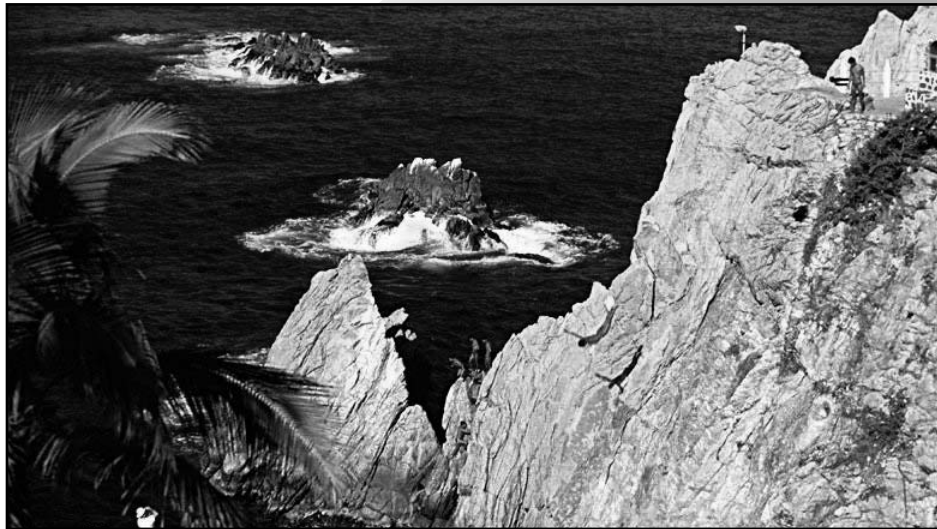
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Are you sick of trudging through the snow and slush? Tired of getting up in the morning and having to bundle up each time you step out the door, only to undress and redress each time you change from indoors to outdoors? Is your skin lacking that sun kissed glow of the summertime? Like many Monmouth students, you could be feeling the effects of SAD, Seasonal Affective Disorder.

SAD is experienced by many people during the darker, colder months. The main symptoms of this disorder are depression, over-eating, and fatigue. SAD is thought to be caused by excess production of melatonin, a sleep-related hormone that is produced during increased periods of darkness. One known cure for SAD is exposure to sunlight. Many students and even some doctors assume that the easiest cure for SAD is to visit a tanning salon; however, the light emitted by sunbed light bulbs is mostly UVA rays. Natural sunlight contains both UVA and UVB rays, so sunbeds cannot fully duplicate the spectrum of light from the sun.

As a result, many Monmouth University students are planning spring break trips to Acapulco, Mexico. The majority of students going away for spring break are going to beautiful Acapulco and staying at Playa Suites, located in the heart of Acapulco Bay.

This “touristy” town continues to attract students with gorgeous beaches, crazy beach and pool parties, and world renowned nightlife. The rich and the famous have flocked to Mexico’s first resort town. Now, this slice of paradise is easily afforded by people with limited budgets, like you and me. Its dance-till-dawn energy is known worldwide and is still present to this day.

A small warning: Mexico is not the safest place to travel. If you are going to venture out of the resort area, be cautious. Parts of the surrounding towns are unsafe. Be careful not to be pushed around by the locals, who cater to tourists, but will sell you everything from clothes to the drinks. But the locals love to barter, so don’t be afraid to haggle! You’d be surprised how low you can pay for so many items in Mexico. Also, make sure not to drink the water.

One last word of advice: don’t let Spring Break 2005 pass you by. Several students booked their trip through studentcity.com because it was time-saving and cost-efficient. Don’t worry! The company was approved by a certified travel agent. Besides, travel agents usually work through a company that only offers prices on the resorts and airlines they sponsor. Book your trip now to obtain relief from Seasonal Affective Disorder.

This slice of paradise is easily afforded by people with limited budgets, like you and me.



“We got a good deal,” said Csulak regarding her spring break in the Bahamas. “It was an all inclusive resort.”



“[I] always wanted to go to Las Vegas for Spring Break,” said Silva.



Students Venture to Spring Break Locations

JACQUELINE KOLOSKI
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The week of March 7th marks Monmouth University’s Spring Break; the week many students use to get away from the pressures of school. Students everywhere venture off to warm and exotic locales to beat the cold weather. Monmouth University students who are planning on vacationing over spring break are headed to a variety of places. Christina Csulak mentioned that she is going to the Bahamas for Spring Break. Stephanie Langan commented on her plans for Spring Break. “I’m going to Atlanta, Georgia,” said Langan. She noted that she was going to Atlanta to visit her parents. Ashley Zozzaro is visiting family over her spring break vacation, as well. “I am going to Florida,” said Zozzaro. Amy Silva, a student at Monmouth University, said that she will be going to Spring Break in Las Vegas this year. She mentioned that she will be staying at the MGM Hotel in Las Vegas and her round trip flight will cost \$312. Silva said that she will be in Las Vegas for a six day stay Monday to Saturday. She hopes to do such things as shop at the Fashion Show Mall while staying in Las Vegas as well as go to Ghost Bar or take a trip to the mountains. Silva said that she visited Las Vegas one time before. “I’ll be able to gamble and visit the UNV [University of Nevada] campus,” she said. Members of the National Broadcasting Society (NBS) at Monmouth University will be attending a convention in Los Angeles, California over Spring Break. Those attending will leave March 9th and return March 12th. They will be staying at the Los Angeles Hilton. During their stay in Los Angeles, they will be going to various sessions concerning broadcasting as well as go on studio tours. Wherever you spend your Spring Break this year, whether it is on an exotic island or even just in the continental United States, make sure to make it a relaxing and enjoyable week spent with friends or family.

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Spring 2005 prefaced with surprise forces of nature

The aftermath of natural disaster and finding the light.

Since we've been away from the Monmouth campus, a lot has happened in the world. Namely, a lot has happened with the weather. In the last month, there has been a tsunami in Asia, mudslides in California, severe flooding in the Midwest, and a blizzard that covered the Northeast in a thick blanket of snow.

The death toll is rising from each of these incidents. At the time of publication, over 160,000 people had died in the tsunami, eleven perished in the flooding, at least 16 blizzard related deaths had been reported, and several others had been killed by mudslides and the like in California. This news is disheartening. In a world where we are so often concerned with terrorism and human violence, it is upsetting to see that the weather, something completely out of our control and so natural, can tear through the world on a path of destruction.

It is good however, to look past this tragedy and to see the good in the situation. It is difficult to look past all of the death and suffering,

but once we see past it we can see that these crises have brought the world together in a truly special

"...students have come forward and said they want to help those in need on the other side of the world."

way. Shortly after the tsunami hit, the world began working together to raise money and aide the suffering nations. Because this tragedy was the result of weather, not an attacking nation or terrorist group, the world is able to unite.

Three major charities have been leading the way in donations: The American Red Cross, Unicef, and Oxfam. The Red Cross alone has risen over \$222,900,000. These organizations and others like them

are working to provide medical care for the injured and to rebuild these injured nations. Millions of people around the globe are donating money to charity to help people in Asia that they've never even met.

Take our own campus for example. Very few people were directly affected by the tsunami, but still a number of students have come forward and said they want to help those in need on the other side of the world. One group of students who have volunteered to spearhead the tsunami relief efforts are those involved Greek life. These students are in the process of planning a major fundraiser in hopes of contributing a myriad of money to the relief efforts. Perhaps this enterprise will counteract the negative image that so many people have of the Greeks. Through this endeavor, they're showing that despite the stereotypes, they may in fact be a good natured group.

When you stop and look at it, these efforts, internationally and locally, show that perhaps we really do live in a wonderful world.

After 24 Years, We're Finally Going Back!

The Eagles have broken ground against the odds!

JENN O'DONNELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

If the Eagles score again, there's no turning back now. And they did. And we won. We're finally going to the Super Bowl.

For the past 4 years, Eagles fans have sat in anticipation watching the NFC finals. We've yelled at the refs, yelled at McNabb, and cursed the city of Philadelphia for the stupid hex upon us. For the past three years, as the clock runs down and we realize hope is lost, we have been hounded by everyone else for choking. But, since we're Philly fans, we have the same Philly attitude that we've had for the Flyers, Phillies, Sixers, and even a horse named Smarty Jones, "Better luck next year". Now, for the first time since the 1980 season, it IS next year.

Of course, now that the Eagles

are in, our support is the highest it's ever been for them to go all the way and bring back their rings to Philly. Honestly, even if they don't win, I'm proud of my boys for finally making it there. They've earned it. As Gatorade

"It's an amazing feeling to be a Philly fan...it paid off not to hate our team."

was being poured onto Andy Reid and the trophy was being given out, the "609"ers (thanks Ali) began obsessively calling each other. IM's started flying.

It's an amazing feeling to be a Philly fan. We are some of the

craziest, most obsessed fans in the country, and it's great to know that for once it paid off to not hate our team. We were told that once T.O. went out, it would be over. We couldn't make it past Daunte. Michael Vick? Forget it. But we've proved them all wrong.

The Eagles players have been so positive all season and are some of the most fan oriented players out there. I don't think we have one cocky player on the team. We owe it to them to support them, no matter how they do in Super Bowl XXXIX, because they made it there.

As I watch the scoreboard currently, as the Pats continually score and score again, I hope my boys are up for the challenge. I think for the first time, they're beyond ready for it. Fly Eagles fly! See you February 6th! Jacksonville, here we come!

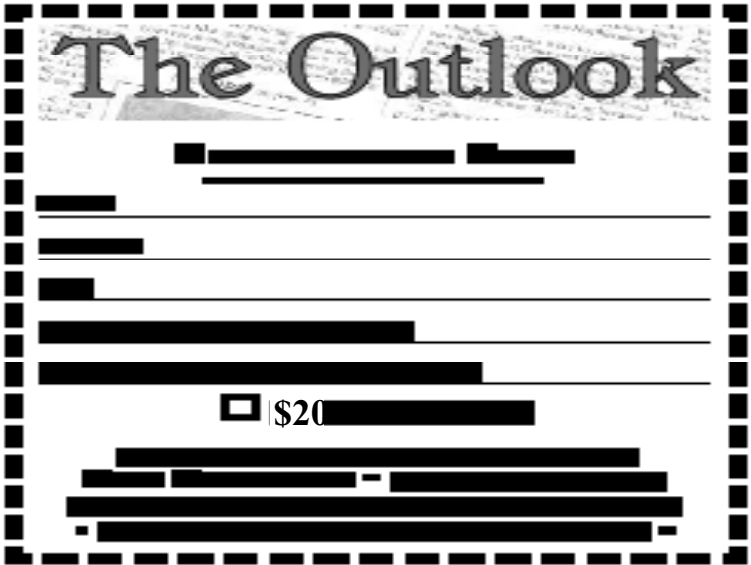
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A special notice for all students here at Monmouth U

If you hear my plea and oblige accordingly, your life will improve.

JOE CORCIONE
OPINION EDITOR

Here we are at the dawn of a new semester, and what a perfect time to adopt some good habits in our lives. One good habit for people in any environment is to embrace their freedom in whatever form it exists. These freedoms are strictly limited in some parts of the world where people die each day so their successors might have a brighter tomorrow. Fortunately for Americans, Dubya hasn't silenced all our voices just yet so freedom of the press still exists in some capacity; hence, it's not a bad idea to exercise it occasionally, rejoice, and be glad we still have the privilege. If enough students don't send writing into the OpEds each week, it's just going to be four pages of Joey C Column. Of course that would be utterly fabulous but, frankly, I'm just not self-absorbed enough to use that much ink each week for my thoughts. It also breaks my heart

to fill these pages with ads and huge quotes when they are almost three pages of student microphone fresh for the grabbing. Short of bribe people with sexual favors (not necessarily performed by me), food or skincare advice, I am stumped as to what I can do to shake this apparent student apathy and get those hands typing each week. Write about anything- likes, dislikes, "congrats" or "shame on you" shouts, or whatever can be conjured into an article. I'll even print your cuss words with asterisks over one or two vowels if I can, just so you look big and bad to your peers. Just don't take for granted this vital component of your freedom any longer. To the regular writers, bless your hearts and please keep setting the precedent each week. To those who haven't written, be brave and just submit something. If it can't be printed and is beyond hope of revision, Joey C will buy you a bar of dark chocolate to mend your spirit. Thanks and Holler at your Hawk!

American efforts snubbed

You're sending who?

HEATHER BACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

Since the Tsunami tragedy, America was ready and raring to assist in the creation and enhancement of many rehabilitation efforts. Despite a small form of snubbing for us not giving enough money, both private and public organizations are working towards helping the victims from garage sales to collection drives. Despite the not so grateful first response, I saw our nation being a great asset to living through the tragedy. Like other nations stood by us in 9-11, we will stand beside them. However, one action which we have made somewhat worries me. You see, a large amount of the support will possibly be handled by none other than the United Nation's Kofi Annan. Not the best idea I believe for many reasons which I will dictate right now using just three words: "Oil for food". Annan and his son have had American dollars lacing their pockets long enough. Having his offspring involved in the "oil" aspect at all was a great conflict of interest in the first place. Speaking of finances, why was America ridiculed for the first amount we had to give? Now up to 350 million dollars, our first total was turned away and made a large topic by the media (big surprise) that we "Weren't doing enough," as one station put it. How much are we supposed to give? We have a great amount of our own issues to pay for not mentioning an increasingly important war on terrorism overseas and on our own land. Look at other financial activity which we give for other actions i.e. AIDS, international poverty, international battles. We give more than anyone for AIDS research and despite this help we still fight the illness here in our own hospitals and research departments. Yes, this was an incredible tragedy which we should assist in any way we can because that is what this word should represent (helping each other when we are in need). So many countries came to outside when we were attacked, we should come to them. HOWEVER, it is not right when financial selflessness is snubbed. We will give what we can, but we should not be pushed into giving what we cannot. Returning to Annan, set to visit Indonesia in the near future, there is a great responsibility carried to take part in the activity, not only as a public figure but a figure of power, despite his recent abuse of it. The strength of his taking part of it although needs to be capped incredibly. He has shown already so much lack of self restraint which could only endanger the rehabilitation efforts needed for the nation to be anywhere near what it was before the tragedy. I am sure they won't complain if we put a cap on Annan's path as they had before.

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1, 2, 3, Bend!
1, 2, 3, Stretch!

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A little work never hurt no one
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Put your mind to it, go for it
Get down and break a sweat
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You ain't seen nothing yet!
Mind to it, go for it
Get down and break a sweat
Rock and roll
You ain't seen nothin' yet!

My love is strong whenever you're around
I walk on air, I barely touch the ground
And I'm so happy that I'm with you now
You'll never see me in the lost and found

Put your mind to it, go for it
Get down and break a sweat
Rock and roll
You ain't seen nothing yet!
Mind to it, go for it
Get down and break a sweat
Rock and roll
You ain't seen nothin' yet!

My love is there for you
The rest is up to you
Yeaheeyeahheeyeahyehyeh
Hooohooohooooo
Naananannananananaaa
Hooooooo!

I feel so good whenever you are near
You make my troubles seem to disappear
You're the one that I've been searching for
'Cuz every day I love you more and more

Put your mind to it, go for it
Get down and break a sweat
Rock and roll
You ain't seen nothing yet!
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Rock and roll
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How to keep your New Year's resolution

LAUREN NAPOLITANO
ASSIST. NEWS EDITOR

The same thing happens at the beginning of every New Year, we make resolutions to become healthier, nicer, or more generous people. We declare we will kick bad habits and develop better ones. We promise to excel in our classes and to find a semi-high paying job so we don't have to always scrub off of our parents or others. We claim we will try to drink less (yeah, like that actually happens), to party less (another unlikely scenario), and to decrease the use of any other mind-altering substances (again, unlikely).

I am sure by now you have declared the one thing you promised you will do to give yourself a fresh, new start as you enter the New Year. We are already 26 days into 2005 and most of us have given up on keeping the declarations we have made. Whether it was any of the resolutions above or your own unique idea, here are some helpful tips on how to keep that resolution and be the first to say you succeeded in sticking with it.

You have to be willing to sacrifice: If you don't want to really kick that bad habit or aren't motivated enough to lose the extra pounds you may have put on over the holiday season, then chances are you won't stick to the resolution. According to texmed.org, making just any New Year's resolution for the sake of having one isn't enough to keep you motivated and won't result in success. People resist change and are unwilling to sacrifice for different reasons. One main reason is that making changes can be scary for some people. Bad habits are unhealthy and can be harmful, but they are familiar and comfortable and reason enough for many to keep these habits.

The best way to overcome this fear of change is to fully inform yourself of the consequences you can encounter if you continue engaging in the bad habits and the advantages you will encounter by developing better habits. For example, if you are a smoker, make a list of "pros" and "cons" of the use of cigarettes. A "pro" might be that it relieves tension. A definite "con" would be that it increases your risk for lung cancer. Seeing the negative side affects on paper may help you kick that habit much quicker than if you just tell yourself you will quit smoking.

Make realistic resolutions: Don't choose a resolution you know you won't be able to stick to. This will most likely set you up for failure and disappointment. Also, try not to make the same resolu-

tions you have failed to keep in the past. It hasn't worked in the past for a reason and you will probably succeed in feeling frustrated rather than victorious. If you are determined to try to tackle an old resolution, approach it differently. For example, if you have repeatedly declared you will be a healthier person each year by quitting smoking, this time declare that you will smoke fewer cigarettes in one day than you usually do. By cutting down the amount you smoke, you will become less dependent on it and hopefully will lead you to quit.

Put it on paper: Write down your resolution and put it in a place you will most likely see it on a daily basis so you will be constantly reminded of it. For example, tape it to your bedroom mirror or bathroom mirror, the corner of your windshield inside your car, or the

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refrigerator. Dr. Sandra Gilfillan, a Dallas psychiatrist for texmed.org, says it's a good idea to also include the benefits of keeping the resolution to the paper.

If you get tempted to stray away from keeping on track, keep yourself occupied until the temptation ceases. If you are trying to quit smoking and are desperately longing for a drag from a cigarette, go for a long walk instead. If you are trying to lose weight and feel the need to unnecessarily snack, brush your teeth.

Set a date: Don't just tell yourself you will achieve your goal sometime this year. Make a date of when you would like to have the goal accomplished so you will start making the changes immediately since you will have something to work toward. If you don't set a specific date, most likely you will keep putting off any attempt of change.

To make this a little easier, meet mini goals. Instead of trying to kick your bad habit over a full year, break it down to weekly or monthly goals that will lead to your ultimate success. This will also make it less intimidating by taking it one step at a time. Then if you aren't able to reach your final goal, you will have many smaller, but still

significant achievements along the way. For example, you're trying to lose those extra pounds you put on over the holiday season. Instead of declaring you will lose weight by next December, set weekly goals, such as walking one extra mile this week or drinking more water. It's easier to move stones than mountains.

Make the change manageable: Timothy A. Pychyl, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology at Carleton University in Ottawa, explains, "Making change manageable means that you have to structure your personal environment to facilitate your goal." For example, your resolution is to be more active so you will have to alter your surroundings to get you out the door and in the gym. At night, lay out all your gym clothes that you will need for the next day's workout in a place where you will see them the first moment you wake up. This will cue you to get to the gym. After doing this for a few weeks, hopefully the effort will become a habit.

Surround yourself with positive people: Gilfillan suggests surrounding yourself with people and situations that encourage you in good habits. For you smokers, spend more time with friends who don't light up. For you dieters, get an exercise partner. Tell your friends and family what your goal is. Most likely they will be the best support group, encouraging you to stay on target and will best look out for your wellbeing.

Do you know anyone who has already succeeded in accomplishing the goal you have set for yourself? Go to them for guidance. Surround yourself in their positive energy. That person knows what you're going through and has felt them same temptations. They can be the best support out there for you.

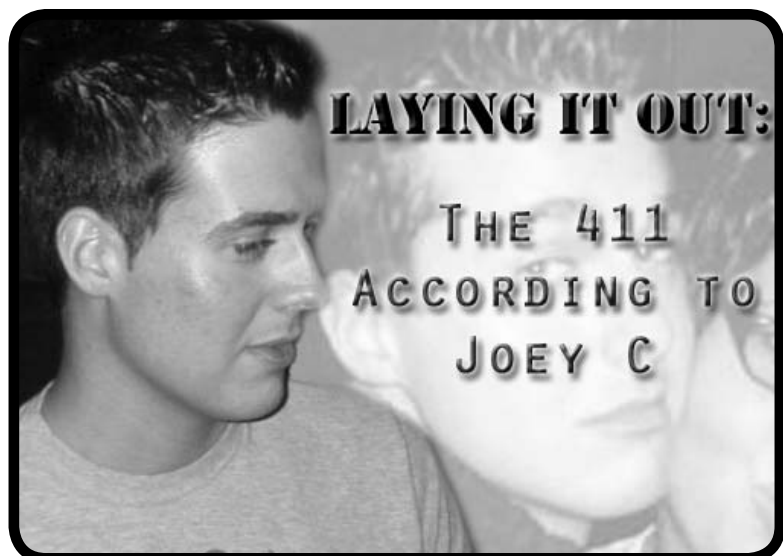
Reward yourself: Every time you accomplish something that will lead you closer to your goal, give yourself a reward. Rewarding yourself will give you motivation to continue traveling the path you have begun and ultimately lead to your success. After you have stuck to your resolution for two months, treat yourself to something you normally wouldn't. Go for a relaxing Swedish massage, refreshing facial, or buy that iPod you have been dying to get your hands on. However, don't reward yourself with something that will set you back. For example, if your goal is to lose weight, don't go eat a hunk of cheese cake.

If come February you still haven't been able to stay on the track to success, don't despair. Keep trying. Who said New Year's resolutions can only be made immediately after December 31st?

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Through with the snow, on with the show

Things are feeling a might different around Monmouth this semester.

Sure it's a bit early to be judging the scene, but last week just had this air about it that made me feel as though things are a bit calmer around campus...not that Monmouth is known for utter pandemonium, except for the rush at Java City Café or Einstein Bros. Bagels between classes- bless those kindhearted ladies at each place for taking such good care of us hungry student and staff mobs! Anyhow, perhaps the semester just hasn't gotten into full swing just yet and in another week or so it will be business as usual. And if the recent blizzard of '05 (is it '05 already? Sigh) is any sign of things to come, the MU gears will be bumping and grinding in no time at all. Time will tell I s'pose.

One change many of us have already noted is the absence of our beloved friend and recent alumna Kallagh Stice. Ms. Skyy was one of the greatest ladies to have ever graced the pavement at Monmouth. She is probably most beloved by her fellow Zetas but she definitely had lots of friends across the board at Monmouth. Her beauty, intelligence, and willingness to share her fraternal instincts with others made her a welcome addition to any lunch table gatherings in the Student Center cafeteria, a night out on the town, or a quick dinner at the Blue Swan. It's not like she's dead or anything, she's just spending her days at work (she's already employed full-time!) instead of around Monmouth. She is a very talented lady and proud addition to the alumni of our humble institution on the Jersey Shore.

In other BFF news, my babygurl Lashaunda turned 21 over the winter break! As any good friend should, I made sure to help her spread the legal love and saw to it that her birthday festivities extended throughout the week. She had hundreds of people singing Happy Birthday at several different locations and lots of surprise presents of sorts, courtesy of myself and others. She was quite humble throughout all the attention and just enjoyed herself as if it were any other night out. One notable highlight is that I was present for her first karaoke effort. She did The Fugees rendition of Roberta Flack's "Killing Me Softly" and sang the entire bar to new heights of rapture. I could not help but behave like a proud stage parent in the wings, cheering her on with rants of "sing it like you wrote it, baby!" and doing that infamous background guitar-esque noise after each refrain. I don't think she and I will have this much fun again until we get our senior discounts at the local ice cream shops some fourty odd years from now.

I was delighted as a pig in mud to find yet another Dear Joey C note in my Outlook inbox. Surprisingly, this one had nothing to do with sexual activities! Regardless of the subject matter, please keep those Joey C questions a comin' my way as I am here to help my brethren in the daily struggle.

Dear Joey C,

I just transferred to Monmouth last fall as a sophomore and have been considering getting more involved on campus. It must sound so cliché but I just don't know how to get started! We have such a beautiful campus and I feel it's a shame for any student to waste their opportunities just going to class and either going home or going back to their room. I tried hanging out in the Student Center cafeteria a bit and socializing but it just isn't fulfilling enough for me. You seem involved around here, how do I follow suit?

Sincerely,
Apathy no more

Dear Apathy,

Congratulations on your decision to do something worthwhile with your time. You have to think about your academic major, where your interests lie, and how much time you can devote to extracurricular activities. After considering those factors, your next step is to pay a visit to Student Activities where you will be supplied with a comprehensive list of over 60 official clubs and organizations on campus. If you are a fan of physical fitness or have a knack for a particular sport, visit the Department of Athletics. If you haven't much lark in that department, how are your writing skills? The Outlook is always happy to try out new writers and see who's a keeper, and with enough dedication you can see about becoming an editor. Do you think you would look good in front of the camera or sound good on microphone, or does behind-the-scenes work interest you? Hawk TV and WMCX are two more ideas. If media isn't your specialty, join a club or organization that takes on a cause you like. Psychology, social work, political science, LGBT concerns, events programming, amnesty...the options are abundant. If you are looking for a new circle of friends and are a dedicated and social person, you may want to get information about Greek life. If you join even one thing, you've done well.

Don't let the ample selection overwhelm you. Write a list of three to five things that spark your interest. What do you do when you are bored? Do you shop, or flip through magazines, or watch political or news-based talk shows, or go to the gym, or go for a spray tan, or write in a journal, etc. This list will give you firm direction in your search. Just be sure you gage your time and see how much involvement you can practically take on without negatively affecting your grades or any other priorities in your life. The last thing you want to do is throw too many irons in the fire and be spread way thin- trust me. I wish you all the best with this endeavour.

Till next time kids, don't forget to keep an open eye, an open mind, and an open heart. And if in doubt, Holler at your Hawk!

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Mystery, religion and *The Da Vinci Code*

JENNIFER PERGOLA
STAFF WRITER

A recent phenomenon in publishing, Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code* has been one of the top bestsellers of 2003, 2004, and, so far, 2005. It has gained so much attention that other books have been written about it. Ron Howard is directing a movie that will be released in 2006 based upon the novel.

There has even been an illustrated version released, also on the bestseller list, which contains pictures of the paintings mentioned in the book. So what is the appeal?

First of all, the book itself is both well written and well researched. There are many insights to the little-known Catholic sect Opus Dei and the underground Priory of Sion. At the beginning of the novel, Brown states that both

Both well written and well researched... Dan Brown's novel [*The Da Vinci Code*] raises the point that the truth of anything lies in its presentation.

another attraction of the book. Without giving too much away, the Priory and the novel's protagonist, Robert Langdon, present a history of Christianity and Jesus's life that differs drastically from that presented in the Bible.

The Priory's existence revolves around protecting the Holy Grail, said to contain the blood of Christ. The mystery lies in the fact that the Grail is not what the public for centuries has believed it to be.

Within the novel, Langdon is in Paris presenting a lecture when the curator of the Louvre Museum is murdered. This sets off an investigation into the man's final messages to his granddaughter Sophie, a cryptologist, and to Langdon, a symbolologist.

The pair follows the trail of the codes through da Vinci's works (with much focus upon *The Last Supper*), with each decryp-

tion leading to the next step in their path. The reader also has a chance to decipher the clues before the main characters do.

The novel is fast-paced, although there are some unnecessary lags that explain the histories of the Priory of Sion and the Holy Grail.

The characters are generally likeable, although Sophie increasingly becomes less useful

as the plot progresses. Langdon is well-rounded, but he is too self-assured at times and too naïve at others.

This is, in fact, the second Dan Brown novel featuring Langdon. The first one, *Angels and Demons* (2000), also deals with the themes of challenges to Catholicism and tracing clues through deceptively-religious artwork.

Previously reading *Angels and Demons* reveals a major flaw in *The Da Vinci Code*: the two works are too similar in style. The way Langdon becomes involved in the main mystery, the search for clues hidden within art, and even the difficulty of discovering the main villain are common in both works.

Knowing how the former novel worked, the latter novel became easier to solve. However, reading *The Da Vinci Code* on its own makes the mysteries even more challenging.

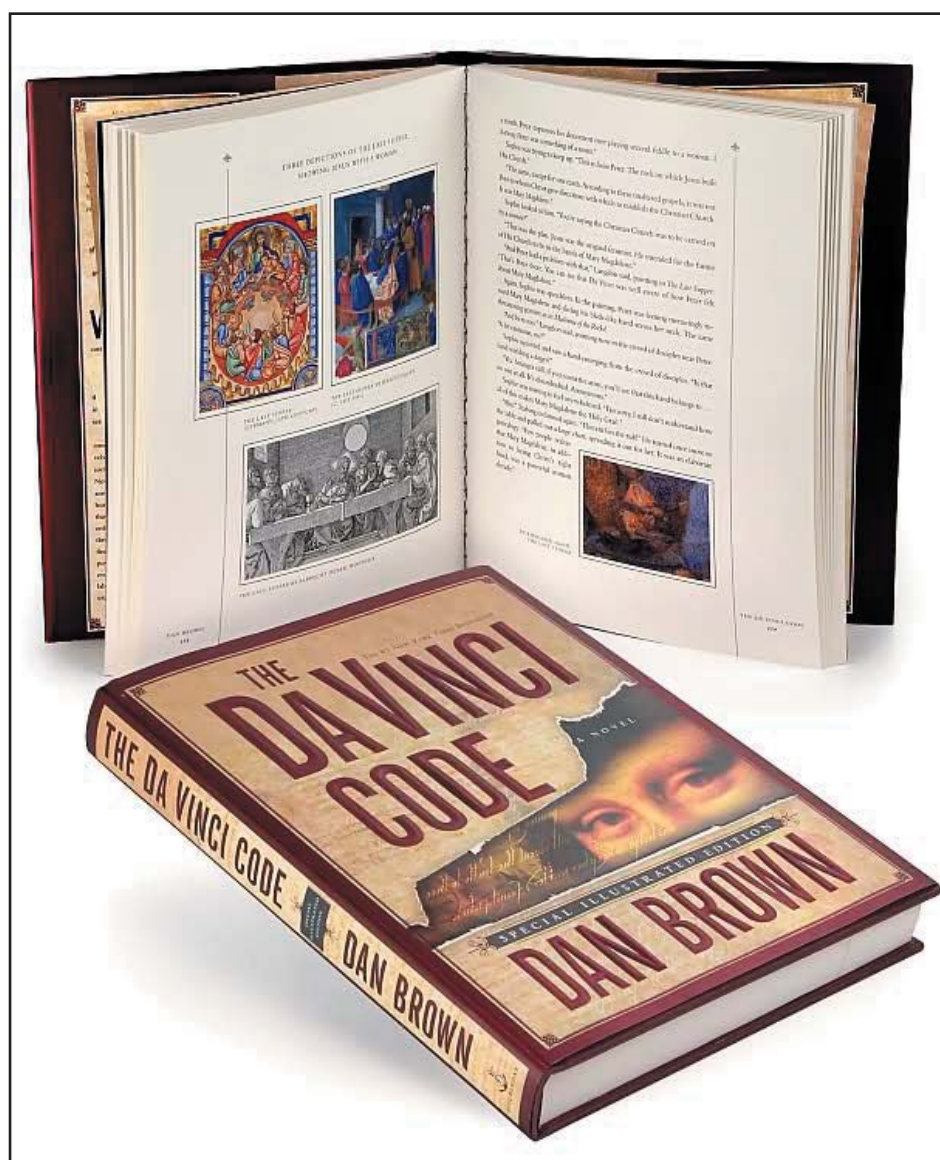
The codes within the novel are interesting and well-conceived. They become easier once more

of the histories of the Priory and the Grail are revealed, but they are still difficult to solve before the characters do.

In all, *The Da Vinci Code* is as intriguing as the attention sur-

rounding it.

While the novel may not undermine the foundations of Christianity, it raises the interesting point that the truth of anything lies in its presentation.



Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code* has been noted as a top bestseller since 2003.

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Big Noyd's *On the Grind* is a serious hustle

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Big Noyd, like some of his Queensbridge counterparts Little, Infamous Mobb, and even Illa Ghee, is a rapper trying to crack into the upper echelon of QB—a starting lineup that currently consists of emcees like Nas, Prodigy, Cormega, Havoc,

and even Alchemist to a certain recent extent.

Breaking into hip-hop with his mid-90s EP *Episodes of A Hustla*, and eventually returning in 2003 with his debut full-length *Only The Strong*, Noyd has been the recipient of many guest appearances due to his close ties with the Mobb Deep family. And while *On the*

Grind continues both in terms of concept and personnel down the Mobb Deep/Queensbridge path, Noyd grinds his way to a solo effort that puts him atop the current Queensbridge B-list emcee chain.

Though one-third of *On the Grind* is a Havoc-only opus, which surprisingly sees Hav shelving his dark side for less worthy production efforts, Ric Rude laces together a string of strong production cues that favor the hustle-hard QB mentality.

The catchy Isley Brothers sample on "Everybody" surrounds Noyd as he wills himself on with, "Whether it's with a pad and a pen, a ball and a rim, or a strip pitchin' the raw, The boy gon' win." Later, Noyd fills in the tales of a drug deal gone wrong on "Young and Thuggin," where Rude seems to have tailored his production style to the Queensbridge feel (something that

Havoc, unfortunately, runs dry with at times).

The rock-tinged Masberg production on "Rush" only re-

track that sounds as though it's seeking any club action. With a little clapping (of the hands sort, not of the guns sort) and some

chimes from Hav's library, the Mobb and Noyd pay homage to the thick thighs and pretty faces of all the ladies "that can get it."

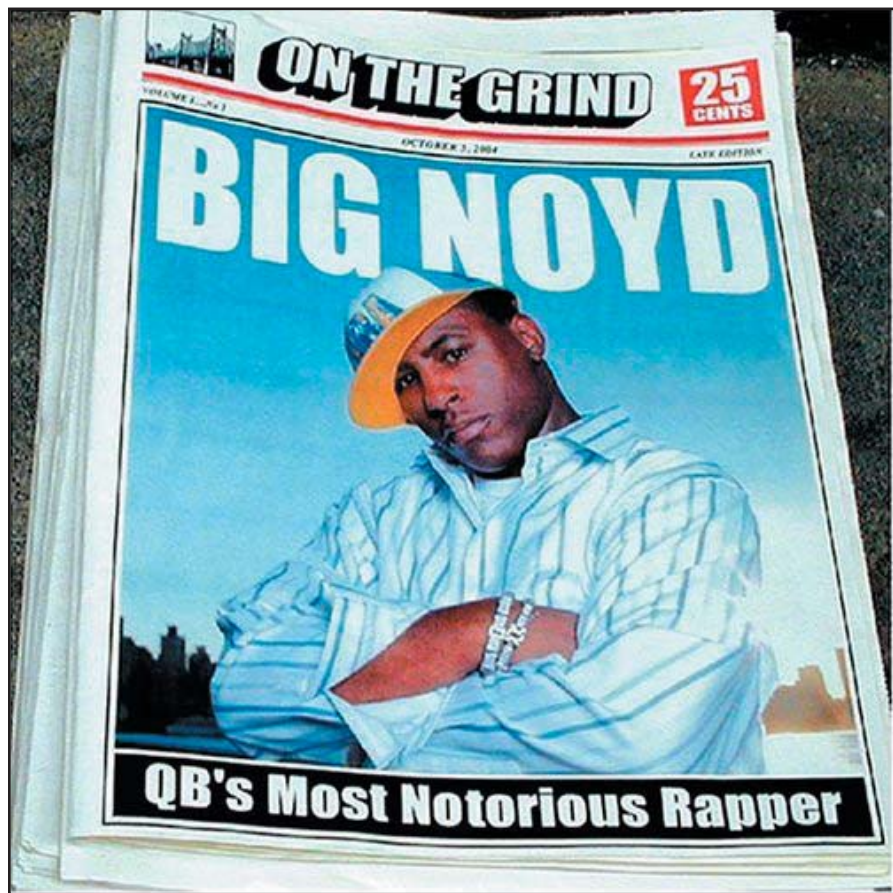
The generic posse cut that is "Money Rolls," the lifeless Havoc produc-

tion "Infamous Team" (which ironically shows that maybe Hav should stick to the mic for awhile), and the third P and Noyd track "Kill Dat There" all grow tedious with the usual QB gangsta chatter that only the Queensbridge "duns" have grown to love continuously.

"Don't run with the herd, they go right, you go left," Big Noyd raps on the album's swan song, "Trust 'Em"—advice that he himself does not even really take. Noyd opts to use the same QB formula that has taken so many other 'Bridge emcees to the top of the game.

But with a *Grind* this serious, it's hard to imagine him not cracking his New York neighborhood's starting lineup before he gives up the hustle.

And while *On The Grind* continues...down the Mobb Deep/Queensbridge path, Noyd grinds his way to a solo effort that puts him atop the current Queensbridge B-list emcee chain.



Big Noyd's latest album, *On The Grind* is bringing him up in the business..

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Not Just Another Day is a book with a little bit of everything

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Not Just Another Day, written by Monmouth graduate and Howell resident, Phil E. Eichinger has it all. This novel combines humor, love and surprises in just 188 pages. *Not Just Another Day* blends genres and turns out to be a fun and interesting read.

Not Just Another Day is a story of two best friends who find fun in almost everything they do. The main character, Fritz Endrick, a guy who never seemed to care about love, falls in love with a girl named Lisa. Fritz's life takes a turn as he becomes deeply involved in a romance he had never expected. The idea of this book may seem simple, but it's Eichinger's style of writing and twisted ending that make the book worthwhile.

Eichinger is very detailed in his writing, but not to the point where it becomes boring. He uses terms, phrases and pop culture references that people can relate to or even laugh at. At one point, Fritz and Abe comment on the use of the word "toolbox" to describe a certain type of guy. "Every time we went out we always had a Binford sighting. That was the term Abe and I came up with after hearing the word toolbox to describe a guy who was dressed to impress with one intention.

Most of the people we saw while we were out were tools...Therefore Abe and I went deeper into the subtext and grabbed the word "Binford" from the television sitcom *Home Improvement*...Abe and I

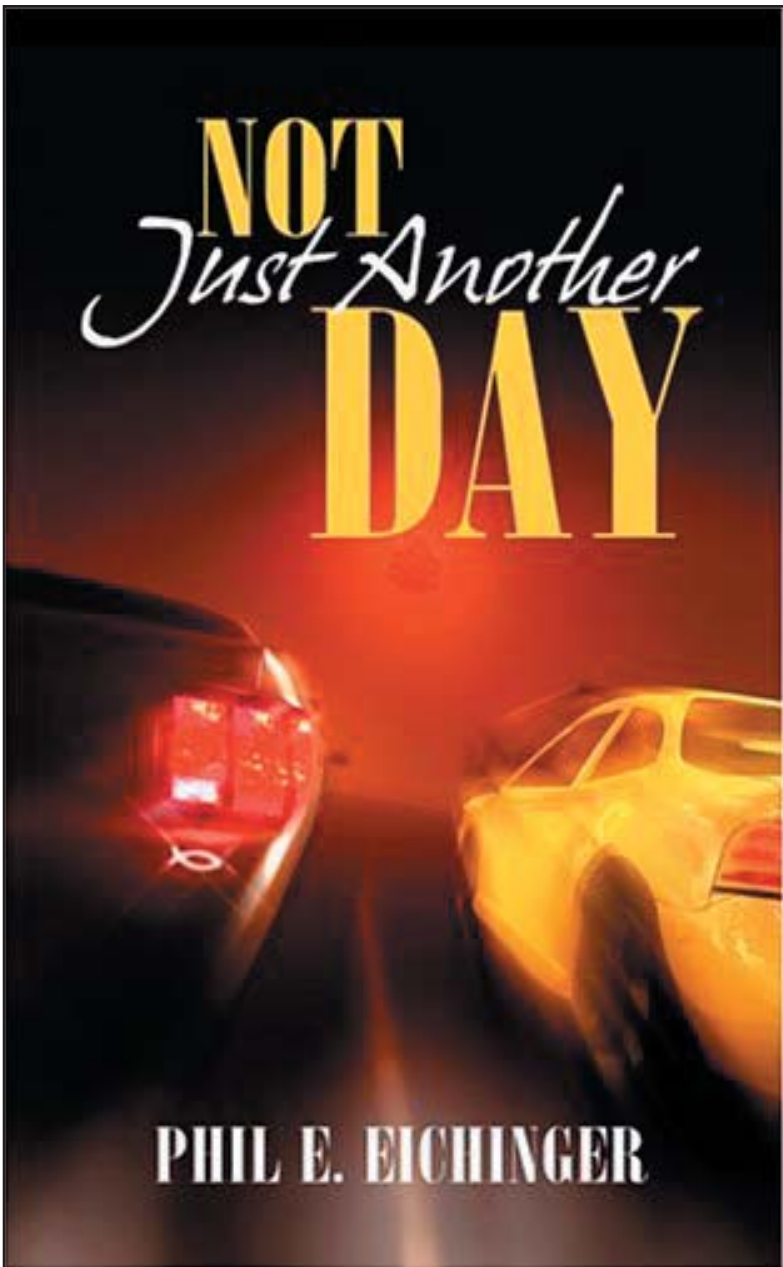
could only imagine these so called men actually looked at themselves and said 'You know what, this looks good Tony. I am going to wear the powder blue, rayon, sleeveless shirt with my tan capris tonight.' " As I read some of the lines in this book, I found myself thinking, "I know exactly what he means!" A lot of the things that the characters come in contact with are things that many people have experienced and can relate to.

This is why *Not Just Another Day* stands out. Most books try to create unbelievably perfect friendships or movie-like romances; however, with *Not Just Another Day*, it seems as though finding fun in simple relationships is just as exciting. And all of this sets up for the great climax.

The characters in this book were also realistic. You may find traits of your own friends in some of them or you may find yourself wishing you had a friend or girlfriend/boyfriend like that. Nothing in this novel is too far-fetched. I found myself flipping pages quickly, wanting to know what the characters would do next.

This novel is a great read for college students, and it is suitable for all ages, as well. Most people can relate to the storyline and what the characters are experiencing.

Women will love the romance and men will love the guys best friend relationship. *Not Just Another Day* is the type of book that will have you laughing out loud and feeling like you're on Cloud Nine with the characters.



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Eichinger's relatable story and pop culture references make it a great read for college students.

Former *Tonight Show* host Johnny Carson dies at 79

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Television's greatest late-night talk-show host, Johnny Carson, died Sunday at age 79.

Carson, who suffered a heart attack and underwent quadruple bypass surgery in 1999, died of emphysema at his Malibu, CA home, according to NBC.

While presiding over the network's "Tonight Show" for three decades, Carson surpassed the two great late-night maestros who preceded him, Steve Allen and Jack Paar, and was the mentor and model for the best practitioners who followed him, Jay Leno and David Letterman.

Carson was unique. As Shakespeare said of Hamlet, "he was 'the glass of fashion, and the mould of form.'"

The handsome, confident comedian joked that his fans watched him "between their toes" while lying in bed around midnight. But his opening monologue defined the day's events for a congeries of viewers, and a guest spot on his show was the launchpad for many a young comedian's career.

His greatest skill, however, was one that possibly many of his viewers never noticed, but which his show-business colleagues adored. He brought out the best in his guests, feeding them lines, stroking their egos, sublimating himself for their benefit.

And he did it on the fly. One of the most intelligent people in the industry, he was able to lead and follow the conversation wherever it went, making the hard work of interviewing look as natural as dinner-party conversation, but almost always more amusing.

"It's a sad day for his family and his country," Letterman said. "All of us who came after are pretenders. We will not see the likes of him again. ... He was the best, a star and a gentleman."

Just last week, it was disclosed that Carson occasionally sent Letterman jokes for his CBS show. Some made it into the monologue.

Oprah Winfrey, in an interview Sunday, said, "For his time and what he represented, there is no one bigger. There is 'different.'"

Winfrey made her first "Tonight" appearance with Carson in December 1985, when she was a local host in Chicago.

"The first time you're on this show is one of the single pivotal moments in the careers of everybody who's ever been on it," Winfrey said. "To get that call means that somebody thinks you've made it. We all remember the first moment, standing behind the curtain, hearing the music. It's an out-of-body experience."

Hosting 5,000 episodes and chatting with 23,000 guests made Carson a multimillionaire and a fixture in millions of memories. His superior may never appear.

John William Carson was born Oct. 23, 1925, in Corning, Iowa, and grew up in Norfolk, Neb. His father worked for the Nebraska Light & Power Co., rising from lineman to district manager.

A book set Carson upon his career course. When he was 12, he bought a copy of "Hoffman's Magic Tricks." After mastering its contents, he made his showbiz debut at age 14, billing himself as the Great Carsoni, earning \$3 for an appearance before the Norfolk Rotary Club.

Carson served as an ensign on the battleship Pennsylvania from 1943 to

1946. He added ventriloquism to his magic tricks as he entertained sailors.

Carson earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Nebraska in 1949. His senior thesis, about comedy writing, included quotations from and footnotes about Jack Benny, Bob Hope and Fred Allen, whose techniques and timing he studied closely while listening to them on the radio.

In 1949, Carson married Jody Wolcott, a fellow student at Nebraska who was his magic-act assistant. They had three sons: Christopher, Richard and Cory. Richard was killed in a car accident in 1991.

While at Nebraska in 1948, Carson got his first radio job, as an announcer at WFAB in Lincoln. He soon moved to radio station WOW and then to WOW-TV in Omaha.

At midcentury, Carson and family drove to Los Angeles in a 1949 Oldsmobile with a U-Haul trailer

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DAVID LETTERMAN

hitched to the back. "We must have looked like Okies," he later recalled.

Carson made the rounds of TV stations, showing an audition movie of himself telling jokes and performing magic, and was hired by KNXT in Los Angeles in 1950. His local show there, "Carson's Cellar" (1951-53) was well received. "The kid is great, just great," Benny said.

Red Skelton hired Carson as a writer on his TV show and, inadvertently, gave him an even bigger boost. While rehearsing in 1954, Skelton accidentally knocked himself out trying to crash through a breakaway door that failed to open. Summoned on short notice to take Skelton's place on the air, Carson sparked nationwide.

Moving onward and upward, he hosted a game show, "Earn Your Vacation" (1954), and a variety show, "The Johnny Carson Show" (1955-56), both on CBS. His first long-running series was another game show, "Who Do You Trust?" (1957-62), on ABC.

In 1958, Carson hired Ed McMahon as his sidekick on "Trust," beginning a professional association and personal friendship that lasted more than a third of a century. Their "Tonight" always got rolling with McMahon's stentorian voice declaring, "Heeere's Johnny!"

In a statement Sunday, McMahon said, "Johnny Carson was a man I considered like a brother to me." Whenever McMahon faced a major post-"Tonight" career decision, he said, "I always got the OK from 'The Boss.'"

When Jack Paar decided to retire from "Tonight" after four years as its host, he said Carson was "the only man who could or should replace me." At an initial salary of about \$100,000 a year, the 36-year-old, five-foot-10, 155-pound Carson premiered behind TV's most-watched entertainment desk on Oct. 1, 1962.

From the start, his guests were top of the line, with Groucho Marx, Tony Bennett, Joan Crawford, Mel Brooks and Rudy Vallee gracing his 90-minute opening night.

when I smothered a grenade at Guadalcanal."

Carson's impeccable handling of guests was grounded in his shrewd notion of what made a good show take wing.

Commenting on comedians as guests, he said, "Never compete with them. I learned that from Jack Benny. The better they are, the better the show is. The only absolute rule is: Never lose control of the show."

Carson's peers recognized and appreciated his subtle but sure-handed expertise.

"From the word go," Brooks said, "Mr. Carson could tell when you'd hit comic gold, and he'd help you to mine it."

"He appears to be most pleased when the guest scores," Woody Allen said. "He feels no compulsion to top me."

But his guests knew they had to be good, or their turn in the spotlight would be attenuated and their chances of returning, slender.

"Once you are on Carson's turf," Orson Welles said, "the onus is on you to stay there. If you fail, you will decorously get the boot."

For fledgling comedians looking for a stairway to the stars, a hit performance on "Tonight" was the equivalent of boarding an escalator.

Describing his first appearance, in 1981, Jerry Seinfeld said, "It was like coming over the crest of a roller coaster. It was the difference between thinking you're a comedian and really being one."

Eccentrics often turned up on the guests' couch beside Carson's desk. Until the finale, his highest-rated show was the on-air wedding of ukulele zany Tiny Tim and Miss Vicki on Dec. 17, 1969.

Carson was as nimble at the ad lib as he was in reeling off a scripted monologue.

When Fernando Lamas said he had become an actor "because it was a great way to meet broads," Carson nodded and said, "Nietzsche couldn't have put it more succinctly."

Carson prepared for his show both intellectually - he read seven newspapers every morning, looking for comedic grist in current events - and physically - he exercised regularly and pursued several hobbies including tennis, scuba diving, archery, and fencing. He was a good golfer and an excellent drummer, the active owner of a drum set given him by the great Buddy Rich.

The most startling demonstration of his agility came when he was 40 years old and struggling to extract more than one word at a time from Geraldine Chaplin. Desperate to rouse the scene from its torpor, he jumped through his own clasped hands, then back through them.

Carson accumulated many honors, including five Emmy Awards, election to the Television Academy Hall of Fame, and a Kennedy Center Honor. He was a perennial favorite as host of the Academy Awards ceremonies.

His unstinting dedication to his work took its toll on his private life.

He was divorced from his first wife, Jody, in 1963, and later that year married Joanne Copeland. They were divorced in 1972, and later that year he married Joanna Holland. They were divorced in 1983.

Carson married Alexis Mass in 1987, and she survives him, along with his sons, Christopher and Cory.

The master was 66 when he called it quits. The guests on his next-to-last show were Robin Williams and Bette Midler, who in emotional tribute to him sang "One for My Baby" and one of Carson's favorites, "Here's That Rainy Day."

But on his final show on May 22, 1992, there were no guests, just Johnny. Going all the way back to his teenage gigs as the Great Carsoni, that was always enough.

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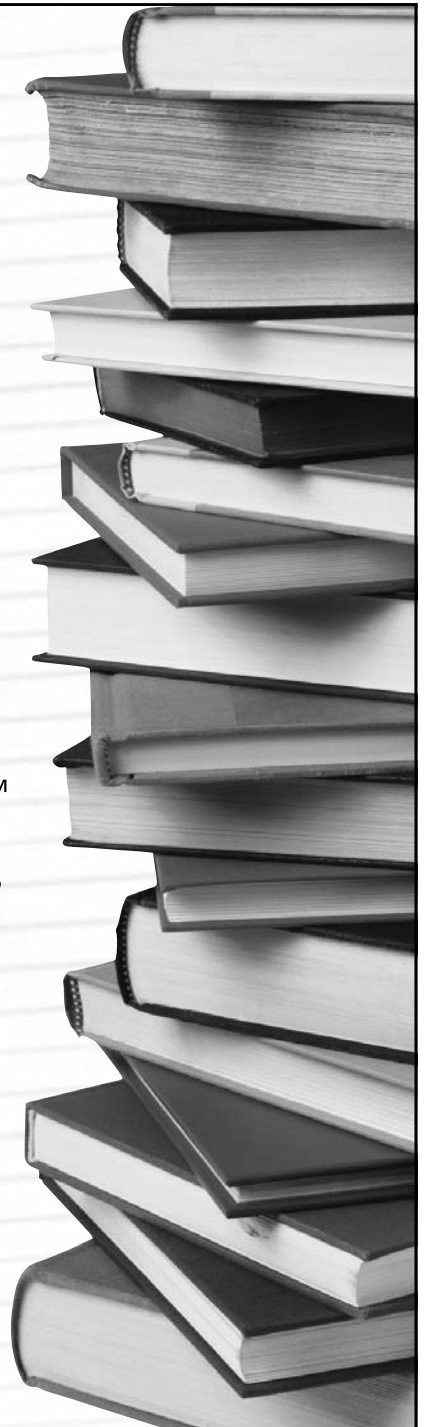
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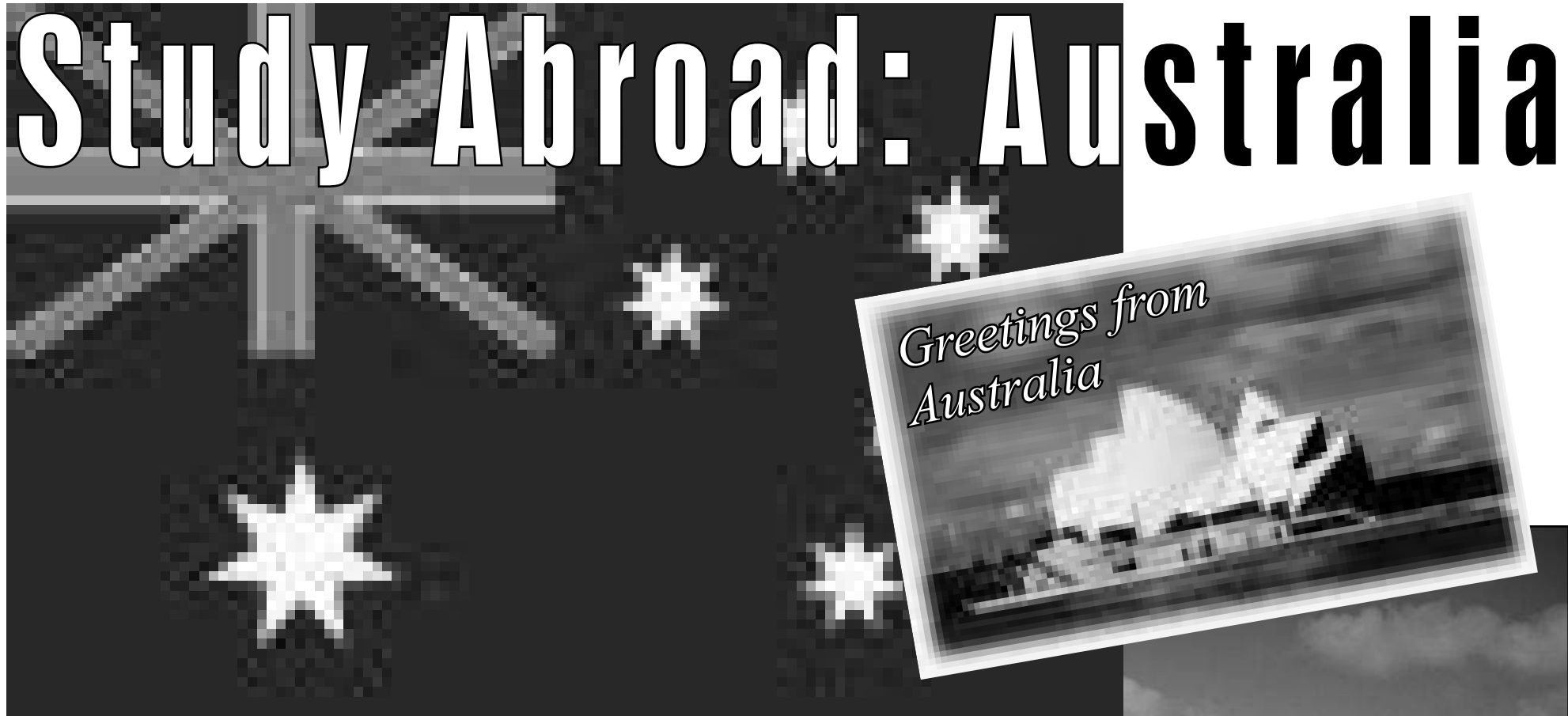


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ANDREA SANSONE
Contributing Writer

To study abroad truly transcends what could ever be learned in a typical semester. Whereas a semester usually passes and fades from your memory, my months in Australia will forever resound in my mind and heart as the highlight of my young-adult life, and as the most enriching experience I may ever encounter. In the classroom, insight upon an unfamiliar and unique culture was granted equally by my foreign professors and classmates from around the world. Apart from the classes, it is the traveling, new friends, and new sense of independence that makes studying abroad an asset to any education.

Students who study abroad have much more than a common desire to deviate from their regular college life-style for a semester. Similar amongst the varying personalities I befriended abroad was the burning desire to fully explore a new country, culture, and most importantly, a piece of themselves previously untapped. As I keep in touch with the friends I met abroad, not a conversation escapes us without some reference to our travels. Whether it be the trips up the coast of Australia or through the South Pacific Islands, the city-life of Sydney or Melbourne, or being taken aback by the landscape of New Zealand – I am not alone in feeling blessed to have such experiences to reflect upon. As life returns to its humdrum rhythm, and likewise when it gets hectic and stressful, each of us surly utters an, “I wish I were in Australia right now,” and truly means it. To us, Australia isn’t a mere continent upon a map. It’s not the “Crocodile Hunter,” kangaroos and koalas, or Russell Crowe. Australia is a never-ending “no worries” attitude, a picturesque setting that spawned lifelong bonds, it’s a time in our lives that was truly the time of our life.

While I now serve to be one of the biggest advocates of both Study Abroad programs, and particularly Australian travel, there was a time I was weary of both. I had never lived outside my childhood bedroom; thus, to say the least, the proposition of living in a dorm around the world was quite daunting. Why Australia? My attitude was, “why not?” Going abroad was a huge leap for me personally, as it is for most other students. Luring me to Australia were the famous beaches, warm weather, and landmark sights. Most importantly perhaps, the fact that Australia is English-speaking alleviated anxiety from day one. Rather than having to scramble to pick up a new language and all the confusion that goes hand-in-hand with that process, I really got to focus on the native vernacular and freely absorb Australian culture without hindrance. Furthermore, in today’s shaky political climate, Australia is a country seemingly untouched by the unrest and turmoil faced by many other countries, making traveling there increasingly attractive and less worrisome than it’s alternatives.

No student should let their college years escape him or her without venturing abroad for a semester. The opportunity to learn volumes about oneself and the world at large is at our fingertips. To not capitalize upon such an offer is a true travesty. The bravery and courage one must muster to initially pack up and leave are the hardest components of the journey. But in the end, to come home knowing that you’ve left no stone unturned, no friendship incomplete, and no part of yourself devoid of this experience, makes that initial bravery something to be forever thankful for.

Andrea Sansone studied abroad at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia during the Spring 2004 semester.



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In Spring 2004 Monmouth University study abroad students and advisor posed for a picture along the beautiful Australian coastline (left to right) Macquarie Advisor Sally Asquith and students Gillian Rosen, Andrea Sansone, Jarrod Koh, JD Scaggs, Nicole Yahara, Keith Pareti and Jennifer Singer.

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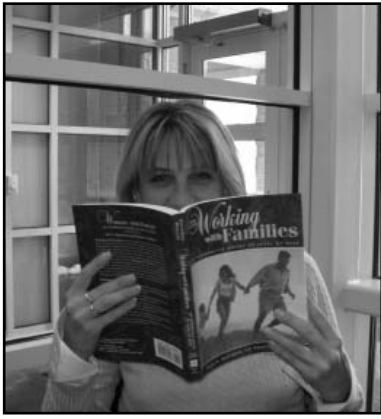
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Thursday, January 27th

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RA Information Session
Oakwood Lounge @ 6 p.m.

Friday, January 28th

Film Series - Ladder 49
Bey Hall Auditorium @ 8 p.m.

Fraternity Recruitment Begins
Bey Hall @ 4 p.m.

Student Club and Organization Rosters are Due to
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Saturday, January 29th

Film Series - Ladder 49
Bey Hall Auditorium @ 3 p.m. & 9 p.m.

Chrissy Santoni - Singer
Oakwood Lounge @ 8 p.m.

Sunday, January 30th

Sorority Recruitment Begins
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Monday, January 31

RA Information Session
Oakwood Lounge, 9:45 p.m.

Tuesday, February 1

BHM Flag Raising Ceremony
Great Lawn, 12 Noon

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Wilson Aud., 1 p.m.

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ANACON HALL, 11AM—1:00PM
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Thursday, January 27

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Tuesday, February 1

FLAG RAISING CEREMONY
NOON, FLAGPOLE ON GREAT LAWN
Join us in the annual flag raising ceremony as we reflect on Black History and begin the month-long celebration.

Friday, February 4

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Monday, February 7

AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN CHAIN
ANACON HALL, 9AM—2PM
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Wednesday, February 9

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Tuesday, February 15

BLACK INVENTORS DISPLAY
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MOVING OUTSIDE THE BOX; EMBRACING DIVERSITY IN THE 21ST CENTURY
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER
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Wednesday, February 16

AWARENESS WORKSHOP
CAREER PATHS/ CAREER BUILDING
WILSON AUDITORIUM 2:30PM—4:00PM
*The law firm of **Davis and Daniels** will present a PowerPoint workshop and entertain questions regarding career paths.*

Monday, February 21

AFRO-CENTRIC PERSPECTIVES IN CREATIVITY
ANACON HALL, 1PM-4PM
*Come view the art work of artist and gallery owner **John Brown of El-Lobo-Negro, Gallery of the Arts.***

Thursday, February 24

CHANGING MINDS.....ENRICHING LIVES
WILSON AUDITORIUM 7:30PM—9:30PM
*Open forum featuring **Chris Gadsden**. Come discuss the impact of racism and prejudice as it exists today.*

Monday, February 28


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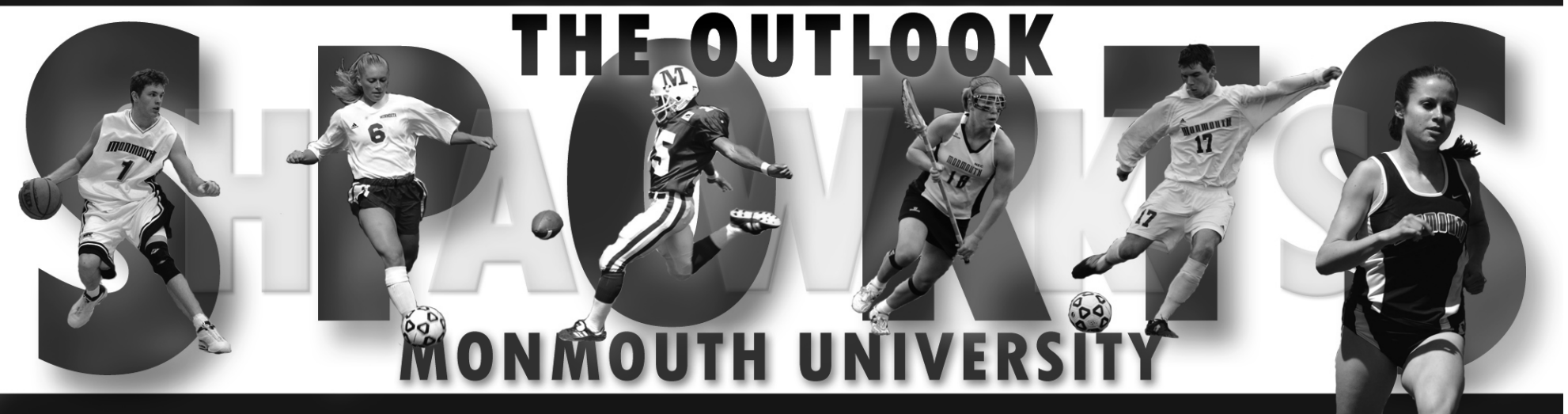
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


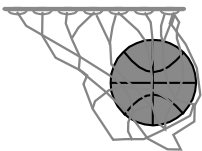
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A total of \$5,000.00 will be awarded on Saturday, February 26th at the Women's Basketball Game.

All groups must register with Tom Manzo in the Athletics Dept. no later than **Monday, December 20, 2004**. The office telephone ext. is 5833

Two team leaders must be selected to represent the group at both the Men's and Women's games. At least one of those team leaders with a valid Monmouth ID must check in at the registration table in the Boylan Gym lobby BEFORE and AFTER the game. No check in, No awarded points for that game.

A theme will be assigned for each game. Points will be awarded on a game-by-game basis. The criteria judged will be creativity, originality, school spirit and sportsmanship.

The group from each category with the most points at the end of the contest will receive the prize money.

Single points will be awarded at Men's games, double points will be awarded for Men's TV games, double points will be awarded at Women's games and triple points will be awarded at two (2) randomly selected Women's games.





SCHOOL SPIRIT



THE DATES AND THEMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- Tuesday, December 21** Women's Game "Holiday Night"
(Student groups are required to wear clothing representing the Holiday)
- Saturday, January 22** Women's Game "Hawaiian Night"
(Student groups are required to dress in clothing with an Hawaiian Theme)
- Saturday, January 22** Men's Game "Hawaiian Night"
(Student groups are required to dress in clothing with an Hawaiian Theme)
- Monday, January 24** Men's Game "Paint Your Face Night"
(Student groups are required to paint their face using blue and white)
- Thursday, February 3** Men's Game "MU Shirt Night"
(Student groups are required to wear a shirt with a MU phrase, logo, etc.)
- Saturday, February 5** Women's Game
Help celebrate National Girls and Women in Sports Day
- Saturday, February 5** Men's Game "Poster Night"
(Student groups are required to make posters and hold them up during the game)
- Monday, February 7** Women's Game "Paint Your Face Night"
(Same requirement as Men's Game on January 24)
In addition to the theme, student groups are required to perform a community service by donating can goods. The drop-off is in the Lobby of Boylan Gym on game night. Points will be awarded.
- Tuesday, February 8** Men's Game "Player Night"
(Student groups are required to wear a shirt with their favorite MU player's number on it)
- Wednesday, February 16** Men's Game "Valentine's Night"
(Student groups are required to wear clothing representing Valentine's Day)
- Thursday, February 17** Women's Game "Valentine's Night"
(Same requirement as Men's Game on February 16)
- Friday, February 18** Men's Game "Great White Freak Out"
(Student groups are required to wear a plain white shirt)
- Saturday, February 19** Women's Game "Poster Night"
(Same requirement as Men's Game on February 5)
- Sunday, February 20** Men's Game "Crazy Hat Night"
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- Monday, February 21** Women's Game "Crazy Hat Night"
(Same requirement as Men's Game on February 20)
In addition to the theme, student groups are required to perform a community service by participating in a clothing drive. The drop-off is in the Lobby of Boylan Gym on game night. Points will be awarded.
- Saturday, February 26** Women's Game "St. Patrick's Night"
(Student groups are required to wear clothing representing St. Patrick's Day)
Contest Ends Money Awarded

Women's basketball now 4-2 in NEC play

WILLIAM K. DePOE
STAFF WRITER

The Monmouth University Women's Basketball has managed to win three of its first five games in Northeast Conference play, but before the Hawks started facing in-conference foes, they hosted a tough Auburn University team.

On December 21, the Hawks fell hard to the Auburn University Tigers 73-44 at Boylan Gymnasium. Monmouth turned the ball over a season-high 28 times and was out rebounded by Auburn 41-26, with 20 of the Tigers rebounds coming on the offensive end.

Junior guard Niamh Dwyer led the Hawks with 12 points, including three 3-pointers. Liz Whalen, also a junior guard, hit three 3-pointers as well and finished with 11 points. Natasha Brackett and Nicole Loudon tallied 16 points each to lead the Tigers. Monmouth started Northeast Conference action on the right track with a 51-48 victory at home on January 6 over the Pioneers of Sacred Heart University.

Despite being held scoreless for a 10 minute period early on, the Hawks would end the first half with a 17-6 run and led 23-19 at the half.

Trailing 47-38 late in the contest, Sacred Heart scored seven unanswered points to cut the Hawks' lead to 47-45 with 0:55 seconds remaining, but a Bridgette Bynum lay-up, a pair of free throws by Brianne Edwards and a missed 3-pointer by the Pioneers at the buzzer allowed Monmouth to hold on.

The Hawks, who shot 39% from the floor and dominated in the paint, outscoring Sacred Heart 26-8, were led by Dwyer's 14 points and also got 12 from Bynum.

The Hawks would go on the road

and suffer their first conference loss on January 9 to the Quinnipiac University Bobcats 53-48.

Monmouth took a four point lead early in the second half, but would be held scoreless for 6:06, allowing the Bobcats to go up 37-26.

Trailing late 44-31, the Hawks would rally and senior guard Courtney Lumpkin was in the middle of it, scoring nine of her 14 points in the final minutes and helped cut the Bobcats lead to 51-49, but that's as close as they would get.

Despite the loss Lumpkin was able to get a double-double grabbing 10 rebounds for Monmouth, and Dwyer led the Hawks overall with 15 points.

As a team, Monmouth shot just 30% from the field. The Bobcat's Krystal Pressley led all scores with 18. The Hawks road woes continued, falling 62-55 at Central Connecticut State on January 11.

Monmouth led most of the first half, but would allow the Blue Devils to rally and lead at halftime 29-24. Central Connecticut would extend its lead to 17 in the second half, but a Hawks rally would bring them to within 54-51 with 1:04 left in the game, but missed rebounds down the stretch allowed the Blue Devils to end the game on an 8-4 run.

Fouls were a problem for Monmouth, as Central Connecticut got 20 points from the foul line.

The Hawks shot 33% from the floor, and were led by Dwyer's 20 points and four steals. Senior guard Erin Winston was also solid for Monmouth, scoring 10 points and grabbing nine rebounds.

On Saturday, January 15, the Hawks would get their first NEC road win of the season 63-59 over the Long Island University Blackbirds.

Just when Monmouth looked to be in

control, leading 12-0 early, the Blackbirds stormed back and would lead 25-22. The Hawks would regain the lead in the second half and would stay there, but Long Island hung tough and at one point tied the ballgame at 52-52 with a minute and a half to go.

In the end the Hawks, who shot 42% from the field, were too much, outscoring the Blackbirds 11-7 to end the game.

Free throws were big for the Hawks, who got 23 points from the charity stripe. Dwyer, who was held scoreless in the first half, knocked down 15 points in the second half. Whalen and Winston also scored in double figures for Monmouth, tallying 14 and 13 points respectively, and Bynum would collect 10 rebounds (six offensive) to go along with her eight points.

On Thursday night, January 20, Monmouth would avenge its loss to Central Connecticut State by beating them 76-71 at Boylan Gymnasium. It was a career night for Dwyer, who knocked down a career-high 29 points against the Blue Devils, including 18 in the first half.

The Hawks trailed virtually the entire first half and a good portion of the second half, but a Winston jump shot and 3-point baskets from Dwyer and freshman guard Veronica Randolph would give Monmouth a 58-52 lead, its first since they led 14-13. Winston, Dwyer, and Randolph's clutch shots were a part of a 10-0 run for the Hawks.

The Blue Devils would stay close, but Monmouth would hit key foul shots down the stretch. As a team the Hawks would hit 22 free throws, including a perfect 9-for-9 at the line from Dwyer, who would also get five steals.

Despite being out shot by Central Connecticut from the floor 57% to 45%, Monmouth forced 23 turnovers.

Lumpkin, who was scoreless in the first half, poured in 15 points in the second half, including two big free throws in the final seconds.

Overall, the Hawks are now 7-7 and will hope to stay above .500 in the Northeast Conference. Due to snow that occurred on Saturday, January 22, the Hawks would play a make-up game against St. Francis College (N.Y.) at home on Monday, January 24, at 5 p.m.

The Hawks went on to win that game 66-53 behind a strong balanced scoring attack led by Erin Winston's game-high 19 points. Niamh Dwyer also scored in double figures with 14, and Courtney Lumpkin added 9 points, 6 rebounds, 4 assists, and 3 steals.

The Hawks now improve to 8-7 overall and 4-2 in Northeast Conference play. They next take the court on Saturday as part of a doubleheader with the men's team as the two take to the road against Fairleigh Dickinson. The women will look to win their fourth straight conference game when the two tip-off at 4:30 p.m. from the Rothman Center in Teaneck, New Jersey.



PHOTO BY Jim Reme

Senior Bridgette Bynum tallied 10 rebounds and 8 points against LIU last week along with 12 points against Sacred Heart.

Indoor Track and Field running strong

DOMINICK RINELLI, JR.
STAFF WRITER

The Monmouth University Men and Women's Indoor Track and Field teams have been putting together a successful season under head coach Joe Compagni.

Since winter break, the Blue and White have participated in the Gulden Relays, the New York Invitational, the Great Dane Classic and most recently the Delaware Invitational and Princeton Relays this past weekend, at which the school sent split squads to each event.

On Saturday in Princeton, the men's team finished in second behind the Tigers, as they scored 112.5 points and finished ahead of several schools including Rutgers, Temple and Morgan State.

Sophomores Martin Suares and David Gaines took second and sixth place in the one mile event as they crossed the line in a time of 4:24.71 and 4:31.70 respectively.

Freshman Daniel Ceparano finished fourth in the 600m event with a time of 1:24.61.

The Hawks were able to earn 26 out of the 36 points possible in the 800m event as William Doherty, Sherwyn Noel, Lawrence Schau, Timothy Swarts and Gaines placed second through sixth.

Like the 800m, Monmouth had multiple point earners in the 3000m as Dustin Coleman, Leonardo Vignone, Will Springman, Pat D'Alessandro and Kevin Cuneo finished third through seventh.

Nick Williams, Kyle Hirschklau and Christian Keller finished in second, fourth and fifth place in the shot-put.

Keller and Williams earned third and fifth place in the weight throw as well.

The women's team tallied 79 points on the day as Ashley Huffman took first place in the long jump clearing a distance of 5.64m and earning fourth in the high jump

with a distance of 1.60m.

Katina Alexander and Kristin Wallace finished third and fourth in the one mile as they crossed the line with times of 5:12.09 and 5:17.54 respectively. Alexander earned second in the 800m.

Suraya Kornegay and Latasha Dickson took second and fourth in the 600m.

On the same day, a split squad was sent to Delaware University as the men's team competed successfully in several events and finished in sixth place overall.

Thomas Merring took first place in the 60m hurdles with a time of 8.59. Ryan Connell and James Wood took second and fourth in the weight throw.

The women's team took seventh place overall as Kate Lyons finished second in the weight throw and Tara Ebert and LaToya Morton earned first and second in the high jump with a distance of 1.50m.

A week prior to sending split squads to Princeton and Delaware, the Blue and White participated in the Great Dane Classic at The Armory Track and Field Center.

The men's finished first and the women took second place on the afternoon.

The men tallied 188 points to place them ahead of the eleven other schools taking part in the event.

The 4x400 distance medley relay team of Nick Pellegrino, Jeff Elisca, Gaines and Swarts took first place in the event with a time of 10:17.63 which qualified them for the IC4A Championships.

Pellegrino also finished in first place in the 3000m as he crossed the line with a time of 8:35.5.

Other first place finishes for the men included Troy Dennis in the long jump (23'5.5), Jackson in the high jump (6'7") and Williams in the shot-put (50'9.25").

David Wiley also qualified for the IC4A Championships in the

400m as he finished the event in 48:13.

Huffman lead the way for the women's team as she set three new school records and took first place in the long jump with a new school record of 19'9.75".

Her other two new school records were in the 55m hurdles (8.08) which she took second in and the 200m (25.17) which she earned third.

Huffman also finished in second in the high jump and qualified for the ECAC Championships in the long jump and 55m hurdles.

The 4x400 distance medley relay team of Deanna Paulson, Kornegay, Williams and Dickson finished in first place as they set a new meet record and qualified for the ECAC Championships with a time of 3:15.06.

Kornegay also won the 400m (57.42) while Alexander won the 5000m with a time of 17:43.98 which was good enough for a new school record.

On January 14, Monmouth took part in the NYU Invitational which was un-scored.

The lone highlight from the event was Matt Dahms who earned first place in the 60m hurdles as he crossed the line in a time of 8.39.

The Blue and White took part in the Bucknell University's Gulden Relays on January 8 which was un-scored as well.

On the men's side, Dennis finished first in the long jump (7.18), Nick Gicanelli took second in the pole vault (4.42), Hirschklau (15.12), Keller (15.05) and Williams (14.83) finished first through third place in the shot put and Jackson taking second in the high jump (2.03).

Monmouth's track and field team will continue their 2004-05 campaign as they will be sending split squads to both the Terrier Classic and Bison Open & Pentathlon on January 28-29.

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Hawks undefeated in NEC after 180 turnaround

Pick up from slow start to claim 1st place in NEC.

EDDY OCCHIPINTI
STAFF WRITER

While the entire Monmouth University community was enjoying their winter break recess, the men's basketball team was left with many unanswered questions.

Can we turn around a 1-6 start in which we lost four games by double-figures?

Can we find offense from another source outside of All-Northeast Conference performer Blake Hamilton? Do we have what it takes to return to the apex of the conference?

All these questions lingered as the Hawks took the court for the first time after Christmas when they traveled to Philadelphia to take on Drexel University on December 28th.

What happened on the court on that cold December night in the city of brotherly love changed the course of the season for the defending Northeast Conference regular season and tournament champions. The Hawks fell to Drexel 76-47 in what was the lowest point of the early season.

"We knew after the Drexel game we had to look at ourselves and change what we were doing," said sophomore forward Marques Alston.

After what many of the players said was their best day of practice in a long time, the Hawks responded by soundly handling Sacred Heart in their NEC opener 67-49, and the game wasn't as close as the score indicates.

One major change that has

helped vault the Hawks into first place in the conference has been the installment of Alston into the starting lineup.

The Neptune, New Jersey native has seen an increase in minutes, scoring, rebounding, assists and to no surprise, his team's amount in the win column.

Since Alston's arrival in the starting lineup, the Hawks have gone 4-2, 4-1 P.D. (post-Drexel).

Since that game, only a one-point loss to non-conference Siena is the only blemish on the Blue and White's record. They have rattled off three straight road

conference wins, starting with an 83-61 dismantling of Wagner.

The game was a coming out party for junior point guard Tyler Azzarelli, who stole the show with his 18-point, 7-assist, 7-steal performance in the route.

"I knew I had to be more aggressive offensively," said the Tampa, Florida native.

"We have been playing well, but now we have to continue to show everyone that we are still the team to beat."

Azzarelli has been more aggressive of late, as he is averaging a career high 8.2 points per game.

The Hawks have gone back to basics during their winning streak, and for Monmouth, that means playing tough, physical defense.

The match-up zone has been wreaking havoc on the opposition, holding four of their first five conference foes to below 40% shoot-

"We knew after the Drexel game we had to look at ourselves and change what we were doing."

MARQUES ALSTON
MU sophomore forward



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Tyler Azzarelli had 18 points, 7 assists, and 7 steals against Wagner. Azzarelli is now averaging 8.2 points per game for the Hawks.



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Dejan Delic is Monmouth's second leading scorer, averaging 9.7 points per game and ranks sixth in the NEC in 3-point field goals made with 33.

ing from the floor.

Thus far, the only NEC team to shoot over 40% from the floor against the Hawks was the Quinnipiac Bobcats, who the Hawks defeated in dramatic fashion in Hamden, Connecticut on January 9th.

After Monmouth had led all game, Quinnipiac tied the score at 71 with 20 seconds left. The Hawks then didn't call timeout, and ran the clock all the way down to the five second mark. There, Alston found himself with the ball in front of his own bench and pulled up and sank a three-pointer with 00.4 on the clock. The Bobcats couldn't get a shot off, and the sophomore was mauled by his teammates after hitting his second buzzer-beater of the season.

In their next game, head coach Dave Calloway celebrated his 100th victory at the helm of his alma mater with a 69-57 defeat of Long Island University.

The aforementioned Hamilton leads six Hawks who score more than 5 points a game. The senior is averaging 13.7 points per game to lead the squad. After Hamilton is the smooth-stroking Serbian Dejan Delic, who averages 9.7 points per game and is the team-leader in three pointers made, attempted and three-point percentage.

Chris Kenny struggled finding

his shot, but he has come a long way and is now the team's third-leading scorer with 9.1 points per game. In the three-point win over Quinnipiac, Kenny had a team high 20 points and paced the Hawks for stretches during the first half.

In their latest action, the Hawks used a strong first half against Central Connecticut State to pull away. They outscored the Blue Devils 40-22 in the first stanza en route to a 70-53 win in front of a raucous home crowd. The game was a rematch of last season's NEC tournament final when the Hawks won and advanced to the NCAA tournament. Alston and Hamilton each had 14 points apiece in the victory.

Kenny added 8 points, 4 assists, and 2 steals in the game, and senior Dwayne Byfield added 5 steals.

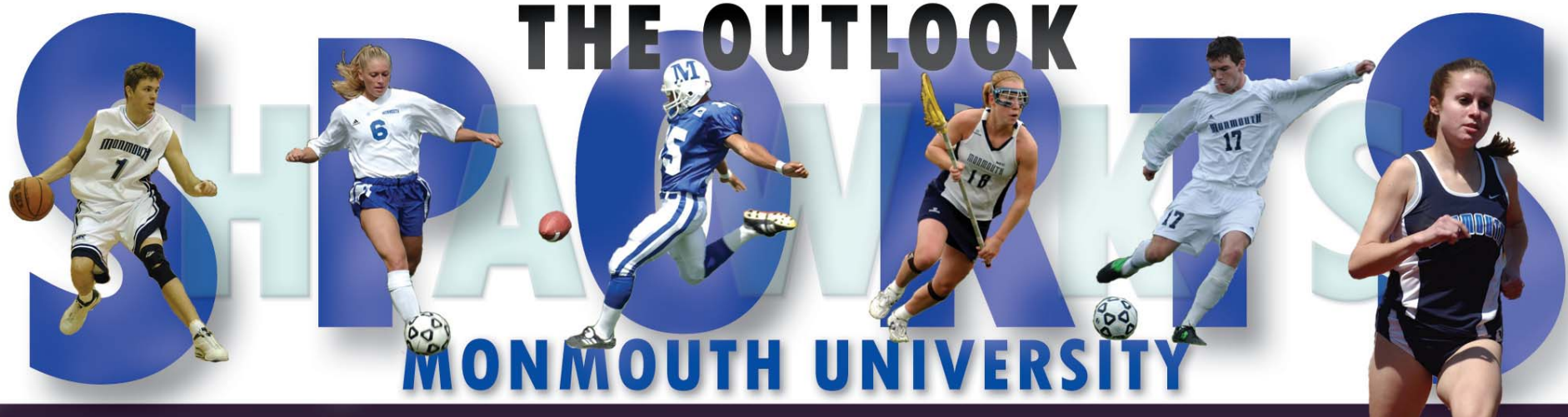
In the game, Hamilton passed Mustafa Barksdale on the school's all-time leading scoring list and now is the owner of sole possession of eighth place. He now has 1,154 points. Hamilton also made 4-of-4 free throws, giving him 421 career makes and moving him into a tie for first place with Alex Blackwell on the Hawk's all-time list.

The Blue and White now sit at 5-0 and atop the Northeast Conference standings. They have won four straight and five of their last six games.

It turns out that the Hawks have been able to answer some of the questions that plagued them in the early season. They have truned the season around by playing Monmouth basketball. They run their motion offense as fluently now as they have in recent memory. The match-up zone is functioning at a very high and effective level. The Hawks are not relying on merely Blake Hamilton to supply the scoring asll by himself, he has a solid supporting cast that each has a role. Alston is making things happen off the dribble and on the boards. Dejan Delic, Chris Kenny, and Dwayne Byfield are finding the outside shooting touch and opening up the lane for Hamilton, Alston, and Brent Wilson, who's improved play is another reason why Monmouth is undefeated in conference. Tyler Azzarelli is playing his best basketball since arriving in West Long Branch, and Brandon Owens has provided a spark off the bench.

What remains to be seen is if the Hawks can return to pinnacle of the conference, but their next chance to prove so comes tonight as they take on the team they shared the regular season NEC title with a season ago, St. Francis (NY) in a make-up from Saturday. Tip-off is slated for 7 pm. One thing is for sure however, the mighty Hawks are back.

THE OUTLOOK



PLOWING through the COMPETITION

Sophomore Marques Alston scored 14 points Monday night helping to ensure the 70-53 win against CCSU.

After a rocky start, the Men's Basketball team has won 4 in a row and is now 5-0 within the NEC.



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