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### Computer **Science** Students Celebrate UPE **Establishment** in D.C.

MORGANNE FIRMSTONE STAFF WRITER

University members of Upsilon Pi Epsilon (UPE), the honor society for Computer and Information Science, gathered in Washington, D.C. at the Newseum's Greenspun Family Terrace to commemorate the founding of the UPE and to learn more about digital signage technology on January 11.

January 11, 2010 had tremendous significance to UPE members across the country including MU affiliates Brianna Kipnis, Maura Breiner, Jennifer Bassett, Abraham Dweck, Katelyn Mulliken, UPE advisor and Director of Information Technology, Professor Maureen Paparella, and Information Technology Professor Guillermo Santamaria.

On January 10, 1967 the first meeting of the UPE convened at Texas A&M University. However, the president of the Drexel University chapter of the UPE noticed that January 11, 2010 at 10:11:11 A.M. would represent something quite ironic. Minus the punctuation, the date and time would be 1111 010 1111. In binary code, significant to all computer and information technologists, this number represents 1967-the year of the UPE's establishment.

The location of this event was chosen due to interest in the Newseum's installation of proprietary high-end digital signage technology. Dr. Michael Palladino, Dean of the School of Science,

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## **TD Bank Foundation Awards** Debate Hawks Grant to Mentor High School

#### **GINA COLUMBUS** EDITOR-AT-LARGE

The University's Institute for Global Understanding (IGU), along with the competing Debate Hawks, have received a grant from the TD Bank Charitable Foundation in the amount of \$7,000 to create a debate team for Asbury Park High School for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Members of the university Debate Team will mentor the high school students and teach them the skills and knowledge required for debating. The Debate Hawks will train the students so that they may be take part in a variety of high school debate competitions.

Dr. Joe Patten, Political Science professor and advisor of the Debate Hawks, is very supportive and excited for the creation of the high school debate team. He said when the

team first made a trip to Asbury Park High School, there was "a lot of electricity in the room.

How the training sessions will be conducted are still in the planning stages, Patten said. He said he is really looking forward 'to getting college and high school students together.'

Patten said that a grant was submitted to the TD Bank Charitable Foundation through the grant office. Taken from the submitted grant, the program is aligned with TD Bank's Charitable Foundation's goal of "reinforcing basic learning skills, English as a second language, tutoring and mentorship, and education-focused youth development programs and initiatives.

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Jordan T. Johnson, Asbury Park High School Sophmore; Domenick M. Servodio, vice president, TD Bank; Dr. Joe Patten, political science pro-fessor and advisor to MU Debate Team; Miguel Nunez, Asbury Park High School Junior; Dr. Rekha Datta, director of Monmouth University's Institute for Global Understanding and chair of Department of Political Science.

### **Student Writes First Full-length Work Analyzing** Watchmen

FRANK GOGOL EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After nearly three and a half years, Sara Van Ness, a graduate student in the English MA program, is in the final stages of having Watchmen as Literature: A Critical Study of the Graphic Novel, a full length book that grew from her Undergraduate Honors Thesis, released this coming spring.

In the summer of 2006, as a sophomore, Van Ness enrolled in an independent study focusing on Twentieth-Century American war literature with Dr. Stanley Blair, an Associate Professor of English. Among the books for the course was Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons' Watchmen, a graphic novel. The book impressed her so much that it became the focus of her Undergraduate Honors Thesis.

"I bought my copy [of Watchmen] at the local bookstore, and like many readers, I read into the



early hours of the morning. I was drawn into the text by the reality of the characters and setting, the action and suspense of the text, and the beautifully detailed images," Van Ness explained.

After completing the first independent study with Blair, Van Ness worked closely with him during the next two years enrolling in additional independent studies with him. "In each of these studies, I discussed the

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## Monmouth Professors Publish Social Work Text

now at Fordham University. members also contributed ar-This past fall Monmouth Uni- ticles to the text including, Dr. Ristow. Nora Smith and Dr. Rosemary Barbara of the School of Social Work, Dr. Nancy Mezey of the LCADC published a text titled Political Science Department, Dr. Rebecca Sanford of the Comcial and Legal Issues in Diverse munication Department, Dean of the School of Nursing and Health The text was co-published Studies Dr. Janet Mahoney, Dr. with Tina Maschi, PhD, a former Laura Kelly of the School of

Dr. Marie Mele of the Criminal Dr. Kelly Ward explained the Ward said, "we always conceptu-

Several Monmouth faculty Justice Department, and Social process of completing the book, alized it as a collaborative effort which took about 18 months. "We had to organize the book, and ask for the authors to write, review and edit those chapters. Then send those out to the publisher, who sent the book out to three blind reviewers." Blind reviewers do not have knowledge about the authors of the book or the contributors.

amongst many people who had interest in the field, and from a multi-disciplinary approach." Social Work can encompass many different areas, and, according to Dr. Ward, "There are a lot of social workers who are working in forensic areas, proba-

versity professors Kelly Ward, PhD, LCSW, LCADC and Carolyn Bradley, PhD, LCSW, Forensic Social Work: Psychoso-Practice Settings.

LAUREN BOYLE

STAFF WRITER

Monmouth University professor, Nursing and Health Studies,

Work Graduate student Jennifer

According to Dr. Carolyn Bradley, the book was the idea of Dr. Tina Maschi, former School of Social Work professor. "Dr. Maschi approached Dr. Ward and I to help with the book because of our expertise in topics that she wished to include in the book: mental health, addictions, and education," Dr. Bradley said.

On the book's contributions by other Monmouth faculty, Dr.

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of its spring recruitment with the Meet the Greeks.



be-relleased movie, Alice and friends are coming to MU.

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## **Debate Hawks Will Guide Asbury High School Students Next Fall**

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The IGU have already established a relationship with Asbury Park High School, when the Big Brother Big Sister mentoring program was created between the university and high school students this past year.

Patten said Rekha Datta, Director of the IGU, was a major part that IGU is part of. As a part of that of this establishment and of Big Brother Big Sister. He also thanked Tony Lazrur and Freda Karpf from ment between university and high the grant office "who worked so hard on this."

"It is part of IGU's mission to empower students for leadership through service in local and global as education is an important source communities. To us, the world is interconnected. By creating an opportunity for MU debaters to help Asbury Park High School create excited about expanding debate their debate team, we hope to accomplish many positive outcomes for all the participants. IGU already has a mentorship program with Asbury Park High School students, for them to learn how to think on and this grant proposal evolved out of that project," Datta said.

being sent to other opportunities and Buena Vista University, statto sustain more money for the program. As for expanding the program to other high schools, he said that you learn a lot by teaching,

to maintain a close relationship with Asbury Park High School."

"It is a lot to do with just one school. A lot of time and commitment goes into doing this. We are going to do special things."

Datta also said, "The mentorship program is part of the United Nations Academic Impact program program, we hope to create bridges of understanding and empowerschool students, to open doors of higher education for all students. This is a local initiative, but can be replicated anywhere in the world, of empowerment in all societies."

Senior and Debate Hawks Captain Kristyn Mikulka said she is to new schools and teaching them skills that will be beneficial to them in life. "I want to teach them the art of not only reason, but also their own."

Patten, who also coached debate Patten also said other grants are teams at West Virginia University ed, "One of the great things about [training the high school team] is

ing and teaching the students at Asbury Park High School."

The Debate Hawks have competed against several schools, including Cornell University, the U.S. and Naval Academy, Boston bate team in New Jersey. College, and New York University, and have received several awards importance of a high school debate are always looking for new memand recognition. Their next competition involves a trip to the University of Miami next week, where

that for now the University "wants and I think the students will learn five teams from Monmouth will of the most well-known speakers a lot in life, in general, by mentor- compete in tournaments from Fri- have a background in debating. day through Sunday.

which currently consists of 20 members, was formed last year and is currently the highest ranking de-

Patten also brought about the see weaknesses in argument. Some

[Debating] is a skill that when you The University's debate team, link it with knowledge, especially to link it with the Monmouth motto, when leaders look forward, it makes that connection and link for debaters to lead."

Patten said the Debate Hawks team. "It teaches you to speak in bers, and anyone who is interested public structures, and in order to can join. No experience is necessary



Asbury Park High School students will be trained by members of the University Debate Team from a \$7,000 grant awarded to the Institute of Global Understanding and the Debate Team by the TD Bank Charitable Foundation.



## **MU President**

Welcome back. And, if you are one of about 200 new students here, welcome to Monmouth University.

I trust you all had a great Winter Break and that you are ready to engage in the Spring Semester. The semester will be filled with activities; athletic events in the MAC; the Spring Musical in February; the Global Understanding Convention in April; then we go out into the improving weather with spring sports, Spring Fest and lastly, a few good days at the beach.

There will be a great deal going on. Your most important task, however, is establishing an immediate and useful academic relationship with your new professors and focusing on good results in class. America needs well-educated young leaders to take us back to prosperity. You are our best hope. Do well.

Welcome back and ... take care of each other.

Paul G. Gaffney II President

P.S. Those of you within a semester or two of graduation should plan to talk to the Career Services Office on the lower level of the Stafford Center.



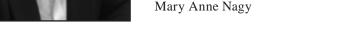
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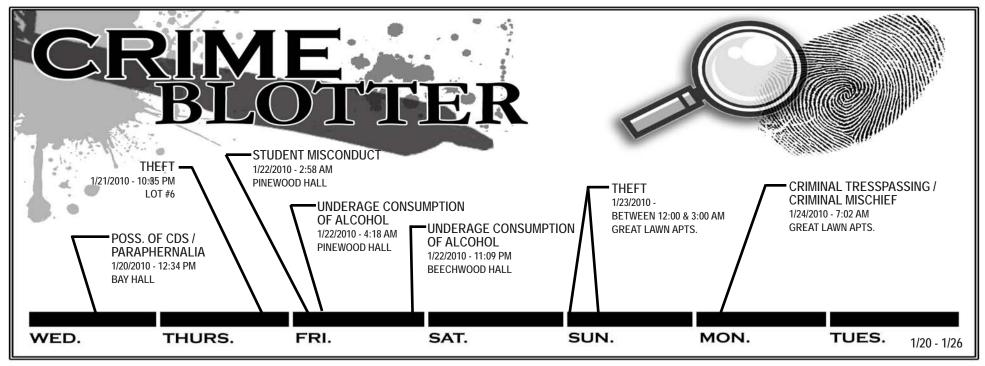
Welcome to a new semester and a new decade! It's great to have you here as part of this campus community, a community that cares for one another and one that is built on mutual respect for the roles we all play here.

As you settle in to a new semester, I want to encourage you to take advantage of all that is here to support your experience as a student. Use the new Fitness Center in the MAC to stay healthy; come out and support the many teams that represent Monmouth so well; participate in activities run by YOUR Student Activities Board; and if you need assistance for classes or anything else along the way, seek help at the Division of Student Services or the Center for Student Success.

The key to a successful semester is a healthy balance in your academic endeavors, work/family responsibilities, and social experiences. Try to make sure that you keep this balance through a sense of humor and optimism, even as you face difficult circumstances!

We are all here to help you achieve the goals you have identified for your personal growth and development. Access our services. Ask questions. Become partners with us for your success! Here's to a great semester!





## **Students Present Binary Number** for 2010 in Washington

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in conjunction with Paparella and the UPE, have been working on bringing digital signage technology on campus.

Palladino explained, "The digital signage project will involve strategically placing flatpanel throughtouchscreen displays out Edison and Howard Halls to enhance communication of key information. For example, these displays will provide scrolling and touchscreen access to information such as department, faculty and staff office locations, announcements, School of Science news items, and daily events in the School."

not only add to the effectiveness other UPE chapters around the of communication on campus, country, and by doing so provided but it will also add prestige to the a visible presence for Monmouth

University and its students in the University." field of computing and technology, added Palladino.

Paparella made contact with the Newseum's technology administrators to tour the facility during the visit, and MU UPE students spent over two hours with the Director of Engineering and producer and manager of interactivity.

Palladino believes that the UPE and trips such as the Newseum visit are vital in the success of the University and its students. "By participating in the Washington D.C. trip, students from our UPE chapter showed their leadership skills by honoring the founding of UPE as a national honor society, they benefited from interact-The digital signage project will ing with students and faculty from

Dr. Jay Wang, chair of the Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering at the University, also noted the importance of organizations such as the UPE. "It enables students with outstanding academic performance to be recognized for their achievement. It also helps students better understand their field and how they can contribute to the field."

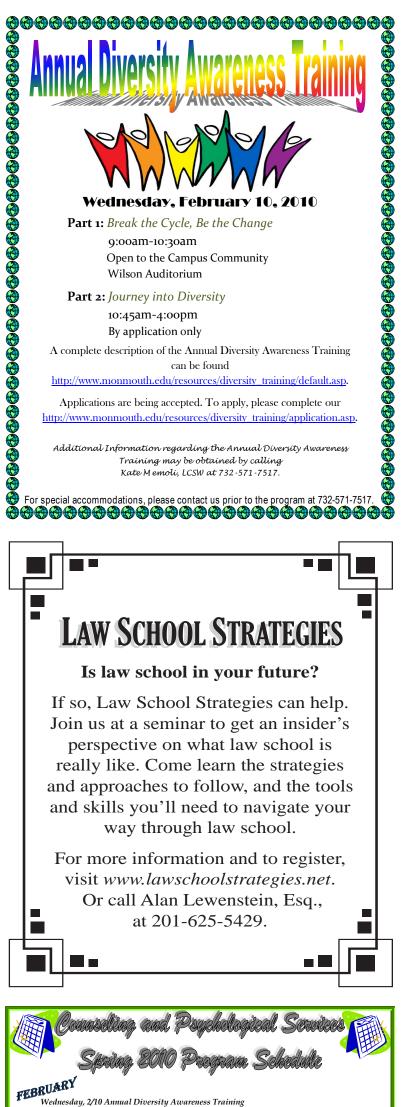
Professor Paparella encourages those who are pursuing a degree in computer science, software engineering or information technology, with a minimum of a 3.0 GPA, an upper 35 percent class rank, and completion of 45 credits at the University (15 in a computing discipline), to join the organization and help to spread knowledge and awareness about Computer and Information Technology.



Abe Dweck, Maura Breiner, Prof. Guillermo Santamaria, Prof. Maureen Paparella, Brianna Kipnis, Jen Bassett, and Katelyn Mulliken pose at the Newseum in Washington D.C.

## **Catholic Center** Sunday Mass ~ 7 PM Eucharistic Adoration ~ Mondays at 7 PM followed by Rosary at 8 PM Daily Mass ~ Tuesdays through Thursdays ~ 12 PM in

Wilson Hall Chapel



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members of the campus community for this presentation by the American Conference on Diversity which explores the connections between different forms of prejudice through skits, role-plays and facilitated dialogue Learn how individuals can become agents of unity at school, homes, workplaces and co munities

Journey into Diversity (requires on-line application) 10:45am-4pm, The Club Following "Break the Cycle be the Change" this program will delve further into diversity while helping you become an agent of unity. Please apply at http://www.monmouth.edu/resources/diversity\_training/default.asp. MARCH

Thursday, 3/18 My Body, Myself, 2:30pm-4:00pm, Wilson Auditorium Ever had a bad "body" day? Week? Month? This program will help you understand the connection between your body and your feelings and moods.

Tuesday, 3/23 Safe Zone I Training, 2:30pm-4:00pm, Club Lounge A voluntary program which creates allies, support, and resources for MU lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning students and employees. The purpose is to create a network of allies with the hope of reducing homophobia and heterosexism making our campus safe for all.

Thursday, 3/25 Take Back the Night, 7:30pm, Wilson Auditorium Rape, sexual assault, sexual estic violence are often labeled "crimes of silence" because of low reporting rates and social abuse and do discomfort with their public discussion. Men and women can come and take back the night for women everywhere by sharing a poem, story, or short statement of sexual violence

Tuesday, 3/30 Safe Zone II Training, 2:30pm-4:00pm, Club Lounge This is a follow up to Safe Zone I and was created for Safe Zone I graduates who want more resources and more practical application of how to be an ally.

APRIL Thursday, 4/8 Beat Stress Day

Mental Health Screening, 11:00am-4:00pm, Afflitto Conference Room, RSSC Students are invited to participate in this mental health screening and learn about anxiety and other mood disorders. After the brief screening, licensed counselors will provide feedback on the results. Videos and self-help literature are available throughout the day.

Emotional Freedom Technique Program, 7:00pm-8:30pm, The Club Set Yourself Free! A trained practitioner will present simple to use tapping techniques to reduce test anxiety and performance iety to increase academic and athletic performance

Wednesday, 4/28 DeStress Fest, 1:00pm-4:00pm, Anacon Hall A & B Celebrate the end of the semester and get ready for finals! Food, fun, door prizes, massage, reiki, movies and more. Bring your friends!

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## **Various University Authors Contribute to Text**

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tion officers, parole officers, social workers in jails and prisons, and there is not enough teaching material on the topic."

Dr. Bradley said, "The book expands the definition of forensic social work beyond the traditional view of expert testimony and working with people who are involved with the justice system."

The various contributing authors of the text address the many different areas of study and information. Dr. Janet Mahoney co-wrote a chapter with former Social Work professor, Dr. Morris Saldov, titled "Forensic Practice with Older Adult Victims of Abuse". As the population is aging, elder abuse is gaining more attention, Dr. Mahoney said.

Jennifer Ristow, who graduated in December 2009 with a Masters in Social Work, was invited by Dr. Maschi to work on the book.

From a student's perspective on the way this text may benefit the field of social work, Ristow said, "I think of this book as a practical way for students to learn about potential career choices, and for the field of social work to continue to analyze its relationship to the criminal justice system. Social work operates from a human rights and social justice framework that can be difficult to maintain in a criminal justice system that struggles with multiple inequalities. Students need to be aware of these challenges."

vast areas of interest that faculty at Monmouth have, and how it can overlap and cohesively come together in a text book to benefit many strong scholars, and perthe Social Work field. According to Dr. Ward, "This [book] will help highlight Monmouth's

Tina Maschi Carolyn Bradley Kelly Ward

# Forensic Social Work

**PSYCHOSOCIAL AND LEGAL ISSUES IN Diverse Practice Settings** 



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This book is a showcase of the Forensic Social Work: Psychological and Legal Issues in Diverse Practice Settings, which was published this past fall, is written by a number of Monmouth professors.

> might be interested in coming to Monmouth."

A special topics course is behaps increase students who ing planned for the fall of 2010 to incorporate the use of this text book, according to Dr. Ward.

### PRESS RELEASE CHI ALPHA EPSILON HONOR SOCIETY

On Thursday December 3, 2009, thirty-three Educational Opportunity Fund Program (EOF) students became members of the national Chi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society in a ceremony in Wilson Auditorium. Chi Alpha Epsilon was founded to recognize the academic achievements of students in support programs like EOF and federal Trio programs across the nation. These students were recognized for their outstanding academic achievements. All of these students met specific induction criteria by achieving a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above for two consecutive semesters. The inductees received honor cords and a pin they were then honored with a light reception immediately after the induction.

Campus officials that were present for the induction included: Dr. Mercy Azeke, Dean of the Center for Student Success; Robert Hennessey, Assistant Director of Financial Aid; Mark Holfelder, Associate Director of Residential Life along with the EOF staff Colleen Johnson, Lupita Yonker, Nicole Martinez and Tyrone Smith.

The honorary student group included: Stephanie Acuria, Andrew Bachmann, Esther Boulos, Miunningham, Cynthia Del Aguila, Cassandra Dramis, Jamey Flaccavento, Danielle Fokshner DJ Fountain, Rachel Gentry, Carolina Gutierrez, Candace, Hart, Georlisa Kirby, Chelsea Lorentz, Shakira McDonald, George Mena, Erika Ortiz, Balkees Parveen, Daniel Pearson, Michael Pearson, Juliana Pierce, Andre Renaudo, Maria Rios, Julio Rodriguez, Zeudy Rosario, Randy Rudofsky, Brandon Sheard, Lisa Stansbury, Gabriela Vasquez, Gloria Wathen and Stephanie Zoppi.



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## **Rachel Alexandra Wins Horse of The Year**

EDWARD MORLOCK CONTRIBUTING WRITER

2009 was a great year for females in Horse Racing. The two candidates for the coveted Horse of the Year award were Zenyatta and Rachel Alexandra. Both of these horses were deserving of the award, but the title could only be held by one of them. Ever since Zenyatta won the Breeders' Cup Classic on November 7, 2009, there has been a debate between which horse has earned the award. In the Associated Press balloting for female athlete of the year, Zenyatta finished second to Serena Williams. Rachel Alexandra finished seventh on this list.

During the past racing season, Zenyatta put together a perfect five for five campaign. While winning four Grade 1 races and a Grade 2, Zenyatta earned over \$3 million. Beginning on May 23, she wowed racing fans with her gutsy performances and breathtaking stretch runs.

This 5-year-old mare is not one to win by huge margins, her largest win of the year came on Junes 27, beating Grade 1 competition by 2 and a half-lengths in the Vanity Handicap. Her dramatic win in the biggest race of the year in November was the pinnacle of her career.

Despite her perfect record, Zenyatta does face some criticism. This racing season, she never raced outside the state of California and synthetic surfaces.

Rachel Alexandra also had an impressive year in 2009. Her nine wins in nine races earned her over \$2.7 million. She started her season off with an easy, eight length win over her opponents on February 15. She proved to be the best threeyear-old filly after she demolished her rivals in the Kentucky Oaks by over 20 lengths on May 1. She followed that historic performance by beating the top three-year-old males in the Grade 1 Preakness Stakes, the first filly to win that race in 85 years. A 19 length rout over Grade 1 stakes company in June, as well as beating the boys two more times, made her resume one for the ages.

Similar to Zenyatta, Rachel Alexandra also had her critics. Her owner decided to end her season in September, rather than competing in the Breeders' Cup at Santa Anita, widely regarded as the weekend of thoroughbred championships.

All of this added up to a tough decision for Horse of the Year voters. It was so difficult, in fact, to choose, that the voting committee suggested allowing the option of electing co-Horse of the Year. This proposal received significant support from such notables as Steven Crist, publisher and columnist of the Daily Racing Form. However, the suggestion was not adopted. On January 18, 2010 the voting results for Horse of the Year were announced. Rachel Alexandra won the award, receiving 130 first place votes, compared to all five of her races were run on Zenyatta's 99, a surprisingly large margin. The racing public does not



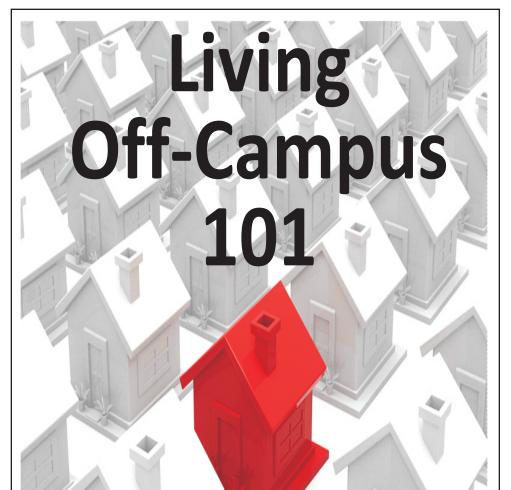
After finishing seventh place in the Breeder's Cup on November 7, 2009, racehorse Rachel Alexandra received the Horse of the Year Award on January 18, 2010 with 130 first place votes.

appear to agree with these results. The two most prominent thoroughbred horse racing websites, DRF. com and Equibase.com, both conducted their own online polls for Horse of the Year. Zenvatta won both of these polls in decisive fashion. Zenyatta earned more than 60 percent of the votes in these polls, while Rachel Alexandra attained 57 percent of the votes in the Eclipse Award balloting.

voted online and the 229 turf writtory is fresh in racing fans' minds. The racing fans may be voting with a "what have you done for me lately?" mentality.

There must be an explanation for that Rachel Alexandra is the better the disparity between the opinions of the two, there may be a chance of the 14 thousand racings fans who for the popular females to settle it on the racetrack. Zenyatta's owners. I believe the reason for this dif- ers have decided to push back reference in opinion is due to the fact tirement and allow her to race as that Zenyatta's Breeders' Cup vic- a 6-year-old. Rachel Alexandra's connections have already stated that she will run as a 4-year-old in 2010. Racing fans around the world anxiously await a possible showdown While the voters have decided between these two superstars.





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## **Round Two**

#### THE OUTLOOK STAFF

It's a new year and the perfect time to quote the philosopher Seneca, but you might recognize these words from the band Semisonic as well. Both have said, from some other beginning's end.'

Sure it's cliché, but that doesn't mean it's not true.

We have officially closed the first semester of the 2009-2010 school year and there's something to be said for new beginnings.

Freshmen have made it through what might be the most difficult part of going to college and have adjusted to higher expectations and, for some, living away from home for the first time.

Some of you out there are se-

world is looming just a few short you'll even start your own. months away, and for others life very soon.

Whoever you might be, this in mind.

Whether you did well or poorpresents a unique opportunity.

well in your classes and did what you set out to do, congratulations! Second semester is your chance to keep up the momentum and turn a time up the ante and take on some the time to do it. new challenges. One of the worst

you there is dread that the real this semester? Who knows, maybe

For those of you who are saythere is excitement at the thought ing to yourself, "I wish I could of opening a new chapter of your have done better last semester," now is the time to learn from past mistakes. There are an amaz-"Every new beginning comes is where we are and there are a ing amount of resources on this few things that you should keep campus to help people succeed. If you think your writing could use some improvement, there's ly during the first semester, the the Writing Center. If you're second semester of every year having some trouble with math, there are math tutors available For those of you out there who did to you. However you might be struggling, there are resources at your disposal.

So, if you're one of those people who looking to make some good half of a year of school into an changes, or if you're just looking entire good year. Maybe it's even to keep up the good work, now is

A new door is opening, but it's things you can do to yourself is to up to you to take the first steps niors entering your last semester let yourself get bored. Maybe you'll through it. Best of luck to everyas college students. For some of join a club or a Greek organization one and here's to a great semester.

## When Plastic Surgery is Taken Too Far

#### **TAYLOR CORVINO OPINION EDITOR**

Beauty is an extremely subjective term. Like the old saying goes, beauty is in the eye of the beholder, so how is it ever possible to attain perfection? Today all you need is a little money (scratch that, you need a lot) and you can completely alter your appearance.

Reality television star who we all love to hate, Heidi Montag Pratt, has been all over the news since her shocking People Magazine cover. Nearly unrecognizable, the 23 year old Pratt underwent 10, yes 10 procedures in 10 hours. Pratt told People Magazine, "For the past three years, I've thought about what to have done. I'm beyond obsessed."

Work Pratt had done included a brow lift, Botox in the forehead, nose job revision, fat injections in cheeks and lips, chin reduction, neck liposuction, ears pinned back, breast augmentation revision, liposuction on waist and thighs, and a buttocks attention. augmentation. The procedure took family and the media up until now. Watching her on countless news programs this past week, it is hard not to notice her almost statuesque stance, not by choice, but because she still can't fully move her face. She appeared to still be heavily medicated and drained as she explained her painful recovery. "I'm starting to move my face more and more," Pratt said to Access Hollywood's Billy Bush. "I feel very plastic." In Pratt's eyes this was merely an "upgrade" and expressed her disappointment that her doctor, Dr. Frank Ryan, would only allow her to get DDD breast implants which is equivalent to a J. because she wanted to have H for Hiedi.

chest size to match their name? How did I not think of this before? Although I don't think my size "T" would be manageable.

Telling Bush of her excruciating recovery in an after-care facility Pratt said, "I had too much Demerol like Michael Jackson did and my breathing was five breaths per minute which is like, almost dead.'

Upon returning to the comfort of her own home Pratt instructed her husband Spencer to cover all the mirrors in their home because she couldn't bear to look at her bruises and scars.

This leads me to the obvious question, is it really worth it? According to Pratt, she is extremely happy with her decision but it is certainly causing a lot of scrutiny and criticism by the masses

Personally I don't care what kind of obscure procedures Pratt, or anyone for that matter wants to have done. It's when they take it too far and brush with death that raises my

Pratt doesn't seem to be the brightplace on November 20 and Pratt was est bulb, so that's when I wonder if able to keep this a secret from her it was ethical for the surgeon to go along with her laundry list of requests. Possibly a smarter route would have been to space the surgeries out and not have them all done in one visit, but I'm no surgeon either. I'm just an average person who is shocked by the aftermath that I saw I saw on my television screen, a softspoken Heidi who seemed to have no sign of life in her expressionless eyes. Pratt also claims to be a devout Christian. Anyone who follows her on Twitter knows of her countless tweets quoting the Bible. When asked by Bush if she had surgery to correct what God had created, Pratt coyly responded by saying, "God created Dr. Frank Ryan, too," with a I mean who doesn't want their little smirk on her on her face.

Cosmetic plastic surgery has and can change people's lives for the better. I've seen first hand the happiness cosmetic surgery can bring to one's life, but I'll also add that these surgeries were done modestly and in small doses. Surgery only changes the exterior but all of the insecurities on the inside remain the same.

Do I think Pratt's surgery was unnecessary? Yes. Excessive? Yes. None of our business? Yes. And this is the last I want to hear about Heidi, Spencer, and any of the ridiculous things they do during their five sec-



HOTO COURTESY of www. breesays.buzznet.com Heidi Montag Pratt looking young and fresh prior to going under the knife. An aver-

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age California girl about to become a reality teleivision celebrity.



PHOTO COURTESY of www.dailymail.com Heidi Montag Pratt today, after 10 surgeries. She has transformed into a new woman, still unable to fully move her face, she is happy with the transformation.

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### The Outlook

## **GTL All Day Everyday on the Jersey Shore**

#### TAYLOR CORVINO **OPINION EDITOR**

The art of fist pumping has become glorified by eight overly tanned, ridiculously gelled, selfproclaimed guidos and guidettes. MTV has done it again, producing a racy and controversial reality series that has turned into an obsession on Thursday nights with an array of drinking games and have grown up on the shore, tween my friends and I to find to go along with it.

These 20-something year old nobodies were thrown into a somewhere between Snooki's summer beach house in Seaside pickles, the grenade, and Pauly Heights. From the Italian flag D's stalker I fell in love with the colored garage door to the infamous duck phone, this house The Situation is from my homewas a hodgepodge with disaster town. written all over it. When watching the coming attractions for the classes this semester when going to say they are "beating up the

my complaints about the premise of the show.

Being Italian-American and having spent many summer nights down in Seaside I was disappointed in the portrayal this had on New Jersey and many Italian-American anti-defamation groups began to speak up.

To the people that live here we know this isn't entirely true and certainly not the norm. But show, not to mention the fact that

I kid you not on the first day of

ing ourselves and saying where we are from, the first thing a fellow classmate said when hearing that I live in Manalapan was, "Did you know The Situation town?" Yes I know that, and no I haven't met him...yet.

I'm not ashamed to admit that it was a reoccurring joke behim over winter break, guess he was too busy cooking for ravioli night to make an appearance around town.

Obviously these characters were a bit outrageous but have given us catchphrases that have become common vernacular. Who can pass up an opportunity

laundry). If you watch the show with a grain of salt, it actually try's view of what it means to be accurate representation because kill them. living in Jersey all my life I certainly don't look anything like makes for great entertainment.

learned some valuable lessons at the bar, committing a robbery hotspot, possibly Sea Isle City. doesn't involve money and or a bank, before taking home a cou- beating up that beat Monmouth.

series I was steadfast in voicing around the classroom introduc- beat" or "GTL" (gym, tanning, gar check if she has any relation to your boss, when you think a guys name is Ron it's probably is quite funny; I just hope this Russ, don't go to the beach when doesn't shape the rest of the coun- you live on the beach that's what tanning salons are for, and lobfrom Jersey Shore is from your from Jersey. It's definitely not an sters are in fact alive before you

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We'll have to wait it out until next summer for a Jersey Shore J-Woww but I won't deny that it season two. Rumors have been flying whether or not season two One thing's for sure, I have will film with the original cast or get a new slew of "gorilla juice from watching Jersey Shore. heads" as J-Woww admiringly Just tell someone they've got a called them. It is also still being Fred Flintstone toe if you want debated if these party animals to make them cry, underwear is will tear it up in Seaside again or optional when doing back flips move on to another Jersey Shore

Until summer 2010...keep



Eight strangers are picked to live in a summer beach house in Seaside Heights, New Jersey on Jersey Shore.



The cast members of Jersey Shore spent their days working on the boardwalk and all night clubbing at Seaside hotspots.

## Get Up, Stand Up

#### CHRIS KLUG STAFF WRITER

Making a right on red, not coming to a complete stop at a stop sign, trying to have a party with some friends, going 5 MPH over only want to have a good time, inthe speed limit; have you ever stead of attempting to search for been given a ticket for one of crime with merit, that has the posthese things? If so, you are one of sibility of hurting other people. many who has fallen victim to a criminal justice that is supposed to serve and protect the people but instead serves unnecessary non-violent crime tickets and protects its own job from becoming obsolete. Instead of having law enforcers, the people of local towns in New Jersey have security guards who have to fill quotas in order to keep their jobs. When the people fear their public protectors there is a fundamental flaw in society that needs to be addressed and ultimately changed. During our recent economic recession, \$2 billion was allocated to police departments around the United States with New Jersey receiving \$47.7 million of it to disperse to the different counties. At the time, it seems like a good idea for creating new jobs. However, eventually the recession goes away and then police are forced to overcompensate for the lack of crime and search out minor crime and non-violent offenses that do

stead, police wait to give out tickets for a myriad of options, making rights on red where there are signs, going a little over the speed limit, and harass students who

There is a fundamental problem

not interfere with anyone else. In- seven days a week for most of the 365 days a year, they are only dealing with a few days of actual work involving legitimate crime that hurts others around the individual committing the deed.

However, a 21 officer task force that serves and protects an entire school of students seems reasonthe student body needs its protectors, if not just from the students themselves. The problem for students arises from being located at a school that lies in West Long Branch which has its own police station, with three others only minutes away including Ocean Township, Deal, and Long Branch. That means students have to deal with five police forces all at the same time if they want to go anywhere in the county.

If there are this many local po- is unethical and against the basic lice, how is it possible to not dis- rights of an American citizen to cover something on the scale of be free and unafraid in their own the corruption in the Jewish com- country. munity selling organs on the black market? If the police are going to be harassing college students and

Obviously there are exceptions within the criminal justice system with people who are willing to giving out questionable tickets, defend you on basic principle and they should also earn their pay police officers who legitimately able and justifiable considering check by solving actual crimes want to protect its people. Unfortunately, it's few and far between If anything there needs to be these "defenders of justice" are willing to protect the people when they know their jobs and income rely on making the general population pay through whatever ticket or citation they can come up with at the time. So what can you do? It's a good question and not easily fixed or accomplished. The first step is knowing your rights as a citizen of the United States and being able to defend yourself against the injustice in the system. After that does not work, which it helps but doesn't protect you from those with power, civil disobedience is the next step. The criminal justice system can't incarcerate its entire people. It's just not feasible. When a society stands up together against crimes of basic human rights not to live in fear of their protectors and not be a slave to a system which pays for itself off of the people's money, their voices can and will be heard.

that arises when the protectors of society no longer have the need to protect its citizens and instead has a duty to fill quotas to protect their jobs to fulfill the business aspect of protection.

Since when did the criminal justice system become a capitalistic venture? The readers of this paper along have spent far too much money on non-violent tickets, lawer fees, court fees, and fines, often just to get a plea bargain, which often helps generate even more cash.

According to the University Police web site, there are 21 full-time officers and detectives, as well as safety officers, dispatchers, and traffic attendants. In 2008 according to the Jeanne Clery act notification which lists crime statistics for Monmouth, besides five sex offenses and one act of aggravated assault, the Monmouth police dealt with no non-violent crimes.

So if, in fact, the Monmouth police are on duty 24 hours a day,

How is it that law enforcement is able to justify having four or five police stations within a 15 minute span of each other when there is virtually no violent crimes being committed?

They do it through spending their time playing security guard around blind turns, setting up in spots where it's hard to see no turn signs, and closely monitoring student activity on and off campus; so if the slightest bit of fun breaks out, they will be there to make a profit off it.

that deserve attention.

a 50% decrease in local police budget which would cut back the sheer amount of police and the petty tickets shelled out at the people's expense.

So where is the justice? Who is there to protect the citizens from their protectors?

Those so-called "public defenders" are no more defending the rights of the people than the police officers that sent them to court.

It's interesting how every lawyer and public defender would rather have you pay a ridiculous plea bargain than actually attempt to defend you from a possibly unjust ticket given out by police officers with nothing better to do than sit around and attempt to find ways to give out citations, tickets, and other pieces of paper that are essentially paying for that officers salary.

Making money off the people the system is supposed to protect







PHOTO COURTESY of Frank Gogol

Above: The brothers of Phi Kappa Psi, who took the most pledges in the IFC last semester, at Meet the Greeks last night. Below: Prospective members of the Greek community last night at Meet the Greeks.

## Semiannual Recruitment Week Kicks Off with **Meet the Greeks**

### BRETT BODNER CLUB & GREEK EDITOR

Many potential new members, fraternities, and sororities gathered in Anacon Hall on Tuesday night for the semiannual "Meet the Greeks", which was the first of this semester's recruitment events.

Meet the Greeks is an event that is held for interested students to collect information from chapters of Greek organizations and ask any questions they have about the organization and the recruitment process.

Each Greek organization had its own table set up, decorated with the organizations letters and members of each organization stood around the table to meet the possible new recruits and tell them about the chapters values.

"Meet the Greeks is important because it gives potential new members a first look into fraternity and sorority life. It gives them the opportunity to meet the different chapters in a casual setting before recruitment begins," said Beckie Turner of Phi Sigma Sigma.

This week and next week is going to be filled with all sorts of different recruitment events. Tonight, round robin will be taking place in Bey Hall at 10:30 for fraternities and sororities will have their round robin Friday night. Round robin works in an open-house formatted event, where prospective students are broken into groups where

get to know what the organization is about and can then make an informed decision on which organization to join.

"The events following Meet the Greeks will vary depending on the type of organization students are looking to join. Our Greek Senate has three different councils and each have different recruit-

"We encourage all of our students to check out all of the organizations available to them through our recruitment process."

#### **TYLER HAVENS**

Assistant Director of Student Activities for Fraternity and Sorority Life

ment processes. One importance of Meet the Greeks is that students will start to hear about those processes at the event," said Assistant Director of Student Activities for Fraternity and Sorority Life, Tyler Havens.

The recruitment events will be they spend ten minutes with each held by all Greek organizations, their members," said Havens.

Greek organization, where they in an attempt to land potential new members. The events will take place until Bid Day on February 5, when students will be able to swing by the Greek Senate Office in the Student Center to see which Greek organizations they received bids from.

> Students must make sure that they have registered online on the fraternity and sorority life page. If they have not filled out the form then they will not be able to take part in the recruitment events.

> Senior Rebecca Turner thinks that all students should come check out Greek life.

> "Fraternity and sorority life has so much to offer students- leadership opportunities, brotherhood and sisterhood, new social experiences, and so much more. Even if students decide joining the fraternity and sorority community may not be for them it is still a great way to learn more about the Greek organizations at Monmouth," said Turner.

> Rush week began last night and all students who feel like they want to be a part of Greek life, should feel free to check it out and get involved.

> 'We encourage all of our students to check out all of the organizations available to them through our recruitment process. Over the course of the next week they will have multiple opportunities to meet with all of the groups and find out what they value and what they have to offer

## **Club and Greek Announcements**

### **RELAY FOR LIFE**

Monmouth University's Colleges Against Cancer is kicking off Relay season with a party on Wednesday February 3, 2009 at 6 p.m in Magill Commons club rooms 107-109. Relay for Life is Colleges Against Cancer's big event that takes place across learn about what Relay for Life is, the theme for 2010 and of course register for Monmouth University's Relay for Life, which will take place in April on Kessler Field. Free food and a DJ will be provided at the event for attendee's to enjoy while learning more about relay. Relay For Life is a twenty-four hour event that takes place in April, in which individuals form teams and through the night celebrate those who have fought cancer, remember the ones lost and fight for a cure. Teams of up to fifteen people stay up and walk around the track, while engaging in activities throughout the night. Last year Monmouth University doubled its numbers in money raised and participants and hopes to continue to grow within the Monmouth Community. In only its third year at Monmouth Relay for Life has raised over a hundred thousand dollars for the fight against cancer. This year's Relay event will take place from April 23-24 and all members of the Monmouth community and encouraged to participate in the event.

### PHI KAPPA PSI

The brothers of Phi Kappa Psi would like to extend a warm welcome to all those returning for the spring semester as well as those of you out there that are just becoming members of the MU community.

We would like to encourage all America on college campuses. While of those interested in joining Greek at the event, attendees will be able Life here at Monmouth do abso-It's a one of a kind ex lutely do so. perience.

### THE OUTLOOK

The Outlook would like to welcome the University community members, new and old, to the spring semester.

We would like to remind the members of the MU community that The Outlook is your voice here on campus. We are committed to reporting the news about this campus whether s administrative news, club and Greek news, or sports news. We are currently seeking students to fill empty editor's positions on out Study Abroad and Comics pages and will be having an open house in our office on the second floor of the Plangere Center on Wednesday, February 3 at 5:30 pm. All students are welcome to the open house. There will be refreshments.

### **FASHION SHOW**

Hawk TV, WMCX, The Outlook and PRSSA will be sponsoring a charity fashion show titled Wilson Hall from 7-10 pm. This is the sixth year that the fashion much interest and curiosity, it is show will be held to benefit the understandable that many people local community, this time go- are unsure as to whether or not they ing to help Daniel attend summer want to join or make a commitment. camp at Camp Oakhurst. Daniel is from Ocean Township and suf- largest fraternity in the world with fers from fetal alcohol syndrome, 274 active chapters and colonies mental retardation, autism and is in the United States, Canada, and also legally blind. Camp Oakhurst is a non-profit camp that caters to active brothers in the Kappa Kappa children with disabilities and allows the children's caregivers to take a break. The event is \$5 in advance with a Monmouth stu- er contributing their own sense of dent ID, \$10 in advance and \$15 individuality and character to our at the door. The "Street Chic" helps to get the local community involved in a worth cause to help benefit a local charity. Through donations, ticket sales and raffles the event will raise money to allow Daniel to attend summer camp for two weeks at Camp Oakhurst this summer.

### TAU KAPPA EPSILON

Come and Become A Member of Tau Kappa Epsilon!!!

Greek Life can play a pivotal role "Street Chic" on February 6th in in a person's college experience. While joining a fraternity sparks Tau Kappa Epsilon, or TKE, is the Germany. There are currently 30 chapter of Monmouth University. TKE is also the most diverse fraternity on campus with each brothprestigious organization. If you are interested, there are several events coming up where you can come and meet us.

With recruitment beginning we would like to extend the invitation to all interested men to come join us for some of our up-coming recruitment events. If you are interested please contact Mike Contardi, our Recruitment Chairmen at 732-241-7970 or by email at s0659651 for more information about event locations and times.

Join us in Boylan Gym on Saturday night from 6-8 pm to play kickball and hang out.

Welcome back everyone! We hope this is an amazing semester for all!

### **DELTA PHI EPSILON**

To anyone who is participating in this year's spring recruitment, we wish you the best of luck! We look forward to seeing and meeting all of you at round robin on Friday. Always remember to follow your heart! Best regards, the sisters of Delta Phi Epsilon

### KNITTING AND CROCHETING CLUB

The Monmouth University Knitting and Crocheting Club will be having weekly meetings every Tuesday from 8-10pm in room 202A of the Student Center. Don't know how to knit or crochet? Don't worry we can teach you! Don't have any knitting or crocheting supplies? The club will provide them for you. All levels welcome! Please e-mail Jessica at s0630472@monmouth.edu if you have any questions! We hope to have our returning members from last semester as well as some new faces!

#### UP 'TIL DAWN

Join us on February 12 in the MAC as we host our Greek Life vs. Faculty and Staff basketball game. Tickets are \$5 prior to the event and \$7 at the door. All proceeds go to St. Jude.

•Dodgeball Tournament- Boylan Gym Jan. 29 @ 8 PM

•Meet the Greeks- Anacon Hall Jan. 26 @ 10 PM

•Round Robin- Bey Hall Jan. 27 @ 10:15 PM

Interview dates for potential new members will be held on Feb. 1 @ 10PM and Feb. 2 @ 9PM

If you have any questions you can contact DeMan Edmonson s0730471@monmouth.edu or Vinny Oliva s0693812@monmouth. edu

## Club & Greek Profile: Outdoors Club

#### BRETT BODNER **CLUB & GREEK EDITOR**

Imagine biking with a group of friends, down a beautiful trail on a nice sunny day without a worry in the world, or picture the rush of adrenaline you feel by going white water rafting. Maybe you are interested in camping outdoors and being surrounded by friends and just having a good time. Sounds like a pretty good time right? All of this and more can happen by joining the Outdoors club.

The Outdoors club is a club that gives students experience with outdoor activities and the opportunity to experience nature. The club was started up four years ago, thanks to Senior Paul Mandala and Professor William Reynolds.

"I was teaching freshman seminar at the time and I asked the students to get involved on campus. If the University did not have what you were interested in, then you can go right ahead and try to form a club. Sure enough, the next class Paul came up to me with a piece of paper asking for my signature to get the outdoors clubs started. I agreed to help him out and to get the club off its feet" said Reynolds.

Paul Mandala is a current senior and he is president of the outdoors club. Many can recognize Paul as the student who always impresses numerous with his great skill and talent on the tightrope outside of Edison hall.

"I have had an interest in the outdoors since I was little, but became more adventuresome in high school and began to explore what the great outdoors had to offer when I wasn't playing soccer." said Mandala.

The outdoors club participates in a great number of activities, which any Monmouth student is welcome to attend. A few of these activities are biking, hiking, rock climbing, kayaking, rafting, skiing, snowboarding, surfing, and many more. They go to places like Shark River Park, Cheesequake park, Hawthorne Heights, Blair State Park and Palisade Cliffs.

Several trips are held throughout the semester and students can go to whichever event they want to go to. Trips are on weekends and they are usually to local areas like county parks and state parks. This gives students the opportunity to see other areas outdoors. There are even a few big trips that occur, such as camping and white water rafting. Most of the trips are free of cost, but some of the big trips require a small cost. The big trips include the white water rafting trip, which the date is still to be announced, and a skiing trip to camelback coming up on January 30. In addition to these two big trips, the spring semester is filled with many outdoors club events On January 24, the club will be taking a trip to the Manasquan Reservoir for some biking, hiking, and/or running. February 7, they will be going hiking at Allaire State Park down in south Jersey. February 28, there will be a long and intense hike up in the Pailsades. Then on March 6 they will be doing a nice easy hike, which will be followed by a barbeque. Following the hike/barbeque, there will then be a kayaking trip to Forge Pond in Brick on March 20. The club also makes sure that they doing something on Earth Day, which is April 22. The club will look to do some sort of clean up activity and then have a campout right here on campus. The campout will either be in front of Bey Hall or possibly Shad-

bike/hike barbeque at Manasquan Reservoir down in Howell. There are also little trisp that can occur on any given day, like rock climbing at a place in Morganville, or maybe if someone just feels like doing something outdoors, they can just get a small group together and go out and do it.

Most of these trips occur during the day and on the weekends, so it is more convenient for the students. The trips are filled with lots of activities, which includes playing all sorts of different sports, eating great thanks to Professor Reynolds cooking skills, and they allow for a great opportunity to just hang out with people, bond, and enjoy themselves. The trips are very safe and no one has ever been injured, even those who may not have a lot of experience in that particular outdoors activity.

Afraid that you are not experienced enough to be a part of the outdoors club? Don't be. If you do not know how to do something the members of the club are more than willing to teach you how. No experience is required to be a part of the club.

'We will teach anyone how to do a certain activity, as long as they want to. Last year on one of our kayaking trips, I was out in the parking lot teaching everyone how to row and do everything before we went out to the water and began kayaking. If anyone doesn't know what they are doing, we are more than willing to show them how to do so." said Reynolds.

As far as equipment goes, Most equipment is supplied like tents, sleeping bags, kayaks, life jackets, etc. Students are allowed to bring backpacks on hiking trips to carry safety gear and other supplies. Food is supplied as well, so no one has to worry about that. Students are free to bring whatever they choose and don't mind bringing with them onto the trips.

The club is also very involved in

last event of the semester will be a fundraisers and community service. They take part in an on campus cleanup recycling program, in which they recycle cell phone batteries, ink cartridges, and other materials like that. To raise money for the club, they sell t-shirts and do a number of different fundraising activities throughout the semester. They also help clean up the parks out in the Monmouth Paul. County Park System. The outdoors club also plays a big role in "The Big Event" which is the big clean up that Monmouth takes part in every year.

The outdoors club is always looking for new members and many new students join the club year after year. The club is up to 170 members and that number is continuing to grow. A lot of credit goes to Paul for the growth and success of the club. Paul always grabs attention outside of Edison hall with his tight rope walking.

I started doing it out on campus over the summer. I set it up a lot check it out. last semester so other people can try it out and gain attention for the club. It's a very difficult thing to

Paul is also a cross country bike tour leader, who pedaled across America last summer and will be doing the same thing again this year. Paul has also mastered an impressive activity called the fire poi, which he demonstrates in and off the video game console front of the club. Fire poi is Hawaiian fire dancing, which consists of are soaked in kerosene. It's an extremely dangerous activity and there are only two members of the club who can do it.

"I bought the tight rope over held this Wednesday, January 27 the healthy way."

summer because I got bored. I saw at 3:30 in room 227 of Bey Hall. it online and wanted to buy one. Professor Reynolds and Paul Man-I taught myself how to do it and dala both suggest that any student interested should definitely come

"It's an opportunity they shouldn't pass up and meet some of the most interesting people do and on a scale from one to ten, you've ever met and it's a great I give it an eight or a nine." said chance to meet lifelong friends and it has opened many doors to things I would have never done before." said Paul.

> The outdoors club gives students the opportunity to get out and get some exercise. It gives them a chance to get off their rears and out into the fresh air.

Professor Reynolds said "This twirling around two fire balls that club has so many activities and everyone is so positive and enthusiastic, that it keeps people coming back for more. Outdoors club is a club for people with a positive The clubs first meeting will be attitude who just want to have fun





ow Lawn or the Great Lawn. The Above: Members of the Outdoors Club on a tubing trip. Below: The members of the Outdoors Club on a camping trip.





Spaulding visited Queenstown Lake while in New Zealand.

PHOTO COURTESY of Jordanna Spaulding

## **Touring New Zealand**

#### JORDANNA SPAULDING STAFF WRITER

G'Day and farewell Macquarie University Village. Nearly two and a half weeks ago, I left the Sydney area for the semester. As most Monmouth students headed back to New Jersey, I took this great opportunity of being in the South Pacific to travel on to New Zealand. My first three stops were in the South Island: Christchurch, Queenstown, and Milford Sound.

When I first got off of the plane and made my way into the city, I was surprised at the size of the mountains that were in Christchurch's distance. I spent two days in Christchurch, walking around, sitting in the parks, and enjoying some the atmosphere of the city. Christchurch was founded minded me of the time I spent while

with other amazing glacial lakes and vegetation. After a long afternoon travelling on this shuttle, I found myself in Queenstown, New Zealand which is home of the Southern Alps and the famous setting of the Lord of the Rings movies.

Once I was settled into my hostel room, I went out adventuring Queenstown. I couldn't believe what I saw. I sat at the lake staring at the mountains. This time of the year is the beginning of their summer, and there was still snow on the caps of these mountains. There is a definite comparison between these mountains and the Alps, from what I remember when I was in Switzerland. Every day while I was in Queenstown I spent time at this park around dinner time while I was in town. These by the English, which certainly re- mountains were formed from glaciers so the water was an amazing I was studying in London nearly two hue of blue. I spent 4 more days in day had its own adventure. Each adventure was based around the amazing scenery of the South Island. First, a cruise around Milford sound with close-ups of its enormous waterfalls that poured downed the mountains. Next, an adventurous had an opportunity to gaze at Mount drive on the left side of the road to Cook, the largest mountain peak that a few quaint towns called Glenorchy

many of you might know this area from the Lord of the Rings movies, and last to Arrowtown for dinner. Queenstown offers its own spectacular aerial viewing centre of the mountains from the top of the gondola where I spent an entire afternoon relaxing and having lunch in the sun. On the last day of my Queenstown experience I relaxed at the park I went to every evening for a while again for some afternoon sunshine.

I left the South Island after six days and headed to New Zealand's capitol city, Wellington, where I have family living in the suburbs who showed me around town for the day and a half that I stopped over for. My last stop in New Zealand was to Auckland, the city of sails. This is New Zealand's most popular city which is found the North Island. Here, I met up with my cousin who I have not seen in ten

years. She and her husband showed

me around Auckland and its suburbs

for a week. I was also lucky enough

can be found in South Island, along and to another called Paradise, as to go to the Bay of Islands, which is a chain of Islands off the of the Eastern coast of North Island that consists of about 136 islands, including the world famous, hole in the rock. This famous rock formation is an island where water has eroded a hole in it, almost like a large cave that cuts through an entire island. We were on a boat all day taking in the scenery and the excitement of the dolphins that were playing the waves from the boat and watching whales puff air out of their blowholes.

After Auckland, I am heading back to Sydney for a day to see some friends who are still lingering around the city and its beaches' suburbs before I finally depart Australia and the Southern Pacific with five whole months of amazing memories and experiences. As one of my final semesters as an undergraduate, I could not have asked for a more unique ex-

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years ago. In the city centre is the Ca- the Queenstown area, where each thedral which gives this unique city its name.

After two days, I took a bus through the countryside of New Zealand where I became more amazed at the size of the mountains and its natural beauty. On this seven hour drive, I

PHOTO COURTESY of Jordanna Spaulding Spaulding visiting the famous Hole in the Rock in Auckland.

PHOTO COURTESY of Jordanna Spauldir Map depicting Spauldings stops while in New Zealand.

perience. Most days at Monmouth go on the same, but while travelling everything turned into an adventure.

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of colleges and universities.

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Athletic scholarships cannot be used toward a study abroad semester but can be used for the summer Spain/Italy program.

If you go through CCIS or any other outside study abroad program, you can apply all financial aid, except your institutional aid.

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## CHERISH THE LADIES







PHOTO COURTESY of www.stylefizz.com Johnny Depp in costume for his role as the Mad Hatter in Alice in Wonderland released on March 5, 2010.

## WONDERLAND CHARACTERS **COMING SOON TO MONMOUTH** AND THE BIG SCREEN

#### SANDRA MEOLA ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The Department of Music and Theatre Arts is currently producing an original show called Roasting Alice: A New Musical Revue. The revue is directed and written by Professor Nicole Ricciardi and musically composed by Professor George Wurzbach. Based on the characters created by Lewis Carroll in her book, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, audiences can expect to see their beloved childhood characters in a completely new way.

Sheri Anderson, Stage Manager of the production and Specialist Professor in the Department of Music and Theatre Arts said. "...The students have the rare treat of being directly involved in literally every stage of the process. To the best of my knowledge, this is the first time this has happened at Monmouth University, so it is truly exciting." The Mad Hatter, White of Alice in Wonderland will dis-Rabbit, Cheshire Cat and others will roast Alice with jokes and

day.

According to Linda A. Delaney, Production Associate in Woods Theatre, Roasting Alice character tailored for the extravwill not be your average little agantly odd but brilliant acting girl's story, but instead filled with ribald humor, shocking descriptions, and original costumes. What better way to take Red Queen, Anne Hathaway as a break from late-night studying in the upcoming workload of the semester, than to lose yourself will once again follow a rabin the theatrical world of imagination, color, and obscurity.

Performances will be held on Friday February 26 and Saturday February 27 at 8:00pm in Woods Theatre. Parental Discretion is advised for children under 13 years of age.

The Disney feature film of by Tim Burton will be released a week after the University's iar "friends," audiences can exproduction of Roasting Alice on March 5th. Exhibiting traits similar to Burton's Nightmare Before Christmas, the remake play gothic cartoon characteristics, costumes, and scripting, read the book when they were songs on her "unbirthday": any much different than the Disney young fifty years ago.

day that is NOT Alice's birth- interpretation of Carroll's book in 1951. Australian actress Mia Wasikowska has the role of Alice, alongside the Mad Hatter, a of Johnny Depp, who has worked with Burton many times before. Helena Bonham Carter plays the the White Queen, and Stephen Fry as the Cheshire Cat. Alice bit through a not so probable borrowing hole and fall deeply away from the world of reality and into the mystic world of Wonderland where she will realize that she must end the Red Queen's reign of beheading, and replace terror with tranquility and happiness. As Alice is con-Alice in Wonderland, directed trolled by the ticking of a pocket watch and haunted by unfamilpect a masterpiece, at best from Tim Burton. The word, genius, will undoubtedly be used in the upcoming reviews.

> The film is catered to young children as well as those who

## **Student Writes First Full-length** Work Analyzing Watchmen



### Watchmen continued from pg. 1

novel with her, suggested to and discussed with her critical approaches to and criticism on the novel; read, commented on, and discussed her essays, papers, drafts, and annotated bibliographies; and encouraged her to continue to pursue her interest in writing about the novel," Blair said.

"I can honestly say with one hundred percent assurance that without Dr. Blair's continued and tireless support, I would never have published," Van Ness said.

mitted the proposal, the publisher index before the end so the book can expressed interest in the project, however, it wanted the book to be at least twice the proposed length. Van Ness proposed five additional chapters, one being based on the recently and a new anticipated completion date.

go to the printer this month.

'Sara's book is the first by a single author on Watchmen. Her book is a sustained application of the methods and materials of professional released motion picture adaptation, literary studies to a highly regarded work of popular culture," said Blair. 'Another contribution is her book's "I was really skeptical up until I implications for literary study: to had the contract in hand that they challenge some basic assumptions were actually interested enough in about the generic definition of a my work to sign a contract with me, novel, about the interrelationships but once I saw the offer in print, it of words and images within a narwas very surreal, and if I'd have to rative, and about the nature of litdescribe it, it was a mixture of abso- erature as a category. Perhaps a cumulative effect is to challenge some basic assumptions about literary studies as a profession." In the introduction to the book, Van Ness explains her hopes for the book. "For me, writing Watchmen as Literature has bridged a gap between the scholarly and popular, and my purpose has been to provide readers from a variety of backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives the opportunity to do the same," she said. According the McFarland website, the book is due for release in the spring, but no specific date has been given. Van Ness anticipates graduating with an MA in English in fall 2010, and then applying for PhD programs with the goal of one day teaching on the college level. "I don't think that I'll ever be 'finsingle day, and tried to finish at least ished' with Watchmen. It's the kind of text that I find not only deserves In December Van Ness made the critical attention, but really demands final edits to the page proofs, revised repeated readings and analysis," she

## A CRITICAL STUDY OF THE GRAPHIC NOVEL SARA J. VAN NESS

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Cover to Van Ness' Watchmen as Literature due this spring.

suggested that it had potential as a book-length project and that such a book would be marketable," Blair land on September 11, 2008 and said. He then searched for a publisher that might have interest in Van Ness' work and the search led to McFarland Publisher, Inc. Once an appropriate publisher had been found, Blair and Van Ness developed a query letter.

Van Ness submitted the query letter McFarland Company, Inc. in which she pitched the basic idea for the book and why it would be a good time to publish work on Watchmen. A couple of weeks later, the publisher contacted her asking for a full-length book proposal. This included an overall description, a proposed table of contents, an estimated total word count and completion date, a preface for the book, an analysis of the marketability for the proposed book, a summary of any incorporated photographs or illustrations, and a sample chapter.

About a month after she sub-

"As she was writing her thesis, I lute elation, numbness, and frankly, terror," she said.

> She was contracted with McFarcompleted the manuscript on June 15, 2009, writing the majority of the book in about 9 months.

> "My actual writing process for the book really depended on the chapter. For some [chapters], I spent a great deal of time on research, while for others, I spent more time conceptualizing the chapter's structure or organization," Van Ness said.

> The hardest obstacle to overcome, Van Ness explained, was setting and meeting her own deadlines. "The writing required an immense amount of self-discipline. It was crucial to set my own deadlines and to stick to them. I had a lot to complete in a fairly short amount of time, so I was sure to write every three pages per day," she said.

the introduction, and completd the said.

## Keeping the Faith in World with None

## MATHER FISHER STAFF WRITER

Whenever Denzel Washington takes a role, he never seems to play the same character twice. He's played a hard-nosed criminal, a corrupt cop, and an inspirational football coach, to name a few, and distinguishes each role to be independent of the other. In his new film, The Book of Eli, Washington plays a wanderer in a post-apocalyptic setting who is on a heroic journey. While many might have a seen such a character in other films before, audiences haven't seen Washington play such a role.

Being a seasoned actor, Washington gives the role his all and it shows. He does well with what he is given and develops Eli as a man with scars both inside his body and out. In addition to performing action sequences nicely and working well with co-stars, Gary Oldman (The Dark Knight) and Mila Kunis (Forgetting Sarah Marshall), he has some of the best lines. When confronted by a pack of deadly bandits or hijackers, Washington says, "The only good thing about no soap is you can smell hijackers from a mile away." Audiences don't hear that in every end-of-the-world movie, now do they?

Directed by the Hughes Brothers (Menace II Society) and written by Gary Whitta, The Book of Eli is about a world after a disas-ter known as "the flash." The movie follows a man, Eli (also referred to as "The Walker"), in this dead world who is traveling across the country on a divine quest.

In his possession is the "good" book that has the potential to save the world and restore it in the process. Armed with a machete, two guns, bow and arrows, and a great pair of aviator sunglasses, Eli fights off anybody that gets in his way or his quest. However, his faith is never far behind him in his travels.

Soon, Eli stumbles into a town looking only for water and assistance from an electrician. The a dark portrait. The Hughes town is governed by an evil man, Carnegie (Oldman), who is on a quest of his own to find the "good" book, with the help of bandits and his right-hand man Redridge (Ray Stevenson). After a bar brawl involving Eli, Carn-

egie meets Eli and sees him as a man that could help him in his quest. Eli declines. During the night, he meets Solara (Kunis) and talks to her about his past as well as prays with her. Later, when Carnegie hears Solara praying, he knows that Eli has what Carnegie is looking for.

As Eli leaves, he gets into a fight with Carnegie and that makes him the number one target on Carnegie's most wanted list. Soon, Solara catches up with Eli and together they try to reach their destination as Carnegie and his men are right behind them.

The script by Whitta is wonderfully written and has such spirituality in both theme and content but without feeling like a sermon. It makes audiences think about what it means to have faith and the right way to use it as demonstrated by characters. This doesn't distract the movie from being an interesting end of the world story. Keeping the faith helps to distance The Book of Eli from other movies of the same subgenre by making it feel unique.

Throughout the movie, Eli is nicely portrayed to be the shepherd that seems to hold the key to helping humanity. Whitta develops him as skillful warrior but also a man who has faith all the time, reciting biblical verses before a fight. He is a compassionate man but a stern teacher to those who challenge him. Even the holy book that Eli carries around seems to be just as much a character as the people on this dead world.

The Hughes Brothers direction helps bring this script to life. They understand the great themes of the story and the characters as well. Numerous times, the movie feels like a silent movie with Eli walking among the destruction of the planet (with some terrific cinematography by Don Burgess). This brings to mind that even if the film didn't have dialogue it would still be fantastic, allowing each frame to feel like Brothers know how to capture the feeling of the moment and make it come alive.

In addition to knowing the best way to direct this story, the Hughes Brothers have an eye for detail that makes the look of Amen.

the film great. They build up Whitta's script and really create the feeling that this world is like the Old West. There are shops, showdowns in the center of town, and, frontiers as far as the eye can see.

The action in the film is handled with skill and grace. The Hughes Brothers never make the action over-the-top and keep it exciting so it never feels like the audience missed anything. When Washington fights, the scenes are either quick or get into the moment, but in any case they are fluid and well choreographed. Sometimes, this directing duo has fun with the camera such as a shoot-out scene, where the camera pans back and forth in a fun way to recreate the feeling of a videogame. Overall, this directing team seems to have found its groove after their last film, 2001's From Hell.

The supporting cast of the movie is a joy to see. Oldman as the diabolical Carnegie is terrific as the villain. Like Washington, Oldman develops his character but as the opposite of Eli. He does well in giving people the impression that while Eli's faith is to help everyone, Carnegie's is just to help himself. When the film introduces Oldman reading a book about Mussolini, the irony is not lost.

Kunis is fantastic and continues to be a rising young star. She shows that despite her time on the sitcom, That '70's Show, she can handle drama, too. When she is acting against Oldman or Washington, she stands her ground and performs wonderfully with them. Kunis is great in the action scenes and shows she has the chops to fight like one of the guys. Can't wait to see what she appears in next.

The film ends with an excellent twist that helps to put the whole faith and spirituality of the movie into perspective. Also, one terrific actor shows up toward the end, which is another surprise.

Who knew a movie about the end of the world could be so spiritual? Obviously, the Hughes Brothers and Gary Whitta did. Together, they created an excellent a movie with a stellar cast that is an awesome way to start off this year's batch of movies.



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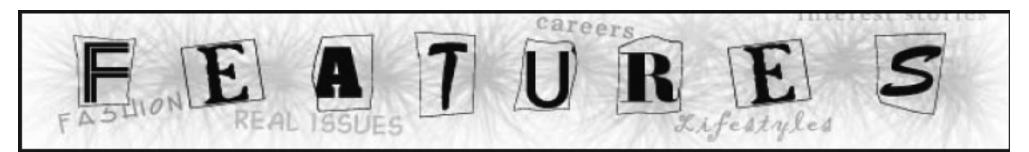
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The Book of Eli, starring Denzel Washington, opened this passed Friday and is a wellmade, must-see movie.



## **Tips for** . Becoming a **Dorm Room Chef**

#### MELISSA ROSKOWSKI STAFF WRITER

agree that living in dorms has its downfalls. With a little work, are all close to the same. It realcooking your own hot meal does ly depends on what kind of pasta not have to be one of them.

Most colleges allow microwaves somewhere in their dorms, but students rarely take eHow.com and uses elbow macfull advantage of them.

The golden rule of becoming a dorm room chef: use your microwave. You can make a quick and easy version of almost any meal using the microwave. To start off, all you need are some pasta is cooked to your liking. ideas and a sense of adventure.

be daunting and I am sure grand- ties. mas around the world would disapprove. However, grandmas do easiest microwave foods. Ward not have to live in dorms. Col- away the dreaded freshman fiflege students are nothing if not teen by adding some veggies to resourceful.

I have had the pleasure of being forced into microwave cooking and have a few tips to share:

1. Breakfast is important. It's not a myth. Omelets, or something that resembles them, are easy to make in a microwave. Incred-The ible Edible Egg website has a good method for this.

tom of a microwavable bowl and bowl with plastic wrap. Then add your scrambled eggs. Cook you should microwave for about the eggs for 2-3 minutes and four minutes. Microwaving for toward the end; add in any toppings you would like. As long as the egg is fully cooked and is omelet goal.

minutes. Add to shells and use your favorite toppings.

5. Pasta is possible. There As college students, we can all are many different ways to cook pasta in the microwave, but they you are using and how you like it cooked.

The recipe I like to use is from aroni

You combine about six ounces of pasta and one and three-quarters cups of water in a microwavable bowl. Place in microwave and cook for 9-10 minutes, until Drain excess water and you are Note: Microwave cooking can ready for many pasta possibili-

> 6. Vegetables are one of the vour routine.

You can either buy frozen bags of microwavable veggies or save some money and buy fresh. Fresh vegetables can be steamed easily by adding water in the

> bottom of a microwavable bowl. Put your vegetable of choice (green

beans work really well) in the bowl, cover

Basically, you butter the bot- them with water and cover the too long will result in mush, so keep an eye on them.

7. Now that the healthy food not runny, you have made your has been taken care of, let's not forget about dessert. My mom 2. It is my own personal be- received an email one day conlief, and you may disagree, that taining "The Most Dangerous chicken should never be cooked Cake Recipe." We decided to in the microwave. It calls to make this recipe, ignoring its It is chocolate cake that can be 3. Ground beef, on the other made in the microwave. You will need a large mug or small bowl, four tablespoons each of flour and sugar, two tablespoons of cocoa, an egg, three tablespoons each of milk, oil, and chocolate chips, and a splash of vanilla extract. Take your mug or bowl and combine the dry ingredients. Next, mix in egg and then the wet ingredients mix again. Add your chocolate chips and vanilla extract and cook in microwave for three minutes. Enjoy your decadent, five minute dessert. Dorm room cooking is a challenge, but it is not impossible. Once you get the hang of it, it can even be fun. Try out some for around five minutes. Drain of the tips and recipes I gave you and add seasoning packet and and pretty soon you will be creating your own dorm-friendly dishes. Who knows, you may Return to microwave and even get grandma's approval

## **Monmouth IceHawk Joins Prestigious Team**

### MICHAEL MARTIN CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Steve Black, a star defenseman for the Monmouth IceHawks, was selected to be on the ACHA (American Collegiate Hockey Association) Division 2 hockey team. The team toured Europe at the end of last year and played against other D2 teams from around the globe.

Last season, the Monmouth Ice-Hawks went on to win the DVCHC (Delaware Valley Collegiate Hockey Conference) championships.

The IceHawks, a division 3 club team, dominated the league statistically, according to the MUHawks website, with three of their players leading the conference in scoring.

Defenseman Steve Black led in goals and points, having 40 points on 24 goals and 16 assists. According to the site, "Monmouth were led all season by [him]"; he won a number of post-season awards including the Atlantic Region's Most Valuable Player Award and being named First Team All-Atlantic Region.

"Both of my two older brothers played and my godfather played in the NHL. So it was a given that I was going to follow my older brothers footsteps," Black says.

Black started playing hockey at age 7, playing mainly Center throughout his youth career. After graduating high school, he took a year off to focus on hockey.

"Most kids play two to three years of junior hockey in order to get noticed by NCAA Division 1 schools," he says. "I didn't want to wait that long to go to college, so I decided to give the EJHL (Eastern Junior Hockey League) a shot for one year."

After having a less than favorable experience with the team and getting injured during the season, Black decided to come to Monmouth University for its academics. Black is a business major with a concentration in finance.

Now a senior, he has had internships at AIG and Morgan Stanley. "I have been extremely focused in pursuing a career in the finance in- coaches from opposing teams and dustry...This past spring is really when I started to realize that professional hockey was an option for me," he said.

Playing for the IceHawks marked Black's first experience as a fulltime defender. Because of his colleges and universities across the naturally offensive playing style, coaches have always played him as a forward.

But Black sees his skill set of better use on the defensive end. "I am definitely an offensive defenseman," he says.

"The game of hockey has changed. It's a much faster game now...To play at a professional level, my best chance and position would be on defense.'

His efforts did not go unnoticed. After three years of playing with the IceHawks, Coach Fred Berzolla had this to say about him:

"I can pretty much sum up my impressions of Steve Black in one sentence. In 20 years of coaching this sport, Steve possesses the most talent I have ever seen in a hockey player, period."

During an annual meeting in Florida with the president of the ACHA league, Steve's coaches mentioned his name for consideration.

Steve got a call from one of the ACHA coaches, who interviewed him and told him he would call up

ask their opinions of him. After a couple of weeks, he called to congratulate him and invite him to Europe.

The ACHA D2 Select team consists of 26 players from different country. The team toured Europe and played six games against teams from Italy, Germany, France, Switzerland, and Austria from December 27th to January 7th. The ACHA D2 team won all six of these games

European professional teams have been known to scout players from the ACHA D2 tournament. "Yea, that would be nice to be scouted by a European professional team. I am going to try to pursue a professional [hockey] career after college," Black said.

This could detract from his original goals in finance, but Steve takes it all in stride.

"Now I kinda have to sacrifice some of my career goals, like finding another internship, to work out daily and pursue hockey. I have the rest of my life to work, is the way I see it."

In the meantime, check the website at gomuhawks.com for a schedule of upcoming games. The season has already started and will continue through February. And keep Steve Black on your radar.



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mind rubber toy chickens. title, and loved it. Yuck.

hand, works out surprisingly well. I would not suggest cooking a steak in the microwave. but ground beef is pretty safe.

4. To ease into the whole microwaving-meat-thing, you should start off with something easy, like tacos. They are hard to mess up. I adapted a recipe found on www.allrecipes.com.

All you need is ground beef, a packet of taco seasoning, and any shells or toppings you enjoy. Use about one pound of ground beef if you are serving a few people and want some leftovers.

Put the beef into a bowl and cook, covered, in the microwave enough water to keep the mixture moist.

cook, covered, for about four one day.



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Above: Steve Black is shown playing the game he has loved since the age of 7. Below: The whole team gathers to take a celebratory photograph, to remember their 2008-2009 **DVCHC** championship.

### FEATURES

## **The Fantastic Lore of Pulp Fiction: Superheroes of the Mass Media**

**BRIAN BLACKMON** STAFF WRITER

book superhero has played a significant part in modern American hero (a common plot device used folklore, ever since the late 1930's when characters such as Lee Fans (of which I shall include my-Falk's The Phantom (introduced to newspaper funny pages on Mr. Doyle's generosity. February 17th, 1936); Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster's Superman initial champion of mass media (debuted in 1938's Action Comics #1): and Bob Kane and Bill Finger's Batman (who first appeared in Detective Comics #27, 1939) were able to exercise a creative considered the king of the pulps, impact over our nation's cultural created whole genres to contain imagination.

strip medium is often viewed as being synonymous with the lore of the superhero (a misconception which might offend artists such as All Story Weekly. Tarzan of the Art Spiegelman, or the late Will Apes (Burroughs' most recogniz-Eisner), many historians find that able creation) was soon to follow, the superhero archetype precedes not only the comic book page, but even the printed word for that matter. Once we can identify Perseus and his rescue of Andromeda as the prototype for all future ern times. dragon slavers (from Siegfried to the present), it is just as easy to find a correlation between the misadventures of Greece's deities and the soap opera drama that and John Carter that we find the surrounds Superman, Lois Lane, clearest origin of the modern su-Lex Luthor, and a rock of kryp- perhero. tonite.

Yet if we restrict our discussion to the heroes of the modern mass media age, who populated newsstand racks and drove readership and sales figures through the roof with each new installment, we was "The Curse of Capistrano," still find that superheroes predate their comic book appearance.

In 1887, the publication of Beeton's Christmas Annual gave the world its first renowned hero of the mass media, Sir Arthur Conan of Zorro, the popularity of this Doyle's beloved character Sherlock Holmes (in a story entitled "A Study in Scarlet"). Inspired by Edgar Allan Poe's Dupin stories sensed the character was more (the first of which was "Murders in than a one-shot, and wrote of the the Rue Morgue" from Graham's Lady's and Gentleman's Magazine, April 18th 1841), Doyle's out a Zorro, there would be no Holmes and Dr. Watson created Batman. a benchmark for the art form that Poe had created.

Holmes was such that when Mr. introduced as Anthony Rogers Doyle assassinated the character in the story "Armageddon 2419

ichenback Falls in the December ing Amazing Stories (founded 1893 issue of Strand, the public The mythology of the comic outcry demanded, and eventually received, a resurrection of their in countless comic books today). self) while always be grateful to

While Sherlock Holmes was the entertainment, turn of the century pulp magazines would introduce readers to an entire cosmos.

Edgar Rice Burroughs, easily his imagination. His first hero While the comic book/comic was John Carter of Mars, who premiered in the serial "Under the Moons of Mars" beginning with the February 1912 issue of launched in the October issue of All Story that very same year. The romance of Tarzan and Jane in their African Eden is one of the most well known myths in mod-

> The influence that Burroughs' work had upon science fiction and fantasy is endless, and it is in the superhuman figures of Tarzan

In addition to Burroughs' gladiators and amazons, All Story Weekly served as the birthplace of Johnston McCulley's Don Diego Vega, better known to the world at large as Zorro. The story the first installment of which was published in the August 9th, 1919 issue. When Douglas Fairbanks adapted the character to the silent screen in 1920's The Mark masked swashbuckler was forever solidified in the minds of moviegoers, and readers (Mr. McCulley Zorro's exploits until the time of his death in the late 1950's). With-

Philip Francis Nowlan's Buck Rogers is another vital figure in The popularity of Sherlock the mythology of the superhero;

Moriarty, casting both off the Re- Hugo Gernsback's groundbreak- as Burroughs and Howard have 1926). As a result, toy ray guns and rocket ships filled Pre-World War II toy aisles, and the word "zap" was first introduced into vernacular (Mr. Nowlan is credited with creating the word, along with predicting a range of than future technologies which we are currently enjoying in our present day).

Superheroes ran rampant in the pages of the pulp magazines, even finding themselves in the middle of the horror title Weird Tales. Since its founding in 1923, contributor H. P. Lovecraft had diligently crafted a complex mythology of ancient creatures from other galaxies and dimensions, against whose occult presence humanity lacked any power.

It was a mythology that Lovecraft allowed his friends to freely make use of, and as a result had a large impact on the subject matter covered in Weird Tales' pages. One of these friends, who made use of Lovecraft's monsters from beyond, was Robert E. Howard, It was against these creatures that he often pitted his many barbarian heroes and heroines, the most famous of which was Conan, introduced in the December 1932 in the story "The Phoenix on the Sword." It was Mr. Howard who brought the barbarian into vogue as a fantasy figure, and his legacy is much imitated, but never equaled.

In compliment to the superhero, there will always be a requisite supervillian. While some of the evil doers of pulpdom often failed to survive past the story in which they were introduced.

The one of one villain who seems to have had the most successful career during this time was the evil (or in the worlds of his creator Sax Rohmer, "insidious") Dr. Fu Manchu. Fu Manchu was introduced in the magazine The Story Teller, for issue #67, Oct 1912; and repeatedly came close to bringing about heroes Nayland Smith and Dr. Petrie's demise through the types of devises and traps that Ian Fleming would later threaten his James Bond.

While pulp magazines no longer litter the magazine racks of American newsstands, the asin an epic struggle against nemesis A.D" for the August 1928 issue of tounding work of authors such

found longevity within the paperback market. A search of any used bookstore will uncover tattered collections of paperbacks with sensationalistic covers (in keeping with the pulp spirit) of Frazetta and Boris John Carters and Conans running amuck.

The mythology of the superhero continues to grow, as it has throughout the history of mass media. With each new outlet of communication, the adventures of characters such as Tarzan and Zorro are retold and expounded upon.

Also, in the same way that the medium of radio added to pulp fiction's ranks such heroes as Street and Smith's The Shadow, and George W. Trendle and Fran Striker's The Lone Ranger and Green Hornet, each new medium and age will only add to the width and breadth of the growing Olympus residing within our imaginations.



King of the pulps Edgar Rice Burroughs brought Tarzan and John Carter of Mars to life.

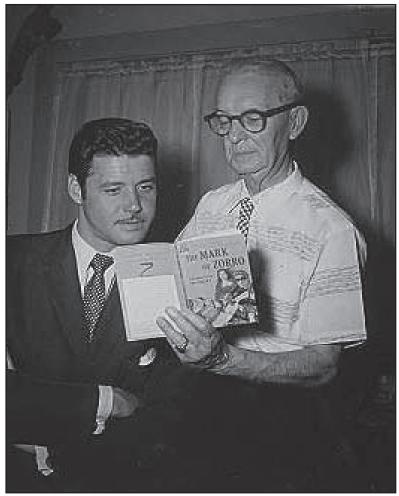


PHOTO COURTESY of Google Images Zorro creator Johnston McCulley poses here with actor Guy Williams, who portrayed the famous masked avenger for Walt Disney.





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## **SGA Looks to Build on Fall Successes** The Student Government's Plans for Spring 2010

#### FRANK GOGOL EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

As a new semester begins the Student Government Association (SGA) looks to build a great job in reaching the upon their achievements in the new projects.

students get involved and we issues facing wanted to see spirit on campus rise. We also wanted to Students and address problems students how these ishave, such as the availability of classes and advising," ex- resolved," plained SGA President Natalie Rambone.

During the fall semester SGA hosted its two annual ahead to this events; the Big Event and semester, Homecoming. Every year the SGA hopes big event is implemented on maintain campus and in the local com- their momenmunities and the Monmouth tum and build together to clean up and beau- ments. tify these areas. The other fall annual event, Homecom- SGA's spring agenda include ing, took place in late October continuing to find and imple-World."

One of SGA's goals was to pus. add two new annual events

ence.

"I think that the senate did fest. with Vice President Nagy and "We wanted to see more other administrators about the

Monmouth sues can be said Rambone.

Looking

The University community to the fall schedule. The first can expect to see some the come from the recent earth- priate administration to get are heard."

event was a revamped Pep typical spring semester events quakes in Haiti. Rally. The second event was from SGA including their an-SGA's first annual Confer- nual charity auction, student forts into helping raise money awards ceremony, and Spring-

In addition to the annual goals we set for ourselves. We events, SGA has several other all of its goals by combining ings is spent discussing ways fall semester as well as begin have had many conversations goals that are ongoing efforts efforts with different departevery year.

"SGA is asking the student body to let us know what we can do to make your college experience better because we care about the students and Monmouth University as a whole."

> NATALIE RAMBONE SGA President

improving things on campus working with the University Some of the main points on that students want and need. and with other organizations, We also want to make students as well as brainstorming about said.

"We are also going to put ef- bone. for the efforts in Haiti," said Rambone.

SGA hopes to achieve of ments and organizations as "Student Government will well as teaming with the cam-

pus commufor some.

"To build teamwork and school spirit, ferent projhelp bring the SGA's events. Monmouth

these ideas heard," said Ram-

To achieve their goals SGA also hopes to garner support from the student body. A large portion of some of their meetto get more students involved, explained Rambone.

'SGA is asking the student body to let us know what we nity as whole can do to make your college experience better because we help care about the students and Monmouth University as a whole," she said. For Rambone there are two

we are work- main goals for the remainder ing on dif- of her tenure as SGA President. She is directly conects that will cerned with the success of

"The senators put in a lot of Community time and effort into working together. To on these events that benefit the University community comes upon last semester's achieve- also continue to work towards raise money for Haiti we are students and they are working diligently to make our campus better," she said.

In a more general sense, she aware of different things tak- events we can do. And SGA explains, "It's important to me with the theme of "Around the ment ways to increase school ing place on campus, off cam- will continue to take the ideas that we are hearing what stuspirit and teamwork on cam- pus, and statewide," Rambone and opinions of students, dis- dents want and need and that cuss what they want or need, we are doing everything pos-Another goal for SGA has and follow up with the appro- sible to make sure their voices

## **Connecticut for Lieberman Party Nominates Anti-Lieberman Activist**

DENNIS MIKOLAY STAFF WRITER

necticut's foremost son, has bestowed a bizarre legacy upon the American political landscape. Between Al "The two party system is Gore's dismal campaign, his broken," said Mertens. "On own failed presidential bid, my website, I have thirty dehis crusade against rocker tailed solutions [to pertinent Marilyn Manson, and his opposition to Obama's healthcare plan, Senator Lieberman lems, they just make vague that during the 2008 presidenhas made countless enemies, promises. and numerous headlines dur-

more than a ballot-qualified cult of personality, recently Joseph Lieberman, Con- nominated John Mertens, an ardent critic of Senator Lieberman, as its candidate for senate in 2010.

problems]; neither major candidate talks about these prob-

nally intended to be nothing spread discontent with the major parties, and the lack of intelligent discussion between the candidates, will help establish him as a viable choice.

Mertens promotes Congressional terms limits and gay marriage while opposing Eminent Domain and fiscal irresponsibility. While the majority of Americans would respect his platform, few will actually hear it. He points out tial campaign, third party can-Mertens condemnation of didates were excluded from



ing his career.

the two-party system is ri-

"The two party system is broken. On my website, I have thirty detailed solutions [to pertinent problems]; neither major candidate talks about these problems, they just make vague

### promises."

### JOHN MERTENS

2010 Candidate for U.S. Senator

nants of Lieberman's legacy is Lieberman. the small third-party, the Connecticut for Lieberman Party, which formed to propel him to re-election in 2006, following his exile from the Democratic rating is in the forties. Party. The grand irony, however, is that the Connecticut his candidacy will be an uphill for Lieberman Party, origi- battle, but he feels that wide-

'Republicans like him now because they think he is 'voting for America,'" said Mertens. "But his approval

Mertens is well aware that

the televised debates, leading One of the more unique rem- valed only by his criticism of to a severe lack of differing

opinions. "They really weren't debates," said Mertens. "They were more like commercials.'

Mertens, however, has a plan to garner much needed media attention. He has purchased airtime on local television stations, which will begin broadcasting his political infomercial four times a month.

"Nobody has done this be-fore," said Mertens. "It will be seen in 130 towns for 10 months!"

Mertens will need to earn at least one percent of the total vote for the Connecticut for Lieberman Party to retain its ballot access. He believes he can accomplish this task despite the many roadblocks, and anxiously awaits 2012.

"[In 2012] the party will run a candidate against Joe Lieberman!"

PHOTO COURTESY of John Mertens for U.S. Senate

John Mertens is nominated by the Conneticut for Lieberman Party to run for the Senate seat in 2010.

## Will New Health Care Plan Help or Hurt Our Country?

#### ANTHONY PANISSIDI CONTRIBUTING WRITER

President Obama is currently trying to pass a national health care reform bill through Congress that would provide free health insurance coverage to American citizens courtesy of the federal government. Many people and organizations are in favor of this bill as they point out the many flaws and high expenses of our current health insurance system.

The National Coalition on Health Care (NCHC) is an interest group that has been working to promote the idea of health care reform since 1990. Its member organizations collectively represent more than 50 million Americans.

The NCHC says, "Experts agree that our health care system is riddled with inefficiencies, excessive administrative expenses, inflated prices, poor management and inappropriate care ... These problems increase the cost of medical care associated with government health programs ... and health insurance for employers and workers and affect the security of families."

The NCHC also predicts that health care will cost the U.S. popu-

these high prices and disapproving opinions of our current health care system, it is hard to imagine anyone arguing against free healthcare. But there are many American citizens unhappy with President Obama's current proposal.

Dr. Robert H. Scott, 33, from Neptune, NJ, is a professor of economics at Monmouth University in West Long Branch, NJ. Scott says he favors health care reform as he feels that it will go a long way in simplifying the health care system. Rather than having hundreds of insurance companies, everybody's health insurance information will be consolidated into one body – the government.

However, Scott says he dislikes the current proposal for health care reform because he feels that it fails to address the underlying problem of big insurance companies. Rather than letting the patients choose their doctors and treatments, this plan simply transfers the power of choice from the insurance companies to the government, he said.

"If the bill passes, we will be spending more money for very little benefit," said Scott.

Scott wants to see a health care

lation \$4.4 trillion by 2018. With plan that will promote healthier Physicians, such as Juliano, desire chase health insurance rather than a Americans. "Give doctors incentives to keep people healthy as opposed to having them keep people sick to make sure that they keep coming back," he said.

> As for the concern that the new health care plan will place the U.S. in even deeper debt, Scott said that, "The number of jobs that will be created will offset the debt it creates."

Barbara Juliano, 46, a physician from Long Island, NY, has much experience in the medical field and voiced her own concerns with President Obama's current proposal.

Having worked at Beth Israel Medical Center and Queens Hospital Center over the last 20 years, Juliano said she feels that there is a lack of representation of doctor's true needs and concerns, most importantly, malpractice reform.

This is a concern of many who are already against national health care. Opponents of President Obama's plan feel that medical lawsuits will become even more commonplace since the U.S. government, which controls massive sums of money, will assume liability in the case of a mistake made by a health care employee.

in his proposal before it becomes a larger issue than it already is.

'If you bring about a frivolous lawsuit against a doctor, you should be penalized with your attorney," said Juliano.

Juliano predicts that if frivolous lawsuits continue to be brought against doctors, it will lead to a lack of physicians in the future. In turn, this shortage "will increase my workload, meaning more hours for less money," he said.

When asked what her biggest concern with the current proposal for national health care is, Juliano said, "The government is trying to reform the whole system when it isn't all broken just so a small percentage of the population who cannot afford health insurance can get it."

Today's generation of college students appeared no happier with President Obama's new health care plan.

Jonathan Goodman, 19, a business major at Monmouth University, said he dislikes the idea of the majority of the U.S. population paying higher a tax break for those who cannot pur-

to see Obama address this concern revamping of our entire health care system.

As for what the medical field will look like under President Obama's plan, Goodman said, "I think you'll see less quality of doctors because there will be less specialists and more generic doctors."

Arielle Giordano, 19, is also a student at Monmouth University who is majoring in political science and history. She took a more extreme opposition to the national health care plan than Goodman.

As an American citizen, Giordano feels that President Obama's plan takes away her right to choose health care. Furthermore, she thinks that it will raise the U.S. deficit by trillions while we are already in a recession.

Rather than reforming the whole system, Giordano said, "I would prefer to see health insurance companies be allowed to cross state borders. This will increase competition and lower the price of health insurance."

Whether or not President Obama is successful in passing his new health care plan has yet to be seen. taxes to benefit the minority who However, his chances of pleascannot afford health care. He favors ing all American citizens appear slim.

Political Debate: Is Obama's newly outlined Cash for Caulkers plan a good idea?

Here students debate political issues of the week. Side 1 students make their initial argument followed by Side 2 in which their opponent responds.

Side 1: The Cash for Caulkers Plan is a Good Idea

MARK R. SCHECHTER CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Cash-for-caulkers, more formally known as Homestar, offers many benefits to the American consumers, American companies, and to the American economy. Its composition was inspired by the widely considered successful program nicknamed cash-forclunkers (Car Allowance Rebate System or CARS) a program whereby the government paid high rebate prices for the trading-in of old cars in exchange for new cars. This program actively increased consumer spending and increasing fuel efficiency (for those who upgraded from a clunker to new car) by an average of 58%!

Due to the success of the CARS program, it has sparked discus- should be comparably successful

sions in DC to sponsor similar as the CARS program. programs; the most plausible of course being Homestar. While the details of the Homestar program are still in the works, the proposed program would be beneficial for a number of reasons.

First of all it would increase consumer spending. Providing incentive for consumers to upgrade their home appliances and fixtures with ones that are more efficient encourages consumer spending. Although as of December 2009, no offical legislation has been released however it has been proposed that the government would pay 50% the cost of each homes' improvement capped at a maximum of \$12,000 to be paid to each home. A 50% discount offers a powerful incentive for American consumers and

Even more powerful an incentive is the estimated potential 20% reduction in energy consumption by homes that take "full advantage" of the program. Not only is this factor attractive to consumers but it would also have positive impacts on the environment. Such a significant reduction in energy consumption is important not only to the energy-conscious consumer but also for the country because it stands to improve America's image in the international arena for implementing such a progressive policy towards combating climate change.

Furthermore the Homestar program would undoubtedly create more jobs for Americans. By increasing the demand for said fixtures and appliances, as well

aspect is particularly crucial in recession from which we are only starting to recover. This positive impact on the unemployment rate will further simulate the nation's economy as we strive towards a prosperous tomorrow.

Although the CARS program has had its fair share of criticism this is all the more reason to implement Homestar. Regardless of said criticism, the CARS program was still considered a success; therefore we can use utilize this opportunity for another progressive program by preemptively preparing and compensating for any of CARS' shortcomings. For potential for such a policy is example, one of the more substantial criticisms of CARS was how Americans tended to buy cars as a whole.

as installation, it will also in- from non-American companies; crease demand for workers. This perhaps under the Homestar plan we might alter the stipulations to the wake of the recent economic contain certain incentives to encourage consumers to buy from American companies.

> So in conclusion, the Homestar program should be implemented as soon as a feasible policy plan has been constructed by Con-Homestar offers great gress. potential benefits for the United States and consumers. It would seem that the recession is behind us however there is still ample room for economic improvement. The fact of the matter is that the more we stimulate the economy the further away from another economic downfall we get. The quite vast and promising; not just for some but for the United States

## Side 2:The Cash for Caulkers Plan is Not a Good Idea

#### **TRENNA FIELD** STAFF WRITER

On Tuesday, December 8, President Obama proposed a new stimulus program that would create jobs as well as help the environment. Running off of the idea of the "Cash for Clunkers" program that provided economic incentives to consumers trading in old cars for more fuel efficient ones. "Cash for Caulkers" would be the new program that provides cash incentives for homeowners to weatherproof their house and be reimbursed for up to \$12,000.

Although the bill has not been passed yet and details are still hazy, but a very raw outline drawn by the president shows that it "creates jobs, saves money for the families, and reduces the pollution that threatens our environment". It would create jobs with the use of private contractors conducting energy audits in people's homes, public-private partnership that

buy necessary products, and install encourages energy conservation. it according to the Senate Energy Committee.

Officially called Home Star, the program seems like a good idea, help the environment and help American people. However, once again the bill is targeting only a small percentage of Americans. The bill would also help small business growth, which would help the economy but it seems to target middle to upper class America. Consumers would have to find \$2,000 to \$4,000 to weatherize their home, which for those who don't have jobs nor have the practice in a trade such as this, the program will be of no benefit to them.

A home audit typically examines a home's construction, heating system, insulation, showerheads, light bulbs, and how well doors and windows are sealed according to Mass SAVE, a Massachusetts On average, an audit costs around \$400-\$500 for suggestions on how to "weatherize" your home. This is not including the amount of money it would cost to purchase and either have someone install it or find the time to do it yourself. Some of the audits would recommend homeowners to replace furnaces or insulate the attic, which could cost upwards of \$2,700.

Although people will be eligible for a rebate, the government has yet to clarify which items would count as part of the program. Weatherization projects can differ between homes making this program different from the Clunkers program in which it was clearly identified of which cars could be traded in based on the gross vehicle weight, according to the guidelines from the Car Allowance Rebate System. At the moment, this program is more open to fraud; contractors could claim any renovation qualifies as a weatherization project, ac- not come until years down the road job economy in which weatherizasimply any contractor. The demand experts as well as creating the potential for fraudulent weatheriza- money on. tion experts.

best way to spend the government stimulus money. IT only targets a portion of America who has the money to spend on their homes. It seems to forget the majority of Americans whose homes are being foreclosed on or the portion of America who rent rather than own. Cash for Clunkers was able to work so well because as Doerr points out, "consumers often only need to put a little money down initially when purchasing a car, but can pay the loan over 5-7 years." The pay- and the United States already has off for the Caulkers program will enough policies like that.

cording to venture capitalist, John when the energy savings add up, Doerr. The problems of "Cash for and although it will be good for the Caulkers" also include creating a environment, there are two obvious problems: Americans need the tion professionals are needed, not financial help now and Americans want instant gratification, like a would outweigh the supply of the new car, and not insulated attics, that shows what they spend their

The government could create Cash for Caulkers is not the a program much more beneficial to the American economy rather than Cash for Caulkers. Of course the environment is important and it was a nice idea to reduce homeowner's carbon emissions, however that is only one problem, only helping homeowners and not renters. Cash for Caulkers should not be the stimulus package that follows Cash for Clunkers because with the rough draft President Obama outlined, it just will not help more than a select few,



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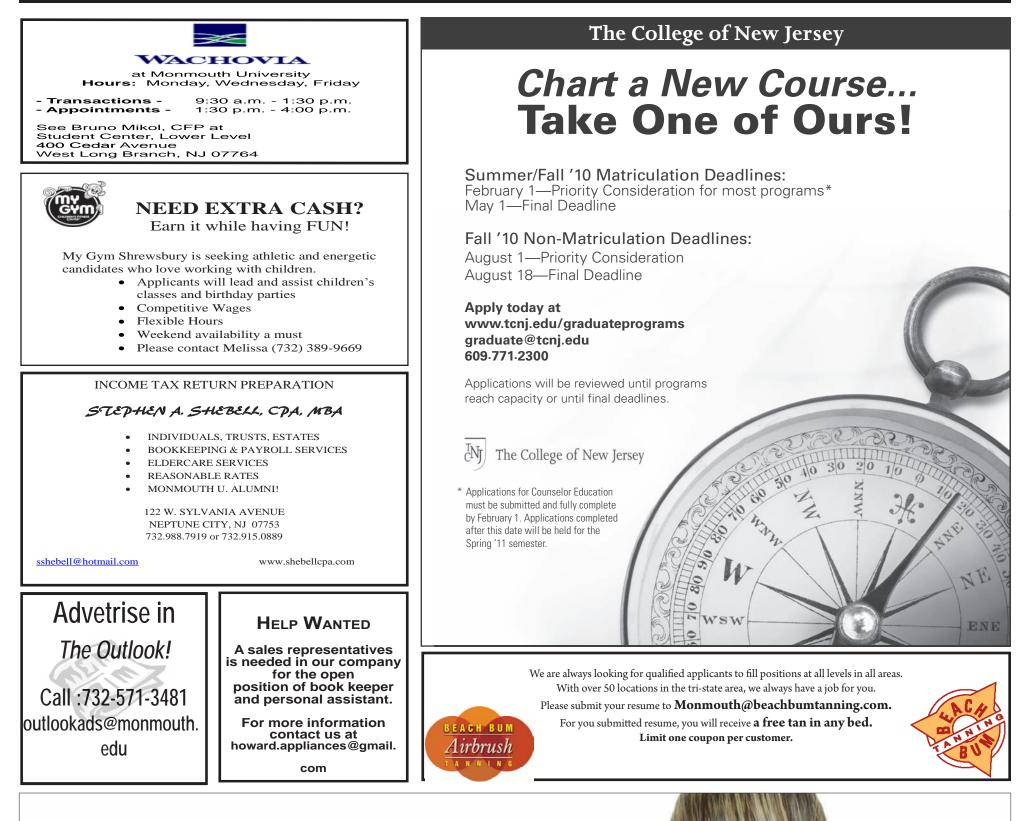


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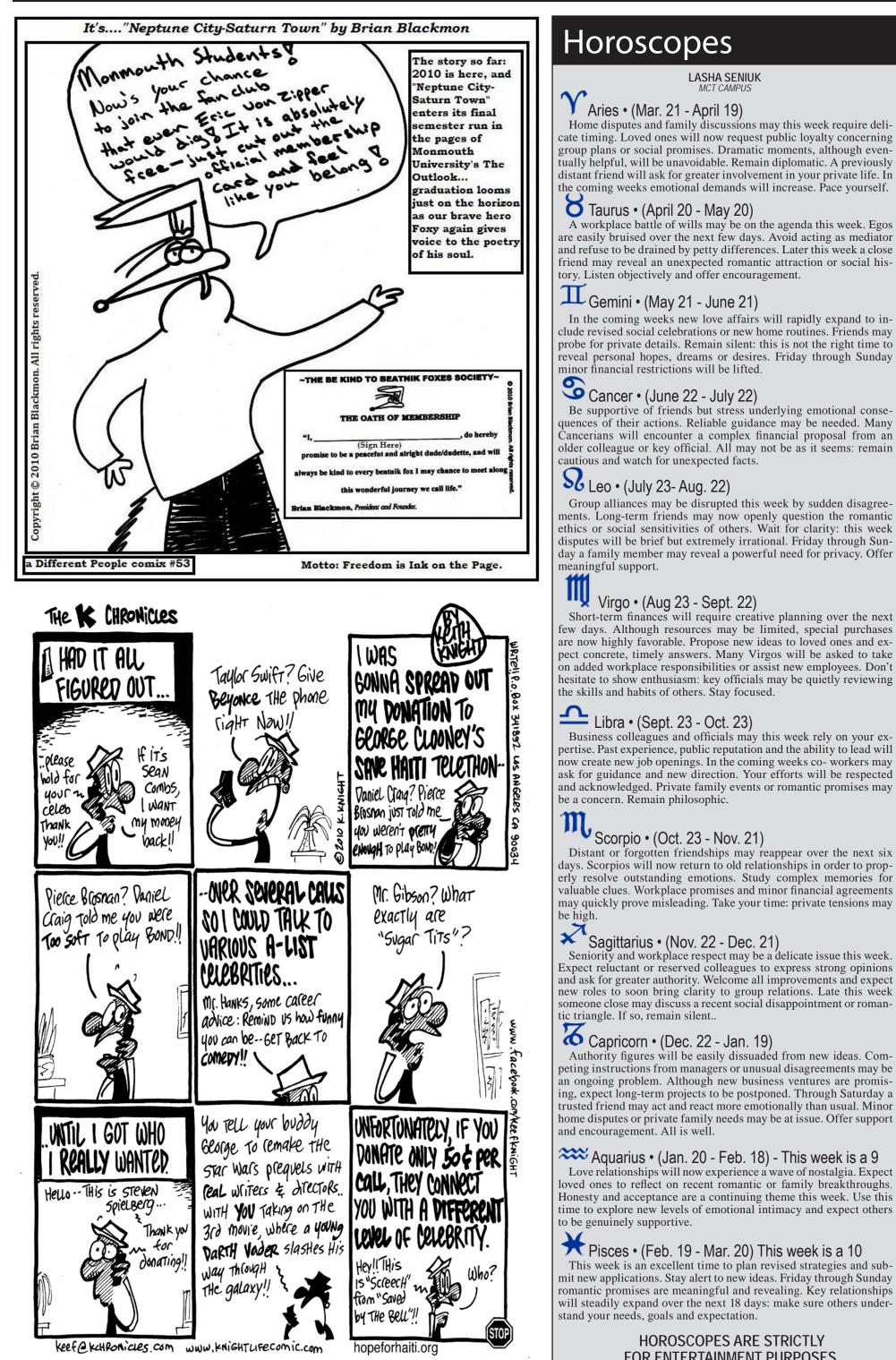
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Authority figures will be easily dissuaded from new ideas. Competing instructions from managers or unusual disagreements may be an ongoing problem. Although new business ventures are promising, expect long-term projects to be postponed. Through Saturday a trusted friend may act and react more emotionally than usual. Minor home disputes or private family needs may be at issue. Offer support

Love relationships will now experience a wave of nostalgia. Expect loved ones to reflect on recent romantic or family breakthroughs. Honesty and acceptance are a continuing theme this week. Use this time to explore new levels of emotional intimacy and expect others

mit new applications. Stay alert to new ideas. Friday through Sunday romantic promises are meaningful and revealing. Key relationships will steadily expand over the next 18 days: make sure others under-

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# Basketball

## Men Halve NEC Games, Sit in Fifth Place in Conference Standings at 5-3

**KEVANEY MARTIN** ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The men's basketball team was aware that they had to step it up in a big way this past week when they took on two NEC opponents at home as they were without their leading

registered an impressive 69-40 win over St Francis University, but fell 66-53 to the defending NEC champions, Robert Morris, on Saturday.

"All of the guys stepped up in a big way. We knew it was going to

be a tough pair of games with or without Travis. We came together and played hard," said sophomore William Campbell, who finished the SFU game with 12 points off of 5-of-7 shooting.

Campbell helped Monmouth improve to 9-10 overall and 5-2 in the NEC after their victory over the Red Flash. Eight of Campbell's 12 points were accounted for in the of the contest which came as a result of a pair of treys which set the score at 10-

10. The Red Flash managed to claim a 15-12 lead after Cedric Latimer's three-point play, but it didn't stay that way for long as Justin Sofman answered with an even more impressive four-point play

that was followed by

PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reme/Monmouth University Will Campbell had 12 points on 5-of-7 shooting in the 29-point win over St. Francis.

scorer, Travis Taylor. On Thursday, a Nick DelTufo dunk off of a SFU points while also the Hawks rose to the challenge and turnover with 8:28 remaining in the half to give the Blue and White a 18-15 lead.

After Kurt Hoffman cut the lead back down to one on a put back the Hawks put together a 7-0 run over the next 2:53 to put the home squad up 25-17 with 5:04 left in the half. The run was highlighted with another slam by DelTufo off of a dish from Mike Myers Keitt.

SFU managed to cut the lead back down to five, but Freshman Ed Waite answered their rally by scoring the last five points of the first half, giving MU a 32-25 advantage at intermission.

The second half picked up right a baseline jumper where the first ended with a 9-0 run to pull the Hawks by the Hawks which gave them a comfortable 16 point lead. The scoring onslaught continued with R.J. Rutledge and Sofman hitting backto-back three-pointers to add to the Hawks point total.

The game was capped off with opening six minutes a slam by George Barbour to give Monmouth a 29 point victory, tying their largest victory margin of the season.

The momentum, unfortunately, failed to carry over to their next outing as the Hawks fell to 9-11 overall and 5-3 in conference with a loss to RMU.

Despite maintaining a ten point lead early in the second half, the Colonials, who improved to 7-1 in the NEC, proved to be too much as they orchestrated a late comeback which stole the lead and ultimately the game.

Will Campbell had another solid

contributing six rebounds. Both Campbell and R.J. Rutledge hit early three-pointers to put the Hawks on top 6-5, but the Colonials answered scoring six straight points to claim an 11-6 advantage with 7:22 remaining before the break.

With 4:52 left on the clock Campbell nailed another trifecta as well as within one. The visitors responded and took a 15-12 lead, but at the 2:15 mark Whitney Coleman, who finished with 11 points, drained a three-pointer that tied up the score.

MU ended the first half on a 7-2

run and continued

help of Coleman who drained his sec- and Monmouth was never able to reond three of the game and Ed Waite cover. who completed a four-point play to increase the spurt to 14-2.

James Hett contributed to Monmouth's lead by adding a trifecta of Hett. his own to go along with a layup to give them a 29-19 advantage with went on a staggering 16-3 run over performance with a team-high 15 a span of 6:40 to take a 37-34 lead Devils.

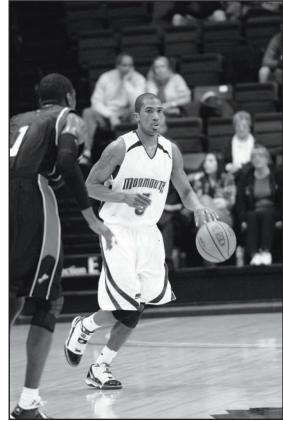


PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reme/Monmouth University Whitney Coleman was second on the team with it on through the 11 points in the 66-53 loss to Robert Morris.

"It was a disappointing loss. They came out in the second half and just out played us," said junior James

Monmouth returns to action on Thursday at 7:30 pm when the 16:19 left in regulation. RMU then Hawks travel to Central Connecticut State University to take on the Blue

## Vomen Proving Critics Wrong with NEC Play

#### CHARLES KRUZITS ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

This year's women's basketball team has many new faces, to be exact there are 10 players who are new to the Monmouth program, while five are returning from last season's team that lost in the conference championship. This year was expected to be a transition season for the Hawks while the newcomers get acclimated to playing Division I 13. MU placed themselves in a bad college basketball.

neighsayers" because as of to keep the game within grasp. late the Hawks have been competing and winning in conference games. Since December 9th the women have played in 12 games and accumulated a 6-6 record and a 4-4 record in conference play. The highlight of the season for the women came when they traveled to Western Pa., to take on St. Francis and Robert Morris. The first game on the trip came against St. Francis and it was a stalemate up until the last minute. With strong guard play from sophomore Alexis Canady and junior Gabby Singer in the final minute of play the Hawks went into Loretto, Pa., and won 65-61. Canady and Singer amounted for eight points in the last minute of play including a terrific and-one jump shot from Canady. Singer led all scorers with 23 points while shooting 3-of-5 from the three-point range. Facing off against RMU was going to be a true test for this MU squad. However, the tough nonconference opponents that head

coach Stephanie Gaitley scheduled a play. proved to pay huge dividends when facing a team like RMU. Through a half of play MU was down by three while Singer had five points and four rebounds and freshman Abby Martin had four points and five rebounds.

The Hawks opened up the second half a little passive and RMU exploited their play by going on a 16-6 run and leading the Hawks by

One of the players subbed in was junior transfer Chanel Gomez, and her entrance in the game proved to be a great decision by the MU coaching staff. Everyone expected a guard to get the shot but after getting the ball in the corner Thibault realized she was double teamed. Gomez came wide open and Thibault passed her the ball to score a layup and win the game by one.

A week later the Hawks had the spot while being on the road and home court advantage and both St. The players weren't listening to they needed to answer back quickly Francis Pa. and RMU came to the MAC. On Thursday, the 21st, SFU The Hawks went on a similar run and MU played such a tough 40 minutes that they needed overtime to decide the victor.



by scoring 19 points while only allowing six points from RMU to cut their deficit to two. With 27 seconds left to play the Hawks were down by five and in need of a big shot. Canady found an open Alysha Womack who knocked the shot down and cut the opponents lead to just two with 20 seconds left.

After a foul from the Hawks, RMU was to shoot a one-and-one. Angela Pace missed the first attempt and Womack rebounded the ball and pushed it down court to find freshman Carly Thibault open for three, in which she swished and placed MU up one with 12 seconds left.

RMU inbounded the ball looking to push it down the court when freshman guard Erin Rooney fouled Vega Gimeno-Martinez and Martinez made both free throws to lift RMU to a one point lead with eight seconds left. After dribbling the ball to half court MU called timeout to get the best lineup in and draw up

Led by Womack's 25 points the Hawks proved to be too strong for SFU and escaped with a 77-74 victory.

The second time around against RMU the Hawks couldn't find an answer to stopping or scoring against their conference foes. From the tip-off to the ending buzzer the Hawks didn't once have a lead over RMU during the 40 minutes.

The Hawks ended the first half down 12 and their deficit would increase as time passed. This game was one the Hawks will have to move on from and continue to compete for a full 40 minutes. The Hawks lost by a score of 62-45; Womack lead all scorers with 16 points and nine rebounds.

The Hawks return to action this Thursday on the road against conference foe Central Connecticut State followed by another NEC contest on Saturday against Bryant.

PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reme/Monmouth University Alysha Womack led all scorers with 25 points in the 77-74 overtime victory against St. Francis in the MAC.

## **Men's and Women's Track and Field Teams Excel at Split Squad Events**

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The men's and women's track and field teams participated in two highly competitive meets this weekend when half of the squad traveled to Bronx, N.Y. on Friday while the other half visited Princeton, N.J.

The Hawks saw much success at the Great Dane Classic, hosted by Albany. Michelle Losey not only placed fourth in the 55 meter sprint and second in the 200 meter dash, with times of 7.12 and 24.63, respectively, but also broke school records in both events. These times also qualified her for the ECAC Championships.

Chris Rutherford posted two qualifying times for the IC4A Championships after coming in third for the 55 meter hurdles (7.71) and seventh for the 500 meter run (1:04.96). Geoff Navarro qualified for the IC4A, as well, with a tenth place finish of 22.09 in the 200 meter dash.

With a time of 3:52.09, the of Rachel Watkins, Losey, Ajda Dotday, and Crystal Stein finished third and qualified for the ECAC Championships. Stein also qualified individually for the 500 meter run, recording a time of 1:15.86.

The record books would be rewritten once again after Chris Taiwo broke his own record in the indoor triple jump. Placing third, the women's high jump, Alison

Taiwo qualified for the IC4A's with a jump of 47' 9.25". In the women's triple jump, Brittany Gibbs finished third with a mark of 38' 7.5", which was one of the top-five finishes in Monmouth history.

The second meet of the weekend was the Princeton Relays. Vincent Elardo, Tom Ciccoli, and Shawn Sabo all placed in the top ten of both the shot put and weight throw.

Elardo recorded the best results, finishing third in the shot put with a throw of 16.44 meters, and second in the weight throw, with a mark of 16.87 meters.

In the women's shot put, Sandra Jean-Romain finished fourth, throwing 13.07 meters, and Symmone Fisher placed eighth (12.37 meters). Samantha Hegmann recorded a 14.79 meter mark in the weight throw, placing seventh.

Colleen Rutecki placed seventh in the women's long jump. Her leap of 5.18 meters was a personal best. Not only did Mary Kate Walsh place ninth (5.13 meters) in women's 4x400 meter relay team the same event, but her jump of 11.48 meters garnered her a first place finish in the triple jump. In the men's long jump, Marcus Goode placed fifth with a mark of 6.96 meters, while Kollan Reevey recorded a seventh place jump of 6.69 meters.

> Rich Bills cleared a height of 1.91 meters, finishing in fifth place for the men's high jump. In



PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reme/Monmouth University

Chris Taiwo (left) and Geoff Navarro compete at the Great Dane Classic at the Armory in NYC Friday.

Day placed second by clearing a to more previous misses. mark of 1.60 meters. Jenn Tarsan fourth and fifth, respectively, due Open and Heptathlon/Pentathlon rier Classic (2:00 pm start).

(4:00 pm start) and the 101st Mil-The Hawks will travel again rose Games (5:00 pm start), and and Kelly Dantley also cleared this coming weekend when they on Saturday in the Thomson Inthe 1.60 meter height, but finished compete on Friday in the Bison vitational (9:30 am start) and Ter-

# A Word on Sports

## Rex Ryan's Statements Come Back to Beat Him, and History Repeats Itself for Favre in an NFC Championship Game

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Peyton Manning shined and Brett Favre threw his team out of the Super Bowl yet again. The conference championships lived up to the hype as each game gave fans what they wanted and that was 120 plus minutes of action packed football. The first game kicked off between the Cinderella Jets and Manning's Colts.

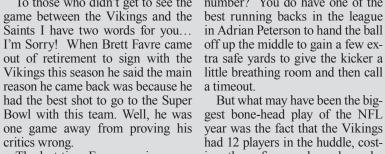
After a loss to the Falcons in week 15 the head coach of the Jets, The Colts answered back with what the fourth time as he led the Colts looked like would be a touchdown, but the defensive minded Jets held the high-scoring Colts to yet another field goal to keep their lead at 7-6.

Rookie quarterback Sanchez displayed signs of brilliance when he led the Jets on a seven play, 77-yard drive down the field which was capped off with a nine-yard touchdown pass to tight end Dustin Keller.

The series after the touchdown, the Colts came out and running back Joseph Addai fumbled which was return to the Super Bowl for the first

down the field on three plays before connecting with Austin Collie for a 16-yard touchdown and minimize the Jets lead to four heading into halftime.

The Jets were playing as if they were headed to Miami to play in the Superbowl but the Colts showed just why football is a 60-minute game. Manning and his prolific offense scored 24 unanswered points to end the game and the chance of the Jets to



The last time Favre was in a conference championship game was in 2008 with the Packers against the football to make it an easier the eventual Super Bowl champion field goal attempt. This mistake New York Giants. In 2008, Favre's may have been the precursor to gun slinging mentality got the best the turnover that could have been of him when he threw an intercep- avoided had it not been for the tion in overtime to give the Giants the field position to kick the winning field goal. Well, "say it ain't so" because he did it again. With the ball on the Saints 38yard line the Vikings had the ball in the closing seconds of regulation, a completed pass of 10 or so yards and Favre gives his kicker Ryan Longwell a chance to kick them into the Super Bowl. again played reckless and threw an coin toss and obviously electing interception which ended his teams run to the Super Bowl and possibly the last pass he ever throws in the NFL What is baffling is that Favre had at least five or six yards in front of him to run and safely make it out-ofbounds to stop the clock. Instead, he chose to try to be the hero, costing his team, and himself, a shot at the Colts in the Super Bowl

To those who didn't get to see the number? You do have one of the best running backs in the league in Adrian Peterson to hand the ball off up the middle to gain a few extra safe yards to give the kicker a a timeout.

But what may have been the biggest bone-head play of the NFL year was the fact that the Vikings had 12 players in the huddle, costing them five vards and maybe forcing them into trying to throw penalty for too many men in the huddle. We will never know what would have happened had that penalty never been called, if the field goal would have been made. So maybe it is silly to argue it anyway. Nevertheless the game went on, as the Saints took full advantage of their second life. The game was sent into over-But, Favre didn't play it smart; he time with the Saints winning the to receive the ball "because we're gonna score" as Matt Hasselback said some time ago. Ten plays and 39 yards later the Saints called on their second year kicker Garrett Hartley, out of Oklahoma to win them the game. The distance was of 40 yards and Hartley kicked it straight through the uprights to send the Saints to the Super Bowl. On February 7th the Saints and the Colts will go head to head in Miami to determine who will be the Super Bowl Champions of the 2009-2010 season.

Rex Ryan, believed that his team was out of playoff contention. Boy was he wrong. Two straight wins to end the season proved to be enough to get the Jets into the wildcard position at 9-7. There were question marks about this team and what they could do in the playoffs and they didn't let their fans down. After wins against the Bengals and the Super Bowl favorite Chargers, the Jets had their work cut out for them when they traveled to Indianapolis to face Manning and company.

The first quarter proved to be an offensive struggle as neither team could put points on the board, but the second half would be a different story. Quickly into the second quarter the Colts capped off an eight play 82 yard drive with a 25yard field goal from Matt Stover to give the Colts a 3-0 lead.

However, one pump fake later and Mark Sanchez and Braylon Edwards hooked up on an 80yard deep ball for the touchdown.



PHOTO COURTESY of http://bleacherreport.com/ Brett Favre sits on the bench after experiencing deja vu in nightmarish fashion when his pass attempt was picked off late in the game against the Saints in the NFC Championship Game.

and returned five yards to the Colts 29 yard line. The Colts flexed their muscles on defense and sent the Jets to three-and-out and only a field goal in which the Jets took a 17-6 lead. It didn't take long for Manning to show why he was awarded the MVP for

recovered by safety Jim Leonhard time in 41 years. Manning finished up the day 26-of-39 for 377 yards and three touchdowns, but knowing Manning he isn't truly satisfied with his performance. The Colts were to await the winner of the Vikings and Saints game to see who their opponent would be in Super Bowl XLIV.

Critics may argue this for weeks. Who chose to run that play? Was it head coach Brad Childress, or the veteran Favre who called his own



# Michelle Losey broke two MU school records in the 55 meter sprint and the 200 meter dash at the Great Dane Classic.

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