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## Monmouth Community Gathers to Watch Historic Obama Inauguration

FRANK GOGOL  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

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

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

The ceremony began at approximately 11:30 a.m. when Presidential-elect Obama arrived for the swearing-in.

Renown signer Aretha Franklin began the Inauguration ceremony by singing My Country 'Tis of Thee.

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

Following was a musical selection by John Williams with Itzhak Perlman, Yo-Yo Ma, Gabriela Montero, and Anthony McGill entitled Air and Simple Gifts, which was com-

posed specifically for the event.

Obama officially became the President of the United States at 12:00 p.m., but was sworn in several minutes later.

Following his swearing-in, Obama gave his Inaugural address entitled "Renewing America's Promise," the central of which was a call to responsibility, not only in the Government, but for the people of America as well.

Poet Elizabeth Alexandra then read her poem "Praise Song for the Day."

Candice Hart, a sophomore Art major, said, "I really would have rather seen it in DC, but even at Pollak it was an intense experience. The place was packed wall to wall and it's nice to say that I experienced history with a lot of my fellow undergraduates and staff members."

According to Professor Joseph Patten, of the Political Science Department, There were approximately 600 students, staff, faculty, and administrators in attendance in Pollak.

"The Inauguration, this one in particular, is important because it is



PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reme

Approximately 600 students, faculty, and staff gathered in Pollak Theater to witness the historic Inauguration of Barack Obama.

history. How many inaugurations does a person witness in their lifetime? They aren't a regular thing,

and it's nice to say you were alive to see the first African American president being inaugurated. It's

something I will be able to tell my children and grandchildren," Hart said.

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

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

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

In accordance with the agreement, the University will become a member of several of

the EPA's volunteer programs that will provide training and support from the agency's experts.

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

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

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

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

To improve waste and recycling standards, Monmouth

will join the EPA's WasteWise program, in addition to their Recycle Mania program, of which the University was already a part of. WasteWise is a program that helps increase recycling and streamline material use and waste management.

Through EPA's National Clean Diesel Campaign and Clean Construction USA program the campus' vehicles will become greener by teaching employees ways to reduce emissions and by using clean diesel-powered equipment.

The University is also looking into methods of composting campus food wasted at either an on-campus or off-campus location.

The EPA has made similar agreements with Universities

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## Patricia Swannack Appointed to Monmouth County Greenhouse Gas Reduction Advisory Committee

GINA COLUMBUS  
NEWS EDITOR

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

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

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

The advisory committee will also work to perform

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

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

"First there is the impact on

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# Debate Team Wins Awards in National Competition

PAIGE SODANO  
SENIOR EDITOR

The Monmouth University Debate Team traveled to upstate New York on November 23, 2008, to participate in SUNY Binghamton University's 19th annual College Debate Tournament.

The Debate Hawks competed against 48 teams in their division from 11 schools. Some of the other schools that debated against Monmouth in the competition include: University of Massachusetts and West Point, Cornell University, Boston University, West Point Military Academy, Boston College, the New School and New York University.

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

Mikulka, who serves as a co-captain of the Debate Hawks, was first out of out of approximately 100 other debaters. Tiscia serves as the other co-captain.

Ninety-six individual debaters competed in Monmouth's division with 20 individual awards presented. Award selection was based on speaker points given to

each debater by the debate judge in each round.

Speaker points are when each round of debates has one judge who chooses a winner and a she spoke and other factors they feel are important. At the end of the debates, the points are tallied from all the judges and each person with the highest amount one, which was located in West Point, New York.

Dr. Joseph Patten, associate professor of political science, coaches the Debate Hawks, with

Dr. Patten is a really good coach, and with support from the University the team will continue on shining as a representative of Monmouth in the academic community," said Wisniewski.

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

"Each team had a different style of debating, whether they were really nice, aggressive, comical or passionate, each team brought some-

thing special to the table. Because of our integrity, wit, and dedication, Monmouth was able to make a name for itself in the debate community, even though we only went to two tournaments! Although it was a rough road in the beginning, I feel the team has been able to develop and grow from our trials and errors into an extraordinary team," Mikulka said.

Every debate started with the first two rounds, and each team was made up of two students. Once a round began, there were two sides assigned to the teams - an affirmative side and a nega-



PHOTO COURTESY of Dr. Joseph Patten

## MUPD Crime Blotter

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

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

### Monmouth University Police Department Crimes By Location

Date	Time	Location	Crime	Preventable
12/15/2008	1258-1346 hrs	Student Center	Theft of Text Book	No
12/15/2008	1000-1443 hrs	Lot #14	Criminal Mischief To Auto	No
12/16/2008	1949 hrs	Willow Hall	Theft	No
12/16/2008	2000-2100 hrs	Cedar Hall	Criminal Mischief	No
1/5/2009	-	Edison Science	Theft of Gift Basket	No
1/14/2009	1500-1630 hrs	Boylan Gym	Theft of Purse	Yes
1/19/2009	2128 hrs	Elmwood Hall	Underage Poss. of Alcoholic Beverage	Yes
1/24/2009	1430-0600 hrs	Cedar Hall	Burglary/Theft	Yes
1/24/2009	1600-1950 hrs	Cedar Hall	Attempted Burglary/Criminal Mischief	No
1/25/2009	328	Spruce Hall	Underage Poss. of Alcoholic Beverage	No

a team consisting 18 members.

"The debate team is off to a truly remarkable start. We participated in two debate tournaments so far and have already established ourselves as an up and coming force on the national stage in policy debate. We had five teams break into the playoff rounds at the West Point Military Academy tournament and the SUNY Binghamton tournament. It is almost impossible to overstate the impressive accomplishments of our debaters in their first year of competition," said Patten.

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

Mikulka said, "Dr. Patten played a vital role. Without his time and effort our team would never have made it as far as we did. He spent a massive amount of time outside of class helping us whether it was petitioning the school for money or sitting in on our practice rounds, he was important!"

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Associate Professor of Political Science

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KRYSTIN MIKULKA  
Junior



# Save Our Shore From Being Destroyed By Industry

LESLIE WEINBERG  
CLUB AND GREEK EDITOR

Now more than ever: the Jersey Shore is in popular demand, and not only by New Jersey natives and tourists. However, while some want to put surfboards in the ocean, others are looking to put something else in the ocean that will completely disrupt the lives of NJ residents, visitors and wildlife. Exxon, Excalibur, and the Atlantic Sea Island Group want a piece of our coast.

Picture the Empire State Building. Now take enough dirt, sediment, mud, and other building materials to fill 10 Empire State buildings. Create an island 14 times the size of Giants Stadium with this material and build an industrial complex on top. The complex will be used to offload, store, and process liquefied natural gas (LNG), a foreign fossil fuel. The Atlantic Sea Island Group wants to construct such an island, called "Safe Harbor Energy," 19.5 miles off the coast of Sea Bright, NJ and 13 miles south of Long Beach, NY. This island would be the first ever man-made island and would smother up to 140 acres of seafloor. Cholera Bank, one of the largest and richest fishing spots in our area would be smothered by this island. In addition, this region is home to millions of endangered species including: North Atlantic Right, Fin, and Humpback whales, and Kemp's Ridley, Loggerhead, and Leatherback sea turtles. Further, the Atlantic Sea Island Group has no experience when it comes to offshore construction and LNG operations.

The second proposed offshore LNG port is by Exxon-Mobil, calling it "BlueOcean Energy". ExxonMobil wants to build a facility – the first of its kind – 20 miles off the Manasquan Inlet. This experimental facility has never been constructed in the world and would consist of permanent floating LNG terminal. Other states have rejected this type of facility off their shores. NJ should and cannot afford to be Big Oil's guinea pigs.

Excalibur Energy is proposing the third LNG port, called "Liberty Natural Gas," for 16.5 miles off Asbury Park's shore. In this project, four turrets or buoys will be anchored to the seafloor and these too would reference Forever Asbury, the tourism of Asbury.

LNG will be re-gasified on the ships connected to the buoys and pumped into the new pipelines. Fifty miles of new pipeline under the seafloor would stretch from Asbury Park to South Amboy, and 11 miles of new onshore pipeline through already over-industrialized NJ communities will stretch to Linden. The source of the LNG is expected to be Trini-

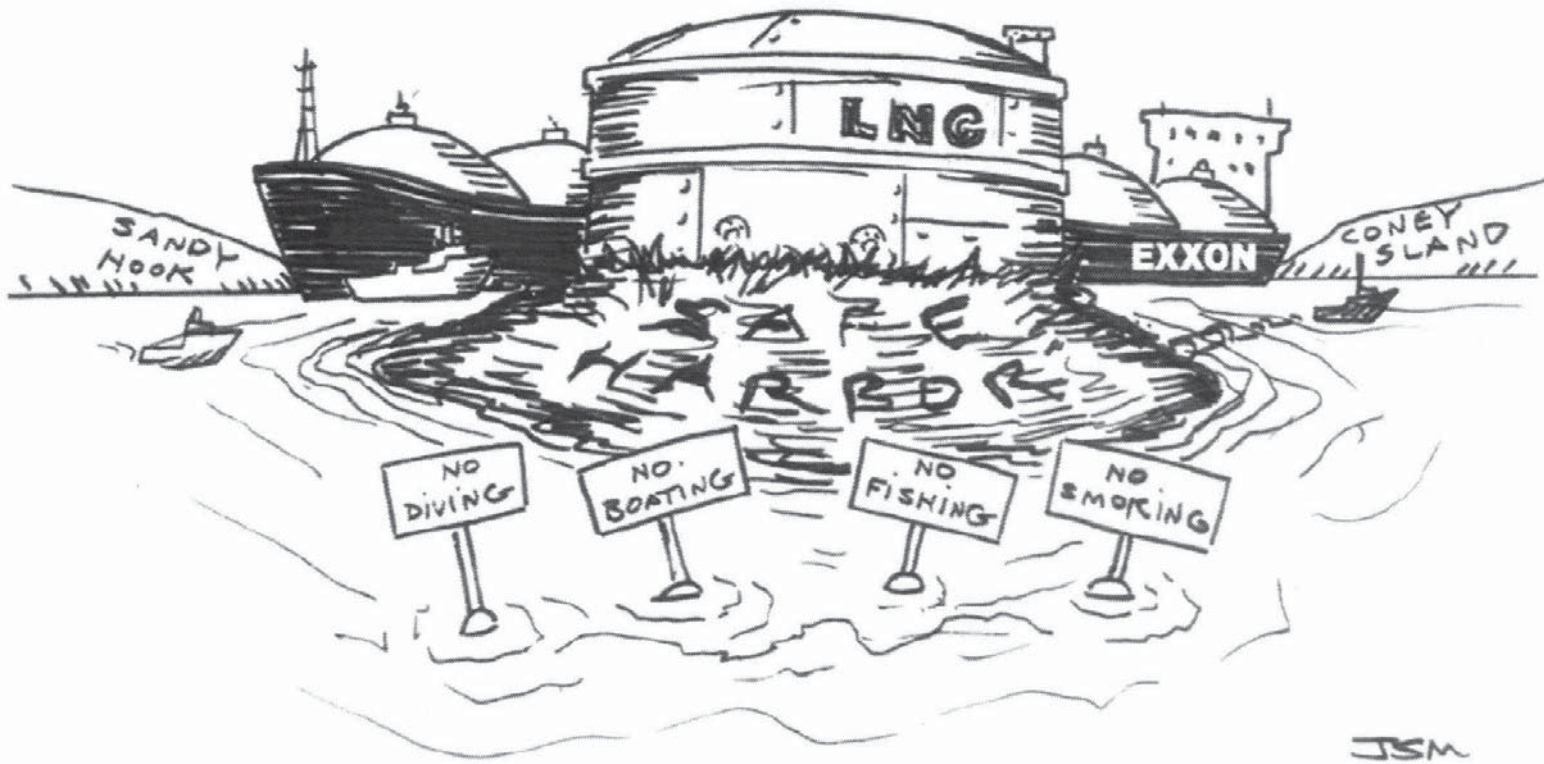
to last the next 120 years. Importing LNG will make us more dependent on foreign sources of energy, and drive-up energy costs as LNG is more expensive than domestic natural gas. The Middle East and Russia, who have the largest global supplies of natural gas, will likely supply the proposed LNG ports off the Jersey Shore. As we know, these nations are unstable and

tack? Further, large security zones around the facilities and incoming and outgoing tankers will prohibit boaters from wide swaths of the ocean.

"The proposed LNG facility, located just 19 miles off Sea Bright, poses an unacceptable risk to our coastal environment and its inhabitants. Safety issues from any accident, spill or collision are most concern-

during normal business hours to get a person, and follow the directions to leave a message if you call other times," said John Weber, Surfrider Foundation East Coast Regional Manager.

Monmouth University must come together and help the community that is beyond our campus. The beach is a key player in the lives of Monmouth



THE FUTURE NY/NJ COAST?

PHOTO COURTESY of [cleanoceanaction.org](http://cleanoceanaction.org)

An illustration symbolizing what will happen to the New Jersey and New York coast if pollution continues from different industries.

dad and Tobago, countries with weak environmental laws and pollution problems associated with existing gas drilling activities.

Assistant to the Dean of Graduate School, Cynthia L. Plantamura said, "Our ocean is already threatened by pollution from industry and a highly developed coastal area, and I'm concerned that these LNG facilities will lead to the further industrialization of our ocean. Also, I question whether importing LNG from foreign sources is a smart solution to the problem of global climate change and the issues associated with our reliance on foreign fossil fuels."

So what is LNG anyway? LNG is natural gas that is cooled to minus 259 degrees Fahrenheit to become liquid. This energy-intensive liquefying process compresses the gas over 600 times from its original form to make it easier for transport on large tankers – that are up to nearly four football fields in length – to ports throughout the world. Once an LNG tanker reaches its destination port, more energy is used to heat it into a gaseous state. The gas then travels through pipelines to utilities and, ultimately, to our homes and businesses for use.

Do we need LNG? Currently, America is already independent for natural gas supplies and according to US Government estimates, has enough natural gas

unfriendly.

"If New Jersey opens our doors to LNG it will only serve to lock us into another polluting, foreign fuel dependency and addiction - only this time it will be for our energy we need to power our electricity plants, heat our homes, and cook our meals", said Clean Ocean Action Executive Director, Cindy Zipf. "LNG is not in the public interest; it is only in Big Energy's interest. The answer to the question, 'Should New Jersey, New York allow offshore Liquefied Natural Gas facilities?' is clear: No."

Importing LNG poses many other risks and dangers. After a hurricane or Nor'easter, most people have seen the damaging effects of a violent storm on the Atlantic Ocean. During storms, offshore wave heights in this region can reach up to 30 to 50 feet. However, in the case of the proposed Insanity Island, the island will only be built 25 feet above sea level. With the increase in global warming and violent storms recently, the Jersey Shore would be very vulnerable. Also, ocean currents head towards New Jersey and so do winds during nor'easters; therefore, any accidents or spills will travel toward our shore.

In addition, all three of the proposed facilities in close proximity to one of the busiest harbors in the world. Who is to say these large facilities and enormous LNG tankers will not fall under terrorist at-

ing to us in Sea Bright," said Dina Long, Sea Bright Councilwoman. "People who live in this area and who care about the beaches and ocean need to get involved to stop this proposal before it's too late. All too often, the community at large doesn't find out until all the permits have been granted."

Many students and citizens are not aware of the Liquefied Natural Gas facilities proposed along the shore or that they can put a stop to it. Often, people think they are just one person

the editor of newspapers in the region opposing offshore LNG ports. In addition, attend public meetings and hearings on the projects to voice your concerns. For more information and to learn ways to take action, go to [www.cleanoceanaction.org](http://www.cleanoceanaction.org).

MU alumna and Clean Ocean Action Operations Director, Mary-Beth Thompson said, "I encourage students to get involved, to exercise your right to express your opinion to the government. We can't allow this off our coast, it will di-

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

JOHN WEBER

Surfrider Foundation East Coast Regional Manager

and their actions don't matter. But as history has clearly proven again and again, it only takes one voice to start the momentum of change.

"It is important for people to get involved because that is the only way we are going to stop this. Massive public opposition is the only way. I recommend that everyone submits written comments. I also recommend they contact the Governor at 609-292-6000 and ask him to veto this project. Call

rectly affect the way of life of a student at a coastal university, and beyond."

So far nearly 40 groups in NJ/NY have banded together to condemn plans for LNG. We can help stop the insanity that is planned for the Jersey Shore. In fact, citizens and officials in California, Connecticut, and New York have already said no to LNG ports off their coasts – so must NJ. It is imperative that we stand up now for our shore before it is too late.



# Chinese-Americans Welcome a New Year

**DIANA CAPPELLUTI**  
*STAFF WRITER*

Monday, January 26 began the first day of 2009, the year of the ox, according to the Chinese lunar calendar. The New Year celebration is an ancient Chinese tradition representing hope for family togetherness, luck, and good fortune for the coming year.

Daniel He, Monmouth University Associate Professor of Accounting and Business Law, shared the traditions of ancient and modern Chinese New Year. Professor He said the Chinese lunar calendar was first used in ancient China, since farmers believed it was more accurate to build the calendar around the moon for better planting and harvesting. The lunar calendar helped predict the climate during each of China's four seasons. It forecasted the coldest and warmest days and the length of each day, depending on the time of year.

The Chinese New Year has carried over the ancient tradition of the lunar calendar as well as some new ones, particularly the celebration of family reunion and luck. The New Year is a time to ring in a fresh start and welcome the opportunities and good fortune that may follow. "Beginning a new year is a phenomenon, and it is a time when everyone wishes to have new things like clothes, shoes, and other gifts," Professor He said.

Today, the Chinese people celebrate the year's novelty by uniting with family and friends for a special dinner. "If you are working out of

state or away from home, it is time for family reunion. Many people fly back home to have a big family dinner. Nowadays it has become popular to go out to a restaurant instead

leagues, and friends. There is tradition behind different foods eaten on the eve of the new year, such as dumplings and fish. The former, since it is cooked by

and luck. A major tradition in China is the New Year's Eve gala that is presented from 7 pm to 12 am. It is aired on all of the major Chinese television

lar to the American tradition, with the most popular entertainers performing live comedy routines, songs, dances, and talk show segments.

Today, a major tradition of the new year celebration is lighting firecrackers the night before the Chinese New Year. Professor He explained that these are not the same explosives Americans display on some holidays; rather, they are mini "crackers" that can be lit at home. The loud crackling sound of the fireworks represents the transition into a new beginning.

A widely-practiced family tradition is giving money bags, which Professor He explains are little bags with money inside, given on the eve of the new year. Today, most Chinese people give and receive money bags instead of gifts.

Chinese and Chinese-American New Year celebrations are very similar, Professor He explained, with family togetherness being a major component of the holiday. Family dinner traditions remain very much the same, with some variation in foods eaten, and the festivities in each country tend to differ.

Professor He says that many Chinese-Americans anticipate great outcomes for 2009. "The lunar year is named after the 12 animals of the zodiac, and this year is the year of the ox. President Obama was born in the year of the ox," Professor He said. This symbolizes hope for a bull market in the future and more prosperous times than Americans are seeing today.



PHOTO COURTESY OF YAHOO! NEWS

Dragon dancers from Chinese community celebrate Chinese New Year in Johannesburg. South Africa's Chinese community welcomed the Year of the Ox with feisty lion dances and ear-thumping firecrackers, but the 2009 Lunar New Year holds a deeper significance beyond festivities.

of cooking at home," Professor He said.

The entire new year celebration typically lasts five to six days, consisting mostly of visits to and by relatives, col-

steaming or frying, represents the warmth and unity surrounding families during the new year. The latter means surplus for the year to come—extra money, food,

networks, and Professor He describes it as the Chinese version of the Times Square ball drop.

The production includes a countdown to midnight, simi-

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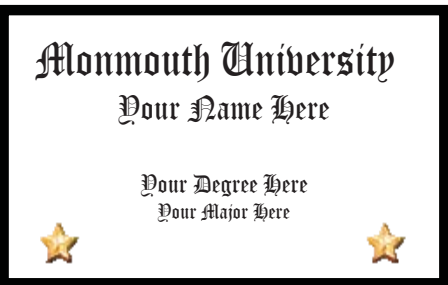
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What it Means to be Green

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EDITOR IN CHIEF

One of the apparent themes of last semester's new was not only this University, but this country and the world's efforts to "go green."

Last semester The Outlook ran several stories and items about going "green," and this week, on the front page, readers will find that this trend continues. This University has taken two large strides in becoming a "greener" place.

The first story talks about the agreement that MU has signed with the Environmental Protection Agency. The agreement says that the school will learn and utilize ways to save energy, reduce emissions, and save water.

The second story tells of how Vice President for Administrative services Patricia Swannack was appointed to the Monmouth County Greenhouse Gas Reduction Advisory Committee.

The proof is there that MU is making the changes that are needed to, but are we all helping?

As far as the administration goes, they are definitely doing their part to make the campus "greener." Are the students doing their part?

It's very hard to tell how many students make the effort to be more environmentally friendly. One would, and should easily be able to, assume that none of us go out of our way to litter and be wasteful of resources, but we all do it.

There are, however, some simple tips for being a little more energy efficient that if we all followed, this campus could be even more "green" than it already is.

First and foremost, we all use water. To shower. To clean dishes. To do laundry. And sometimes, we don't realize how much we use. Some simple

tips for saving water are not to take extended showers if it is not necessary, to turn the water off while cleaning a dish until it needs to be rinsed, and to not leave water running in general if it is not being used.

Fuel is also a big issue here. We use a lot of it and it gives off emissions, not to mention that it costs money and as college students, the less of that we have to spend the better. To better use fuel, simply carpool when possible. If you and couple of friends are all going to the same place, take one car.

And the last tip, I'm sure you know it, is to be mindful of recycling. It's been drilled into our heads our whole lives anyway. It's so easy to take aluminum, plastic, and glass and separate them from the trash. That minimal effort makes an incredible difference.

Following these simple guidelines will help this school be a better place.

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Blame the Brazilians. After all, they were the first ones to roll tobacco leaves in paper over 2,000 years ago. If you don't want to blame the Brazilians, then blame Christopher Columbus – he brought Queen Isabella of Spain tobacco leaves hundreds of years ago. And hey, if you don't even want to blame Columbus, then blame the Army. They were the ones to include cigarettes as rations during World War I and II. But for the love of God, don't blame me. It seems that non-smokers and former smokers alike have banded together in their own Holy Crusade: they feel the need to inform smokers of the ill-effects attributed to cigarettes, second hand smoke and tobacco in general. They take the time to research statistics, they say. They also know all about the different kinds of cancer smoking causes, and they even have some personal stories about the evils of smoking. Then, they roll all that knowledge together and form an erudite sentence that will undoubtedly

change the world and cleanse it of all smokers forever: "Hey, smoking's bad for you, you know." I hear it almost every time I light up. If I happen to be smoking around other people, I've come to accept it and have a very specific prepared reaction that goes something like this:

1. Stare open-mouthed at non-smoker for five seconds.
2. Stare open-mouthed at cigarette for five seconds.
3. Exclaim, "MY GOD! I NEVER KNEW!" as loudly as possible, especially when in a public area. At this point, intelligent non-smokers tend to sense a slight amount of sarcasm. Some do not, which makes the next step that much more enjoyable.
4. Hold cigarette delicately with two fingers, pretend to be ready to drop it, but quickly bring it to lips and inhale deeply. If the non-smoker is intelligent, continue moving along. If the non-smoker did not sense the previous sarcasm, proceed to blow a steady stream of smoke in their general direction.
5. Leave. Quickly.

In the past years, smoking has become illegal everywhere from classrooms to restaurants. I be-

lieve I speak for smokers everywhere in saying, "we know." No, really, we get it. Smoking is bad for us and those around us; there are hundreds of thousands of deaths attributed to smoking per year, and we know. "Smoking" has become a bad word, just like George Carlin's "Seven Dirty Words." You can probably guess what I have to say about that: smoke, smoking, smoked, smoker, smoke-sucker, mother smoker, and smoke. Smokers are becoming the dregs of the world, the scum of the campus. So to every ultra-righteous non-smoker out there, I ask you to let us be. If we, as smokers, want to puff away that rough final exam or our personal troubles, let us do it in peace. We are not the enemy; in fact, we are keeping your uncle or mother or cousin's 7-11 in business. We pay our dues, so let us enjoy the fruits of our efforts in tranquility. And if you don't, we'll just blow smoke at you. Literally.

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## Campus Column

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You've been stuck on campus all day with back to back classes. Sitting down for lunch is not an option. The next best thing is to scrounge up some change and get a snack from the vending machine. You're headed off to the student center, gather up your nickels, dimes, and quarters, and then there it is. Instead of a big shiny machine with your choice of Doritos, Cheetos, and every other "eto" there is, you are staring at a vending machine full of America's signature delicacy, the hot dog. Yes, Monmouth has bought a state of the art hot dog vending ma-

chine, and don't worry it's kosher. As if that's not bad enough they have also bought another vending machine that is sure to clog up your arteries full of mozzarella sticks, onion rings, and the works. The machines could quite possibly be located in the most awkward spot in the entire student center, right in the middle of the computer lab. If anyone has the courage to walk up to the hot dog machine they are immediately attacked with dozens of curious eyes watching their every move, waiting to see how exactly the mysterious machine works. Perhaps a hot chocolate and coffee vending machine would have been a

better choice. Monmouth's Starbucks crazed student body would have gotten a lot more use out of it, that's for sure. I have yet to see someone actually buy a hot dog, everyone just meekly walks up to the machine, peers inside, and checks it out. I'm extremely curious to know who thought this vending machine was a good investment because so far I see no profit being made. For all I know these hotdogs may be delicious but I don't think Monmouth is ready to give it a try. *This article was written as part of CO 342, Editorial Writing, which is taught by Dr. Eleanor Novek.*

## From Stereotypes to Soul Mates

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Becoming a college student has its benefits and doubts. It can be difficult at first trying to find a place you fit in along with getting good grades and adjusting to dorm life. I'm three years in and I think I just figured out a perfect medium. Coming to a New Jersey college from the outskirts of New York City brought a whole new world upon me. Monmouth is just like one big high school except you have no parental supervision and your professors don't call home when you miss class. Some people can't handle it, others master it. Monmouth has its clubs and sports. It also has the one thing I never imagined myself joining, Greek life. Up until second semester of freshman

year, a sorority was out of the question. I went to the interest parties and found myself chatting with two dozen girls which is something I would never normally do. I was secure with my group of friends from back home and I didn't think I needed to gain a bunch of sisters to replace them while at school. I was wrong. I realized that the reason I was so against becoming a Greek was because of how I imagined it to be before I gave it a chance. Sororities and Fraternities are not the typical Greek organizations that movies like "Legally Blonde" and "Old School" portray. Each and every one is different in their own way supporting similar values along with supporting the community. Our society tends to focus on the negative aspects along with stereotypes. Most sorority girls aren't ditzy or slutty and

most "frat" boys don't slip roofies in drinks. All the positive parts of being Greek, like how we are helpful to our communities and our campuses, are hidden by the stereotypes that everyone is so used to hearing about. I speak for most Greeks when I say we didn't join Greek life to become professional beer-pong players or to win "sluttiest sister" superlative. I appreciate Greek life for what it has to offer as a whole, lifetime relationships that you will have with you after you graduate. In my opinion, you're lucky if you get to experience it. My sisters are my soul mates and the people who appeal to the stereotypes are the ones missing out. *This article was written as part of CO 342, Editorial Writing, which is taught by Dr. Eleanor Novek.*

## I Want to Go Home

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There is nothing quite like walking out of your last class of the week to the start of another weekend of college mischief; unfortunately, the end of my hectic week is not so enjoyable. My week ends Thursday at 3:45 p.m. when I make my way to the over packed commuter lot. Three classes under my belt at this point and I just want to be home. What luck, not only do I have the long ride home to look forward to, but I also have the five to seven minute wait to exit campus. You would think this delay would be related to the abundance of commuter students at Monmouth University; however, it is an issue that could be easily avoided. Making a left turn out of the commuter lot is sometimes impossible because of the traffic on route 71. You might be saying, "Don't we have cops to help with this?" And the answer is yes, we do; so, where is the Monmouth University Police Department at this time of turmoil? Since I have heard of similar incidents like my own, I have tried to pay more attention to the MUPD around campus. Often, I see them patrolling the lots for proper parking passes and general stability on campus. That is great; I commend them for that. We have one of the safest campuses around, so

now let's tackle another issue, shall we? It is quite frustrating when I am waiting in that line of traffic to head home for the weekend and I look in my rear view mirror only to see an MU officer chatting with the parking supervisor. I am all for a little down time during work, but only when it is appropriate. There is a line of students waiting seven minutes longer than they should to exit. I am not asking that the police be there at all periods of the day, simply the busiest times. First, I would recommend that they monitor traffic to see when they are needed most. Second, send an officer to regulate the traffic. This responsibility would take all of ten minutes. As I have stated before, I am very proud to have such a dedicated police staff working at my campus. They keep stability and crime to a minimum. However, perhaps it is time to shift focus to some other issues taking place on campus. Underage drinking is an issue, but it's inevitable on college campuses. Please MUPD, keep our students happy. Monmouth University has a large and quickly growing commuter population. Let's not make the largest part of our university angry. *This article was written as part of CO 342, Editorial Writing, which is taught by Dr. Eleanor Novek.*

## Campus Column

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Remember the days when people used public pay phones ... I can. Before I had a driver's license or a cell phone I can remember searching for fifty cents to call home. If I did not have enough change, I would dial 1800-Collect and tell my parents to come pick me up really quickly when the phone company was just asking for my name. I was trying to save them money since collect calls were notoriously expensive and I thought it was a good way to outsmart the phone company. Oh what a difference a few years make. Now, I can not think of a single person I know that does not have a cell phone. Gone are the days when you would have to wait until you got home to call someone. Now everyone can be contacted everywhere and at all times. However, now with the soaring popularity of cell phones, also comes a lack of etiquette. Some can get down right obnoxious when on their cell phones especially from what I have observed from my peers. Here are some pleas to take into consideration when using your cell phone. Please, I beg you, stop texting during class. You may not care what your professor has to say

but others do, not to mention it's disrespectful and inconsiderate. Courses are expensive and even though your phone maybe on silent that clickity sounds people make when they're texting is annoying and distracting. Not using your phone for a little over an hour will not kill you. Also please, stop talking so loud on the phone. Everyone within a 20 feet radius can hear what you are saying on the phone. Yeah I can hear how drunk you were last night and how you're planning on getting even more wasted in a couple of hours. For some reason, even when society has become so technologically advance people believe that a cell phone can't adequately carry or project our voice. I also do not appreciate when I am riding in a car with someone who manages to stay on the phone for the entire ride. I cannot stress how rude this is to the other person not to mention awkward. Unless it is an emergency, a simple "I'll call you back," is all that is needed. No matter what, there are cell phone etiquette rules that people cannot follow. It does not involve being smart but rather using a little common sense and consideration. *This article was written as part of CO 342, Editorial Writing, which is taught by Dr. Eleanor Novek.*

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# Competition to get into Colleges May be Intensifying

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FORT WORTH, Texas \_ People seeking new skills in a slow economy and a near record number of high school seniors are expected to make the competition fierce for coveted spots in U.S. colleges and universities in the fall.

Applications to elite private schools are expected to continue climbing. But university officials suspect that state schools in particular could see a spike in interest as some cash-strapped families look for tuition breaks. Even if students get into a desired school, they might not get into the programs they want.

“What this means to students is that it’s going to be more competitive to get into a state college than before,” said Kristen Campbell, director for college preparation programs for Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions in New York City.

The application process, which began in the fall with early admissions, is expected to peak in the coming weeks as essays, letters of recommendation, standardized test scores and synopses of extracurricular activities are compiled and sent.

“It was really hard,” said Sandra Alvarez, a senior at Fort Worth’s South Hills High School who applied to several schools. “You have so many things to do, you don’t know where to start.”

Taylor Breen, also at South Hills, recalls getting a call during physics class from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology asking for her father’s income records.

“You have to turn it in tomorrow, so figure it out,” Breen said, quoting the admissions officer. She plans to attend Columbia University in New York City.

College admission officials say there’s no surefire way to get into a first-choice school, though they agree that good grades, high standardized test scores and athletic or other talents help an applicant rise above the competition.

“At the end of the day, colleges want students who are passionate,” Mike Moyer, author of “How to Make Colleges Want You,” writes.

Students who don’t excel on the playing field or who have average grades might consider making a movie, writing for a local newspaper or running a political campaign, he said.

“They want students who have real interests and go out of their way to pursue their interests. ... If you are engaged in an activity in which teenagers don’t typically engage, you are someone who will bring a new point of view to a college classroom and a person who will inspire others to follow their dreams and interests. Colleges love this more than anything!”

Here’s what students can expect at a range of schools:

**Top public universities**  
Texas has three: the University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M University in College Station and Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

With a desire to grow to 40,000 students and an enrollment that averages around 28,000, Texas Tech has room for qualified applicants. The competition is a bit fiercer at UT-Austin and A&M.

About 71 percent of those who applied for UT-Austin’s fall freshman class in 1998 were admitted. For the 2007 freshman class, 51 percent were admitted. Figures for A&M follow a simi-

lar trend.

Texans who rank in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class automatically get accepted into a state college or university, including UT-Austin and Texas A&M. But they may not get into the program they want.

At UT-Austin, the competition for spots in the university’s business, communications and nursing schools is fierce, said Augustine Garza, UT-Austin deputy director of admissions. For the most competitive programs, 75 percent of the slots are reserved for top-10 percent applicants. But of those students, often only the ones in the top 1, 2 or 3 percent get in; the rest must compete in the general applicant pool for the remaining slots, Garza said.

Students who don’t get into a desired program are considered for their second choice. If that falls through, they become liberal arts majors but can reapply later to their first choice, Garza said.

At UT-Austin, students who did not graduate in the top 10 percent of their high school class are evaluated based on academic and personal characteristics, Garza said. “We look at everything,” he said. Some have started businesses as high school sophomores and now make five-figure salaries or have worked with college professors on research programs, he said. At A&M, students in the top 25 percent of their high school class are admitted if they have a combined SAT math and critical reading score of at least 1,300, with a score of at least 600 in each section. Those taking the ACT need a composite score of at least 30, with a score of at least 27 in math and English. Students must also take the writing portion of each test to be considered.

Tech admits students in the top 25 percent of their high school class if they also have a composite score of 25 on the ACT or a combined score of 1,140 on the critical reading and math sections of the SAT. Those ranking at least in the top 50 percent can get in with an ACT score of 28 or an SAT score of 1,230.

Competition is also tough for some private schools, but officials warn against inflating resumes with extracurricular or volunteer activities. Instead, they say they are looking for applications with focus on and passion for an area.

And you might think twice before have a consultant or parent write essays or handle the application. Both should be authentic, officials said.

“Elaborate on those things that you care most deeply about, so we’re not distracted about something that you tried one year and didn’t return to,” said Julie Browning, dean for undergraduate enrollment at Rice University in Houston. “We’re imagining how you’re going to use your free time at Rice.”

Rice, which ranks among the country’s most selective institutions, accepts about 22 percent of applications, said Chris Munoz, vice president for enrollment. Rice typically looks for students in the top 5 percent of their graduating class and with a combined SAT score of 1,450 on math and critical reading.

After that, the university looks at a student’s characteristics. “Are they involved?” Munoz said. “Are they active? And do they demonstrate leadership qualities?”

State schools such as the University of North Texas and the

University of Texas at Arlington typically have more flexible admission standards than some private schools and Texas’ flagship universities.

UNT accepts students who ranked in the top 25 percent of their graduating class and had a combined SAT score of 950 on the critical reading and math sections or a composite score of 20 on the ACT.

UT-Arlington has no test-score requirements for students in the top quarter of their class.

At UNT, students who rank in the top 50 percent of their high school class can get automatic admission if they have a combined SAT score of 1,050 or a 23 on the ACT. Admission officials review applications from those who don’t score that high.

UT-Arlington Provost Don Bobbitt said 75 to 79 percent of applicants are accepted. The 25,000-student school still has room to grow to 28,000 to 30,000 students.

Texas Christian University in Fort Worth worked to limit this year’s freshman enrollment to about 1,600 students after receiving a record 12,200 applications. About half of those applicants were accepted, but typically some students choose other schools, said Ray Brown, dean of admissions.

A typical TCU student is in the top 20 percent of his high school graduating class and has a combined SAT score of 1,781 (writing, critical reading and math) or an ACT composite score of 26.8. The university also looks for musicians, actors, athletes and others to help create an interesting campus environment.

Tarrant County College, which has 40,000 students and is the region’s fastest-growing institution, accepts local residents as long as they’re not on suspension from another university, said Cathie Jackson, associate vice chancellor for student development services.

A high school diploma or a GED isn’t necessary, she said. But students may have to take remedial classes to meet standards.

“We’re here for those who need to proceed with their education, no matter where they stopped

along the way,” Jackson said.

Sometimes, simple perseverance pays off in the college admissions game.

Conrad Holub, 22, of Burleson said he neither was in the top 10 percent of his class at Burleson High School nor took any Advanced Placement classes. He said that he got accepted to other schools but that his goal was to attend the University of Texas at Austin. So he attended Austin Community College for a year, where he achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average. He then transferred to UT-Austin but was not accepted into the business school. So he was a government major for two years, earning a 3.56 average. And that got him into the business school.

Holub will have to spend five years at UT-Austin, but to him it’s all been worth it. “I had a goal set, and I did what I needed to do to achieve it,” he said.

Admission officials typically say they look at students holistically \_ grades, test scores, extracurricular activities and community involvement. To increase the chances of getting an acceptance letter, here’s what admission officials and experts recommend:

**High school courses**  
Four years of English, with courses that demand extensive writing.

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

Four years of science, typically biology, physics, chemistry and an advanced course in any of those.

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

Three to four years of one foreign language.

Whenever possible, take the most difficult level. In many regions, that usually means Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate courses.

Most college and university admission departments require students to take the SAT or ACT. An increasing number of institutions have dropped the standardized test requirement, including Bowdoin, Smith and Wake Forest. In Texas, students who graduate in the top 10 percent of

their class automatically get into a state institution regardless of their scores.

Students who excel in music, theater and, especially, sports have a leg up on the competition. But Mike Moyer, author of “How to Make Colleges Want You,” suggests trying activities that most students don’t do, such as starting a business. Students should also show initiative by, for example, starting a club at school, said Kristen Campbell of Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions. “It’s really about thinking what you’re passionate about and if you’ve stepped up and taken a leadership role,” she said.

Colleges look for diversity. From Texas? Consider a college in the Northeast or Northwest. An ethnic minority? Make sure the college knows that. Grew up in an unusual place? Don’t be shy about discussing your childhood in an essay or at an interview.

The Common Application is used by 346 of the country’s most selective institutions. Many institutions have their own applications available on their Web sites or through the mail.

Admission policies vary from college to college, but the procedure at Trinity University in San Antonio is representative. A private, selective university, Trinity offers early decision for students who commit to enroll if admitted. The application deadline for early decision is Nov. 1. Then there is early action for students who want to know early whether they’ve been admitted but don’t want to commit to enrolling at Trinity. The deadline is Dec. 1. Finally, there is regular admission, the deadline for which is Feb. 1. To apply, students must submit the Common Application, an official high school transcript of grades, SAT or ACT results, a teacher evaluation, a recommendation from a high school counselor, a senior year course list, an essay and a list of extracurricular activities.

Robert Bardwell of the American School Counselor Association recommends that students seeking admission to highly selective colleges apply to five to eight institutions, including a “safety school.”

## Cell Phones Can Aid Students, Educator Argues

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DETROIT \_ Cell phones have become unwelcome in most schools, because of fears about cheating, distractions and the reality that some students have used them to take and spread inappropriate pictures.

But a new book written by a local educator argues that cell phones also are educational.

In fact, cell phones can be a handy way for teachers to supplement their lessons, said Liz Kolb, an adjunct professor at Madonna University. And she wants students to learn that their cell phones are more than just a social device.

But before she can convince kids, she has to get through to teachers.

“They need a little help getting to the point where they see how it can be beneficial,” said Kolb, who is working on a doctorate degree in education at the University of Michigan.

Her book, “Toys to Tools: Connecting Student Cell Phones to Education,” was published by the International Society for Technology in Education and is geared toward educators. She provides a number of examples and tips for using cell phones.

Kolb also operates a blog on the subject at [www.cellphonesinlearning.com](http://www.cellphonesinlearning.com).

Kolb said teachers can take advantage of cell phones on field trips, allowing students to snap pictures that can then be displayed in school. The cameras on cell phones also can help when students are studying things like ecosystems, because they can be used to take pictures of insects the class is studying.

Although some teachers may view cell phones as more disruptive than educational, others are embracing the technology.

Pat Sattler, a teacher and technology coordinator at St. Joseph School in Trenton, Mich., had students create a radio Christmas show using their cell phones. They used the cells to record jokes, riddles and interviews. The recordings were uploaded to a Web program, which converted them automatically into podcasts. And the podcasts then were hosted on the school’s Web page.

Sattler said using cell phones keeps students motivated and engaged, and often results in students going the extra mile when working on projects.

“The kids are so much more natural when they’re using technology in that way. If they were to have to

stand in front of a microphone ... they get wooden and it seems rehearsed.”

And the cells are flexible, Sattler said. “Anywhere you go, you can do a podcast. It keeps things more spontaneous.”

For instance, she has used her cell phone to record kindergartners on the 100th day of the school year, because the youngsters always count to 100 on the school’s public address system.

Lynne Sullivan hasn’t used cell phones much in her chemistry and physics classes at Cranbrook Upper School, but she did take advantage of them during a class field trip to the Cranbrook Science Museum. There, in the area where gemstones are kept, students took pictures that they used as part of their class reports.

Sullivan said she sees many possibilities, but acknowledged there are some downsides, such as the time she tried to record podcasts and learned that poor reception left her with a garbled recording.

Sattler has experienced similar problems. But she’s sold on the use of cells in education.

“Anyone can do it,” Sattler said. “With a cell you can capture really any moment you want.”



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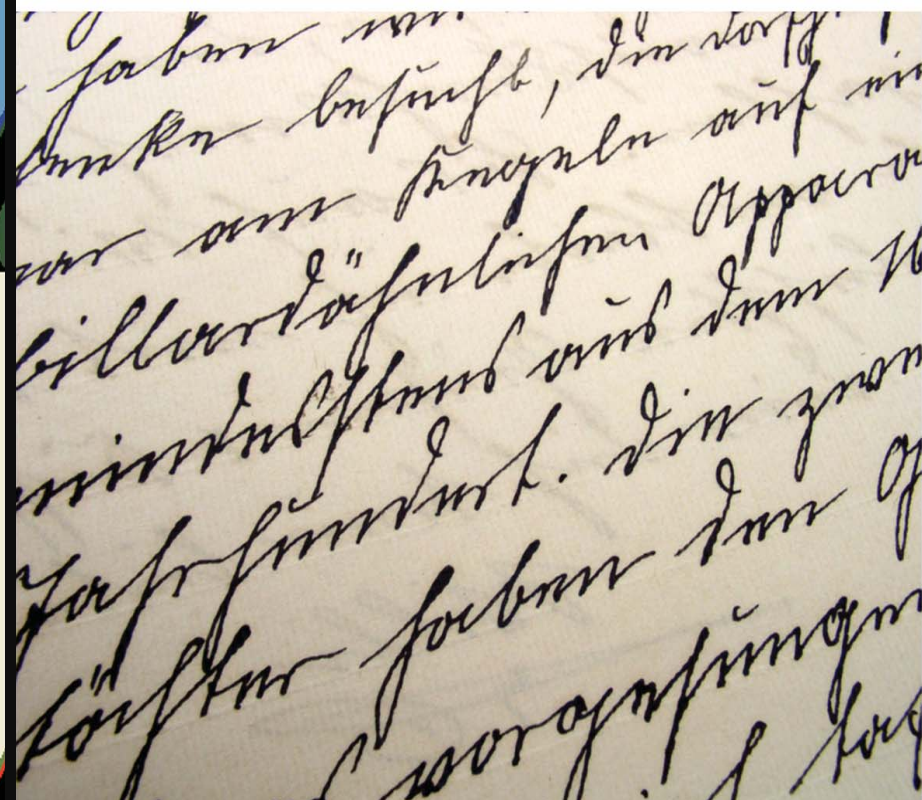
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# Performer and Stage: A Mythic Dynamic

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

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

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

While the transition of time and culture affected relative evolutions upon the physical manifestation of the stage, the role which this edifice served has remained

as powerful and transforming. It was the stage that served as the earth upon which the spirits of William Shakespeare’s (1564-1616) universe were cultivated and commanded to live—the su-



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

performed on March 4th, 1877) and The Nutcracker (introduced to the world during Christmas of 1892). Here we may also find the voice of Enrico Caruso’s (1873-1921) brokenhearted Canio, from Ruggero Leoncavallo’s 1892 Pagliacci, winning undying sympathy with his sincere “Vesti la Giubba.”

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

These variety shows enjoyed tremendous popularity until the 1930’s, finally replaced by the technological implications of network radio programming and the new sound motion picture films of Hollywood, California—both mediums drawing heavily from

the vaudevillian ranks, and gaining such immortal talents as the ever-passionate singer Al Jolson, and the always unique and hilarious Marx Brothers and Three Stooges.

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

This relationship is additionally reflected in that leviathan of popular entertainment, television (which challenged both film and radio for dominance during the 1950’s).

In the same way that the makeup of the pagan stage of Thespis differed from the Christian stage of Shakespeare, different mediums are simply new manifestations of the stage’s construction, from which performers can express the perfection of their chosen craft, capturing the lightning of art with shamanic eloquence, to share with the mortal masses.



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The Greek’s were the first Western Society to master the stage

perior poetry of their language directed to flow forth into the imaginations of consecutive generations (Shakespeare’s legacy), and forever echo in the very fiber of the constructing boards. Many a Hamlet has contemplated the implications of mortality while cradling Yorick’s skull since Richard Burbage first uttered “Alas” in 1600.

The cultural tradition of the stage as a platform of performance is crafted out of a conglomeration of many different genres of art—with the personality of ballet, opera, symphony, circus, magic, and comedy being lent to the full expression of the stage’s history.

Joining Shakespeare’s beloved ghosts of drama are the armies of ballerinas (garbed in the iconic and elegant raiment that painter Edgar Degas would immortalize), animated to graceful and delicate expression by the strains of Tchaikovsky’s Swan Lake (first



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Hamlet has become one of Shakespeare’s most popular works

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# Sawnnack Appointed to Committee

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our global climate. We need to be good stewards of the environment to assure that future generations have a healthy, sustainable world. By using less energy, natural resources are preserved. Pollution can be lessened if fewer fossil fuels are used. There is also an economic side to conservation. If we reduce utility costs we save money. Students can save money since Monmouth is a tuition driven institution," Swannack stated.

Since Swannack has been leading the way for conservation at Monmouth, there has not only been a reduction, but also a plus in conserving energy.

"In 2005, the University installed a 454 kilowatt solar photovoltaic system on four campus buildings. At the time it was the largest solar installation in higher education east of the Mississippi River. In addition, the University has implemented many more measures to conserve energy and reduce costs," Swannack said.

The 454 kilowatt solar photovoltaic system saved Monmouth \$2.7 million over 25 years. It has also evened out utility costs

for the past four years.

Monmouth has also acquired three hybrid police vehicles, two electric smart cars, and a solar powered golf cart.

Freshman Katie Palmiotto, says she is pleased about Swannack's appointment. She also thinks that energy conservation and the environment are both significant, and offers solutions for both.

"With global warming on the rise, geothermal, solar and

County resident, she is honored to have been appointed to the committee.

Petra Ludwig, Director of Public Relations, said that Swannack will, "help Monmouth County go green and conserve." She also said that this will save the environment and money for residents.

The 2006 Clean Energy School of the Year, the 2007 National Wildlife Federation "Chill Out" Award and the 2007

Monmouth County Planning Board Award for Solar Energy Project are just some of the awards that the university has been given regarding its conservation efforts.

"I hope that my appointment to the committee will provide an opportunity to share some

of the University's experiences with members of the County so that together we can make Monmouth County a better place to live, work and learn," Swannack said.

No ceremony was held for the new members of the committee; it was done by Resolution.

From Swannack's appointment, Monmouth continues to work towards being energy efficient.

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**PATRICIA SWANNACK**

Vice President for Administrative Services

wind energy should be incorporated into our technologies to reduce the carbon dioxide output in our atmosphere. Also, the natural gas produced from our sewer treatment plants and landfills should be reused instead of burning and/or being released into the atmosphere," Palmiotto stated.

Swannack also said that as the Vice President for Administrative Services and a Monmouth

# MU Signs with EPA

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such as Montclair State, among others.

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

Monmouth has efforts in recent years to create a more energy efficient campus. In 2005,

solar panels were installed on several of the buildings. This past semester, the plastic cutlery in the Rebecca Stratford Student Center was replaced with biodegradable cutlery.

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

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



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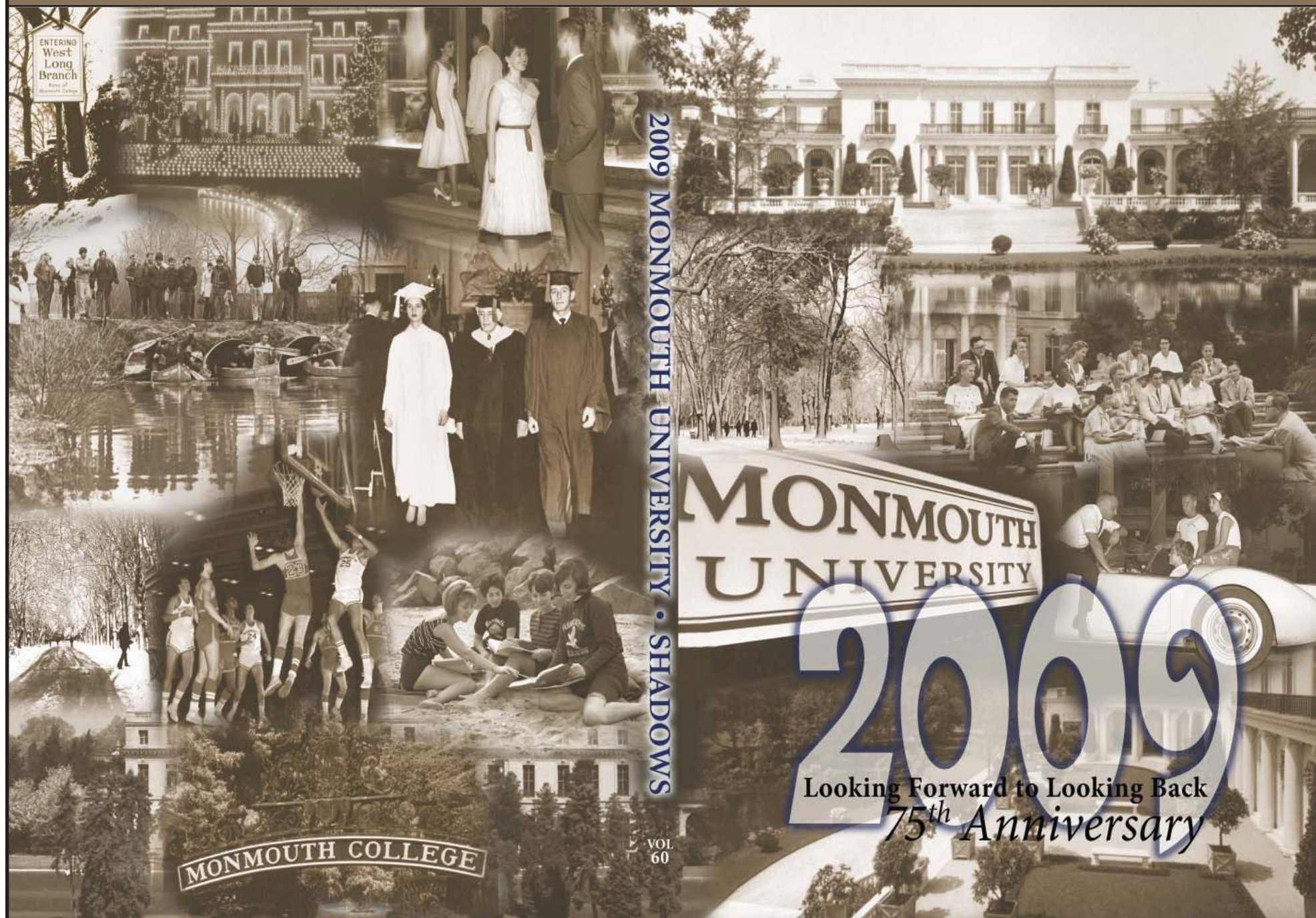
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# Grammy-Nominated Performers Rock Pollak Theater

**DANIELLE DECARLO**  
COPY EDITOR

Monmouth University's own Pollak Theater was "rockin'" on Sunday, January 25, with the sounds of opera music from composers such as Mozart, Puccini, Bach, and many more. How, you may ask, could an opera "rock," exactly? When the East Village Opera Company (EVOC) performs these scores, their modern take makes Bach turn into rock.

Promoting their new album *Olde School*, EVOC takes the scores from famous operas such as *Carmen*, *Faust*, and *Madama Butterfly* and recreates them into more "pop" or rock sounding songs. Their group includes two vocalists, a drummer, guitar, bass, keyboards, a little technological innovation involving a little bit of mixing and a string quartet. Since their first album released in 2004, EVOC has come out with two more albums and their opera-meets-rock theme has been appreciated and enjoyed enough to be nominated for a Grammy Award.

Attending a performance, it is obvious why this talented group was nominated for a Grammy. The innovation of 1700s meets 2008

along with the musical talent and obvious passion for all types of music makes EVOC stand out from other musical groups.

From the first song until the end, EVOC is entertaining, fun, and a pleasure for the ears. With a balanced mix of upbeat and low key songs, solid musical talent, amazing vocals and the musical versatility of each member of the group, their show is engaging from start to finish.

The members of the group all seem to have great chemistry on stage, and have so much fun themselves that the audience can't help but to have fun also. They also involve the audience, asking them to sing along with ones that they know and keep a beat by clapping their hands.

At times, you feel like you are actually at



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the opera, until EVOC takes it up a notch and all of a sudden you are at a rock concert.

Not knowing what they will do next keeps the audience engaged and entertained for the entire duration of the show.

The classical aspect, along with the modern take, not to mention the vocalists singing in three different languages proves the knowledge, professionalism and passion of this nine-person group.

EVOC keeps the show moving right along, and they are definitely something for the whole family to enjoy. They start out rockin' and keep that vibe until the finale, which is definitely something to see.

I personally never thought I'd see the day where opera would meet a take of Eminem's "Lose Yourself." EVOC is a group to be enjoyed by all ages, so bring the kids, your parents, your grandparents, whoever; they are sure to be entertained.

Also, keep an eye out for other performing arts shows at Pollak Theater, as students usually get in for free and you never know what you may be missing.

## Ways to Spend your Time in 2009

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**The Uninvited**  
January 30



New in Music:

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January 27



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February 6



**The Fray**  
*The Fray*  
February 3



**Friday the 13th**  
February 13



**U2**  
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March 3



# Ace Guillen Brings Laughs to MU

**CHRISSY MURRAY**  
MANAGING EDITOR

Angel "Ace" Guillen, who has appeared at the Laugh Factory, the Comedy Store, and on *Comedy Central*, NBC, and *Unacceptable Behavior*, performed at the Underground on Wednesday, January 21.

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

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

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

His grandfather was in a mariachi band and taught Guillen how to play the guitar. He added this instrument along with a harmonica to expand his performance.

Guillen started his career on stage touring with rock bands and was named a finalist for the Inland Empire Music Awards. He began writing jokes for his roommate in college who did stand up. At a venue one night, the owner asked Guillen to perform because he knew he wrote his own material. "I've never turned back since."

His favorite place to perform

is at a public called Limericks, in Riverside, California where he grew up. It is the first place he performed, and it is also a biker bar. "People would throw bottles on stage and it would get pretty rowdy. It was always exciting."

Sarah Freeman, the Comedy Chair for the Student Activities Board, was one of the people who asked Guillen to perform at Monmouth. "I went to a NACA conference in Lancaster, Pennsylvania where Guillen performed during a half hour showcase."

Mozart and Billy Corgan are two people he looks up to, both of whom were never recognized until after their time.

Towards the end of the performance, when he touched on the topic of the economy, he offered a word of advice for up and coming comedians when he said, "Don't think about it, just do it."

Sophomore Kyle Seiverd, also



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Comedian Ace Guillen has appeared at the Laugh Factory, the Comedy Store, on Comedy Central, and now Monmouth University.

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

For more information about Angel "Ace" Guillen, you can visit [Checkoutace.com](http://Checkoutace.com).

Also, the next free admission event being held by the Student Activities Board is pop art graffiti on Wednesday, January 28 from 1-4 p.m. in the Student Center Lobby.



THE GROUND FLOOR

"BECAUSE WHEN I ARRIVE, I, I BRING THE FIRE, MAKE YOU COME ALIVE"

FRANKIE MORALES  
STAFF WRITER

It's almost over. After months of being cooped up in a studio, perfecting the sounds, adjusting the mix and printing up the liner notes, the latest hit music release from Outlook Records has arrived. Packaged and stocked on the shelves for your approval is the sophomore effort from the "Ground Floor," your source for all things music.

This second compilation features smash singles such as "The latest up and coming artists," "The shake-ups and break-ups of the music world" and even the sure chart-topper "Music shenanigans fit to print." It's only a matter of time before "The Ground Floor" is back in your rotation and stuck in your head. Not too bad for a television kid doubling up as a music reporter, eh?

Someone else who hasn't done too badly for himself doubling up as a producer and an artist is the first track on this semester's "album." Kevin Rudolf is the newest face of Cash Money Records, the same company that has inexplicably brought the success of Lil' Wayne and Birdman. However, Rudolf's first claim to fame came from providing guitarist back-up to many prominent artists such as Timbaland ("Release"), Lil' Kim ("The Jump Off"), and Justin Timberlake ("Good Foot"). He then started lending his musical expertise to artists such as David Banner and his own album, *In The City*.

Born and raised in Manhattan, Rudolf lives up the name of his album, taking the cultural roots of his home town and mixing it with his home life.

The son of an aspiring songstress, Kevin picked up the guitar at the early age of 11 and began learning the riffs that would shred on his album in later years. After a chance encounter with producer, Timbaland, the doors opened for Rudolf that led to collaborations that sparked his career, including others with Nelly Furtado and the Black Eyed Peas. All the while, Rudolf continued writing songs in an effort to release his own solo album based on his life experiences *In The City*. Ah, now it makes sense.

Given his resume, however, Rudolf's music does not strictly reflect the hip-hop genre, but rather bends it and makes it a lot edgier. Then again, this seems to be the current trend of hip hop artists with such stars as Kanye West adapting the 808 drum machine on his latest release and countless Lil' Wayne cameos on number rock outfits, including "Tiffany Blews" on the latest Fall Out Boy release. Yet, Rudolf does it in a style that makes it obvious he is one of the originators of the trend, particularly with his lead



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Kevin Rudolf is the newest face of Cash Money Records.

single "Let It Rock," which co-incidentally enough features Weezy on the track. What makes Rudolf even more remarkable, in this regard, is that despite the heavy rock influence and hip-hop treatment, the song is easily a club-thumper and at the same time an adrenaline-filled anthem as proven by being the official theme of World Wrestling Entertainment's 2009 Royal Rumble. Apparently others agree as well, as Rudolf's song has reached as high as number 5 on the Billboard Hot 100.

Yet, the standout tracks don't start and end there, considering other collaborations off the album from the everyday hustling Rick Ross, Nas and production help from Chad Hugo of The Neptunes.

With Ross, Kevin Rudolf put together the runway worthy and his catch next single, "Welcome to the World," a song seemingly about the hardships of the world and how "fifteen minutes of fame" can easily go up in smoke and can honestly be a humbling experience. "N.Y.C." is Nas' contribution to the album, a song already featured in CSI: NY, and is a definite description of the city life as far as how easy it might be to get lost in the corrupting nature. On the solo front, Rudolf's title track, "In The City" is a sure fire training mon-

vocal talent. Then again, that's not to say that Rudolf doesn't make an effort to strip that down, particularly with "I Song" and the closing track, the seven-minute "Great Escape" which is a piano-laced chronicling of what seems to be a broken relationship that his heart wasn't in that he had to walk away from.

Regardless, Rudolf puts together a respectable first time effort at being in the foreground instead of behind the scenes. It certainly works on the mindless enjoyment level, as I won't lie, it managed to pump some adrenaline in me while listening. However, its long lasting power might be minimized in how simple the lyrical and musical standing it. Since this article is called the "Ground Floor," though, it's safe to say that there is room on the bandwagon and if Rudolf learns from his first effort and beefs up his lyrical content and musical arrangement, you might as well strap a rocket to his back.

With support from such stars as Lil' Wayne and the backing power of Cash Money Records, the now Miami-Beach resident might name his next effort from *In the City* to *Throughout the World*.

Rudolf has also taken a new approach to self-promotion, taking part in the universe of second-life virtual world's launching *Kevin Rudolf's Wasteland*. In this program, the world becomes reflective of Rudolf's music and its users will get to interact with Kevin in many ways.

The exposure certainly doesn't stop there, as Rudolf has been scheduled to take part in many future events that will certainly keep his lead single "Let It Rock" on fire. Later next month, Rudolf will take the stage performing at the NBA All-Star Weekend celebrations, as well as being apart of the Grammy Awards. It might be a matter of time before the newest addition to the rock-hop "take-over" is seen at all turns.

If it sounds intriguing enough, check him out at MySpace.Com/KevinRudolfMusic before you become just another person in line. If not, then just stay in my line and get your ticket for another edition of "The Ground Floor" soon enough, where the set list always has you getting "floored."

American Idol Kelly Clarkson Is Back

JOHN D'ESPOSITO  
STAFF WRITER

Kelly is back! Season one *American Idol* winner and two-time Grammy Award winning Kelly Clarkson is set to release her highly anticipated fourth studio album on March 17. *All I Ever Wanted* will feature her new single "My Life Would Suck Without You" which was just released to radio stations and iTunes on January 19. "My Life Would Suck Without You" is an amazing pop anthem with an alternative way to say just how much you love your guy. A sure fire hit that will certainly put the crown back on the queen of pop music.

Clarkson sings "Cause we belong together now, forever united here somehow, you got a piece of me, and honestly, my life would suck without you," a lyric that everyone can relate to. One can't help but get hooked in by this catchy chorus. "My Life Would Suck Without You" is the kind of song

that will be stuck in your head for days, with a catchy beat and a fun sing along chorus. Clarkson has definitely got a hit on her hands with "My life Would Suck Without You."

Clarkson's new material is quite different from her last album *My December* but it brings back the same kind of feel from her second album *Breakaway*; with hopefully just as much success.

All eyes are on Kelly Clarkson now that she is back with a more pop induced record. Clarkson is hoping for the comeback she needs due to the lack of record sales off her last album *My December*. If "My Life Would Suck Without You" gives us one thing it is a clue that this album will definitely be a huge success.

With a great new sound and a new and improved look Kelly Clarkson is back and stronger then ever.

Clarkson recently commented on the new look of her album cover saying "It's very colorful; I've



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Season 1 American Idol winner, Kelly Clarkson, gears up for her new album *All I Ever Wanted* due out March 17.

had so much fun with this album I really hope y'all dig it!"

I'm sure we will "dig" this album, seems like a lot of fun with the great sound of pop rock from Kelly Clarkson that we have all

grown to love. So don't forget to check out her brand new single "My Life Would Suck Without You" and to check out her new album *All I Ever Wanted*, which comes out on March 17.

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Zach and Miri Make a Porno

The Underground

Time 7 & 11 p.m.

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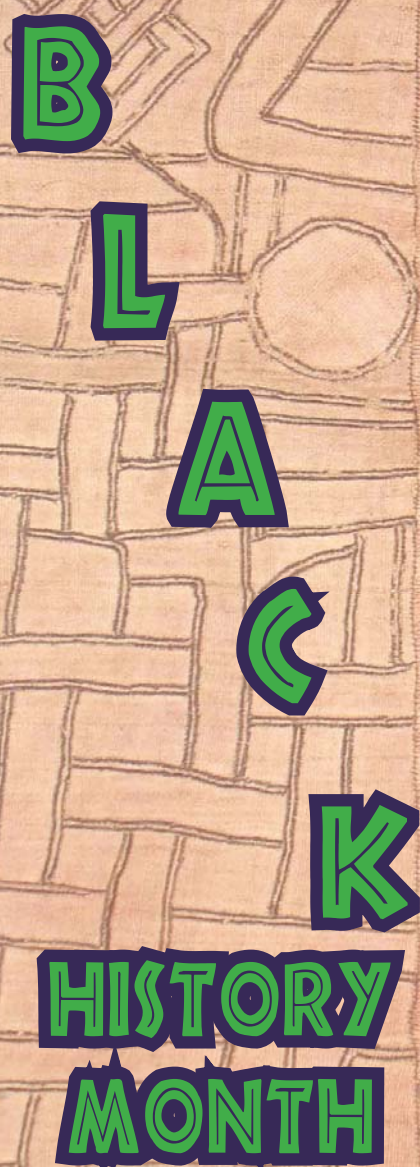
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**2/2** Keynote Speaker: Dr. Mojubaolu Olufunke Okome- A Dream Renewed?  
Africans in American and the Obama Phenomenon Wilson Aud., 1-2:15 pm .

**2/3** TSgt George Watson, Sr. USAF: Experiences of an Original Tuskegee Airman  
Anacon, 11:30am-12:45 pm

**2/10** Before You Can Say “Jackie Robinson”: Black Baseball in American  
and New Jersey in the Era of the Color Line, Anacon, 1-2:15pm

**2/13** Staged Reading of ‘Dutchman’ by Amiri Baraka, Woods Theatre, 4pm

**2/16** Living History Lecture: Roles of Blacks During the Civil War  
from a Woman’s Perspective, Anacon, 11:30am- 12:45pm

**2/18** Break the Cycle, Be the Change, Wilson Aud. , 9 - 10:30 a.m.

**2/19** From Slavery to the Prison System: Human Rights Violations in America,  
Anacon, 1-2:15pm

**2/24** The Dorian Parreott Ensemble, Student Center Cafeteria, 1-4 pm

**2/27** Black History Month Flag Lowering Ceremony, Great Lawn, 12 pm

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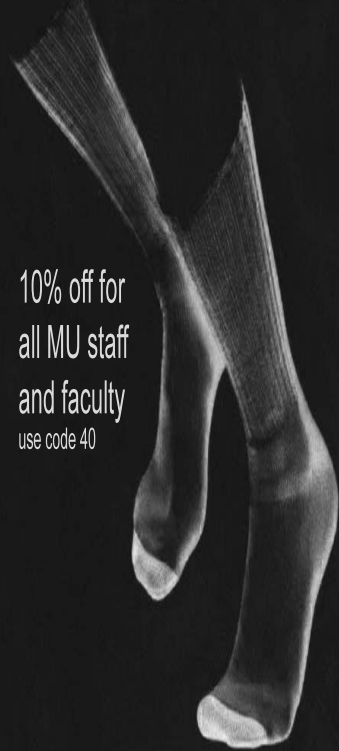
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junior  
"Keep the market available to young potential business owners."



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junior  
"Follow your heart."



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freshman  
"Lower Capital Gains taxes."



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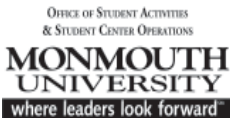
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Pop Art • 1-4 PM • RSSC Lobby  
Living Off-Campus 101 • 1:30 PM • RSSC 202A  
Housing Info. Session • 4 PM • The Underground  
MLK Tribute Celebration • 7:30 PM • Anacon  
Why Believe Series • 7:30 PM • Catholic Centre  
Fraternity Recruitment IFC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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

Living Off-Campus 101 • 2 PM • RSSC 202A  
RA Info. Session • 4 PM • The Underground  
Lecture: The Virtual Immigrant • 4:30 PM (Reception 6PM) • 800 Gallery  
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

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Movie: Zach and Miri Make a Porno • 7 & 11 PM • The Underground

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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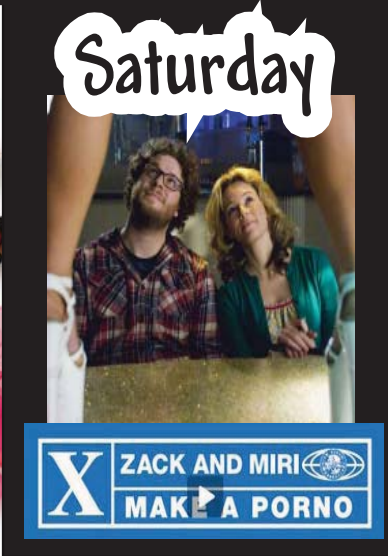
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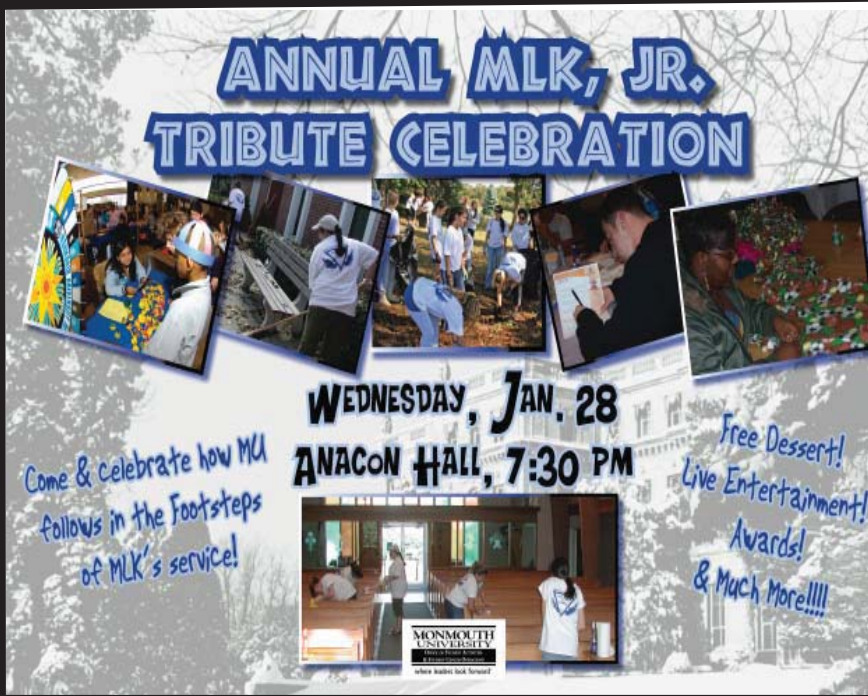
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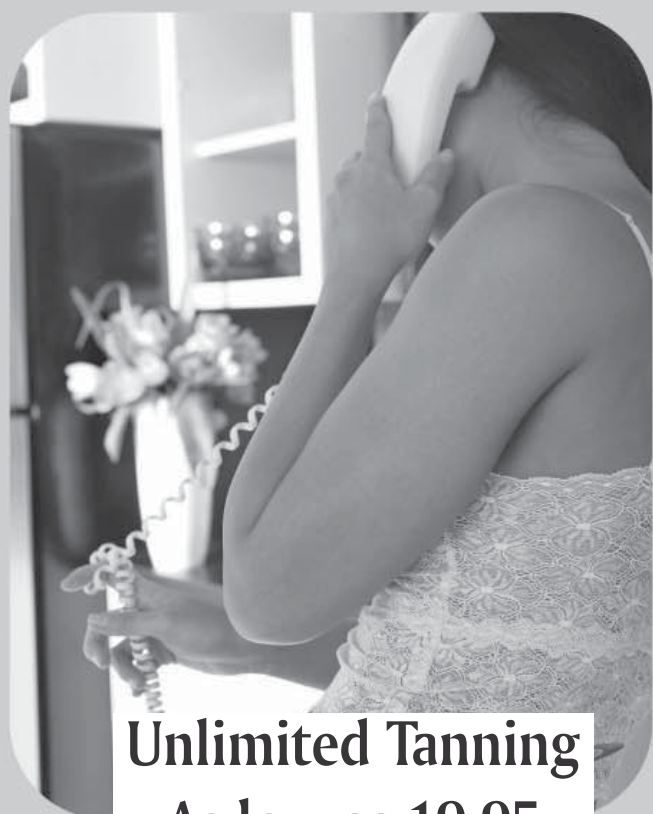
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PEP BAND

Hey Pep Banders!

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

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

For Monmouth University’s annual Martin Luther King Jr. Children’s Festival, Habitat for Humanity helped out with the event by holding an arts and crafts table. The kids were able to trace their hands with markers on construction paper, then cut out the outline of their hands and write what their dream is. As for other projects going on with the club, there is nothing planned as of yet, but the members of the group are hoping to get something going very soon. President Marina Wagner and Vice President Paige Sodano will graduate in May and are looking for two students to take over the positions. If anyone if interested, please contact [habitat@monmouth.edu](mailto:habitat@monmouth.edu), or feel free to join the club’s Facebook group called, “Habitat for Humanity @ Monmouth” and Marina or Paige will be in contact with you. If you are interested in joining, Habitat for Humanity is always looking for new members! It doesn’t matter if you’re a junior, because it’s never too late to help out and it looks great on a resume! Hopefully as the weather gets warmer, the club will be more involved with the community but right now there is not much going on due to the cold weather. If anyone has heard of anything around the community, or know of people in need we are always willing to help out, even if it doesn’t involve building. We are always open to new ideas, because we are very aware that there are people in need around the community, so feel free to e-mail us with suggestions or concerns. Thank you to Kris Redzinak, Lisa Esposito and Drew Rayner for helping out at the Children’s Festival on Tuesday, January 27. Your help was much appreciated!!

RESIDENTIAL HALL ASSOCIATION

Residential Hall Association is an organization dedicated to changing and improving campus life for all resident students, who are automatically members. RHA seeks to develop solutions for problems which may occur within the residence halls. The RHA also addresses concerns with safety, convenience, and social needs for the entire campus. Winterball presented by RHA will be held on February 21<sup>st</sup> from 7pm-12am in Wilson Hall. Tickets go on sale February 2<sup>nd</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm in the student center and 4pm-7pm in the Dining Hall. Late Night Lounge will be on February 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 pm-12am. It is presented by RHA and the Office of Substance Awareness. Bring your talent and be sure to come out for a wonderful evening!

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Rosary

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Why Believe? Series

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Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 1 at 5 pm (Mass will be at 4 pm that day)

Retreat

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

DEBATE TEAM

Interested in Debating? Do you enjoy arguing your point to prove you are right? Come to a meeting for the brand new debate team! We meet Tuesdays at 3:45pm in Bey Hall 230... Please stop on in and get some more info!!

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN

National Council of Negro Women will be hosting a Bus Ride Trip to the Black Wax Museum in Baltimore, Maryland on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Also we are throwing a party February 27<sup>th</sup> called The Black and White Unite Party from 9pm-1am. We are also involved in many various community service projects. Come out and support! The National Council of Negro Women’s purpose shall be to foster a wide student interest and participation in activities by providing leadership, programs, and services. Meetings are Sundays at 6pm.

STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE

Students in Free Enterprise meets every Wednesday in Bey Hall at 3:00pm in room 225. The mission of SIFE is to provide members the best opportunity to make a difference and develop leadership, teamwork and communication skills through learning, practicing and teaching the principles of free enterprise. SIFE educates others about market economics, success skills, entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and business ethics. We deal with all majors and help local entrepreneurs, schools, and cooperate with big businesses to make a better world. For more information, [sife@monmouth.edu](mailto:sife@monmouth.edu)

Volunteer

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Check in weekly for information on volunteer opportunities both on and off campus.

Christmas in February Clothing Drive: St. Vincent de Paul Society is asking for the following donations for needy families: clothing, handbags, scarves, hats, shoes, belts, ties, bedding, curtains, tablecloths, towels, and stuffed animals. Please bring items to the Parish Hall on Saturday Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 10am-4pm and on Sunday Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> 8am-4pm. Please have everything in garbage bags and sorted. Holy Trinity Church, 408 Prospect Street in Long Branch. For more information, call 732-222-3216 ext. 16 or email [vp-fundraising@svdp-lbnj.org](mailto:vp-fundraising@svdp-lbnj.org). “We help people... But only with your help” -SVdP

Seabrook Village: Seabrook is a retirement community located in Tinton Falls. Seabrook is looking for volunteers to assist in a wide range of activities and programs. For more information, contact Ann Marie Matthews at 732-643-2000.

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

Questions? E-mail [volunteer@monmouth.edu](mailto:volunteer@monmouth.edu) or stop by the Office of Service Learning and Community Programs, Room 301c in the RSSC.

“In order to motivate others, you must first become a source of motivation by yourself. It simply means that if you want to get anything done through others, you must first do it yourself.” - Hazrat Ilyas Attar Qadri

ATTENTION CLUB AND GREEKS!!! GOT ANY NEWS ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION THAT YOU WANT TO SHARE WITH THE REST OF CAMPUS? EMAIL [OUTLOOK@MONMOUTH.EDU](mailto:OUTLOOK@MONMOUTH.EDU) WITH SUBMISSIONS BY MONDAY NIGHTS. THANK YOU!



# Horoscopes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**♎ Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - This week is a 10**  
Social encounters are what you're all about this week. Have some fun. Everyone seems to be on the same page as you. Do not take on anything new because you are going to have an active weekend as it is. Even though the new opportunity may sound fun, you are already missing out on some fun times as it is. Remember that.

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

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

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

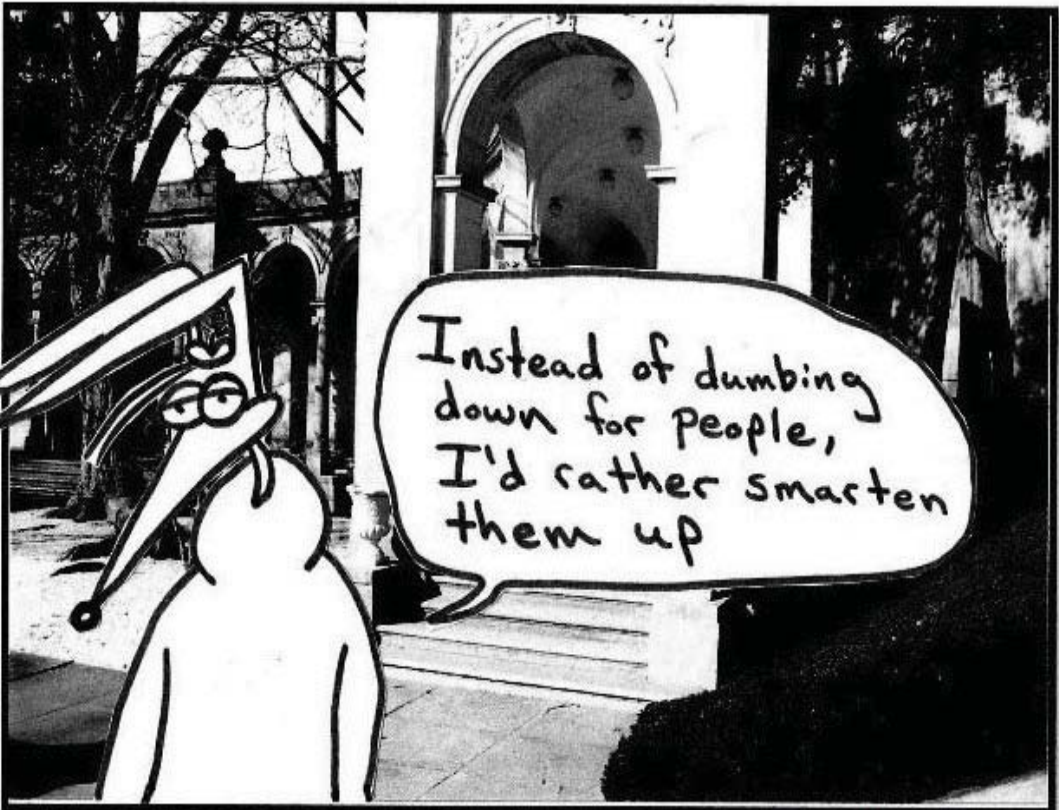
**♒ Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) - This week is an 8**  
People are all around; go out and meet them! You feel like your social life hasn't been quite up to par so get out there. The more people you meet the more ideas that will be flowing your way. As the weekend comes about you may have a little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

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

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a Different People comix # 31

Trivia: Truman Capote's *Breakfast at Tiffany's* was first published in the Nov. 1958 issue of *Esquire*.

# Crossword

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  - 19 Opera songs
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  - 21 Pull behind
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  - 23 Daytona 500 or Indy, e.g.
  - 25 Sleds
  - 27 Subway stops
  - 31 Motel
  - 32 Old card game
  - 33 Absolutely not!
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  - 44 Former Spanish dictator
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# Basketball

## Men Split Conference Games, Still Looking for Elusive First Road Victory

ERIC WALSH  
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's basketball team has had a tough time this season. With a young team and some heart-breaking losses, the Hawks find themselves at 6-15 on the season, and have still not won a single game away from the Boyler Room. But with one victory, it seems like Monmouth can turn around their disappointing season and rebound to a respectable finish in the wide-open Northeast Conference. That one win may have been the 74-73 NEC home success against rival Long Island University on January 22.

When it mattered most, down the stretch, the Blue and White rose to the occasion and grabbed victory away from the Blackbirds. Down eight points with just four minutes remaining in the contest, MU senior Alex Nunner scored the team's final 11 points to push the home team to triumph. The senior, who tied a career-high with 14 points in the game, scored the winning bucket with 8.0 seconds left, securing the W.

"Honestly, I just didn't want to lose the game, so I went to the basket," said Nunner. "I thought I could at least get fouled and give us a chance."

The Blackbirds, who came into the matchup in second place in the NEC with a 5-2 record, held a lead as high as nine points in the first half, but could not match Monmouth's intensity in the sec-

ond half. LIU had a four-game winning streak against the Hawks snapped with the loss.

Monmouth head coach Dave Calloway said that his team made the play at the end of the game to win and that making the shot

Meyers Keitt and Travis Taylor contributed with 10 points each. Junior Yaniv Simpson also added 10 points in the winning effort. Nick DelTufo also contributed a season-high tying nine points.

The Hawks shot 48.2% from

factor in the matchup that helped defeat the visiting Blackbirds.

Long Island was led by Jaytor-nah Wisseh's game-high 22 points and five assists, and as a team shot a near-perfect 20-for-22 from the charity stripe. Kyle Johnson added 18 points and

six rebounds for the Blackbirds.

Looking to continue their success right after the uplifting win over LIU, Monmouth traveled to Mount St. Mary's in search of their first road win of the season. The task proved to be too much for the visiting Hawks, as the defending NEC Champion Mountaineers prevailed 70-52 in Knott Arena on January 24.

The Hawks dug themselves a pretty deep hole to start the game, as they turned the ball over five times out of their first seven possessions. The team was never able to recover from that deficit, pulling within two points of the home team after a 9-0 run, but could

never take the lead in the contest. Every time Monmouth seemed to gain momentum and go on a spurt, the Mount regrouped and answered with an equally impressive run of their own to swell the lead to double figures.

Mount St. Mary's, who opened up a lead of 22 points in the second half, shot 47.4% from the floor in the contest. Four players scored in double figures for the Mountaineers, including a game-high 16 points from Shawn Atupem.

Freshman Will Campbell led the Blue and White in points with 11, while Taylor added nine points and 10 rebounds and R.J. Rutledge contributed seven points and six rebounds. The team shot a dismal 35.2% from the field, which along with their 19 total turnovers led to their unraveling.

With just nine NEC games left in the season, Monmouth still has a chance at making the NEC post-season tournament with the top eight seeds being selected for the playoff, with the winner advancing to the NCAA Tournament. Monmouth, at 4-5 in the NEC, finds itself in a four-way tie for sixth place, and controls its own destiny as far as the postseason goes. The team definitely has the talent and the coaching to succeed. They just need to produce.

The Hawks return to action on Thursday, January 29, when they travel to last-place St. Francis (Pa.) still looking to come away with their first road victory. The game is set to tip-off at 7:00 p.m.



PHOTO COURTESY of MU Sports Information

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

means that his team would be happy tomorrow.

In addition to Nunner's 14 points, the freshman duo of Mike

the floor in the game, including 9-of-17 from beyond the arc. The team's hot hand in the second half, shooting 57.7%, was the deciding

sions. The team was never able to recover from that deficit, pulling within two points of the home team after a 9-0 run, but could

## Women Prevail in NEC Battle of the Birds

ANDREW SCHETTER  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Hawks came into Monday night's game against Long Island University riding a four game win streak. They left the court smiling, with a five game winning streak. However, their momentum did not show early as they came out empty handed on their first five offensive possessions. The good news was the defense was up to the task allowing LIU only one basket in the first four minutes of play.

Alexis Canady got the offense started with a powerful drive through the lane for the easy layup. Coming out of the first media timeout with the score 4-2 in favor of LIU, the Monmouth defense continued to be strong allowing Jennifer Bender to tie it up at four with a nice play in the paint. The MU defense caused all sort of problems for the Black Birds offense, as they failed to convert contested shot after contested shot, giving the Hawks a slim 6-4 advantage at the eleven minute mark.

The Hawks' offense continually attacked the paint in the first half allowing Marisa Jimenez to convert on four straight free throws, and push the lead to 6. LaKia Barber then connected on a long range two giving the home team a 12-6 advantage. After a Long Island basket, Barber fired right back with yet another basket from the corner. The Black and White again answered only to have Barber boost the lead to 6 yet again from the free throw line. The Black

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

The fans that traveled to Boylan Gym from Long Island were rewarded with a five point run by LIU knotting the game at 18 apiece. However, they were not

ioned way, tying the game at 21. Monmouth then responded with back to back 3 point shots from Alexis Scott, extending their lead back to 6, giving them a 27-21 lead, as both offenses heated up just in time, for the horn to blow for half time.

MU came out firing in the second half with a quick trey from

trey of their own and the see-saw ride began. Barber on the next Hawk possession sunk 2 baskets from the charity stripe. She then did her part on the other end stuffing number 21 in the paint.

Down by seven the Black and White implemented a full court press with seventeen minutes remaining. Coach Gaitley wisely took a time out to discuss strategy to handle the defensive pressure. Jennifer Bender continued to cause problems in the paint for LIU connecting on an easy layup. The Black Birds, to their credit, refused to go quietly as they went on a nine point run, tying the game at 37. Marisa Jimenez answered for the Hawks connecting on a huge two point bucket to stop the bleeding. After a jump ball on the Hawks next possession caused a seven minute delay, "really I counted", because of a lack of understanding over which direction the possession arrow was pointing, the Black Birds were awarded the ball, and the action continued with LIU again tying the contest. The Blue and White answered back with a two of their own. After a nice defensive stop the momentum swung the home team's way with a huge three pointer by Bender. Bender proved to have the hot hand with yet another jumper that hit nothing but net on Monmouth's next trip down the floor, pushing their lead to 46-39.

Again, those pesky Black Birds answered with an eight point run giving them their first lead since early on in the first half.

The Hawks answered with three straight points, which was quickly countered by a Long Island three. Not to be denied, Bender was fouled and made one of two from the line to tie the game with just less than five minutes to play. The away team again connected on a two only for Bender to be fouled, yet again. This time she made both free throws and the game was knotted at 52. After LIU connected on one of two from the line, Bender connected on a basket inside. However, the Black Birds then scored four straight points giving them a three point advantage with just over a minute to play.

Barber proved to have ice in her veins as she nailed a long range two as the Hawks came out of the timeout. The excitement level in the Boylan Gym was high on both sides as with just under a minute to play, the home team had the ball, down by one. Marisa Jimenez charged the lane and connected on a beautiful layup to give MU a 59-57 advantage with just 30 seconds remaining.

Out of the time out Long Island decided to hold it for one last attempt. The Hawks had other ideas as MVP of the game LaKia Barber forced the steal, and was quickly fouled converting one of two free throws, and then halting the Black Birds last attempt for the win.

Monmouth looks to boost their streak to six when they return to action on Saturday, January 31 when they visit defending NEC Tournament Champion Robert Morris at 4:00 p.m.



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

celebrating for long as Canady was fouled from beyond the arc and made all three free throw opportunities giving the Hawks a 21-18 lead with 2 minutes to go in the first half.

LIU then converted their own three point play the old fash-

Canady. Long Island responded with a quick deuce of their own to cut their deficit to six. Canady responded with her second three pointer of the half, pushing the Blue and White lead to 9. The three pointers continued to fall as the Black Birds answered with a



# A Word on Sports

## The Rivalry On Tobacco Road: Duke vs. North Carolina

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It’s almost that time of year again, the first game of the North Carolina-Duke Rivalry. On Wednesday, February 11th, the North Carolina Tar Heels will travel eight miles down the road to Durham, NC, to play their most hated rival, the Duke Blue Devils. The game will air on ESPN at 9 PM. These games have a history of being fast paced. The Cameron Indoor Stadium is known to be scorching hot and it will definitely be that way for this game. Legendary sports announcer, Dick Vitale will be calling the game interacting with the Duke fans, better known as the Cameron Crazies.

The Carolina–Duke Rivalry is without a doubt one of the most intense rivalries in sports. This rivalry definitely gets the most attention in basketball since both schools have prominent basketball programs year in and out. Every time both schools go to battle, they never seem to disappoint the viewers. The hatred Duke and Carolina have for each other is beyond belief. Both schools have long and storied history competing against each other and the rivalry never seems to die. Both universities’ bookstores are filled with clothing that displays the hatred and disgust for the other school.

Duke and Carolina began to compete against each other in 1920 twice a year. Duke and Carolina often end up battling in the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament Championship game. Often, the schools finish first and second in the ACC. In the last ten years, Duke and Carolina have won nine ACC tournaments. Ever since the ACC was created in 1953, Duke and Carolina have won 80% of

the regular season titles. The Tar Heels have 17 final four appearances, which is second all-time and the Blue Devils have 14, which is third all-time. Both schools are in the top five all-time of college basketball victories. Ironically, they have played each other only once in the postseason in the NIT tournament, which was in 1971. North Carolina leads the all-time rivalry with 128 wins to Duke’s 97. Carolina has four national titles to Duke’s three national titles. The last time Duke and UNC were both not ranked in the top 25 was in 1960.

There are many memorable moments in this heated rivalry. One of the earliest memories that added to the rivalry was the physical fight that broke out between Carolina’s Larry Brown and Duke’s Art Heyman during a game in 1962. One of the best games in this well-known rivalry is the first contest in 1998. Duke was ranked number one and Carolina was ranked third. There were many talented players on both rosters. The Blue Devils were led by current Sixer, Elton Brand and defeated Brendan Haywood and the Tar heels, 77-75. Another of the well-known games was on February 4, 2004. Duke ended up winning the game thanks to current New York Knick, Chris Duhon reverse lay-up that gave the Blue Devils the victory 83-81 in the Dean Smith Center. A memorable game for any Tar heels fan was on March 4th, 2006, which was the most watched college game on all-time. The game was on three different channels and was covered on ESPN from 4 o’clock in the afternoon to 11 o’clock at night. The young Carolina team was able to beat a very experienced and talented Duke club 83-76 on Duke’s J.J. Redick senior night

Before the beginning of the 2008-2009 seasons, the Tar heels were ranked number one by every major

magazine. There is a lot of pressure on the Tar heels and coach Roy Williams because they are expected to being cutting down the nets in April, especially since they will be led by returning national player of the year, Tyler Hansbrough. Hansbrough, will have a strong support cast with Ty Lawson, Danny Green, and Wayne Ellington who all decided to pull out of the NBA draft a day before the deadline. Carolina faced some adversity early in the season having Marcus Ginyard and Tyler Hansbrough hurt. Though Hansbrough is back, they lost freshman big man, Tyler Zeller who suffered a broken wrist early in the season. All five of the Tar Heel starters are averaging at least 10 points per game. The Tar heels are 17-2 and 3-2 in conference play, which is shocking because many thought they would go undefeated. The losses the Tar Heels suffered were to Wake Forest and the Boston College Eagles. The Tar Heels are currently ranked sixth in the country.

Duke is expected to finish second in the ACC behind Carolina and be Carolina’s biggest threat in the ACC. Duke began the season ranked number 8 in the AP poll. Duke will be led by captains; Greg Paulus, Gerald Henderson and Jon Scheyer. Gerald Henderson, Jon Scheyer and Kyle Singler are expected to be the main offensive weapons for the Blue Devils and how they step up could decide their fate in the NCAA tournament in March. The Blue Devils won the Coaches vs. Cancer classic in November. So far the Blue Devils are 18-1 and 5-0 in conference play. The Blue Devils will most likely become number one after a very impressive win over Maryland.

On February 11th, the Duke fans, better known as the Cameron Crazies, will be camping out in tents days before getting ready for this game. The

Tar heels and the Blue Devils will then face off in the final game of the season on Saturday March 8th at the Dean Smith Center. This game will be the last home game for seniors Danny Green, Bobby Frazor, Marcus Ginyard and Tyler Hansbrough. Both games should be great and fun to watch for any sports fan, especially since both teams are better and more exciting to watch than last year. They could be meeting again in the ACC Championship game. Last year, the season series was split 1-1. Duke won the first contest 89-78 led by the great performances of Greg Paulus, Jon Scheyer and ACC freshman of the year Kyle Singler. Carolina got its revenge back in the Cameron Indoor Stadium by defeating Duke 76-68 on Demarcus Nelson’s senior night. Danny Green and 1st team All-American Tyler Hansbrough were dominant on both sides of the floor.

The Blue Devils and the Tar Heels have both looked very strong so far. The Duke and Carolina teams are bigger, deeper and more athletic than last year. When Duke won the Coaches vs. Cancer tournament, Sophomore Kyle Singler was the MVP of the tournament. Carolina won the Maui Invitational with an impressive win over a top 10 team, Notre Dame. Junior guard, Ty Lawson was the MVP of the tournament. Two players that have stepped up their game for North Carolina are, Deon Thompson and Ty Lawson. Lawson, who is one of the fastest guards in the nation, has improved on his outside shooting, which only makes him more dangerous because of his deadly speed, which often helps him go coast to coast. The Blue Devils suffered their first loss against the Michigan Wolverines. The key player for Duke has been sophomore forward, Kyle Singler. The 6 foot 8 Singler gained 15 pounds in the off-

season, which has given him more strength inside to help Duke’s front-court. Singler leads the Blue Devils in points, rebounds, steals and assists. Last year, Singler became very fatigued in late February and in tourney time because he was Duke’s main big man. Athletic wingman Gerald Henderson has been performing well on both sides of the floor the last month and has given Duke a major lift. He is averaging 14.4 points per game.

The major weakness of Duke’s is definitely their lack of size and having a true big man. Duke has not had a true big man in quite a few years and this has really hurt them in the tournament. Because of this, Duke often has to go too a smaller line-up, which is why they get outrebounded in ACC play. Many teams in the ACC have a strong big man or two. Not having a true big man or multiple big men has really hurt Duke late in the season. Teams like North Carolina, Wake Forest and Clemson killed Duke on the boards last year. Not having a reliable big is probably the biggest reason why Duke has not had more success in the NCAA tournament recently.

The major weakness of the Tar Heels is that they do not have many outside shooters. The Tar Heels could struggle with a zone defense because of their struggles with outside shooting. The only outside shooter they really have is Wayne Ellington, who was high school teammates with Duke’s Gerald Henderson. Ellington shoots around 44% from the field. Ellington especially shoots well behind the arc. In the first game Duke played Carolina in last year, the Tar Heels struggled from the perimeter. If Carolina wants to win the national championship, this is the area they will need to improve on the most.



### Inside the Huddle:

### Tim Rehm

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

Tom Battaglia, the Director of the Fitness Center as well as the Coordinator of Strength and Fitness, was in charge of the process and was assisted by a representative coach from the football, field hockey, and lacrosse teams. After interviewing 20 candidates, ten were chosen as prospective replacements for the position. “After the interviewing process was over it became evident that Tim was our guy, said Battaglia. “I really liked his manner and was confident with his educational background and qualifications. I am also very familiar with the excellent program at Springfield and felt secure in our decision.”

Rehm, who previously was employed by the New York Giants, assisting in their off-season and training camp conditioning programs, was thrilled to be offered the job. “The opportunity to come to Monmouth was a perfect fit for me,” he said. “Being from northern New Jersey, it provided me with a chance to work at a Division I institution within my

home state. When I came down for my interview, I immediately got a great feeling. I knew that it was a school on the rise and that I wanted to have a hand in the process.”

The enthusiasm that Rehm has for his chosen vocation became apparent during his childhood where he thrived playing sports, and welcomed the rigors of training “Both as a football player and a track and field sprinter, I was constantly using speed and strength training to reach my maximum potential,” he said. When he realized that he could make a living by strictly training athletes to become stronger and faster, he knew that is what he wanted to pursue.

Rehm will solely be in charge of designing the strength and conditioning programs for several sports including: football, field hockey, golf, soccer, and track and field in his new position. He will also focus on improving each athlete’s flexibility, speed, and agility. Ultimately, his primary goal is to help every athlete become as injury resistant as possible. “An athlete may be able to bench press a car, but if they are sidelined with an injury, all of that strength won’t mean a thing,” Rehm explained.

The athletes are showing tremendous positive response to their new Strength and Conditioning Coach. Troy Yudin, a wide receiver for the football team, is very pleased with the new addition. “Tim’s enthusiastic and upbeat personality is very contagious and it livens up the atmo-

sphere. He actually makes training fun and exciting,” said Yudin.

Other athletes, including Samantha Schanuel, a member of the women’s basketball team, have similar reactions. “He just graduated from college, so he is young and easy to connect with and also the fact that he was a student-athlete is a major bonus,” she said.

Rehm is aware of how important it is to not only enable all of his athletes to have the best possible experience competing in their respective sports, but to have fun in the process as well. “As a former collegiate athlete, I know that four years of eligibility goes by in the blink of an eye and it’s so important to make the best of the time you have,” Rehm said. “As a coach, I need to bring my best effort forth day in and day out. If I’m going to ask my athletes to put their best effort forward, then they should expect the same effort from me.”

Battaglia is pleased with the tremendous amount of work that Rehm has accomplished in the little time that he has been at Monmouth, and says that the new Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach shows a strong commitment to the success of his athletes. He is excited about having the opportunity to work and mentor such a young and talented individual. Battaglia believes that Rehm will have a very long and successful career if he stays positive and enthusiastic about his work.

# Track Has Strong Showing in Boston

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### PRESS RELEASE

The men’s track and field team added six new athletes to the list of qualifiers for the IC4A Division I Championships with several impressive performances at the Boston Terrier Classic on Saturday, January 24.

Junior Chris Taiwo was one of three Hawks to earn IC4A bids in the 200m, crossing the tape in fourth place with his time of 22.02. Taiwo also broke the Monmouth triple jump record with his fourth place (second collegian) leap of 47’ 2 ½”, which was also an IC4A qualifier. These two bids make three total now for Taiwo, as he already qualified for the IC4A’s in the 60m at the Princeton New Year’s Invitational.

Former Hawk Guy Jackson held the old mark of 47’ 1”, set in 2003. Geoff Navarro and Kevin Merrigan, both freshman, also qualified for IC4As in the 200m with their times of 22.14 and 22.23, respectively. Navarro’s time sets the MU freshman mark for the 200m. Junior Alex Bowers was seventh in the triple jump with his mark of 45’ 1 ¾”.

“We had several great performances from the women’s team, but we were hoping for a bit more,” said head coach Joe Compagni. “On the men’s side, we had some excellent performances in every event area.”

Larry Lundy continued his impressive performances in the weight throw, this time taking the top collegiate position with his throw of 60’ 1 ¼”, one of the best marks in the East this season. Sophomore Tom Cic-

coli was fourth in the shot put with his throw of 55’ 11 ½”, while Shawn Sabo was the seventh collegiate competitor in the same event with a mark of 49’ 2 ¼”.

Monmouth’s 4x400 relay team of Merrigan, Jason Kelsey, Chris Rutherford and Reginald McLeod will also be heading to the IC4As after turning in their fifth place time of 3:17.80.

Rutherford, a freshman, also qualified for the post-season event held in Boston in the 500m, finishing in 1:04.63. After setting the Hawks freshman mark in the 500m, he was also eighth in the 55m hurdles (7.83). Navarro also clocked in a solid mark in the 55m, finishing in 6.57.

The long jump found freshman Marcus Goode taking ninth, while a pair of MU freshman took sixth and seventh in the pole vault. Pete Matano broke his own Monmouth freshman record in the pole vault with his sixth place mark of 14’ 9”. Jason Timmons cleared a height of 14’ 3 ¼”, which was seventh at the meet. In the 5000m, Ben Hutterer ran a time of 15:08.65, while Billy Dowd ran a time of 15:36.54.

For the women, Michele Losey was third in the 400m with her time of 57.38. Losey was also a member of MU’s sixth place 4x400 relay team that finished sixth (3:55.33). Illiana Blackshear, Crystal Stein and Brittaney Gibbs also ran on that relay team. Christine Altland turned in a good performance in the 5000m, finishing in 18:29.99.

The Hawks will compete next week at the Penn State Nationals on Friday and Saturday, and also at Delaware on Saturday.





# Taiwo: TRIPLE JUMP KING



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

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