



## Nursing Professor to Present Research

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CO EDITOR IN CHIEF

Laura Jannone, Assistant Professor of Nursing at Monmouth University, will be presenting her research on her dissertation on adolescent smoking cessation program at the National Association of School Nurses Conferences in Nashville, Tennessee on June 29.

The research that will be presented at the conference also will be published in the *Journal of School Nursing* in June.

Her research took approximately a year and a couple months to complete. She carried out a pilot study at Red Bank Regional High School in the spring of 2005. She visited four high schools from September through March – Shore Regional, Ocean Township, Red Bank Regional, and Keyport high schools.

“I brought in a program called Quit to Win, a smoking cessation program for adolescents to quit smoking and it ran for eight weeks.



PHOTO COURTESY OF Laura Jannone

Lorraine Chewey (left), the school nurse program coordinator at NJCU and Carlos Hernandez (right), president of NJCU present Laura Jannone (middle), assistant professor of nursing at Monmouth University with an award this past November.

They quit smoking on their fourth week,” explained Jannone, who presented her dissertation last May.

Jannone further explained that af-

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## Underground Re-opens on campus

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STAFF WRITER

Students braved the bitter-cold weather on Friday, January 26 for the re-opening of The Underground, a student hangout attached to Elmwood Hall.

The Underground was closed during the fall semester for renovations. Heather Kelly, Assistant Director of Student Activities, took part in the renovation process. “We helped bring everything together,” said Kelly.

Timothy Orr, Director of Facilities Management for Technical Services, said the renovations cost approximately \$9,000, not including the window structure repairs.

Orr said some of these repairs included: fixing damaged sheet-rock and skim-coating the wall; repainting the walls and the ceiling; building a stage and installing outlets nearby for possible musical equipment; installing a new carpet; and repairing the damaged sidewalk at the top of

the stairs that lead to The Underground.

In addition to those repairs, new furniture, a sound system, and even a projector with a pull-down screen for movies and programs were added to the revamped student hangout. The Underground plans on showing newly-released DVD movies every other weekend and supplying free popcorn to attendees. The first movies will be shown on February 2 and 3, playing *The Departed* and *Déjà vu*.

The main attractions of the re-opening of The Underground were performers Tim Blane and Adam Olenn. Blane – a guitarist, pianist, and vocalist – and Olenn, a bass guitarist, were very well received by the students at The Underground. “I absolutely adored Tim Blane,” said senior Nancy Haberstick.

“I’m impressed with the student turnout,” said Laura Murek, publicist for Blane’s group. “Most

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## Involvement Fair Encourages Campus Participation

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Monmouth University held its annual Involvement Fair at Anacon Hall on Wednesday afternoon, January 24. The purpose of the fair is to allow Monmouth students to learn more about the clubs and organizations on campus.

Many of the University’s clubs had tables set up with a few representatives ready to answer questions and take down the names of those who were interested in that particular club.

Monmouth has 65 recognized clubs and organizations, and 14 fraternities and sororities. Some of the organizations that had tables at the fair included the Spanish Club, the Community Service Club, The Outlook, Hawk T.V., The X 88.9 FM and various sororities and fraternities.

Nick Sgroi and Pamela Kneipner were at the fair representing Hawk T.V. They said that

the fair is good advertisement for the television station because it brings new people and is an easy way for someone to get involved. When asked what type of people Hawk T.V. was looking for, Sgroi stated, “Anyone is more than welcome to join. No prior knowledge is necessary, and the staff is willing to teach any and all skills.”

Kneipner said, “A person of any major is welcome -- not just T.V./Radio majors -- although it is encouraged (for those majors) because it can be great preparation towards a career in television.” Meetings for Hawk T.V. take place on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. in room 138 of the Plangere Center.

Another club that was present at the fair was the Spanish Club. The Spanish Club currently consists of about 30 members and is also welcome to students of any major. Last semester, the Spanish club went to a Spanish theater, Spanish restaurants, and visited the Hispanic Society in New

York City. Dana Maresma and Chad Esposito were at the fair on behalf of the club encouraging new members to join. Maresma explained that “We learn a lot about the culture and take many interesting trips. We do not necessarily learn the language so non-Spanish speaking students are all welcome.”

In addition to Hawk T.V. and the Spanish Club, the Community Service Club also made an appearance at the fair. Students joining this club are given the opportunity to really get involved and to help the local community. The Community Service Club is extremely active in the Ronald McDonald foundation and the Pop-Top collection. The club also helps serve food at local soup kitchens, participates in bake sales, and wraps gifts during the holiday season at a local Barnes and Noble.

Michelle Baruffi of the Community Service Club said, “We get involved with the local com-

munity, raise money to give to specific charities, and also help out with some on-campus events.”

Baruffi also said that one of her favorite charities is the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. At the SPCA’s local animal shelter. Here members of the club walk dogs, participate in cat socialization, and help out with any paper work that needs to be done. During cat socialization club, members go to the animal shelter on their own time and play with the animals in hopes that it will prepare them for adoption. The Community Service Club is always accepting new members and encourages anyone interested in helping the community to join.

Along with clubs and organizations, there were many fraternities and sororities present at the Involvement Fair. Dave Hermansky of Sigma Pi Fraternity said, “The involvement fair has helped generate interest in our

fraternity. However, events that are geared more towards Greek Life such as ‘Meet the Greeks’ help to produce more interested students.”

Other groups present at the fair included the Outdoors Club, the Catholic Center, the National Council of Negro Women and the Student Alumni Association.

Sophomore Jamie Maralla visited the fair curious to see what activities were available to join. She stated that “The fair was really helpful. I got to see many clubs that I did not know existed at Monmouth. The club that caught my eye the most would probably be Hawk T.V., because I am a communications major and would like to expand my knowledge of the field.”

Although the involvement fair did not include a table for every single organization available to students, it did give insight as to what activities students can get involved with at Monmouth University.



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# Students Learn the Art of Sign Language



PHOTO COURTESY OF Jacquelyn Bodmer  
Danielle Ellement teaches sign language to participants in Java City.

DAN ROTH  
EDITOR AT LARGE

Java City hosted the weekly American Sign Language seminar last Thursday night. The seminar is taught by senior Danielle Ellement, who is a deaf psychology and communication major.

The program, which is sponsored by the Catholic Center, was founded four years ago when Ellement was a freshman. According to Ellement, she started teaching so she could sign with more people. She hoped by teaching sign language, people would become more aware and less afraid of the deaf culture.

From there, Ellement said, the program took off. On a typical Thursday night, the seminar, which is normally held at the Catholic Center, gathers a group of about ten regular attendees. This includes sophomore Emy Rothenberger, a biology major who acts as an interpreter when needed.

Ellement starts the seminar by having everyone sign the alphabet as a warm-up, and then moves to other exercises.

In one exercise, Ellement had everyone split into smaller groups. Ellement would then give everyone

a letter, and the group would have to sign as many different words starting with that letter as they could in a given time period. Ellement said the philosophy behind the game, which lasted about 30 to 45 minutes, was to get the students used to both signing and recognizing what others were signing.

Ellement also instructed everyone on various different sayings and sentences. Among the phrases that were taught included, “I am taking three classes,” “you hate me,” “I hate you,” and “I am studying for class.” She would then have individual people come up and try to sign the newly learned phrases to the group.

For many of the students, the seminar was extremely beneficial. “After studying sign language in books for eight years, I met Dani(Danielle),” Rothenberger said. “Since I started talking with her, and even just sitting down and having conversations, my signing has improved exponentially. You can’t really learn a language until you immerse yourself in the culture.”

For those interested in attending the seminar, it is held every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Catholic Center on Beechwood Avenue.

# Magill Commons Hosts TNA

*Thursday Night Alternative relocates from Oakwood Lounge to a larger and more acoustic-friendly setting*

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The spring semester kicked off Thursday Night Alternative (TNA) last Thursday, Jan. 25. Back by popular demand, TNA has seemingly provided an entertaining time for Monmouth University students.

Due to the heavy increase of attendance, TNA is now being held in the recently renovated Magill Commons. “Being in the dining hall now, the acoustics are better than Oakwood Lounge and also we now have more room for students who would like to come enjoy this great program,” said Cait Carroll, Residence Hall Association Executive Board member.

The event is co-sponsored by the Resident Hall Association (RHA) and the Substance Abuse Awareness organizations. “Thursday Night Alternative is a great opportunity to let MU students show their talents. Every month is a different show so it’s always exciting and fun!” said Liz Anton, Residence Life Administrator. Spirits appeared to be high last

Thursday despite the frigid 12-degree temperature. Many enjoyed the free popcorn, drinks, and, of

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CODY ROSS PITTS  
MU Freshman

course, the entertainment. Everyone also had the opportunity to enter a drawing to win gift certificates to Einstein Bagels on campus. “I think this is a great program because students can perform for each other in such a casual environment. I am surprised every week at how great the acts



PHOTO COURTESY OF Jacquelyn Bodmer  
Sophomore Katie North and friend perform their original music at TNA.

# World According to MU: Climate Change

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The United Nations plans to release a lengthy new report on the issues of climate change and global warming, which has the potential to completely change world opinion on the decade-long debate.

The U.N.’s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) will secretly meet in the next week to put the finishing touches on the report. The group of 50 researchers from around the globe have put together this preliminary report on climate change and have come to a conclusion which will, in effect, end the debate on whether human beings have had an impact on world climate and global warming.

In recent years, this ongoing debate between the scientific community, world leaders, oil executives and politicians has been in a stalemate; but the U.N. hopes this report, once fully completed, will transform the issue from a debate, into an international understanding of the importance of this increasingly dangerous problem.

According to the IPCC, human beings have been a major factor in changing the climate in the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century due to the

high amounts of carbon dioxide pumped into the air. The United States, for example, is responsible for a large percentage of the world’s carbon dioxide output, and during those years, heavy industry and automobiles with no emission restrictions were a major contributor to those high levels.

During the last half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the world has seen the hottest ten years in recorded history and a major fluctuation in weather patterns around the globe. According to a Star-Ledger article, “A chilling conclusion on global warming,” the U.N. report states that its scientists are 99 percent sure human beings are responsible for the change in climate and natural causes have been ruled out as the sole culprit.

Scientists around the world hope that this report will change the mindsets of international governments and put into gear a focus on loosening the United States’ dependence on oil and other natural resources.

The United States Congress is expected to push for a change in legislation to decrease carbon dioxide emissions and address the public’s concern over global warming. President Bush has also become involved in putting the is-

sue on center stage by mentioning global warming in his State of the Union address and laying out a new plan to reduce national gasoline consumption.

Monmouth University students, like the rest of the world, will be affected by the climate change and the changes the government plans to make to reduce our carbon dioxide emissions output.

Students have seen temperatures in January rise into the lower 70s and then suddenly dip below freezing in less than a week. Just as the rest of the world, MU students have taken notice of the issue and have formed their own opinions on what has been going on around the globe.

One student in particular has seen the effects on the ocean due to pollution and climate change. Fifth-year senior Scott Breckenridge spends a lot of his free time riding the waves on the Long Branch and Deal coastline and has experienced the ways humans have affected the environment. Hearing the new U.N. report did not surprise him, and their findings were nothing less than obvious.

“I am not surprised at all,” states Breckenridge. “The only surprising aspect is that it took this long for the world to realize the truth.”

Breckenridge also described his thoughts on pollution and how he feels that people are going about environmental responsibility all wrong.

“As far as fixing global warming, I would suggest the end of recycling of aluminum, glass, and plastic,” Breckenridge stated. “People think they are helping the environment, but in reality the trucks used are having more serious, detrimental effects to the environment.”

Breckenridge continued by describing what is known in the scientific community as red tide. The term describes litter from rivers and streams that gets poured into the ocean, gets churned up by the tide, and ends up on the coastline.

“When I’m surfing and red tide occurs, the shore waters are filled with garbage,” describes Breckenridge. “Everything from bandages, diapers and syringes end up on the beach. It’s absolutely appalling.”

Other students have also expressed the same kind of disdain towards the pollution and carbon dioxide emission problems that exist in the United States. Marine and environmental biology major, Chris Snyder, explained what he thinks will eventually happen to the world if the “business as usu-

really are,” said Carroll.

Freshman Cody Ross Pitts, a dedicated TNA entertainer, has not missed a TNA yet. “I write my own songs, and TNA is a nice place to show my original material,” said Pitts.

Last week’s acts included guitarists, singers, a ukulele player, and a harmonica player, while senior Dan Duffy gave a quick lesson on the Didgeridoo – a native instrument to the Australian Aborigines.

Songs ranged from the Beatles, Johnny Cash, original songs, duets, and a grand finale jam session. “If people haven’t performed in front of a crowd, TNA is a gateway. It’s a close intimate setting that eliminates nervousness,” said Pitts.

Start practicing your talents, grab your friends, and head out to the next TNA on February 15 at 10 p.m. in Magill Commons. “Why not come? You’ll only know if you come find out for yourself how great TNA is,” said Pitts.

al” attitude continues.

“I really do not know much about climatology,” explains Snyder. “But I know that most organized governments wouldn’t be able to remain intact if climate changes made the areas which house the majority of their infrastructure unlivable, considering ocean levels are supposed to rise nearly 20 feet in the next two decades.”

He continues by explaining, “Fortunately, though, I think the price of fossil fuels is going to increase as supplies dwindle to the point that they are going to become an economically unrealistic power source before the environment is irreversibly affected.”

Although the Monmouth community and the world community alike have their opinions on this dangerous issue, those in the United Nations hope that their new, monumental report will change policy and reverse the changes that have already been made.

As of right now, the world will have to wait until the IPCC releases its official report to gain full knowledge of its findings. However, the preliminary report makes it clear that the issue of climate change and global warming is a problem that must be resolved before it is too late.

# Environmental Club New to Campus

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This semester, Monmouth University welcomed The Outdoors Club, an environment-friendly adventure club, to its activity roster.

Dedicated to improving the environment and enjoying all things outdoors, the club was contrived last semester by a group of first-year students enlightened by their freshmen seminar class with Professor William Reynolds.

"I was looking at the list of clubs from the University and noticed that there was something missing," explained founding president Paul Mandala.

As an outdoor activity lover, Mandala and a group of friends discussed the idea of creating their own club and sharing it with the Monmouth University community. Professor Reynolds encouraged his students to bring their ideas to the attention of Amy Bellina, the Director of Student Activities.

From there, the group did research about such things as opportunities they have to help the environment, insurance coverage for potential trips, and how they could best tie their love for the outdoors to the Monmouth community.

"Nature is amazing, and we wanted to provide other students the opportunity to experience it," commented Mandala.

Soon after conducting the research, they were on their way to presenting the concept of the club to the Student Government Association. The SGA approved the club and it was officially recognized by the University on January 18.

"Going in front of SGA was a

little intimidating. Thankfully I wasn't alone, with our executive board, Professor Reynolds, and two general members behind me," said Mandala.

The Outdoors Club began with an interest group of about 20 students, and throughout the school year, membership has progressed to a promising group of about 40.

The first official meetings were scheduled for January 29 at 3 p.m. and January 30 at 4:30 p.m. in room 202C of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center. Assisting Mandala are Vice President Michelle Dixon, Treasurer Jessica Dawn Pyrdsa, and Secretary Megan McClure.

Though they are new, the Outdoors Club already has high aspirations for its future. Their main goal is to "have fun while promoting the outdoors." They have many events in the works including hikes, clean-ups, weekend camping trips, and a visit to the Lakota Wolf Preserve, located near the Delaware Water Gap.

The club is also preparing for a major recycling event and fundraiser, through which they will be collecting empty ink cartridges and sending them out to be properly recycled. Collection bins will be located in several areas around campus. Part of the funds raised will go to defraying the cost of trips for club members, while the rest will go to an environmental cause the club will select in a future meeting.

Anyone interested in joining or finding out more about the Outdoors Club can refer to its Facebook group online: "MU Outdoors Club," and contact an executive board member.

## Hold 'Em Held at Student Center

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CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Intramural Sports Program hosted the most recent game of the Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament last Wednesday, January 24. Jon Cascone, director of the Intramural program, was there overseeing as well playing a few hands himself.

Cascone said they organize poker games twice a month, and try to let students know in advance through e-mails, as well as other advertisements. The biggest problem is the lack of facilities, due to other events that are constantly going on around campus. Cascone said it is sometimes difficult to locate a good venue for the tournaments every month. In fact, the poker game last Wednesday was originally set to take place in Oakwood Lounge, but was moved to the Rebeccas Stafford Student Center cafeteria. The next game would also be held in the student center, said Cascone, instead of the Oakwood Lounge as advertised.

Once all the students were signed up and had picked a table to sit at, Cascone handed out the chips, and explained the big and small blinds. The small blind is half of the lowest amount that anyone can bet in that hand, and the player to the direct left of the dealer is the small blind. The big blind is the lowest amount that can be bet during a hand and sits directly to the left of the small blind. The blinds then doubled every 16

minutes when an alarm went off to alert the players.

Players begin with \$1,675 in chips, which are distributed in five different denominations. In talking to some of the students who showed up for the game, they expressed how much they enjoyed coming out to this particular event.

"It's a nice and relaxing environment, and playing is a good way to unwind after classes," said freshman Josh LaForte.

Throughout the night, students were able to hang out with each other, watch the basketball game on television, and just enjoy a good game of poker. While it is very relaxing for students and a pretty laid back environment, it is not all fun and games. At the end of each tournament the scores of every player is recorded and then posted on the Intramurals Web site. At the end of the year they have one big blowout tournament where the winner receives a trophy. This adds a competitive edge to the year since the players can track their progress.

Freshman Brandon Wong, the player ranked second of all the Monmouth University students, said, "I started watching Celebrity Poker on Bravo, and I liked that because they don't really know how to play either, so you can learn with them."

Overall, this is a little known event that is greatly enjoyed by the students who have heard of it, and is something they look forward to every month.

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Derek Boshier, born 1937, first came to prominence in the early 1960s as part of the British Pop Art movement along with David Hockney, Allan Jones, R.B. Kitaj and others. During the course of his career, which began as a student at the Royal College of London, he has worked as a painter, object maker, conceptual artist, filmmaker and photographer. During the late 1970s and 80s, Boshier designed graphic work for David Bowie and the Clash while teaching and painting in Texas. After a brief stint back in the U.K., Boshier has been working in Los Angeles, finding inspiration in the local phenomena -- freeways, architecture, collectors and transsexuals. He has exhibited continuously for 40 years and was the subject of a film called "Pop Goes the Easel." Boshier's work is in museums around the world, including The Tate Modern, London, England; The Victoria and Albert Museum, London, England; The High Museum, Atlanta, Georgia; The Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York; The Menil Collection, Houston, Texas and the National Gallery of Poland, Warsaw, Poland to mention just a few. Most recently, Boshier's paintings from the early 60s were featured prominently in "British Pop," a comprehensive survey of the period at Bilbao Fine Arts Museum in 2006.

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## “Enchantment Under the Sea” Dance Party Showcases Bands

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On Saturday, January 27, Anacon Hall held a 7:30 p.m. concert and dance party titled, “Enchantment Under the Sea.” Organized by Student Activities Board (SAB) member Dave Ruda, the party featured two out-of-state bands: Bensin of Buffalo, New York and The Swellers of Flint, Michigan.

Dave Ruda, concert Chairman of the Student Activities Board, discussed his inspiration for the event. “I’m a huge *Back to the Future* fan and wanted to have this concert to pay homage to the movie,” he said. That certainly explained the oceanic decorations, complete with scenes of the deep blue sea, mermaids, and colorful fish.

Ruda also provided short biographies of the two bands. Both were debuting at Monmouth University, and it was The Swellers’ first time performing in the state of New Jersey. However, Bensin was familiar with the area, having played at the Stone Pony in Asbury Park. Bensin, Ruda explained, sounds somewhere along the lines of Panic at the Disco and Motion City Soundtrack, and The Swellers have a bit of a punk sound.

When asked about who was invited to the event, Ruda excitedly reported that “Enchantment Under the Sea” was an open event that everyone was welcome to attend. The concert was organized to offer weekend entertainment and to promote Bensin and The Swellers; therefore, viewers did not have to

purchase tickets, and admission was free. The Student Activities Board was hoping for a Saturday turnout of about 100 people.

Around 8 p.m., viewers began piling into Anacon Hall for the show. Tables promoting the two bands, also displaying an under-the-sea theme, were giving out t-shirts, which was a big hit among spectators. The party really kicked off when a few ladies decided to show the audience their

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**ALEX ABRAGAMOV**  
Vice President of Marketing for SAB

dance moves—right in front of the stage! Lilly, a sophomore at Monmouth, commented from the dance floor, “I love these bands!”

The crowd seemed to agree as more people joined in the fun. Halfway into the concert, the entire audience was out of their seats and jamming to the music. Livening up the show even more was the interaction both bands had with the crowd. They entertained the audience with jokes in between each song, keeping everyone laughing the whole night through.

Each band played for about 45

minutes, and both put on spectacular performances. Although the concert only received about half of the expected turnout, those who came had nothing but positive feedback. Freshman Anthony Chiapetta stated, “I wish more people would have come to the show because these bands were great.” Other viewers agreed, describing both bands as awesome and hoping for their return to campus in the future.

After the concert, Alex Abragamov, Vice President of Marketing for the Student Activities Board, reflected on “Enchantment Under the Sea.” “This was pretty much a test event,” he said, referring to the SAB’s trial approach to the concert.

It was the first time Bensin and The Swellers performed at Monmouth, and the SAB was uncertain of Saturday’s outcome. Overall, Abragamov and Ruda were pleased with the event’s success.

“In the future, we hope to make this kind of an event more formal, possibly a 50s dance party,” Abragamov added. He also expressed that SAB is always striving to improve on-campus events and turnout numbers. So, next time weekend boredom sets in, look for an SAB-planned activity happening around campus; it is sure to be a great time!

For more information on the bands featured at “Enchantment Under the Sea,” check out their Myspace Web sites: [www.myspace.com/bensin](http://www.myspace.com/bensin) and [www.myspace.com/theswellers](http://www.myspace.com/theswellers).

## Smoking Research to Be Presented in June

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ter concluding the fourth week she interviewed the students about how they coped with not smoking.

“I talked to them about what state of mind they were in and I talked to them about when they lapsed what kind of state of mind they were in then,” she said.

Jannone said that the results were “not great” but she was able to gather pertinent information in reference to how teens deal with quitting smoking.

Jannone was drawn to researching this topic when she was a school nurse at Brick Memorial High School.

“I noticed that kids were always starting to smoke so when I got my master’s degree I did my thesis on helping kids kick butts,” she said.

She added that addictions have always been of interest to her. She even teaches a course at Monmouth called Substance Use and Abuse.

This past November, Jannone was honored with the Distinguished School Nurse Alumni Award from New Jersey City University. Jannone said that she was both shocked and surprised upon receiving the award.

“I have had a long connection with Jersey City State. It was really an honor because the president with me was the same [person] who handed me my master’s degree. He seemed very proud,” she said.

Jannone boasts an extensive nursing background. She graduated from Christ Hospital and became an intensive care nurse and then moved to occupational health at Lucent. She received her school nursing certificate when her children were young.

“My first job in school nursing was in a school for emotionally disturbed children. I got my first job in public

schools at Brick Memorial. I finished my SAC’s certificate when I was there,” she said.

From there, she became a school nurse at Wayside Elementary School and completed her master’s degree in Health Education during that time.

“In 2000, our dean of nursing asked me to open the school nursing certificate program. The following

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**LAURA JANNONE**  
Assistant Professor of Nursing

year we opened a master’s program. I coordinated the Health Studies Minor,” she added.

Jannone also has a doctorate in nursing education. In addition to that, she is president of the Monmouth County School Nurses Association and of the New Jersey School Nurse Educators.

Jannone is currently preparing to open the new Health Studies Major for fall of 2007. Students who are interested may contact her at [ljannone@monmouth.edu](mailto:ljannone@monmouth.edu) or (732) 263-5457.



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## This Weeks Campus Events

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2007

The Truth About College & Depression  
Young Auditorium, 2:30 PM

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Anacon Hall, 7:00 PM

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2007

Black History Month Flag Raising  
Great Lawn, 12:00 PM

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2007

IFC Recruitment Begins  
Bey Hall, 4:30 PM

Texas Hold 'Em Tournament  
RSSC Fireplace, 5:00 PM

Shoot to Save  
Boylan Gym, 8:00 PM

Movie - The Departed  
The Underground, 8:00 PM  
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MU Ice Hawks vs. Lehigh Univ.  
Wall Sports Arena, 9:00 PM

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2007

Panhellenic Recruitment Begins  
Bey Hall, 11:00 AM

Women's Basketball vs. St. Francis  
Boylan Gym, 3:00 PM

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Rock Out Benefit Concert  
Anacon Hall, 7:00 PM

Men's Basketball vs. St. Francis  
Boylan Gym, 7:00 PM

Movie - Deja Vu  
The Underground, 9:00 PM  
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Superbowl Party  
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Ask The Priest Night  
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The Underground, 9:00 PM

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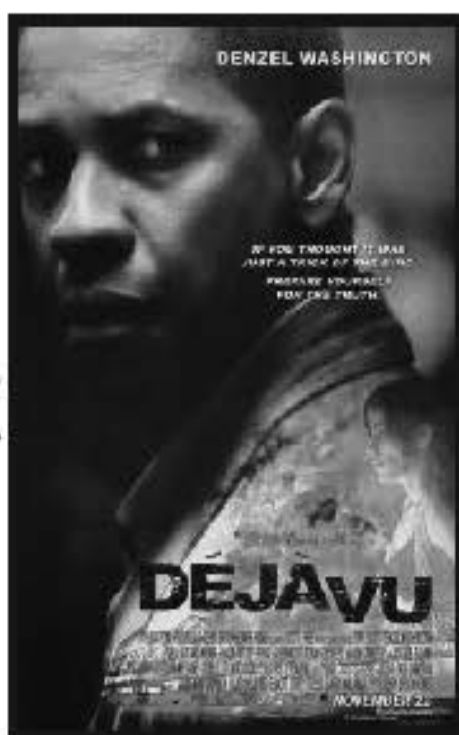
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## Editorial

SAMANTHA YOUNG  
CO EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The editorial this week is going to deviate in form from issues past. It is going to take the shape of an informal explanation of a situation the confines of which the University is currently stuck. I'm here to present the facts as they have been presented to me, followed by a short commentary and then finally a closing. Let's begin, shall we?

The current state of affairs to which I am referring is the approval and subsequent construction of the Multipurpose Athletic Center, or the MAC as it is colloquially known.

Last year, the University proposed the addition of the MAC to the campus in addition to the sports venue we currently have, Boylan Gymnasium. The problem, as the surrounding residents see it, is the drop in property value, influx of students on the campus and noise pollution invading their quaint, family-oriented neighborhood.

The same complaints and arguments were also brought forth last year as a result of the University's petition to build another residence hall on Kilkare Farm.

The need to expand is a valid concern for the school as is the neighbors fear of big imposing structures, festering with college students, to disrupt their residential bliss.

As with all cases on which there is a dispute, there's a vote. A meeting of the West Long Branch Zoning Board Adjustment on December 14, 2006, yielded a 4 to 3 vote in favor of the expansion. Under zoning law, any decision requires at least five positive votes in order to be passed.

Now, here's where it gets a little tricky. The vote, as of yet, has not been deemed "official." It must pass a written resolution memo-

rializing the vote. This event was the reason for the meeting last Thursday, January 25.

To review: We wanted a MAC and we were denied. So what's a school to do? Lucky for those who wish the expansion to go further (despite your affiliation to Monmouth or lack thereof), this is another avenue to be explored.

The University decided to file a motion for reconsideration. This action is only allowable with the caveat that circumstances are serious enough to warrant the reopening of the application.

Monmouth's reasoning behind the motion lies within the testimony of the West Long Branch Chief of Police Arthur Cosentino. At the December vote, one board member claimed he had spoken to the Chief, whom he said had no knowledge of parking and traffic plans between West Long Branch and the University.

This miscommunication, according to the University, could have been sizable enough to affect the outcome of the vote.

Hope you're with me so far. The next stage of this epic battle is the 7 to 0 vote to reconsider, which also took place on January 25. This means that the original declination of the plan is no longer valid. Furthermore, the zoning board decided in a 6 to 1 vote to limit the scope and alter the conditions of the University's plan. As part of the modifications to reconsider, capacity for events defined as more than 4,000 have been decreased from 16 to 12 and 720 seats will be removed from the plan, making the final count 4,122. The third contingency upon which the reconsideration rests is the University's promise to not hold events in the MAC and Boylan at the same time.

A special meeting is set for February 8 at 7:30 p.m. to finish the application and revote.

And, after all this legal jar-

gon and the rigamurrow that has occurred over the past months, should the zoning board still deny the University's motion, an appeal is always an option.

At this time I would like to thank Grey Dimenna for his help in this matter. Without him explaining to me what happened, I would not be able to pass that information on to you.

Now, what do I think of the situation? Being that it is an editorial I feel it is my duty to create an open forum, starting with my opinion and invite your thoughts on the matter.

Being completely honest and keeping all the facts I have gathered in mind, I believe that an expansion of the University to include a MAC in addition to Boylan Gymnasium is excessive. Maybe I would be able to get onboard this particular project if one were to replace the other.

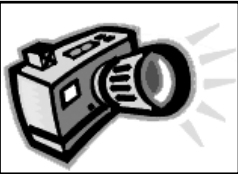
To me, and I know I'm "still young and have a lot to learn," it seems the University is doing this more as a way to attract more students. Guess what? We're not Villanova. We're not even Rutgers. We have always tried to do the best we can in the space that has been afforded to us without splitting the campus or causing unnecessary tensions with those around us.

Why can't we just be happy the way things are. Yes our basketball team is getting better and yes, it would be nice to host bigger events, but at what cost?

The money to build a MAC, which is well into the millions, could, if allocated properly, produce better departments within the school and provide scholarships to countless students.

For years, we have been trying to shake the "party school" stigma. Putting sports before academics, what message does that send?

Let's make what we have now great, then talk about it.



## Photo of the Week

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Should-Have-Been Snow Day



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OPINIONATED

BY SUZANNE GUARINO

The recent killing of Saddam Hussein made history over winter break. I was interested in seeing student’s reactions to the killing, how they did it, and how the video has been broadcast over the internet for all to see.



Chris senior

“It would have been more valuable to keep him around and study him psychologically. Death is just another negative in this world.Revenge is just another form of hatred. As they say, ‘An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind’. Our society is obsessed with negativity; now my students are showing me someone dying on their cell phones.”



Melissa freshman

“If they keep him alive there is always a chance that he can get away. Also, I think it’s wrong that it was on YouTube because anyone can view it including my little sister.”



Catharine grad student

“I know that Saddam was a terrible man and I’m kind of happy he’s gone. I have a friend in Iraq and he thinks what they did was the right decision and since he’s over there seeing everything that is going on first hand, then perhaps he knows better.”



Dante freshman

“I don’t agree with the way they killed Saddam because it was on an Arab holiday and that is just going to bring more dissent to America. They should not broadcast the hanging all over the internet because I wouldn’t want my death to be broadcast. Plus, Saddam wasn’t the one that attacked America. ”

The Death of Saddam

SEAN K. QUINN  
STAFF WRITER

First, let me apologize to my loyal readers who have been without an Op/Ed written by yours truly for months now. I’m sure it was a very difficult time for them and our great Opinion Editor, Suzanne, doubtlessly got dozens of e-mails asking about the witty commentary, pithy comments and insightful observations that my Op/Ed’s are stuffed with...or at least that’s what I’ve been telling myself, but back to reality.

After the legal execution of Saddam Hussein, “The Butcher of Baghdad” and the man who has contributed to the deaths of more of his fellow Muslims than anyone in recent history; there were mixed reactions from around the world.

**This is a man who showed no mercy to anyone... He ordered his own people killed, gassed the population of a Kurdish village and eliminated every man, woman, and child who lived there...**

Most were glad that this monster would no longer be a danger to his own people or the world; some were happy to see this brutal dictator get what he deserved, while others did not approve of the death sentence on moral grounds, but still realized the evil of this man.

But then there were those that

complained and were outraged about the execution proceedings. Not only did they protest the death penalty itself (something I can understand to a certain extent) but what they were really pissed off about was the fact that poor old Saddam was teased on his way up to the gallows...give me a freaking break here people!

This is a man who showed no mercy to anyone (including members of his own family). He ordered his own people killed, gassed the population of a Kurdish village and eliminated every man, woman, and child who lived there, and those are just the things which he was put on trial for.

Why do these folks have their panties in a bunch over some name calling? I can’t know how Saddam felt before his wicked life was put to an end, but if I were walking up to the gallows, I would be more worried about the “long drop and quick stop” that would break my neck than a bunch of strangers calling me names.

I bet these are the same type of people who would run to their 1<sup>st</sup> grade teachers and breathlessly exclaim, “Teacher, teacher, Jimmy called me a poopie head! Make him stop!”

A very bad man is dead, and on the way to his death he got called some names. So what? As one of the panelists on my radio show (The Political Watchdog, Wednesdays 1-2) once said and I use now: “Cry me a river, build a bridge and get over it”

Howard Hall Room Numbering Reform

ROBERT CARSEY  
FACULTY

There is *always* confusion on where Howard Hall L510 and L512 are located. I’ve outlined the problem below. I would challenge you to find a new freshman that came in this Spring and ask them to find L512 on their own! They’ll get there, but how long will it take? That might be a good study - like putting mice in the maze!

Problem: The “500 Building” has a room numbering system that is misleading. It uses two different numbering systems and is only somewhat systematic at best. As you may know, Howard hall is a 3-level building consisting of the Ground/Basement level, 1st Floor and 2nd Floor. Depending on which door you enter from, you

may enter on the Ground/Basement or the 1st Floor. Sometimes people call the Ground/Basement floor the 1st Floor which only reinforces the confusion.

Solution: Re-number the “L” rooms. A new “building” should be created called Pollak Theater. These rooms should be PT 100 and PT 110. This makes a lot of sense because they are located just outside the actual theater [proper] and still inside the Pollak Theater building.

Not re-naming these to PT makes as much sense as calling all of the Howard Hall rooms Edison rooms. Yes, Edison is connected to Howard and Howard is connected to Pollak. But just because they are connected, doesn’t mean they’re all one building. And, of course, it would be nice to re-

Hello and welcome back! More specifically, welcome to the Op/Ed section of The Outlook. I’m Suzanne Guarino, your Opinion Editor. Take advantage of this section of the paper because it’s yours! That means that you can contribute your own feelings and opinions to make this section interesting.

What’s on your mind? What’s bothering you? What are your views on controversial issues? What are your views on events in the news? In what ways do you think Monmouth is doing well as an institution? In what ways do you think Monmouth should change?

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Tough Love

BERNADETTE BERTERO  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Sorrow and loss is evidenced by the recent avoidable automobile accident in Freehold where three young men and a school bus driver lost their lives far too prematurely. The sad truth is there is not enough being done to prevent this from happening. Laws need to be made and strictly enforced to deter drivers of all ages from speeding and driving recklessly.

Driving is a privilege and if violations are made, all need to suffer the consequences. Bad, young drivers grow up to be rude, aggressive, irresponsible, older drivers. Adults are the role models. It is the responsibility of mature adults to set the ground rules for our teenagers, so we do not lose them in tragic accidents.

Why are we allowing drivers to pay off points when summons are given to avoid having their drivers licenses revoked. This is not setting an example of personal responsibility. What we need is a no-nonsense mindset that does not accept behavior that is dangerous not only to the driver but to other innocent, law abiding drivers on the road.

Let us show our young people how much we truly love them by getting tough. Establishing a no tolerance policy when it comes to endangering themselves and oth-

ers would be a strong deterrent. In addition, defensive driving should be mandatory for everyone young and old. Everyone needs to drive defensively and be considerate of others. It is up to the lawmakers to enforce order and everyone’s responsibility to obey the law. Let us remember 2007 as the year we made changes in the loving memory of those we have lost.

**Let us remember 2007 as the year we made changes in the loving memory of those we have lost.**

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# “It’s All Cliché ‘Til Someone Gets Hurt”

DAVE RUDA  
STAFF WRITER

I think I’ve turned almost every column I have submitted to this paper into somewhat of a relationship rant, perhaps because I’m bitter, or perhaps I want to share my own opinion on the matter, but I’ve come to justify my singularity in this world with one common characteristic. Call it cliché; call it a Green Day lyric, call it what you will but “nice guys finish last.”

Just the thought of the line sends triggered spasms down the back of my spine. Probably the most over-used phrase in the dating world today, but still rings true to this very second as I say it for the second and final time in this piece, “nice guys finish last.” Vomit.

I want to understand this to the fullest because I think I’ve fallen into the chasm that is ::insert the phrase here::, and I need to climb out feeling I’ve learned something, maybe for the greater good of our human species. So I went to the only source where I could possibly find the answer to which I was searching...Google.

You need to find out how many years it took Michelangelo to paint the Sistine chapel? Google. Meaning of life? Google. So why not this?

After sifting through about 10 pages about a small town in the south of France, I have found the definition of “nice” to be the following:

- nice adj., nic-er, nic-est.
- 1) Pleasing and agreeable in nature: had a nice time.
- 2) Having a pleasant or attractive appearance: a nice dress; a nice face.
- 3) Exhibiting courtesy and politeness: a nice gesture.
- 4) Of good character and reputation; respectable.

So tell me, WHAT’S SO WRONG WITH THAT?! I’m going to pick this one apart for you one by one.

Definition #1: “Pleasing and agreeable in nature: had a nice time.”

What’s so wrong with being pleasing or agreeable? (Pardon me for this but I’m going to use the male perspective, being that I have

a twig and berries) But wouldn’t any girl out there want someone who was pleasing and agreeable. I can’t imagine some girl going out and saying, “Hey! Tonight! I want a real ASS!”

Call it cliché; call it a Green Day lyric, call it what you will but “nice guys finish last.”

Definition #2: “Having a pleasant or attractive appearance: a nice dress; a nice face.”

Well we all don’t want to date

Sequatchie, so yes, looking nice would always be a plus. I mean I have a “nice” appearance... I hope. Does that mean that all attractive people are to finish last? Does that mean that mean that if Samaire Armstrong (my crush, swoon) were to walk through the door, I should say sorry Samaire (tear), you are way too nice for me. I need Quasi-Moto.

Definition #3: “Exhibiting courtesy and politeness: a nice gesture”.

Personally I think we should all go around cursing and flipping each other off, but only as a preventative measure from keeping us at the back of the pack.

Definition #4: “Of good character and reputation; respectable.”

I mean if I were a female I would only be seeking those with sexual-

ly transmitted diseases and a reputation for throwing me down the stairs in the even of a disagreement. Morals? Who needs them?

These are common sense values that we all should be looking for in others. So what is so wrong with ::insert the phrase here::? Am I doomed because I don’t care to royally screw every person I see? Have I been cursed by my own blessing of having a moral ground to stand on and respect for others as human beings?

I mean if this is true, sign me up to be a politician, shoot me up with heroine, give me a baseball bat to club a small child holding a puppy, and allow me to curse off a group of small children doing charity work with the homeless while getting reconstructive surgery to chisel my face in the image of Larry King. This way I’ll finish first in life.

## “Quotes of the week

*“In order to change we must be sick and tired of being sick and tired.”*  
-Author Unknown

*“The best way to predict the future is to invent it.”*  
-Alan Kay

*“Life is not merely to be alive, but to be well.”*  
-Marcus Valerius Martial

*“Run to meet the future or it’s going to run you down.”*  
-Anthony J. D’Angelo

*“Telling the future by looking at the past assumes that conditions remain constant. This is like driving a car by looking in the rearview mirror.”*  
-Herb Brody

*“The future is not something we enter. The future is something we create.”*  
-Leonard I. Sweet

*“If you have no confidence in self, you are twice defeated in the race of life. With confidence, you have won before you have started.”*  
-Marcus Garvey

*“I am only one, but I am still one; I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.”*  
-Edward Everett Hale

*“All changes, even the most longed for, have their melancholy; for what we leave behind us is a part of ourselves; we must die to one life before we can enter another”*  
-Anatole France

*“Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself.”*  
-Tolstoy

*“Begin growing from where you are - not from where others think you ought to be by now.”*  
-Steven Douglas Lawrence

*“I merely took the energy it takes to pout and wrote some blues.”*  
-Duke Ellington

*“When one must, one can”*  
-Proverb

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# Muslim Student Organization Regains Recognition

WESLEY CHIN  
NEWS EDITOR

The Muslim Student Association (MSA) regained official recognition last November by Monmouth University after losing active status on campus in 2005. The reconstitution of the organization

came from an increased amount of student interest last semester. As of November 29, 2006, the approximate 19 active-member organization received approval from the Student Government Association as an official club on campus. Lack of activity in 2005 caused the MSA to lose registra-

tion, forcing the organization to formulate a new constitution for re-approval.

“There was an interest in reconstituting the organization since I came to Monmouth University this semester,” said Interim President Nazim Uddin. “Dean Golam Mathbor had been in contact with

a number of students interested in the organization. As such, I began the necessary process of reconstituting the club.”

According to Mathbor, the organization’s founding and current adviser, MSA was first recognized by the University in 2003, shortly after its submission and presentation to the SGA board. He stated that their first year showed much activity from the support of the greater campus community.

“The first step in establishing MSA was to inform all students, irrespective of their religious faith, about interest in forming [the organization],” he said. “In fact, many students and faculty of non-Islamic faith supported us to establish the association.”

Campus events hosted by the MSA include the first Iftar dinner, a breaking-of-fast meal, during the Islamic month of Ramadan, an event co-sponsored by the International Club. Uddin stated that the organization currently does not have a University approved budget, but plans on making significant contributions to the campus once approved. An organization or club can request an annual budget after receiving recognition by the university for one year.

MSA plans to participate in this year’s Global Understanding Project Convention, with its theme of “Global Solutions: Sharing Resources, Shaping Peace”. The organization intends to present a panel discussion on the concept of Zakat, or charity, as Islam’s answer to socio-economic unfairness. Zakat is a central obligatory tenant of Islam for Muslims who are in financial standing.

The organization’s initial goals aimed to dispel negative perceptions of Muslims in light of the events of September 11, 2001, and increase awareness and understanding of Islam in the University community. Creating a sense of community and a more inclusive experience at the University are also undertakings MSA aims to accomplish.

Uddin stressed the necessity to become exposed to a variety of world cultures and religions in or-

der to be prepared for realities of the post-graduation world.

“MSA provides an excellent opportunity to learn about Islam and Muslims on a first hand basis,” he said. “Establishment of [our organization] also gives an added incentive for students of diverse backgrounds to select Monmouth University as their educational institution of choice. This would certainly help in the school’s overall standing, and help our stated goal of increasing diversity on campus”.

“MSA is primarily a social club for Muslim students, faculty, staff, and administrators on campus,” Mathbor commented. “But also increasingly as an organization that interacts with members outside the club to promote a positive image of Muslims on campus.”

Uddin feels that increased discriminatory backlash against Muslims in America has only been worsened by media’s portrayal of Islam to violence and terror. To him, these sentiments distort the perception of being American, separating Muslims as a different group all together. Part of his organizations goals aim to reestablish the meaning behind American.

“This negative environment has created a spiral of silence in the community, where by even some Americans who are Muslims find it difficult to practice the religion, instead preferring invisibility in society,” Uddin stated. “It is important to celebrate, and not just tolerate or accept, that one can be a Muslim, as well as an American. MSA’s importance on campus, if anything, is the reevaluation or reconstitution of this very concept.”

Weekly meetings are held at the Rebecca Stafford Student Center, Wednesdays at 2:30 in Room 202.

For information or questions about MSA, email interim-president Nazim Uddin at s0647370@monmouth.edu, or Dean Golam Mathbor at gmathbor@monmouth.edu.



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## Underground Renovations

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schools are very helpful on the phone but don’t follow through. I was happy to see the radio and newspaper staff members here.”

Blane and Olenn kept the night entertaining by singing both original songs and some popular artists’ songs, as well as relating personal stories and experiences to the audience. The comical and musically-enriched atmosphere made The Underground a great place to unwind.

Blane, who performed on campus last spring, was glad to return to Monmouth. “I liked that it’s not part of something else,” he said of The Underground. “Other schools sometimes had a lot of distractions.”

Blane has been performing since age 4 or 5 and has been writing his own songs for about three years. His musical influences include Ryan Adams, Dave Mathews and Tom Waits.

As far as other influences, “I write from a very personal place,” said Blane.

One of his most memorable performances was at the Whitehouse. He started playing the piano after attending a dinner, and soon an audience gathered and he was perform-

ing for a crowd in the Whitehouse. More information on Blane and his band can be found at [www.myspace.com/timblane](http://www.myspace.com/timblane).

The other main attraction of The Underground re-opening was a food vendor that offered a warm, friendly environment to grab a bite to eat while staying close to the dormitories. The Underground offered free cookies and soda, while also selling sandwiches and other foods.

Many students came and went throughout the night, stopping in to defrost and have refreshments. There were chairs and small tables arranged around The Underground for people to sit and enjoy the night or just relax.

The students seemed to take well to the new Underground. “[It was] definitely an improvement from last year,” said student Veronique Blostein.

With the new furniture, technology, and new look, The Underground has the opportunity to be very popular with students.

“It was absolutely a success,” said Kelly of the re-opening. “It’s nice to have a building that’s open to any club or organization that needs to use it, instead of having it belong to one group.”





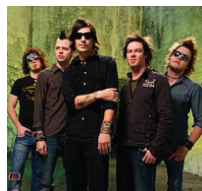
# Hot Tickets of the Week



Incubus will be performing on Wednesday, January 31 at 6:30 p.m. at Hammerstein Ballroom. Performing with Incubus will be Albert Hammond, the legendary folk rock singer from the 1970s and 80s.



Toby Keith's Hookin' Up & Hangin' Out tour is stopping at Continental Airlines Arena on Friday, February 2 at 7:30 p.m.



Hinder's tour is stopping at the House of Blues in Atlantic City at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 3. If you miss the show, don't worry, they will be performing at the Nokia Theatre Times Square at 7:30 p.m. on February 13.

# SAG Awards Winners

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**Male Actor in a Leading Role**  
Forest Whitaker in *The Last King of Scotland*

**Motion Picture**  
*Little Miss Sunshine*



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**The Office** airs Thursdays at 8:30pm on NBC

# Top 5 Box Office Hits

1. **Epic Movie** - Bringing in \$19.2 million, this comedy is just like *Scary Movie* and *Date Movie*, except it parodies all "epic" box office movies. *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Snakes on a Plane*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, and *Nacho Libre* are just some of the movies this film spoofs.

2. **Smokin' Aces** - Earning \$14.3 million in its opening weekend, this film stars hotties Ben Affleck and Jeremy Piven. Piven is a magician who threatens to turn in evidence against the mob in Las Vegas.

3. **Night at the Museum** - With \$9.4 million this weekend, Ben Stiller is a night guard at a museum who discovers that the objects
- in the museum come to life at night.

4. **Catch and Release** - Making \$8 million this weekend, this romantic dramedy stars Jennifer Garner, Timothy Olyphant, and Jersey's own Kevin Smith. After Garner's fiancé dies, she seeks comfort from her best guy friends. Could she possibly fall for one of them?

5. **Stomp the Yard** - Making \$8 million, this film starring Columbus Short is about a kid from Los Angeles who goes to Atlanta to attend school. While he is there, he begins to perform the urban style of dance "stepping", and a feud evolves between two rival fraternities.

# Maui Fever is Far From Hot

JACQUELINE KOLOSKI  
CO EDITOR IN CHIEF

New year, new reality show for MTV. This time the locale is Maui, Hawaii, and the reality TV cameras are following young Maui locals and getting the scoop on what its like to live on the exotic island that many flock to for vacation. *Maui Fever* premiered on January 17 and it did anything but sizzle. It resembled a looser version of Laguna Beach, where pretty much anything and everything is said. Two sole similarities of the show are that like Laguna Beach everyone has dated each other, and the show takes place right by the beach.

*Maui Fever* features the lives of Cheyne, Corbin, Sean, Chaunte, Anna, Anthony, and Jesse. At one point in time, Cheyne and Anna dated, and Anthony and Chaunte dated. Although neither of these couples are together anymore when the show first begins, and everyone is out doing their own thing, there still seems to be a hint of jealousy lurking when the guys are partying with other girls. With that being said, where there is jealousy, drama is definitely not too far behind.

In the first episode, entitled "The Game," from

what I gathered in the 30 minutes of watching it the main goal of everyone was to "hook up" with as many people as possible. So the local guys spend their time talking to as many tourist girls as they can.

In the first episode, Chaunte and Anthony attempt to talk about their relationship, and Anthony seems a little more willing to make their relationship work again. Chaunte, however, just wants to have fun. To get Anthony out of the mood he is in over Chaunte, Corbin and Jesse decide to throw him a party to get him to meet other girls. Chaunte finds out about this party and is less than thrilled to hear that

a party is being planned for Anthony to meet other girls. Could it be jealousy maybe? Or, as the episode title lets on, maybe Chaunte could just be playing games with Anthony.

Meanwhile, Corbin meets a tourist girl named Katie. She seems to be more interested in getting to know him on a long-term basis, but Corbin is more interested in just having fun. Following the party Corbin had at his house for Anthony, Katie was nowhere to be seen. And, the next day, Corbin was seen hanging out with a new girl. Typical, right?

In the end of the first episode, Anthony and Chaunte seemed to have made amends and, by the looks of it, are back together again, at least for now -- because you know "in reality" it won't be like that for too long. After all, what would an MTV reality show be without a little drama mixed in? Boring, that's for sure.

After watching the show, it made me long for my DVDs of *Laguna Beach*, because at least that show has some sort of depth. This show does not have much, if any, plotline. If you feel so inclined to watch *Maui Fever*, the show airs on Wednesdays at 10:30 p.m.



PHOTO COURTESY OF mtv.com  
*Maui Fever*, the newest MTV reality show appears to be a **Laguna Beach** wannabe.

# Give Timberlake a Break

SAMANTHA YOUNG  
CO EDITOR IN CHIEF

If there's one thing I hate, more than anything else in the world, it's fake people. Those who pretend they wear a shield of invisibility covering all of their flaws and hidden agendas. It was a time seven years ago when I first saw it. A commercial for a Disney movie titled *Model Behavior*. Who was in it? So glad you asked. The stars were none other than Maggie Lawson and one Mr. JT, Justin Timberlake.

Some of you may know this tidbit, but for others, I will wait for the shock to wear off. Think about it. Timberlake, who has been claiming he is a serious actor, is trying his best to deflect our attention from his earliest work (his first movie, despite what is being printed). His role? A male model.

Fast forward a few years to 2005, when I heard rumors about two movies coming out, *Edison Force* and *Alpha Dog* - his foray into modern cinema. I was more than skeptical, I was excited! Another actor who doesn't have enough going for him, he feels he has to reach megastar status by earning money in every possible shameful way (does his McDonald's commercial ring any bells?).

I am a fan of Timberlake and respect what he is trying to do, but a small part of me was sitting, waiting for the former boy band heart-

throb to fall on his face.

*Edison Force* was made in 2005, but its distribution was held until 2006, and then it took the fast track to Blockbuster shelves - no theaters or national exposure necessary. The latter one, however, was viewed at festivals and was holding critics at bay with mediocre reviews.

*Alpha Dog* arrived in theaters January 12 - put up or shut up time for me. I bought my ticket, sat down, and waited for the tatted-up Timberlake to wow me. And you know what? He did.

I am the first person to look at the tattoos, fedora and gangster sashay he sports and raise some serious questions about the casting. The days of the fro and bubble gum lyrics are apparently long



PHOTO COURTESY OF google.com  
Justin Timberlake embodied his role in *Alpha Dog*.

gone.

The movie, based on real-life events was a typical "guys" movie - with guns, drugs and "hos" to spare. In the picaresque suburb of California, a drug dealer named Jonny Truelove reigns supreme of the underground world. Timberlake, along with Shawn Hatosy and Fernando Vargas, play the members of his posse.

While most, including myself, would love to scoff at Timberlake's attempt - in fact most would probably let out a groan when they realized the movie was directed by Nick Cassavetes (don't know who he is? He directed *The Notebook*) - he delivers. Begrudgingly, audiences are forced to acquiesce and give Timberlake his due credit. He is witty when need be, tries his best to be serious, and always leaves us with a sympathetic ear to his cause - even if that is a hit-man.

The boy has talent, no one is denying that. How well he can translate that into box-office bucks remains to be seen. Both movies so far have tanked, with *Alpha Dog* bringing in a meager \$12 million.

Next for the cherubic-faced Tennessee native? The same boy to perform in a beauty pageant? The man trying so desperately to be taken seriously?

*Shrek the Third*. That's what you get when you let your girlfriend pick your roles.



# Life After Idol

PAIGE SODANO  
COPY EDITOR

Being that many of you are *American Idol* fans, I thought having a biweekly CD review of someone who has come out of *American Idol* might be of interest to many.

If you've been to a music store lately, you might have noticed all the new CD releases of former Idols who have come out of the highly rated TV show. I thought I would do this week's review on last year's fourth runner-up Chris Daughtry, who shocked millions when he was voted off earlier than expected.

Not long after being booted off, Chris Daughtry had turned down an offer with the band Fuel, so he could form his own band, Daughtry.

The band Daughtry includes Joey Barnes on drums, Jeremy Brady on rhythm guitar, Josh Paul on bass, Josh Steely on lead guitar, and, most importantly, Chris Daughtry singing lead vocals. The first single from the album, "It's Not Over" has been all over the radio airwaves the past few months, and is currently in the number two spot on iTunes.

When you first listen to "It's Not Over," the song sounds like a typical rock tune about a relationship gone wrong, but when you listen to the entire song through, it reminds us why Daughtry is such an impressive performer.

While belting out lyrics like "I'll try to do it right this time around" and "This love is killin' me," Daughtry displays just how



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North Carolina native Chris Daughtry and his new band are meeting the music world with great success since his defeat on *American Idol*.

his voice is so different from anyone else's.

With twelve songs on the album, there seems to be a frequent theme of having love troubles, but each song delivers something unique.

The four songs — "Home," "Feels Like Tonight," "It's Not Over," and "Crashed" are the best on the album. These songs display Daughtry's powerful vocals and the band's exceptional guitar skills.

The track "What I Want," featuring guitar work from former Guns N' Roses' guitarist Slash, gives Daughtry the opportunity to add some bluesy metal and differ-

entiate it from the other songs on the album.

On another track, "Breakdown," Chris Daughtry really gets a chance to show off his range, singing notes from very soft to loud and dominant.

Daughtry has already sold over a million copies of their self-titled debut album, which was released November 21 of last year. The album even outsold winner Taylor Hicks' debut album.

If you are looking for an album with a solid rock-and-roll feel and powerful lead vocals, this album is definitely one to consider listening to.

## Where Even a Celebrity Gets a Dream Come True

KRISTEN RENDA  
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

As many people know, this year in Walt Disney Theme Parks around the world is the "Year of a Million Dreams" celebration. In honor of this celebration, Disney revealed last week, three new portraits featuring different celebrities posing as different Disney characters as a way of promoting it.

The portraits promoting the film were taken by photographer Annie Leibovitz. The photographs portray Scarlett Johansson as Cinderella running down the palace steps, Beyonce, Lyle Lovett, and Oliver Platt as Alice, the March Hare, and the Mad Hatter spinning in a teacup, and David Beckham becomes Prince Philip slaying a dragon.

With the tagline of "Where every Cinderella story comes true", Scarlett looks gorgeous dressed up in a beautiful custom made Nicoletta Santoro gown, the perfect fitting glass slippers, and topped off with a one of a kind Harry Winston tiara worth over a quarter of a million dollars. Scarlett Johansson must have truly felt like Cinderella!

While the Alice in Wonderland portrait looks great with the ef-

fect of the spinning teacups, Beyonce seems to be an odd choice of an actress to be cast in the role of the young blonde English girl, Alice. The other celebrities all resemble their characters in some way, but it doesn't seem to be "Where Wonderland is your destiny" for Beyonce. Platt and Lovett however, fit the rolls of the Mad Hatter and the March Hare quite well.

"Where imagination saves the day," Beckham sure is saving the day as he sits upon a white steed along a river in Spain. Beckham is holding both the shield of virtue and the sword of truth as he conquers the evil Malificent. Beckham said about getting an opportunity to become a Disney character, "There were many Disney charac-

ters I liked as a kid, now my sons love the Disney characters and it's a big part of their lives, a big part of many children's lives around the world. So to be part of that is an honor and very exciting."

It seems like it is everyone's dream to become a Disney character, and these celebrities had so much fun pretending for the day. Beckham also said, "I love going to Disney, I'm like a big kid."

Disney seems to bring out the child in all of us, and during this fifteen-month celebration, guests will be presented with over a million dreams of all sizes while they are on vacation in any of the four major theme parks around the world.

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Some other dreams being given out include trips to other Disney theme parks or a trip on a Disney cruise.

If you want to see these portraits, they can be seen in the March issue of *GQ*, *Vanity Fair*, *Vogue*, *W*, and *The New Yorker*.

For more information on the "Year of a Million Dreams", visit [www.disneyparks.com](http://www.disneyparks.com).



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David Beckham as Prince Philip from Walt Disney's *Sleeping Beauty*

## Band Alert

LISA PIKAARD  
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

A night mixing the music of Bon Jovi, Nine Inch Nails, Fall Out Boy, Journey and A Ha to name a few seems impossible but entirely enjoyable. Cover bands bringing together such a mix of music seems both dangerous and risky but The Benjamins take on this feat and accomplishes it with flying colors. Combining the music from all different generations, genres, and artists including their own original music is a talent The Benjamins have that is undeniable.

The Benjamins lead singer, Joe DeGennaro, a Jersey boy raised in Garfield, says, "We try to take the stage like we are playing our own songs," while they are playing covers. The true treat, however, is listening to The Benjamins play their own songs. Their Myspace ([www.myspace.com/thebenjamins](http://www.myspace.com/thebenjamins)) is frequented so often that their tracks have been played over 161,000 times. Their Myspace has three full-length tracks from their new album, *Chronicles of the Garden State*. If three tracks isn't enough for you (and trust me, it will not be), check out their website, [thebenjamins.net](http://thebenjamins.net) where to hear clips of all of the songs from the album. With all radio friendly tracks and an original incredible sound that blends together the popular music of today with the skills and integrity of music of the past, The Benjamins are worth giving a shot.

Playing regularly in clubs throughout New Jersey and a few across state lines, The Benjamins have developed a fan base for their skills as a coverband, but the true secret of The Benjamins is their original music. With frequent shows in the area, be sure to keep an eye out for them. They will be playing at Jenkinsons on February 3 at 10:00 pm. Don't miss out on this truly unique and skilled blend of music.

Check back in next week for a review of their live show at Jenkinsons on February 3, or better yet, check out the show!



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The Benjamins; Ant, Joe, Jeremy, and Ben.

## The Hills is Still a Hit

JACQUELINE KOLOSKI  
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MTV's *Laguna Beach* spin off "The Hills" returned for its second season on January 15. Lauren, Heidi, Whitney, and Audrina all returned to the City of Angels bringing more drama to make this season as popular as the last. When we left the girls last season, Lauren was debating upon giving up a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to spend the summer in Paris representing *Teen Vogue* to spend the summer in Malibu with her boyfriend Jason, an album of the second season of *Laguna Beach*.

So the pending question for the premier of the second season was did Lauren go to Paris or remain in California for a summer at the beach.

Well, turns out she decides to stay in Malibu and gives up Paris for Jason. Whitney, another *Teen Vogue* intern, takes the trip and spends the summer in the fashion capital of the world. Lauren, instead, dwells on foregoing Paris and ends up breaking up with Jason once the summer concludes.

Already three episodes into the second season, it certainly is a hotbed of drama as predicted.

Lauren and Whitney are still interning at *Teen Vogue*. Heidi moved up at Bolthouse Productions and Audrina now works at Epic Records.

The drama begins with Heidi

and Audrina. They are no longer friends due to the fact that Heidi's new boyfriend Spencer has been hanging around Audrina. While Audrina is trying to salvage their friendship, Heidi wants no part and makes that quite clear at her birthday party in episode 3. She completely brushes off Audrina, who was attending a party in the same club that night. To make amends so to speak Audrina set up a lunch outing with Lauren. Whitney tagged along so the silence among the group would be kept to a minimum.

On the subject of Heidi and Spencer their relationship is tested when Heidi experiences a pregnancy scare. For Lauren in episode 2 she works at an Ashley Paige fashion show. Before she goes to work that day, Heidi has set her up with Spencer's friend Brody. At first she is hesitant about going out on a date after her relationship with Jason ended. But she ends up taking him up on the date and enjoys herself.

So with the stage set, I think *The Hills* have it made to be another successful season for MTV. I'm sure viewers will want to tune into see if Lauren is truly over Jason and will spend some quality time with Brody and how the relationship of Heidi and Spencer fare with Audrina not too far behind.

Well, you'll just have to watch to find out. *The Hills* airs Mondays at 10 pm on MTV.



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Today's Birthday (January 31)

Follow through this year on projects you've already started. There are big bucks to be made if you're perseverant. Also keep your costs down so you end up with a profit..

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

♈ Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19) - Today is an 6

Allow events to transpire naturally, while watching. You're in for a pleasant surprise. Believe in miracles..

♉ Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) - Today is a 7

The more you study, the more you see the great value in having good friends. Now is a good time to have them help you carry a heavy burden.

♊ Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) - Today is a 9

Gather up as much as you can, graciously of course. More money and status for doing less manual labor is your objective.

♋ Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) - Today is a 8

Move quickly, and use your imagination. You can solve an old problem simply by trying something you've never done before.

♌ Leo • (July 23- Aug. 22) - Today is a 7

Follow through on the project instigated yesterday. Once that's done, it'll be easy to see what you need to do next.

♍ Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) - Today is a 7

Continue to encourage your teammates to advance toward the goal. They can accomplish amazing things with your direction and support.

♎ Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - Today is a 8

Concentrate on understanding exactly what's requested. Then, provide something the client will like even better.

♏ Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - Today is a 6

Follow through with confidence and intense concentration. Land your catch carefully; don't let it get away.

♐ Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is an 7

A private family celebration is in order. Do something nice for the others, even if you don't like it yourself. They'll think you're wonderful, and you'll gain points.

♑ Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - Today is a 7

If you get nothing else done today, let people know how much you appreciate what they've done for you and are doing for you now. Without them, you're nowhere near as effective.

♒ Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 8

Nobody's going to tell you what to do in this situation. You get to figure it out and hold yourself to your own schedule. You get to take all the risks, and you'll get all the credit.

♓ Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) Today is a 7

The people who know you best believe you can do just about anything. Don't argue, that would be disrespectful. Give it your best shot.

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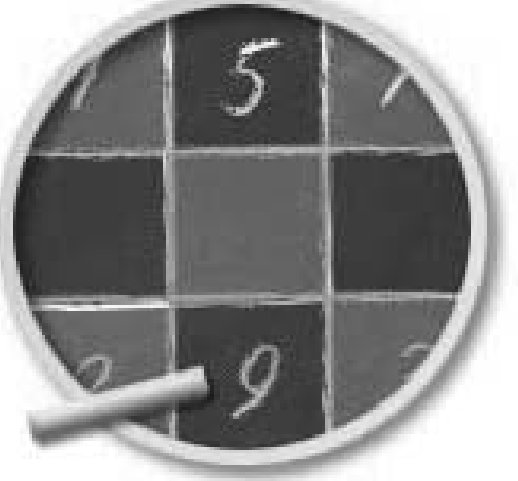
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CLUB and GREEK

Sigma Tau Gamma

Hey Monmouth, how’s everything going? We’re glad to see everyone back from winter break, even if that means classes are starting up again. Well it’s recruitment time already, and that means that every organization will be hosting different things all at the same time. You might ask yourself “why should I go to the Sig Tau recruitment events?” well the answer to that is simple. There’s none better than a Sig Tau, and that’s the Damn truth. I’m Prouder than ever to say Sigma Tau Gamma is simply the only choice. If you are looking to come out to some of our events than check out this schedule:  
Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup>: IFC Round Robin in Bey Hall at 4:30  
Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup>: Super Bowl Party at 6:15  
Monday the 5<sup>th</sup>: Free dinner at Chinese Buffet at 7pm  
Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup>: Elmwood Pizza Party  
Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup>: Bowling at Shore Lanes at 9pm  
Friday the 9<sup>th</sup>: Bid Day  
If anyone has questions about these events feel free to e-mail Chris Traum at christian.f.traum@monmouth.edu. Have a good week everyone!

Alpha Sigma Tau

Pearl, Twinkle and Paradise roc out 80’s style at the breakfast club. Twinkle thanks she’s a dog on a fire hydrant & does not know why her calf hurts. Twinkle was a ballerina, DUH! OhMiGod I love the 80’s ☺ and Paradise & Pearl. Love, My lil Radiance & Moto & secret ☺ Yay for pasties I <3 my roommate vogue! <3 serenity. Alpha Sigs rock the mansion! Scarlett and Arielle definitely enjoy the benefits of working a Victoria Secret. Serenity we need an “us” night. I <3 u! Mad love to the Rho’s when is our night out call <3 spryte. Vogue: I love the randomness of our shopping <3 Tink. Happy 2007 world <3 spice. Summer I love you to the extreme! You are the best little ever! This big & Little combo makes everyone jealous. Love, Pearl. Alpha Rho’s I can’t wait for this Friday <3 Tink Glamour, Friday was unbelievable and I’ve never had so much fun in my life...I’d can totally make a great host. Honey, please come back to my life .... I live with you and you’ve completely disappeared. Blaze, Lucky Star, Radiance, and Spryte...dormstorming was so much fun...all I have to say is first floor Elmwood <3 you all Kaprice. Alpha Rho’s you make my life – Euphoria <3

Phi Sigma Sigma

Welcome back everyone- hope you all had a fabulous break. Phi Sigma Sigma hosted our interest party last Monday; we had so much fun with all the girls! It was so exciting to see such a great turn out at Meet the Greeks last night, good luck to all the Greeks during recruitment. We’re looking forward to a great semester and wish you all one too!

Delta Phi Epsilon

I hope everyone had a great winter break. We are enthusiastic to kick off the spring semester. Come to Meet the Greeks January 31<sup>st</sup> in Anacon Hall upstairs in the Student Center. Round Robin is February 3<sup>rd</sup> for recruitment for spring 2007.  
Can’t wait for Recruitment - Vegas. Friday’s was fun! Love you girls! xoxo -DaZZle. Thank you to all my sisters who helped me out through everything. You have no idea how much it means to me! I love you all – TriniDy. Recruitment! Yessss! – Riley. I love my wife, PERFECT, and my roomies! ΔΦΕ you rock my socks! Love always - CALIENTE. I love my Little, I love 249. Delta Phi Epsilon is the hottest! Let’s have an awesome recruitment. – nevaeh. Love our palace by the sea – Trixie! 246 Garfield, Thanks for the egg, religious candle, and lovely touch it! Notes = frozen egg is my favorite haha the cop probably thought we were nuts. Way to scare the crap out of us! <3 Hoey Hoes Ohh My lantaaa! Hi my name’s Julia & I go to NYU, haha. – sParkes & XstasY. p.s.- Artie loves me. - <3 MargAriTa. No problem at all you Hoey Hoes...infact, lock your doors because I’ll be back tonight. – sTellar. Dearest Bobbies, how I miss you so. Little, keep yourself together in that bubble. Love, Starlet.

Phi Sigma Kappa

Brothers! Welcome back from another winter break. Thanks to everyone who came to Meet the Greeks last night and good luck to everyone else with their recruitment. PSK has been planning for a very busy Spring semester. We have scheduled a number of different community service events for the upcoming weeks and months and we are still raising money for various causes, especially the Special Olympics. We will also be sending a number of our brothers to the Marshall Islands during spring break to do various volunteer work with locals on the island.  
We will also be participating in the Round-Robin recruitment meetings this semester which will be held on Friday, 4:30 in Bey Hall. We encourage everyone interested in fraternities and Greek life to participate in this event and we hope to see as many people as possible there.  
We are expecting to have a major fundraising event in the next few months, but details on what exactly we will be doing are still being discussed. We hope everyone has a great semester and good luck during rush. This is Launchpad signing off saying, DAMN PROUD!

Alpha Xi Delta

Hey everyone and welcome back from break. We hope everyone had a great break and is having a fantastic semester thus far. The sisters of Alpha Xi Delta have been busy planning out our events for the semester. We would like to say thank you to all the girls who came out to Meet the Greeks! For those who either attended or missed Meet the Greeks, be sure to come to Round Robin Saturday February 3 at 11:00 am in Bey Hall.  
For all girls interested, join our facebook group, “Interested in Joining Alpha Xi Delta” for the latest updates and information. Also, take a look at “Alpha Xi Delta: Monmouth Colony,” to see who the sisters are.  
After we all got back to school, we had our sisterhood retreat hosted by our new chapter advisor, Nicole. Also, we would like to congratulate the sisters who participated and won Battle of the Sexes. That’s all for this week! Keep checking The Outlook every Wednesday for up-to-date AXiD information! We hope everyone has a great week. Much Xi love to all!



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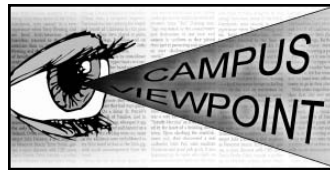
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# What's your new year's resolution for 2007?

BY: SUZANNE GUARINO



**Bryan**  
freshman

"To quit smoking and be healthy. I think I can do it. And, to do better in school than last semester."



**Sean**  
freshman

"Getting out of my dorm room and getting involved more."



**Tatiana**  
junior

"To get in shape and to stop procrastinating... but I haven't started yet."



**Josh**  
freshman

"Not to write my papers at the last minute, even though I know it's going to happen anyway."



**Melanie**  
freshman

"I want to be a nicer person.. less fiesty and aggressive and get rid of my N.Y. accent."



**Allyson**  
sophomore

"I don't make them because I know I never keep them."



**Jeff**  
freshman

"I need to wake up in the day time and attend all my classes. I have been known to oversleep 6 p.m. classes. Probably because I stay up 'til 9 a.m. watching infomercials."



**Christina & Seth**  
junior & senior

"I plan on getting mad big and proving haters wrong."



**Katie**  
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"To focus on my music and actually do something with it."



**Lauren**  
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"I'm hoping to do better in school and raise my GPA."



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# Life Across the Pond

## Welcome to London, England

DANIELLE DECARLO  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Greetings from London to everyone at Monmouth University! My name is Danielle DeCarlo and I am studying abroad for a semester here at Regent's College in London, UK! I am a Communications major and this is my second year at Monmouth. I actually did not plan on studying abroad whatsoever during college, but I ended up checking out a first-step meeting with one of my friends and fell in love with the idea of exploring Europe, so here I am!

I have been at Regent's College for a little over a week now, and it is a really great school in a very nice, safe area right inside the beautiful Royal Park. I have done so much just in a week that it will be hard for me to wrap it all up into a semi-short article for you all, but I will try my best!

We arrived at Regent's at about 9 a.m. on the 17<sup>th</sup> and got settled into our rooms, took some tours of the school, and then went to sleep since we were all exhausted from the jet lag. The next day, we had orientation and met with our advisor, Dean Sophie Laws. At night, we went to a tour about Jack the Ripper, which was very spooky but very cool! During this tour, we

saw the Tower of London and the London Wall where the original Roman cobblestone streets are, it was really amazing! The next day, we took a double-decker bus tour around the city which was incredible. We got to see the Houses of Parliament, the Tower of London, the London Eye, Tower Bridge, the Globe Theater and much more. This city is breathtakingly beautiful!

We started classes the Monday after we arrived and they are very interesting! I have people in my classes from Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Nigeria, Brazil, Germany, Italy and many more different countries. It is really eye-opening to see how different these cultures are than our own even while discussing simple topics such as media and biology!

Over the next few days, we felt brave enough to venture around London on our own using The Tube (the subway, which is by the way MUCH easier to navigate than the subway in NYC!) and we did a little bit of shopping and simple wandering around to try and become familiar with some of the city. We went to a few clubs around Piccadilly and Oxford Circus which were very fun since we got to meet new people from all different areas of the world.

We met people from Australia, Morocco, Egypt, and a few others that I can't remember off the top of my head right now. It is very strange to me when I tell people I am from America and they are amazed and want to know all about it...it is a very intense reality to know that I am a foreigner now!

Over the weekend, Regent's planned a trip to go to Leed's Castle and Canterbury, which are located in Kent. The castle was absolutely incredible, and Canterbury was a very cute little town. We didn't get too much time to explore Canterbury, unfortunately, since we were pressed for time. But it was still a fun place to walk around a little bit and get some lunch.

A few other people from Monmouth and myself have planned a trip to go to Prague next weekend which I am very excited about! The American dollar goes a long way there, so we were able to get a nice apartment for the weekend in a very safe area of the city. I have also started planning my spring break, which I will be spending in Italy. I got a flight to Milan for two pennies through Ryanair.com! It is very cool how easy it is to travel from country to country from here! Most of us here are spending the weekend planning all of our trips for the semester

since we now have the schedule of trips that Regent's is hosting.

I'm sure you are all wondering how much money I have spent so far. I cannot give you an exact amount, but between going out, paying for day trips, picking up a few necessities, buying an Oyster card for the Tube and the bus, shopping, and planning a trip to Prague and Milan, I would say I have spent about 300 pounds, which is about 600 American dollars. Honestly, I thought it would be a lot more than that by now! The most money I have spent was on my trip to Prague. We could not find a flight cheaper than 90 pounds that didn't fly us straight

into the city, so that is the most money I have spent on one event. I am glad that our American dollar is worth a lot more in Prague so we can really live it up there!

I could go on forever about this city and how beautiful and exciting it is, so look out for my weekly articles and pictures, and go to a first-step meeting about studying abroad! Even if you don't want to go to London, you can spend a semester in Australia or even spend a month during the summer in Spain or Italy. Robyn Asaro, the study abroad advisor, is very helpful, and I guarantee it will be the time of your life! Until next week, cheers!



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Leed's Castle, Kent

LINDSAY PLESNIARSKI  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Hey Monmouth! Hope everything is going great, including classes! All is well here at Regent's! This past weekend, we enjoyed a school-planned trip to Leed's Castle, as well as Canterbury (for those who read Canterbury Tales...this should sound familiar)! Despite the trip, including probably one of the most humid bus rides of my life (for two hours), it was a lot of fun, and we got to see some amazing sights!

First of all, Leed's Castle is enormous. Even though there is construction going on, it really doesn't take away the beauty of this masterpiece! During the tour, we got to see the Queen's bedroom, her shoe closet, and even the wine cellar!

One of the coolest parts of this trip was going through an actual hedge maze (you know -- like the one from Harry Potter)!!! There are no signs to give you hints or anything...but I doubt you can actually get lost in it. We even started to play a game of Marco-Polo after the group split up to see who would finish first.

After checking out the

castle and the maze, we went back to the bus to take a trip to Canterbury. Thankfully, this was only 35 minutes or so. The main attraction there is the Cathedral. It is breath-taking and humongous! However, we only had a very limited time to spend there, so most of it was actually spent in a restaurant/pub because we were all starving! This trip began at 8:30 a.m. for us, and most did not have time to get breakfast!

As you can tell from the pictures, we had wonderful weather! It was just so nice to take a stroll around a castle and over some bridges! The only thing I could've asked for was more time there. And maybe a less humid bus ride!



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The London Eye



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# Men's Basketball

## Hawks Split Games Against NEC Foes

*Extend Winning Streak at the "Boylar Room" to Six*

CRAIG D'AMICO  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Four minutes into the second half last Saturday, Hawks senior Dejan Delic swished home a three pointer that made him the 16th member of Monmouth's 1,000 point club. The bucket gave Monmouth a slim 35-34 lead.

Monmouth jumped out to an early 6-0 advantage, as Whitney Coleman and Marques Alston drained back to back threes, forcing Central to call an early timeout to gather themselves together.

In a matchup between two of the top three scoring defenses in the Northeast Conference, Monmouth only trailed the Blue Devils by one point at halftime, 25-24. The

Monmouth the one point edge.

The Blue and White then went on a 10-0 run, extending their lead to 45-36 with ten minutes remaining in regulation. Central answered back with a 9-0 run of their own, led by Jemino Sobers getting a putback to fall to deadlock the game at 45 with 4:39 to play.

Monmouth had a chance to tie the game in the final seconds, but Delic's three point attempt fell short and the Blue Devils came away with a 49-46 win over the team that has ended their season in each of the last three years.

All five Hawks starters played over 35 minutes in the game. Delic paced the Hawks with 14 points on the evening, with Youngblood and Coleman finishing in double figures as well with 12 and 10 points respectively. Monmouth only managed one point off of their bench, on a John Bunch free throw.

Joe Seymore led four Blue Devils in double figures with 13 points. Teammate Javier Mojica finished a rebound shy of a double-double.

Entering play last Thursday night, the Monmouth Hawks men's basketball team was sporting a four game losing streak, having slumped all the way to tenth place in the Northeast Conference standings.

With the last place St. Francis PA Red Flash coming to town, another loss would send the Hawks to the NEC basement, a rather unimaginable position for a team picked to finish as the class of the conference in the preseason.

Both teams traded blows in the early stages of this game. However, the Red Flash soon sprinted out to a 25-20 lead as freshman David Sweetney hit a three pointer. Monmouth fought back, engineering a 9-0 run to retake the lead. Shipman cut the deficit to three on a layup, Coleman tied the game

on a three, and then Delic, the 16th Hawk to take his place in the exclusive 1,000 point club, connected on a pair of buckets to cap the scoring streak.

Down 35-31 in the final seconds of the first half, Corey Hallett caught a long inbound pass at half-court, and flipped the ball to Delic for a 30 foot three pointer to beat the buzzer, cutting Monmouth's deficit to 35-34 at halftime.

Alston, the 17th entrant to reach the millennium mark in a Hawks uniform, gave the Hawks the lead on their first possession of the second half. From there, Monmouth was able to build up a lead and hold on down the stretch to pull out a 71-66 victory.

Delic led the way for Monmouth with 19 points, including going a perfect 5 for 5 from three point land. Three other Hawks finished in double figures in scoring, as Coleman scored 16, Youngblood had 11, and Alston chipped in with 10. For the Red Flash, Sweetney finished with a double-double scoring 22 points and ripping down 13 rebounds.

The victory marked the 100th NEC coaching victory for Dave Calloway, who became just the seventh coach in conference history to reach that mark.

Two nights later, the Hawks were back in action at the "Boylar Room," taking on the team picked right behind them in the NEC Coaches Pre-Season Poll. It was the only meeting of the regular season between pre-season #1 Monmouth and pre-season #2 Robert Morris.

The Colonials had swept both meetings from the Hawks last year, and return a dominating foursome of Jeremy Chappell, A.J. Jackson, Tony Lee, and Derek Coleman, that averages over 75% of their total team offense.

With 4:37 left in the first half, Monmouth faced their largest deficit, 11 points, after Calloway was

charged with a technical foul after arguing a ball out of bounds call with the officials.

Monmouth came out firing, rolling off a 13-2 run to close out the first half. Included in the run were eight colossal points from Coleman, a three to get the run started, and then a thundering one-handed slam off a dish from Shipman in the process of getting fouled. The bonus free throw cut the deficit to three, and then a jumper on the next trip down cut the Colonial lead to a single point.

It was a wild first half that saw a little bit of everything, and had the sellout crowd at Boylan Gym rocking the hardest since last year's double overtime showdown with Fairleigh Dickinson.

The turning point of the game came with 15:42 remaining, as Chappell picked up his fourth foul and then proceeded to punch the padded wall behind the basket, earning him a technical foul and his fifth personal foul, disqualifying him for the remainder of the contest.

With one of Robert Morris' stars forced to watch the conclusion of the game from the bench, Delic took over for the Hawks. With 1:18 left in the game, and Monmouth leading 69-64, Deki drained his career high-tying seventh three of the game for the dagger.

The Hawks would finish off the Colonials from the free throw line, earning a 76-68 victory. Delic finished with 25 points on the night. Bunch finished with 8 points, 8 rebounds, and 6 blocked shots. Coleman poured in 15 points for Monmouth as well.

With the win, Monmouth improved to 9-12 overall and 4-5 in the NEC. The Hawks have won six straight home games at Boylan Gym, with their next test coming on Saturday against the Terriers of St. Francis NY. The Hawks dropped their January 22 meeting with the Terriers by a 69-57 score.



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Marques Austin hit big three-pointers to keep Monmouth in the game against CCSU. It wasn't enough, however, as the Hawks dropped a 49-46 decision to the Blue Devils.

However, it was a field goal drought of 10:30 that did the Hawks in, as they saw their seven game win streak against the Central Connecticut State Blue Devils come to an end in a 49-46 defeat up in New Britain.

Hawks, who had come back only once before when trailing at halftime against NEC competition, traded the lead back and forth with the Blue Devils in the opening minutes of the second half, before Delic's historic basket gave

### The Hawk File: Christopher Taiwo

ERIC M. WALSH  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The men's track and field team is filled with talent this year and has been fortunate enough to take talent such as this in previous years and translate it into success. The team has several young prospects for the 2007 indoor track season and the one that may turn out to be the most successful is freshman Christopher Taiwo.

**"I expect to... make it to the NCAA National Championship consistently."**

CHRISTOPHER TAIWO  
Track and Field Sprinter

the team's recent success and the possibility to make an immediate impact. In his first year of collegiate competition Taiwo feels, "I should be very competitive in the NEC conference and outside the conference with higher level competition." With just a few meets under his belt, the sprinter has had to quickly adjust to the level of competition in a Division I atmosphere. "It didn't take me long [to adjust] since I had to learn fast and because we have a young team."

in his other events as well. As for his future track and field goals at Monmouth, Taiwo says, "I expect to be NEC Champions and personally make it to the NCAA National Championship consistently."

Head Coach Joe Campagni hopes to see Taiwo reach his goals as well, which are reachable when you take into account his work ethic and natural ability.

The sprinter from Bud Lake, New Jersey is an Accounting and Finance major. For his occupation, Taiwo says, "I would like to work on Wall Street for a living." He plans to finish his undergraduate education at Monmouth in four years, but knows that his major may require him to take five years. In ten years, the student athlete says he could see himself working in a field relative to his major, married, and maybe with children.

With talented freshman like Taiwo, the future of Monmouth track and field looks very bright. As for the present, Taiwo just hopes he can make a difference this year and help MU bring win the NEC title.

Taiwo, a 6' 1", 180 pound sprinter, was highly recruited out of his Mt. Olive High School. Other than Monmouth, he considered such laudable schools as Syracuse, Rutgers, and Bucknell. He decided on Monmouth because of

In the current season, Taiwo will be competing in the 55/60m dash, the 200m and 300m dash, the 60m high hurdles, and the triple jump. While his sub-23second 200m dash will get him the most notoriety, Taiwo hopes to find success

Name: Christopher Taiwo

Hometown: Bud Lake, New Jersey

Major: Accounting and Finance

Events: "In indoor track, I compete in the 55/60 meter dash, the 200 and 300 meter dashes, the 60 meter high hurdles, and the triple jump. In outdoor track, I compete in the 100 meter dash, the 200 meter dash, and the triple jump."

Most Memorable Moment at MU: "It was my first 4x4 relay. I was really nervous. I wasn't sure what to expect. I never really ran this race in high school and I was going up against guys who had run it before. But, once I got out onto the track, I was ready."

Biggest Rival: Long Island University and Rutgers

In Ten Years: "'I would like to work on Wall Street for a living, and I see myself married and maybe have children."



# Women's Basketball

## After Victory Over CCSU, Hawks Split Games Against NJIT, RMU

ALEXANDER TRUNCALE  
SPORTS EDITOR

ERIC M. WALSH  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Over the winter break, the women's hoops team went 4-2 with victories over American, Lafayette, and Wagner, including a double overtime thriller against Mount Saint Mary's, 95-91. The team looked to continue their strong play against NEC foes Quinnipiac and Central Connecticut State earlier this week; however, the Hawks' week ended with a 1-1 record as the squad lost a tough game at Quinnipiac 69-57, but rebounded to edge out CCSU 73-65.

On January 15, the Hawks traveled to Connecticut for their second of three consecutive road games in the "Constitution State." The opponent for Monmouth was Quinnipiac, who came into the matchup with a 3-2 NEC record and a 9-5 overall record. Early on in the game, the Blue and White found themselves down 11-4 before a three point field goal by Veronica Randolph trimmed the lead to 4. The Hawks went down by double figures before once again cutting the lead before the half to five, 36-31.

Back and forth for the majority of the second half, the Blue and White could never trim the lead to closer than six points with one and a half minutes remaining in the contest after a Brooke McElroy jumper.

Quinnipiac continued to connect from the charity stripe, hitting 14-17 in the second half alone as Monmouth continued to foul in order to prolong the outcome. Veronica Randolph had 15 points and 8 rebounds and Brianne Edwards added 12 points in a 69-67 loss for



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Jennifer Bender had a career high 24 points against Robert Morris.

the Hawks. Monmouth stayed in the state of Connecticut to do battle with CCSU and finish out their three game stint. The Hawks finally pulled out a "W" in the state against the Blue Devils to break their two game NEC losing streak. The Blue and White got off to a fast start, going up 19-9 by the 9:45 mark in the first half, fueled by Edwards' successful three point field goal and a break away steal and layup by Marisa Jimenez. After two free throws by Edwards, Monmouth was up 32-11

at the 4:44 mark, their largest lead of the game at twenty-one points. At the intermission, Monmouth was up 36-22.

"We were able to cause some turnovers early and get out to a lead thanks to our press," said Head Coach Michele Baxter. "Our defensive intensity was up for most of the game, and we need that to be successful."

The second half was a completely different story. By the ten minute mark, the Hawks' lead was



PHOTO COURTESY of Monmouth Sports Information  
Brianne Edwards led the Hawks against Central Connecticut with 16 points in their 73-65 victory over the Blue Devils.

cut to just six, 44-38. After a scary run by CCSU, an Edwards layup boosted the Hawks up by double digits until late in the game. The Blue and White held on for a closer-than-it-should-have-been victory, 73-65. The contest saw 59 turnovers -- 29 committed by MU and 30 by CCSU -- and 46 fouls resulting in 61 free throw attempts. The Hawks shot 56.8 percent from the field and hit 18 of 24 free throws while CCSU was held to 34 percent shooting and connected on just one of twelve shots from behind the arc. Bender and Edwards led the Blue and White with identical 16 point efforts, while Jimenez added 13.

After splitting the two games on their Connecticut road trip, the Hawks traveled to Newark for a non-conference showdown against New Jersey Institute of Technology, a newcomer to Division I. The Hawks were without Edwards, who missed the game with an injured finger. Monmouth was in control for most of the game, after six straight points from Jimenez and five straight from Charisse Johnson. But, by halftime, the Hawks' lead was cut to just two. Monmouth had turned the ball over twelve times in the first half, and

allowed the Highlanders to hang in the game.

NJIT took the lead in the second half at 33-32 on a three-pointer by Kate Piekieski with just over 16 minutes left to go in the game. But the Hawks remained tough, and took the lead back as Brooke McElroy knocked down a three and LaKia Barber poured in a layup, giving the Hawks a 43-38 advantage.

NJIT would make it close down the stretch, but McElroy and Randolph would each hit a pair of free throws to seal the victory for the

Hawks, 58-54. Lindsey Zegowitz led the Blue and White with 11 points, while Randolph collected a career-high 12 rebounds.

Coming off victory against the Highlanders, Monmouth returned to their conference schedule to take on Robert Morris. The Hawks made it close at halftime, going on an 11-4 run to close the gap within three at the break.

They took the lead in the second half, 38-37, on a pair of free throws from Jimenez. After RMU regained the lead, Edwards cut it to one, 48-47 on a layup with 11:41 remaining in the game.

But the Colonials began to pull away in the second half. After a three point play by Jennifer Bender cut the lead to 58-52, Robert Morris hit two unanswered field goals to give them a ten point advantage. The Colonials would not relinquish the lead for the remainder of the game, finishing with an 81-72 victory over the Hawks.

"It's a disappointing loss," said Baxter. "It's a game we should have won. We just couldn't take care of the ball."

Monmouth was led by Bender's double-double of 24 points and 11 rebounds. Her 24 points were a career high. Jimenez and Edwards

chipped in with 12 and 10 points, respectively. The Hawks are now 4-4 in conference play and 11-8 overall. They remain in the mix in the NEC.

This week, the team will play St. Francis (NY) at home on February 3 and then will go on the road to take on St. Francis (PA) on February 5.

## Track and Field Shines in Albany

Compagni's Squads Continue to Impress in the Month of January

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Winter break is usually viewed as a time of rest and relaxation. While most of the students who attend Monmouth were at home with friends and family, the men's and women's Indoor Track & Field teams were taking care of business.



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Tisifene Taylor is nationally ranked in the hurdles after her performance in the Great Dane Classic.

Some of the best results came at the Fordham Collegiate Opener. Bringing only a partial team, the Hawks were impressive.

For the women, junior Nikki Zwartjes broke what was then her own school record and won the pole vault with a mark of 3.35 meters. Also getting a win was Malia Lyles in the 3,000m with a time of 10:30.11.

For the men, Jude Rene was able to finish second in the high jump while the men's 4x800 team also finished second.

From there, the Hawks also participated in the NYC Gotham Cup and at the Penn State Relays. Just like they did at Fordham, the Hawks were once again impressive.

At the Gotham Cup on January

12, the Hawks had three ECAC qualifiers which included the women's 4x400m team, Michelle Losey (400m), Latasha Dickson (400m). Along with the ECAC qualifiers, Chris Vuono was an IC4A Qualifier in the 400m as well.

The following day, at Penn State, school records began to fall. Both the men's and women's 4x55m relay team now hold the school's best times. Along with records in the 4x55 for both the men and women, Brittany Gibbs and MaryKate Walsh broke the school's record for the triple jump relay. On the men's side, the duo of Nick Williams and Kyle Hirschklau broke the school's record in the shot put relay.

Following these events, school was back in session, and still the Hawks would not be sidetracked with the start of the spring semester.

On January 19th, the men's and women's team traveled to the Great Dane Classic on the Campus of Albany University.

It was here that great individual performances led to 4th place finishes for both teams. For the men, it was a 4th place finish out of 28 teams. The women, meanwhile, were competing amongst 26 teams.

"Our women's team competed well and raised their intensity in what was our most competitive meet so far this year. The men's team had some tremendous results in the throws and some other areas, but we need to get stronger in some events in a hurry," said Coach Compagni.

"For both teams to finish 4th in a meet of this size is a good sign for us."



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# SOARING to Victory



**The Hawks were victorious twice this week with wins over St. Francis (Pa) and Robert Morris. That story, plus the return of the HawkFile on page 18.**