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Learn why this English Professor decided to come teach at Monmouth.

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LAUREN BENEDETTI EDITOR IN CHIEF

AND **ALISON MCSHERRY** COPY EDITOR

The Monmouth University Police Department arrested and charged three men with possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia, and the intent to distribute on Friday, January 20, after approximately 203 grams of marijuana were found in their possession.

MU student Kevin Fell and Old Bridge resident Martin Keely were arrested and charged, while MU junior Goode, 20, of Newtonville, New Jersey was additionally charged with possession of prohibited weapons and devices after police obtained 12 rounds of .22-caliber ammunition inside a clear plastic bag that

included three jacketed, hollowpoint bullets as well as two lead bullets, according to Monmouth County court documents.

Redwood Hall roommates face criminal charges

Both students, who were roommates, were immediately suspended, and Goode was released from the Monmouth County Jail on Monday after posting \$50,000 bail.

According to the MUPD, strong smells of marijuana led to the investigation of room 316 in Redwood Hall. When asked if the students were under surveillance, Director of Public Affairs Petra Ludwig replied, "no comment," due to a pending criminal court trial.

Regardless of the weapons charge, the drug charges alone are classified as a third-degree crime, according to MU Police Chief William McElrath. "Crimes of this sort can result in sity Student Code of Conduct, a





PHOTO COURTESY of thefacebook.com

Kevin Fell and David L. Goode pictured above from their facebook profiles (left to right) were arrested and charged by the Monmouth University Police Department on January 20th at their Redwood Hall dormitory.

a fine of up to \$15,000 and three to five years in jail," said McElrath. "Ultimately, it is up to the judge to impose sentencing.'

Under the Monmouth Univer-

sanction of expulsion from the University will be given to a student if there is evidence proving

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to discuss how we wanted the camp to go because the camp was five days long," said Kara Noto.

She said, though there was a language barrier for some, the jovenes had activities planned so everyone would interact with each other and "break the ice"

"It was really fun the first time meeting them," Noto explained.

Todd Friedrich said it was important to make sure the camp was an enjoyable experience for the children attending.

"It was very important to the people putting on the camp that it be as good as it can be to give these kids the best five days that they can remember from this year, and make them enjoy it as much as possible," said Friedrich.

The other two students who attended from Monmouth University were at the undergraduate level.

Dr. Barbera said the planning for the summer camp occurred throughout the course of the year through the workshops the jovenes attended.

Friedrich said, "It was less about imposing our ideas as far as us adapting to work with them on their own ideas."

Examples of the activities at the

Students spend winter break volunteering south of the equator

Five Monmouth students travel along side fellow colleagues to volunteer at summer camp

JACQUELINE KOLOSKI NEWS EDITOR

From December 27, 2005, until January 13, 2006, five students from Monmouth University and five students from Temple University traveled to Santiago, Chile to volunteer at an Escuela Popular/ Colonia Urbana.

According to Dr. Rosemary Barbera, Assistant Professor in the Social Work department who also attended, this was the first year Monmouth University participated in this program.



"This was the twelfth year this trip has gone on. The purpose is that we partner with a community group there to work in a Colonia Urbana or a summer camp or summer school for the children in the poblacion or the shantytown. The purpose is partly partnering with this community group also getting to know Chile, getting to know people, getting to know the culture. It's multifaceted," said Barbera.

"Aside from the Colonia Urbana, we meet with human rights leaders and tour a little bit of Santiago," she added.

Erin Harris, first year MSW, Kara Noto and Todd Friedrich, both second year MSW at Monmouth University, described what they did while in Chile.

"The first day we were there was December 28, and what we did later that evening was we met with jovenes or adolescents that live in the Poblacion La Pincoya. They are about ages 14 to 20 and they were going to be the equivalent of a counselor in training and we were going to meet with them



After a win over St. Francis (Pa.) and a loss to Robert Morris the Hawks find themselves fighting for the top spot in the NEC.27



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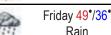
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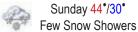














Monday 40°/31° Few Snow Showers



PHOTO COURTESY of Dr. Rosemary Barbera Children and youth from the Escuela Popular/ Colonia Urbana go into the streets to educate neighbors about the human rights of children and to invite neighbors to the closing ceremony of the Escuela.

Students intern at capital

LYNSEY WHITE STAFF WRITER

Seven Monmouth University students have been selected by the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars to participate in various internships during the Fall 2005 and Spring 2006 semester.

The Washington Center's internship partners include law, medicine, journalism, business, diplomacy, politics, education,

social welfare, the arts, and several other concentrations. The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars has given over 34,000 students from over 1,000 colleges and

universities the ability to expand their connections, leadership talents, and prepare for real world career experiences for the past 30 years.

Political Science majors and seniors Margaret Doucette, Tara Krampert, William Stryker, Eric Oldham, Antwuan Williamson, camp included arts and crafts, a theater classroom, creativity, and a sexuality education classroom

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Heather Bachman and senior communications major Alison McSherry have participated in an array of internships from working with the Department of Defense to the U.S. Coast Guard International Division.

Heather Bachman, a senior Political Science major was chosen by The Washington Center Congressional Leadership Program to partake in the White House Internship Program from January 10, 2006 through May 12, 2006. She has been allocated to The White House Office of Strategic Initiatives, in addition to attending the Congress and Public Policv Seminar held the first week of Internships continued on pg. 12

January in Washington D.C. after receiving funding from the Student Government Association.

Senior Tara Krampert, interesting in attending graduate and law school as well as pursuing a career in governmental law, is currently interning in D.C., working with the national office for the Governor of Connecticut. She is thrilled to be spending her last semester in Washington, D.C.

"It is exciting to be working in the building next to the capitol and it is a great opportunity to network myself for future career opportunities. I graduate in May

Winter Ball preview

"A Night of Enchantment" will serve as theme

LINDSEY SCHEIDEWIG CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This year's Winter Ball, themed "A Night of Enchantment," will be er, 20, "The winter ball was a fun held on February 11, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets cost \$20 for one person, \$35 for two people, \$50 for three people and \$65 for four people.

The Winter Ball is an annual formal event held in Wilson Hall that is open to all students.

night a year that all Monmouth University students have the opportunity to get all dressed up and have some place to go.

worry about finding a date. Many the RHA.

people go with friends. In fact, at least 400 students at-

According to junior, Tricia Fragnight out with my friends and the food was great. I plan on attending this year again."

Though last year's ball was quite impressive, expectations for this year's ball are very high.

"This year's winter ball should The Winter Ball is that one be better than last years. We have so many dedicated people working on this year's ball, so everyone is sure to have a fun and exciting time," stated junior Meghan In addition, you don't have to Moratelli, 20, who is president of

For example, this year's decorations will include a carriage and tended last year's ball making it a huge success. castle to correlate with the "Night of Enchantment" theme. Dinner will include appetizers, a main course, and a dessert buffet.

There will also be a live DJ as well. Tickets are currently on sale in the dining hall and student center.

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MEGHAN MORATELLI President of RHA



PHOTO COURTESY of Jeff Humbert Members of The Outlook staff pose for a picture at the Winter Ball 2005

Corrections:

In an article titled "Women's soccer team honored," the third paragraph was not a quote from the nscaa.com, but part of the report. It should have read, "The award acknowledges the women's soccer team's academic performance for the spring and fall of 2004, and is distributed yearly to women's and men's soccer teams who are able to sustain a cumulative GPA over 3.0."

In an article titled "Audio recording of Osama Bin Laden released on Al Jazeera radio," the date of the audio tape release was January 19, not January 13.

Second annual charity basketball game to be held

WESLEY CHIN STAFF WRITER

The second annual Charity Basketball game, hosted by the brothers of the Alpha Chi Rho frater- year," said Cucinotti. nity, will take place February 24 at an Gym

fice, and Mike Beson from Ocean play with the community team. Township's Board of Education.

"I was contacted by the Harlem Magic Masters in September, and they wanted to be involved this

"We also wanted to do something vocate positive youth lifestyles and that might boost community affairs a

Congressman Frank Pallone's of- Police Officers, are scheduled to

The Harlem Magic Masters team is a group of professional basketball players who participate in various charity events around the country. The entertainment team plays to ad-

MU IN THE KNOW: WEEK IN REVIEW

New video released of top al-Qaeda member Ayman Zawahiri

> NATALIE B. ANZAROUTH ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Threats of more attacks against the U.S. ensued after a video of Egyptian doctor Ayman Zawahari, a top aid for Osama bin Laden, was broadcast on al-Jazeera television on January 30, according to a January 30 report by washingtonpost.com.

In the video, Zawahiri called President George W. Bush the "butcher of Washington," and criticized the January 13 U.S. air strike that hit a Pakistani village, reportedly killing some of al Qaeda's members as well as innocent bystanders. The strike was also reportedly aimed at Zawahiri.

In al-Jazeera's translation of the video, Zawahiri asserted that the American people "are drowning in illusions," and berated the U.S. government for neglecting to track him down.

The threat follows a previous audio recording that was broadcast on al-Jazeera radio January 19, where Osama bin Laden offered a truce between America on the contingency that the U.S. government restores Afghanistan and Iraq.

Zawahiri criticized the White House for dismissing this proposal.

Alito confirmed to U.S. Supreme Court

NATALIE B. ANZAROUTH ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

In a 58 to 42 vote, Samuel A. Alito Jr. was sworn in yesterday to the U.S. Supreme Court, according to a January 31 report by nytimes.com. The 55-year-old will replace Sandra Day O'Connor.

Justice Alito had previously served as a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Alito is the second person to join the Supreme Court in the last year, after Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. took the position following the death of William H. Rehnquist.

Judge Alito is the 110th person to serve on the Supreme Court.

Judge expels Saddam, lawyers from courtroom after outburst

ALEXANDER TRUNCALE ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

ccording to the Janu-Aary 30, 2006, edition of the Washington Times, Raouf Rasheed Abdel-Rahman, the new judge in the trial of Saddam Hussein, expelled Hussein and three other codefendants and their lawyers from the courtroom for repeated outbursts during the proceedGeneral Ramsey Clark, were outraged at Abdel-Rahman's ruling, and are continuing to insist that the trial be moved out of Iraq to a neutral location.

On Tuesday, the jury heard the testimony of two women and a man on the alleged torture of Shi'ites in the town of Dujail in northern Iraq. Their identities were hidden while they testified.

After its success last year, event coordinator and Alpha Chi Rho brother Joseph Cucinotti proposed the event to raise money for charity. Last year's charity basketball game raised \$850, and donated proceeds to the St. Jude's Research Hospital in New York.

AXP adopted the School for Children, a specialized school for disabled children, as recipient of this year's charity proceeds.

The charity game

will be much different than its premiere last spring. AXP arranged for Harlem Magic Masters Enterteam comprised of local and state fun." community leaders. The team ros-

"We also wanted to do something that might boost community affairs for Monmouth University. So, we asked local officials to participate. We thought this format would bring a bigger crowd and produce more

fun."

JOSEPH CUCINOTTI

Event coordinator and member of AXP

for Monmouth University. So, we year," said Cucinotti. asked local officials to participate. We thought this format would bring tainment team to play against a a bigger crowd, and produce more

ter includes Teddy Drakeford from Children, as well as Long Branch p.m.

Last year's charity game pitted two teams of Monmouth University administrators and faculty against each other. The meeting between the teams, captained by President Paul Gaffney and Student Services Vice President Mary Anne Nagy, drew 150 people to Boylan Gym.

"We had different fan interactive games and contests for the crowd, and concessions, just like we will this

"It was a great time last year, and this year should even be better."

AXP's second annual Charity Basketball begins promptly at Teachers from the School for 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6:45

Saddam's lawyers, including former U.S. Attorney

ExxonMobil enjoys biggest profit in history

ALEXANDER TRUNCALE ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOF

merica's largest oil Acompany, ExxonMobil, announced on Monday it had posted one of the best quarterly gains in the history of any U.S. company, according to the January 30, edition of the New York Times.

The company's profits, which totaled about \$36 billion in 2005, rose 27 percent in the fourth quarter. According to the report, politicians in Washington have raised serious questions about oil company's profits and fears

of gauging consumers have already started to surface on Capitol Hill.

On Monday, the company dismissed gouging claims, and said that it was working on exploring new areas. ExxonMobil explained that they are working on refining techniques to better meet the world's rising demand for oil.

This comes just a week after a report concerning a fourth quarter decrease in oil production was released.

Guitarist Jason LeVasseur performs at Java City Cafe

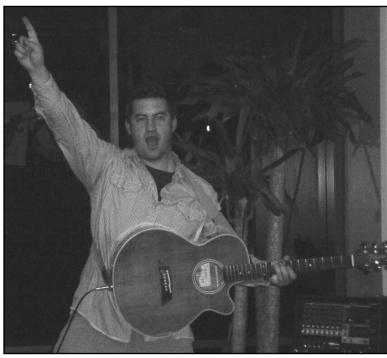


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Jason LeVasseur performed for Monmouth University students on Thursday, January 26 at Java City Cafe.

NICOLE STEVENS STAFF WRITER

tarist Jason LeVasseur visited one point, LeVasseur claimed Monmouth University's Java he wrote the breakup song "Roll City Café Thursday, January 26, On, Roll On" after his relationbringing his musical talent to ship with Jennifer Garner ended. the coffeehouse's small stage.

With a collection of songs ranging in variety from upbeat pop to melancholy blues, the North Carolinabased performer is currently on a nationwide tour promoting his newest album, Driver is the DJ.

Love and friendship are the prevalent themes of his songs. "Not Your

phone," meanwhile, is about a ground. new love. "Eagle," a song about friendship, is featured in an LeVassuer HBO movie called The Brutal Truth.

In addition to musical ability, LeVasseur displayed a unique sense of humor throughout the Singer, songwriter and gui- show, making several jokes. At He also kidded with members of the audience,

"Jason LeVasseur and mented on was entertaining. the "packed" café, which His songs were nice contained to listen to, and he no more than 10 students would make the at any time. audience laugh and LeVasseur's "stage involve them." dive" another in-**MEGHAN SHAW**

teresting Freshman aspect the evening,

Hero Anymore," for example, is mainly because the café's stage a song about a lost love. "Mega- is barely a half-foot off of the

Not the least bit camera-shy, enthusiastically posed for pictures, and was more than happy to perform for

the Hawk TV camera crew. LeVasseur also added comic flavor to his songs. In the middle of his version of Christina Aguilera's "Beautiful," for example, he threw in a chorus of Kelis' "Milkshake," with the line, "My milkshake brings all the boys to the yard," resulting in a burst of laughter from the audience

Another of his medleys consisted of songs by Jessica Simpson, Avril Lavigne, Outkast, and TLC. LeVasseur's performance of TLC's "No Scrubs" drew big laughs, especially when he bobbed his head during the chorus.

Monmouth students who attended LeVasseur's show agreed that the artist was both interesting and fun to watch. Freshman Meghan Shaw, a marine biology major, said she enjoyed the show. "Jason LeVasseur was entertaining," Shaw said. "His songs were nice to listen to, and he would make the audience laugh and involve them."

Freshman Matt Stoessel, a chemistry and education major, is an avid European heavy metal fan, a genre of music which could not be further from LeVasseur's. However, even he says he was glad he came to the show, noting that it "broadened his horizons."

LeVasseur closed his performance with his own rendition of the classic "Time After Time." He did not forget to make a final shout-out before the show ended. "I love you all," LeVasseur said before putting away his microphone for the evening and continuing on the way to his next show.

Let's hope the next stop on his tour provides him with a more adequate stage for his inevitable "stage dive."

Museum display featured Chinese artifacts

LINDSEY SCHEIDEWIG CONTRIBUTING WRITER

go to the student center daily to women to have their feet bound meet up with friends, use the to make them smaller. The small computer lab, or get some food. foot, known as the "lotus foot,"

students were offered a taste of as a status symbol. history, with a display case of a student center.

ditional forms of clothing. One to be modeled after the native object was a young boy's hat, dogs of China, and were made to tiger. In addition, there were two heard about from the Buddhists. pairs of red children's shoes with Carved Fu Dogs are often found written in the display, both the palaces, emperor's tombs, imporcolor red and lions are signs of tant official buildings, and gates. good luck in Chinese clothing.

flowers and dragonflies.

by a woman who had her feet herbal medicine and cooking. bound. A photograph shows exthey have been bound. As seen the student center.

in the display, and according to wikipedia.org, in Ancient China, Monmouth University students it was considered desirable for Most recently, Monmouth was considered beautiful, as well

There were also two small variey of authentic Chinese arti- statues of Fu Dogs made out of facts located in the front of the glazed china. As written in the display, and according to wikipe-The display featured many tra- dia.org, Fu dogs are considered made to look like the face of the represent the lions that they have faces of a lion on the toes. As in front of the Chinese imperial

The bottom shelf of the display In the background of the dis- contains a teapot with matchplay was a black brocade jacket. ing cups and a traveling basket. The brocade featured designs of Tea was very important in Ancient China since it is consumed Another artifact was a tiny regularly and was a considered a pair of women's shoes, worn necessity. Teas are even used in

You can check out this unique actly what the feet look like after display during your next visit of





Five levels of advanced



PHOTO BY Nicole Stevens

Jason LeVasseur is currently on the road promoting his latest album entitled Driver is the DJ.



Meet MU: English Professor Dr. Lisa Vetere Dr. Vetere brings a fresh outlook to Monmouth University

DAN ROTH STAFF WRITER

When you walk into class, the first thing you notice is the woman standing in front of the room. She is about 5-foot-3, with brown eyes, black hair, a thin, muscular build, and a warm smile. At first glance, one might think she's a student. After all, you have never seen her before. As you sit down awaiting your English Literature class, you realize she is still standing. Then she begins to talk. The woman who is standing is the teacher, Dr. Vetere.

Dr. Vetere came to Monmouth this year after living and working as a visiting professor at the University of Southern Mississippi, a stone's throw from New Orleans. She decided to come here for a variety of reasons. First of all, it was closer to her family and friends, who still live in her hometown of Merrick, Long Island. It also offered her the chance to have a tenure-track job.

Dr. Vetere is a unique professor that has an eclectic sensibility and teaching style. She describes her style as "informal, but intellectually rigorous and demanding." She developed this style over time with imitations of some of her favorite professors as a guide.

If there is one thing she believes students should know upon signing up for her class, it is to keep up with the readings. She is a very interactive and personable teacher, and this interaction is what she finds as the best part of the job.

Dr. Vetere is that she prides herself on being able to teach a student that does not want to learn. It is her belief that a good teacher can get through to any student so that they get something out of the class.



PHOTO BY Dan Roth

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Dr. Lisa Vetere, an English professor, became a member of the Monmouth University community this past year. She previously served the role as visiting professor at the University of Southern Mississippi.

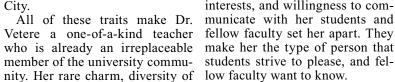
When not in class, Dr. Vetere enjoys watching movies and lishas just as many unique and endearing qualities.

After spending part of her life One of the unique things about in Merrick, Long Island, she spent considerable time in Pennsylvania and received her bachelor's degree from Lehigh University. Currently, she is living in an "oversized" location in Long

genre of movies is drama; however, her favorite movie is sports classic "Bull Durham." Her favorite band is Dar Williams, while her favorite song is "Eyes of the World" by legendary rock band The Grateful Dead.

Dr. Vetere also enjoys going through used book stores such as In her little bit of spare time, she The Strand, located in New York

tening to folk music. Her favorite



interests, and willingness to com-All of these traits make Dr. municate with her students and Vetere a one-of-a-kind teacher fellow faculty set her apart. They who is already an irreplaceable make her the type of person that

14 things you never would have guessed about Dr. Vetere

Favorite food: Chocolate

Favorite Vacation Destination: Adirondack Mountains in Upstate New York

Dream Vacation Destination: Northern Italy

Favorite Car: Green Volkswagen Convertible

Favorite Sport to Play: Softball

Favorite Sports to Watch: Baseball and Football

Favorite Sports Teams: New York Yankees and Dallas Cowboys

Biggest Influence: Dr. Bulger, an English professor at Siena College

Favorite Quote: "You need to be the change that you want to see in the world" ~ Ghandi

If she wasn't a teacher, she would be: a political or social activist or a tour guide in Paris

Would Love To: Learn how to play the guitar

Notable Achievements: Getting her Ph.D. and finishing the Philadelphia Marathon

Favorite Guilty Pleasure: Listening to Tony Orlando and Dawn (was in his fan club in first grade)

Claim to Fame: Went to High School with Deborah Gibson (sang at her high school prom)

Dr. Vetere has been teaching full time since 1991

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Spring break on a budget

Find out the best ways to save your money while planning your trip

LAUREN NAPOLITANO FEATURES EDITOR

It's that time of year when the days slowly grow longer and the sun shines a little more brightly. Going to class gets more difficult as images of the beach and light availability of lodging and airfare weight clothing dance through your mind. Just the thought of two small words causes agitation as you sit through class and fight your friends will be grateful to through exams, thinking, "I need a vacation!'

These two small words draw big smiles and feelings of anticipation every year in college students. We plan, save, and long for that time in March when we can let loose and forget all of our inhibitions.

For those of you who haven't caught on to what this heavenly bliss is that I am talking about, brace yourselves for I am about to say two words that will leave you squirming in your seat: spring break.

The holidays are over and we are itching for the spring. No more chilly weather, bring on the sun!

Even though we just started this semester and spring break seems like an eternity away, it's never too early to start planning your trip. Here are some great ways to save money when planning your vacation, leaving you with extra cash in your pocket for shopping, restaurants, and, of course, partying!

1. Shop around

According to the University Credit Union's Web site, you should not be persuaded by the first spring break travel package, Web site, or brochure offer you find.

No matter where you're headed, ask for student discounts for air/ hotel packages as well as at rental car agencies, hotels, and sightseeing attractions. If a hotel doesn't than the alternative.

offer a student discount, ask for a group discount, which is often offered if you rent a few rooms.

Resist the pressure to "act now" if you feel time is running out. Companies may push you to make quick decisions because constantly changes, but reputable companies help you avoid making rash decisions. In addition, rather than your car, do not rent you for doing your homework and guaranteeing that you aren't being scammed.

2. Become street smart

Common sense can take you a long way, especially when booking a vacation. It is important to learn how to talk to people and finesse your way to the best deal possible.

You may find a great deal, like an inexpensive group traveling deal that includes airfare, hotel, and airport transfers, but you should be weary. Scrutinize the details, and you won't be fooled into paying hidden costs like extra fees for maid service.

3. Travel by car

If you are going somewhere within reasonable driving distance, drive! Why pay extra monev for a plane ticket? Think about it. You can use that saved money at the bars after your arrival.

I know driving takes much longer to get to your destination, but just think: road trip! The drive alone can create memories you can carry with you for years to come.

4. Rental properties

Consider renting a condo or cabin instead of staying at a hotel. Your rental accommodations will most likely be larger and cheaper

If you decide to go this route, you can also save loads by bringing your own food and drink. Dining out can be pricey, so bring a cooler and load it up with your favorite snacks and delicacies.

5. Public transportation

If you opt for taking a plane a car while you're there. Instead, use public transportation. It's costefficient, and you won't have to worry about driving back to your hotel after a night of partying.

You can contact your destination's local chamber of commerce and ask for a public transportation schedule ahead of time to help you



Taking a road trip can be more fun than vacationing at your chosen destination. If you choose to go in this direction, don't forget to embrace the scenery and take lots of pictures!

Additional Tips

Before you leave...

- Lock all the doors and windows to your off-campus house or residence hall.

- If you and your roommate(s) usually leave an emergency key under the door mat or in the shrubs, make sure you remove it.

- Any belongings laying around the exterior of your house or residence hall should be put away and locked up indoors.

- If you know your neighbors well enough, ask if they don't mind keeping an eye on your house. In return, offer them any services you may be able to provide to them when you return from your trip.

At the Hotel...

- Most hotels have safe boxes in the rooms. Keep all your valuables and cash stashed away when you leave the room.

- Slather on the sunscreen to avoid sunburn. According to the Cancer Prevention and Control website, the hours between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. are the most hazardous for UV exposure in the U.S. Remember, even if you experience cloudy days on your trip you still will be exposed to UV rays. The recommended usage is a sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15.

Away from your room...

- After you have placed all your valuable belongings in the safe, remember to lock it when you leave your room. - Use the buddy system! Always stay with someone wherever you go, whether it's inside the hotel, on the beach, or on the outskirts of the premise.

- Make sure everyone is aware of the itinerary and, if your group separates, know where everyone is at all times.



Alcohol and Injury

· During spring break, the av- hibitions Beach Town Pays Bill erage male reported drinking 18 with Bacchanalia of Booze, Booty averaging about 25 arrests a day drinks per day, and the average Dances," by Gregg Zoroya, April since March 9, the start of Texas

Spring break facts

'00 No Cares, No Parents, No In- 2001

· "So far, officers have been



woman reported 10 drinks per day. More than half of all men and more than 40 percent of all women drank until they became sick or passed out at least once.

Health

Young Americans have suffered injury or even death from automobile accidents, drowning, and falls, in addition to other mishaps, during spring break. While these accidents are sometimes chance occurrences, many are caused by alcohol or drug abuse.

U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Travel Safety Information for Students

Physicians see the effects of intoxication at three to five times the legal limit: injuries from highspeed car and Jet Ski accidents, pumped stomachs, broken legs and spinal compressions from balcony falls, and, maybe once a day, date rape.

– ÚSA Today, "Spring Break

5, 2000.

· Alcohol is a fatal attraction for teens. It is implicated in the three major causes of death of children – Journal of American College and teens in this country, which are homicide, suicide, and accidents, like alcohol poisoning.

Joseph Califano, "American Morning with Paula Zahn," February 26, 2002

Crime and Law Enforcement

· Detailed police records reviewed by the Sun-Sentinel shed light on last year's spike in sexual battery reports at the beachfront: They came mostly during latenight Spring Break and summer partying. Many were reported from Club Atlantis, a beachfront bar that has been at the center of the city's policing efforts.

Los Angeles Times, "Cancun Rethinks Its Role as a Mecca for Los Spring Breakers," March 11,

Week, the majority for public intoxication. The Town of South Padre collects more than \$83,000 in fines in March, nearly all of them disposed of without protest, by credit card, from students who have long departed. There are 18 cheery signs posted throughout the island reminding kids that the South Padre Island Police accepts all major credit cards. 'Don't get caught without them,' the signs read."

- Austin American Statesmen, "Temptation Island Takes Credit Cards; Spring Break Brings Debauchery," March 17, 2001

· Each year during spring break, more than 2,500 American citizens are arrested abroad.

- U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Travel Safety Information for Students

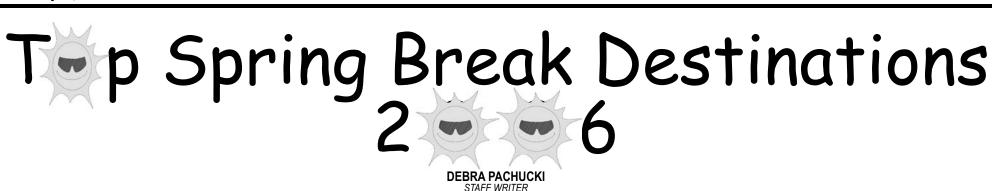
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Municipal Judge David Colwell of South Padre Island has

collected some of the memorable anecdotes from the past nine years, in a self-published book, "Spring Break: A Judge's View From the Bench." Most have to do with public intoxication, and the ridiculous excuses defendants give. He tries to keep things light in the courtroom and states, "My primary rule is if I have to sit up there all day, by God, they have an obligation to entertain me."



So far this winter, Mother Nature has been relatively kind to us. But we still have two more months of potentially miserable weather conditions to go (not to mention midterms, papers, and 8:30 a.m. classes).

So why not start planning for spring break now? You'll thank yourself in the middle of March, when your sipping mixed drinks in 80 degree weather while everyone else is still freezing to death in their dorms.

With so many places to go, how can you and your friends narrow it down to one choice? Start with the following list, which includes the hottest spring break locations of 2006, according to Travel.com and About.com. We've even included a few suggestions from AskMen.com, as no spring break destination list would be complete without mentioning a few potential Girls Gone Wild locations. Don't worry, we won't tell your parents.

The Bahamas-

• Freeport: Freeport is located on the Grand Bahama Island, and is quickly becoming a favorite spot for spring breakers. It's considered one of the most modern, luxurious and happening places among the Bahama Islands, while still being one of the best tropical beach locations you could ever ask for.

• Nassau: Nassau has been a longtime favorite Bahamas destination for spring breakers around the country. The nightlife never stops; with tons of casinos, night cruises, theme parties, clubs, and spring break contests, you're guaranteed to party until the break of dawn.



Mexico-

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• Cancun: Consider Cancun an oldie but goodie. This island was one of the first to cater specifically to spring breakers, and they still do it better than anywhere else. There is no closing time for any of the world-famous clubs and bars, and the nonstop party action extends all throughout the day. Also, Cancun's resorts are among the most beautiful and luxurious in all of Mexico.

• Cabo San Lucas: This new spring break hot spot also happens to be a favorite among celebrities. It offers vacationers a wide variety of shopping, dining, nightlife, and some of the most exotic white sand beaches in all of Mexico.

• Puerto Vallarta: This destination stands out to students as one of the best for watersports and other beach activities. It also offers a great nightlife, with countless clubs that feature nonstop party action. The Weather in Puerto Vallarta is perfect in March: temperatures range between 75 and 82 degrees.

• Mazatlan: Mazatlan is considered the "Pearl of the Pacific," due to its renowned exotic beauty. While the nightlife hardly compares to that of Cancun, this Mexican destination has become a popular choice among students in '06 due to its one of a kind paradise vacation experience.

Jamaica

• Montego Bay: Montego Bay offers spring breakers a balanced combination of fast-paced nightlife and breathtaking scenery. It is the island's second largest city, and is the island's tourist capital. Although it's not as luxurious as some of Mexico's hot spots, Montego Bay offers tourists an authentic Caribbean vacation to be remembered for a lifetime.

• Negril: Negril has become one of this year's top spring break locations due to its 24/7 party atmosphere. Rumors also have it that MTV will be hosting some of its infamous spring break events and parties here this year.



Florida

• Key West: Key West is by far the most laid-back party island that Florida has to offer. The weather is gorgeous, the beaches and scenery are beautiful, and Duval Street features dozens of bars and nightclubs that'll keep you going all night long. In fact, spring break never really starts or stops; in Key West, it's an eternal state of being.

• Panama City: Located on the Gulf Coast, Panama City's major appeal lies in its unique beach clubs that occupy about 27 miles of white, glistening sand. But the main reason why it is officially 2006's top spring break destination of the year is due to its larger-than-life after hours venues. Club La Vela, the area's most popular venue, features 27 different theme rooms, meaning a different party experience in each and every one. Expect to see MTV here as well.

• Daytona Beach: This part of Florida is best known for its watersports and beach activities, and is popular among college students because of how inexpensive it is. The nightlife is nothing to complain about, although it isn't quite as wild as other destinations.

Texas

• South Padre Island: Only 25 miles off the coast of Mexico, this spring break hot spot offers much of Mexico's exotic island landscapes to breakers who'd prefer to stay within domestic boarders this year. South Padre Island features much of the same nightlife as its Mexican counterparts, making this island a great place to let loose and party.

Nevada

• Las Vegas: This tried and true spring break hotspot is once again one of the most popular spring break destinations, and of course, it's all due to The Strip. You'll find debauchery in its truest form, including but not limited to: gambling, strippers, drinking and of course, the many infamous 24 hour wedding chapels. Remember, what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas.



Arizona

• Lake Havasu: Although this destination is different from the typical spring break locations, party-bound college students flock to it come March nonetheless. A great change of pace for those who've already done the tropical island thing, Lake Havasu features camping and sporting activities like you've never seen them before...spring break style!

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The truth about college students

Editorial

LAUREN BENEDETTI EDITOR IN CHIE

The news is out - according to a study funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts more than half of students who attend four-year colleges and at least 75 percent who attend two-year colleges lack the literacy to manage difficult, "real-life" tasks like understanding credit card offers.

The survey examined college students nearing the end of their college career, the same people who will be in the work force within the next few months. Scared yet?

The study also revealed that many college students cannot interpret a table about exercise and blood pressure, understand the arguments of a newspaper editorial (guess I already lost some readers) and compare credit cards offers with different interest rates.

The study tested three types of literacy: analyzing news stories and other text, understanding documents and having math skills needed for checkbooks and restaurant tips.

According to the Associated Press on January 20, "Most students at community colleges and four-year schools showed intermediate skills." In other words, we can do moderately challenging tasks, such as "identifying a location on a map.'

Well that's good news at least we know where we're going - too bad we'll screw it up when we get there. But again on a brighter note, it was also noted that the average literacy of college students is significantly higher than that of adults across the nation. And we have superior skills in searching and using information

I think they're telling us we should likely to stay. continue to do research for the rest of our lives. And here comes the bad news, we did the worst on one math course in my college camatters involving math. The end is near - we have lost the ability to do simple mathematical equations. The nation is in debt now, wait until we put some of our college graduates in office.

Of course there are two sides to this story; we're good at other things. I'm sure that most of our parents and their parents couldn't operate a computer like we can, which of course is beneficial in this time and age. But maybe we're depending on this resource all too often when trying to obtain answers that a page away in a real estate broker, or a nurse. But a book at the library or by crunching numbers in our head.

I remember when I was younger watching my grandmother balance her checkbook. When she performed this task she would record numbers on paper and figure out the equations from there. I always asked her why not use a calculator and she swore she was faster and smarter than any calculator I used. This is a trade we've lost over time and one I'm afraid we won't see ever again.

This brings me to yesterday when needed to check the infamous checking account. My answer to the solution was sign online to my personal account and see what funds were left... if any. After 15 minutes of trying to remember my username and password I finally signed online, I bet it would have been a lot easier to just have opened the check book and view the balance information there. That would mean taking a representative sample of 1,827 stu-60 seconds to balance my money everyday. My mathematical lazifrom texts and documents. Perfect, ness set in a long time ago and it's plus or minus 3 percentage points.

By: CHRIS NEITA

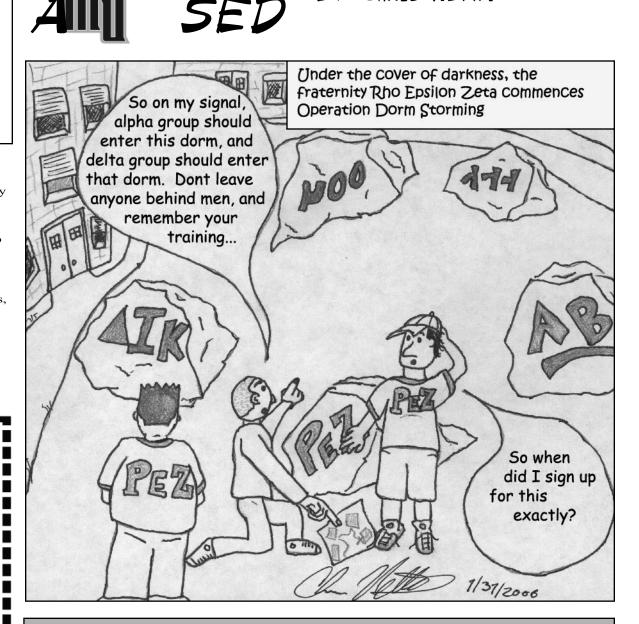
Being a communication major it was only necessary for me to take reer. I always said I shouldn't have even had to take that one course. I think I have changed my mind, it would be nerve wracking to see how considerably low my mathematical scores are today compared to when I took the SATs five years ago. I'd be lucky if I remembered some of the shapes from geometry.

Where are we going? What exactly do we know that's going to help us get through life? We obviously have the skills needed to find a job as a financial advisor, an English teacher, can these same people do their own taxes? Maybe one or two, but those two are more than likely the ones who wouldn't "identify a location on a map.'

In order to solve a problem like this one, states need to test college students on a regular basis and find out what skills are being lost and need to be improved. People in other parts of the world are gaining knowledge in areas that we have lost them in, and before we know it we'll be losing more and more jobs to them as well.

Even worse, one day when we're parents we'll be reading articles about our very own college students who no longer know how to read an analog clock. Sounds funny, but who would have thought we would have given up on math?

This 2004 survey was funded by Pew Charitable Trusts and given to dents at public and private schools. It has a margin of sampling error of



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Top 10 response Letters to the Editor

ED OCCHIPINTI SPORTS EDITOR

In response to last week's op/ed which detailed the *Top 10 reasons why Monmouth isn't a real college*, I felt compelled to write something refuting the claim that our university is not "real." I will preface my response, which will singleout every one of the author's claims, by saying that I am aware that Monmouth University is not perfect by any means. I do not carry the flag for anyone or any institution, but I am the first to be fair when assessing something. That being said, to my list:

1. Many schools have the "problem" of having too many commuters, but since when has having students who attend the school, but don't live on campus, considered a "problem?" A problem on this campus is parking, not commuter students. The Commuter Club is not more productive than the Student Activities Board. And to address the last point here, Charlie Murphy happens to be a key figure on one of the funniest comedy shows in television history.

2. I have been to many a party in my Monmouth career, and yes, they do get broken up by police too often. But, at what college does this not happen? Have you been to a school where the kids run wild without fear of having a party interrupted by police? If so, please tell me where it is, and I will transfer there tomorrow.

3. This one, dealing with attendance, is hilarious. We pay \$581 per credit here, why wouldn't you attend class? If not, someone is paying too much, be it you or your parents, for you to not care and skip class. Why wouldn't you attend class?

4. The fact that half-price appetizers, which we have all enjoyed, is the highlight of your day speaks volumes. Maybe you could get a job, or attend a basketball game (which I will tackle later as well), or go to the gym. Check your Hawkmail e-mail account sometime, the school sends out a calendar of events all the time.

5. On campus partying, a tricky subject. It's fair to say that since parties get broken up off-campus that the only place left is on-campus. However, what would lead you to believe that partying on-campus should be easier than off? And asking for leniency is classic. Good idea. Why not stop punishing people who cheat on tests too? Not holding people responsible for their actions is something that got us in trouble as a nation, and you can be sure that not holding student's responsible for what they do is just as slippery a slope.

6. The 700 "Building" you infer is not a real building by placing the word in quotation marks. Last time I looked, it is a building. And also, the quality of a structure means nothing compared to what is learned inside of it. You can be in the nicest building in the world, but if you don't pay attention to the class, what do you get out of it?

7. You're so right about Wilson Hall. We are wrong to use our distinguishing landmark to our advantage. What was the school thinking? There are new buildings popping up all over campus. Have you seen the Jules Plangere Center for Communication, or McAllan Hall?

8. How dare you say anything bad about Boylan Gym or the atmosphere at the games. That gym has housed so many miracles and memories for so many people throughout the years. Monmouth's men's basketball team routinely leads or is the near the top of the Northeast Conference in home attendance, and that home court advantage has helped the team out many times, including long before you got here.

Dear Editor,

I'm writing in response to Kevin Cuneo's injudicious opinion article in the January 25th issue. Mr. Cuneo's grievances about Monmouth's commuters, parties, policies, and structures hardly merit intelligent response. However, something about his egregious grammatical errors and basic lack of erudition makes me want to defend poor Monmouth University.

All it takes to be a "real" college is to charge tuition; Monmouth has at least that down. When Mr. Cuneo graduates, if he does, my guess is his complaints about college life—a kind of life which couldn't be easier compared to real life—will decrease in proportion to his outrage of paying back his student loans. This assumes that Mr. Cuneo is even funding his studies here.

Most of Mr. Cuneo's points are ill-taken. Monmouth is a fine institution. Above the designation of a mere "college," this university offers so much to be taken for full advantage. A brand new library, idyllic settings, five minutes from the beach; most of the greatness Monmouth offers is taken for granted by the same students who like to spread negative press about it. The reason Monmouth mentions "Annie" being filmed at Wilson Hall is, presumably, because high school seniors of the ilk of a slightly younger Mr. Cuneo have a better chance of recognizing a trivial popular culture reference than appreciating the one-time residence of our twenty-eighth President.

As far as attendance is concerned, perhaps Mr. Cuneo's parents would like to know why it is "a chore" to be "forced" to attend class. I don't recall college enrollment being mandatory in the United States. Mr. Cuneo chose to attend, thus choosing to accept the rules and procedures of the University. Further, 8:30 A.M. is not early (high school is earlier) and maybe it wouldn't feel so bad if Mr. Cuneo wasn't up all night enjoying half-price appetizers at Applebee's.

Perhaps Monmouth's greatest fault is the lamentably simple application for admission that Mr. Cuneo attacks first. After all, it allowed him, devoid of any real argumentative skills, to enter.

Rich Angelo Graduate Student

To the author of "Ten reasons why Monmouth is not a real college":

We think what you said as an MU student was just a little meanspirited, just a little bit! You minimized the accomplishments and *The Outlook* of those who have come before you; and you weakened *The Outlook* of those who face the future with you.

Also as an MU student, you "nailed the thesis" on your own door!

Sincerely, Janis Palumbo, Human Resources Olga Davis, Student Services



"I don't see how you can be a partner in peace if you advocate the destruction of a country as part of your platform."

> President George Bush (1946-)

"Conquering others takes force, conquering yourself is true strength."

> Lao-tzu (c.604-c.531BC)

"I have realized that the past and future are real illusions, that they exist in the present, which is what there is and all there is."

Alan Watts (1915-1973)

"The measure of a man's real character is what he would do if he knew he never would be found out."

Thomas Babington Macaulay (1800-1859)

"The little girl had the making of a poet in her who, being told to be sure of her meaning before she spoke, said, "How can I know what I think till I see what I say?"

> Graham Wallas (1858-1932)

"The use of traveling is to regulate imagination by reality, and instead of thinking how things may be, to see them as they are."

> Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)

"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away."

Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862)

"To be nobody but yourself in a world which is doing its best to, night and day, to make you everybody elsemeans to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight; and never stop fighting.

9. It is true; we once called ourselves "The Intellectual Center of the Jersey Shore." That was a bad idea, and not for the obvious reason. It was bad because Monmouth's impact is felt far beyond the Jersey Shore, its felt nation and worldwide. That moniker was limiting, and this school should not and does not limit the potential of anything involved with it.

10. Since you didn't add a tenth one, I will use this as my conclusion. College is all about being self-motivated. In the real world, no one is going to encourage you to do anything, you have to take initiative and do it yourself. Our society has helped turn people lethargic and whiny, a dangerous combination. It's one thing to not get involved, but it's another to assign blame for reasons why not. Last week's editorial was a case study in that. One shouldn't blame the University because for not getting involved in any activities or clubs. Why not get off the couch and get involved? Oh yeah, and Monmouth is a university, not a college.

Top 10 reasons why I stay at Monmouth

KEVIN CUNEO CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Last week I wrote the, "Top 10 Reasons Why Monmouth isn't a Real College," and while I stand by my diatribe, I also feel there is a need for further explanation. "Why do you stay here if you hate it so much?" asked a fellow student. Simple, I stay here because I do in fact like it here. I feel that one

can't simply stand stagnant and ignore the problems before them. Imagine a world where no one ever questioned the status quo, where no one ever strived to better their environment. I like Monmouth, but in Monmouth I see the potential for more.

This is a great place but it can surely be more.

As I said before, I attend Monmouth because I like Monmouth but more specifically... The Top Ten Reasons I Still Attend Monmouth University:

1. I have the ability to freely express my opinion without the fear of ostracism. It speaks to the mission of the school, to educate, and while building is spelled wrong on a permanent sign, it won't be (if the faculty has anything to say about it) in students' papers.

2. I understand the value of being educated in what is, hypothetically, the most educated state in the nation. To be surrounded by others who keep

education as an ideal is invaluable. Last weeks number 10 was, "Lets be honest, this is Monmouth, no one made it to 10, so I won't bother," but I would bet that if this institution were in another state I'd have had to stop at seven.

3. The administration at Monmouth is taking steps toward improving the facilities of the school and while there is a staunch opposition to their proposals, the effort is continual. It seems unlikely that the MAC or the new dormitory will be built in my time here, but it's clear that that's not the fault of President Gaffney and his constituency.

4. Yes, half price appetizers is, more often than not, the highlight of my day, but hey, them wings sure are tasty.

5. I like the fact that there is room to improve. I like that the school is nice but can (and rather quickly) become something greater.

6. The faculty is well established and is either extremely knowledgeable or experienced or both. If the goal of college is to prepare for one's future then the opportunity to do so is present (at least in those departments with which I'm associated. I won't speak on that which I do not know).

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E.E. Cummings (1894-1962)

"Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing had happened."

> Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

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BY SUZANNE GUARINO

The President's recent use of wire-tapping for national security purposes has outraged many Americans and even caused some to want him impeached. Others feel it's crucial for security in a time of war. "How does this make you feel?"



Steve freshman "I feel what he's doing is unconstitutional without warrants. Theres a right to privacy and I feel that the government has no right to infringe on my rights whether in a time of war or peace."



Dan super senior "It's either a good bad idea or a bad good idea. Regardless, it's nothing more than an invasion of privacy."



Annette junior "I think it's an invasion of privacy because you have to go through the judicial system to get approval for the wire taps. Our government's system of checks and balances is off."



First does not always mean last *How your first relationship affects the way you approach the rest*

ERIN LUCAS STAFF WRITER

There is a cliché saying "you will always love your first love". Being one of those people for a long time I think I may have went out of my way to make sure I still loved my ex-boyfriend. Why? I don't exactly know, maybe it gave me the little piece of him I had to hold onto. Thankfully, I came to my senses and began to realize how all of that ex baggage is and was really a bunch of garbage. In my case, I finally know I will not always love my ex-boyfriend but I will always be learning from him.

As I look around at my close knit circle of friends I see how much we have all grown since freshman year. At the same time however, I realize the long period of time it took some of us. At this present day and time, fortunately, none of us are still involved in the relationships we came to Monmouth with. Being those relationships were our first experiences dealing with love, one would think they would be good. Mostly though, they left us hurt, caused us problems in future relationships, and more than anything burned our ability to trust.

As a relationship is about to crash and burn many of us try to hold on, not aware of the impact the crash will have on us because the longer you hold on, the harder it's going to be. I say this because I held on for a long time, and not even the strongest of safety padding could have lessened the brunt of it for me. A lot of us might hold on because of numerous things we have gone through with your significant other. Yet, just because you've been through a lot with someone doesn't necessarily mean you should stay with them. Also, when you take into account the people in your life who are lucky enough to have your love, think about what they give you. Are the people you love one's who make you cry yourself to sleep or make you feel bad about yourself?

No one could set a time limit for a person to move on after a breakup, but when they do it could be somewhat scary. Post breakup a person is now introduced to being single again and thrown into a world where things may be new and unexpected. You may hate that person but at the same time still love them so much, leaving you confused, not knowing what to do. Some people may throw themselves into work or school to dull the pain and eventually begin to heal. On the other hand, others may throw themselves into how you feel, you don't care about someone and tell them to come back in five months when the timing might be a little bit better for your schedule. And although your ex boyfriend or girlfriend is in the past, in reality, they are right there in your present, at the expense

Sooner or later we all have a breaking point and realize that as much as we have to offer it simply is not enough...Yet, you try not to loose hope that one day; one person will give us what we deserve, not because they have to, but simply because they want to.

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going out with their single friends drinking, possibly doing things out of character, basically anything just to stay numb and not feel the pain. These people might swear to themselves that single life is the way to be from now on, convincing themselves that being alone is better. Because by being

alone there is no chance of getting hurt, and sure if you never let your guard down, you'll never get hurt, but will you ever experience true happiness?

So in becoming one of these people I wonder how far a person could take it even if they have something great in front of

their face. After a breakup many seem to make certain rules and conditions to abide by, examples being, "I'm going to be single for just a year, I won't let it get serious, I'll only do what I want to do, or I don't care about him or her, I'm fine alone." Problem is, you can't control who you meet and of you and the person who cares about you. A person may refuse to trust this new person because they are convinced that although things are great now, they to will turn into their ex and hurt them. Thinking about that I wonder how much should a person have to pay for the acts of someone they don't

> even know, and how long will they put up with it?

As you get closer with somebody, there comes a point when you are either going to let them in completely or choose to keep them a safe distance from you. So when a person is still concentrating on the past and scared

what is the other one to do? Some may say as much they could but what happens when that still isn't enough? You could let them know how much you care, promise you have no tricks up your sleeve, and when there is no more words, you could be patient. Yet, after awhile, as much as you really do care, you may grow tired and need some sort of promise made to you. However, when you don't get that, some of can't help but wonder how much any of it meant to the other person. As much as it may hurt you, at least you could say you gave it a shot, you let yourself be vulnerable, and maybe for the first time in awhile, were honest with yourself about your feelings. You can care about someone and let them know, and even if those feelings are reciprocated it's not always so simple. Even the heaviest of sledge hammers can't break down some people's walls and eventually, if you keep on swinging, your arms are going to get tired.

Sooner or later we all have a breaking point and realize that as much as we have to offer it simply is not enough. I know some of us wish this person would change or do something but we come to learn that in most cases they will not. Yet, you try not to loose hope that one day; one person will give us what we deserve, not because they have to, but simply because they want to.

Each of us as individuals has a conscience choice to live in the past or dive into a future full of new opportunities and relationships. And when you do meet someone who can make you forget about the bad things, or the past, even for just one second, and you find yourself having a good time, why keep making excuses? The past didn't make it to your future for a reason, so leave it where it belongs. As time goes by you learn more about yourself and learn to let the people who truly care about you in. Day by day you learn to let the past go and realize how silly it is to not care about someone who is in your future now, because of someone back in your past. There is a quote "I'll show you mine if you show me your's first, let's compare scars I'll tell you whose is worse. Let's unwrite these pages and replace them with our own words." Point is, we all have scars and we all have a past, some worse than others, but we've all been there before. So, when you get the chance to wipe your slate clean and start over with someone, focus on making something new in the present, not in the past.

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Gore and Dick Cheney, and later were all that vital. However in pretty much the highest crin

Andrew sophomore "I compare Bush to Nixon in that they both had very secretive, imperial administrations and hated being wrong to the point of making stuff up to prove themselves right."



Stefanie senior "Honestly, I think it's necessary now because he has screwed up so bad." CONTRIBUTING WRITER

FBI analyst Leandro Aragoncillo was recently charged with disclosing classified information to officials part of the Philippine Government. Though not charged with espionage (which has a maximum penalty of death), he was officially arrested for conspiring to reveal government secrets, acting as a foreign agent and improperly using FBI computers, which has a sentencing of up to twenty-five years. A non-disclosed Philippine investigator allegedly caught Aragoncillo with evidence, leading Washington in an investigation on the matter in trying to find out exactly who he shared the stolen information with.

Aragoncillo became a U.S. citizen in 1991 before serving twenty-one years in the Marines and worked at the White House as security for Vice Presidents Al joining the FBI in 2002 as a civilian intelligence analyst at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

Former FBI president Joseph Estrada said Wednesday (1/18/06) that "His only fault was for being overly concerned about his relatives and fellow Filipinos...Even if he was already at the FBI and a naturalized American, he still has a Filipino heart." Estrada acknowledged receiving emails from Aragoncillo last year.

Does this scare anyone else? A former head of the FBI said to the Associated Press that it was OK for an American to share classified secrets to a foreign government. Either there's a draft, or I just felt the winds of change, and they're feeling mighty cold.

The thought of Aragoncillo being acquitted of a treasonous crime that could be proven blatant, sends shivers up my spine. Now the fact is that no one believes the secrets he shared with his friends in his home country the current standing of morality that has been the foundation of our current Presidential administration, the acquitting of Aragoncillo would not be consistent to it. The whole reason for the U.S. invading Iraq was built on the idea that a mole hill could turn into a mountain (not to say that Saddam or Al Quada are mole hills by any means). If Aragoncillo is acquitted it will open up holes in national security as if it suddenly became a hunk of Swiss cheese.

His defense was that he was just looking out for the welfare of the people in his home country. In the event of him being acquitted, what is to stop American Muslims from using the same reasoning in sharing classified information to their homelands in the Middle East, or any other person with such access to information from handing it off to other countries in their favor? Last time I checked that was called treason, which in case anyone forgot is you can commit in this country, or any country for that matter.

Even though the classified information Aragoncillo released will probably be proven to be inconsequential, the eventual results of the crime and any reasoning behind it are moot. Treason is treason and there are extremely limited variations of its punishments. And in an age where national security is valued more than health care reform, acquitting a guilty party of crimes against the country will spark a movement that could grow beyond the government's control. The secrets of our government would be sold to the highest bidder, and be about as surely secured as a secret shared between two elementary schoolgirls (though I'm sure at least some of you cynics out there already believe this to be the case). To estimate the consequences of Aragoncillo being acquitted in brief, a mole hill would indeed become a mountain.

The Bush dynasty spy a tool against terror

SEAN KENNY CLUB & GREEK EDITOR

At the end of the 18th century, a small group of 13 British colonies rose up in the face of oppression and declared their independence from tyranny and injustice. The beliefs and desires of men such as Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and Benjamin Franklin were cemented into the foundation that is the United States of America and those ideas rang true in documents such as the Constitution, Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights. Unfortunately for our modern day "democracy," those original ideals are slowly fading and the rights that those men spoke so passionately about may be slipping through each American citizen's fingertips.

that moderate is the last word anyone can use to describe his ultra conservative and religious politics. Since 2000, we have seen more

scandals and corruption in this government since the Nixon administration. From the corporate scandals of the Enron corporation, to the wire-tapping of American citizens based upon the idea of "national security", more laws and rights have been bent and broken than the country has seen in decades and it is quite probable that it is going to get worse. Oil prices are through the roof and the war in Iraq has incited more violence against our troops and other innocent civilians since we declared 'victory" in the spring of 2003.

The fact of the matter is that the citizens of the United States are in dire need to open their eyes and see the corrupt and disastrous state

Josh Strauss CONTRIBUTING WRITER

President George Bush took it upon himself to spy on the American people. The goal of the program was to eavesdrop on people in the United States believed to have contact with suspected Al-Qaida members and other such terrorist groups around the world. Some say what the government did was illegal, and two groups even took it to the courts and sued. There are even people throwing around the "I" word, and calling for the president to be impeached. Now I ask you...

The President of The Untied States Of America is spying. What's the problem? The American people want the president to do something about terrorism. Well, he has, and now you are all up in arms about it. I am personally fine with knowing I don't think it matters. What I do that my phone conversations might be listened to. I have nothing to hide. So the president knows what I ate for lunch today, or worse off, maybe he will tell my sister what I got her for her birthday. Yea, I think that was pretty much the extent of my conversations today. What did you talk about on the phone? Bush was quoted as saying, "I think most American's understand the need to find out what the enemy's thinking. If somebody from Al-Qaeda is calling you, we'd like to know why." Yea, as would I. don't want the war in the Middle The government is also known to East, you don't want racial profiling, have seized library records. What's and it seems the one thing you do it's a decision that I personally agree the big deal? Do you really care if want is a CIA and a president with no with.

the American government knows backbone. Yet, you want to protect how many times you've read 1984? I think that is a small sacrifice you can make so that they might be able have both. to catch a guy on a terror list that has suddenly taken up an interest in How To Build a Bomb or Chemical's That Kill or coincidentally 1984.

lawyer and I don't know. Frankly,

Is it against the law? I'm not a lawyer and I don't know. Frankly, I don't think it matters.

know is that after 9/11 Congress declared "the president has authority under the Constitution to take action to deter and prevent acts of international terrorism" and even approved "all necessary and appropriate force" against al-Oaida. In case you haven't noticed, the wonderful country you are living and working in is at war. Wake up people and realize that. You don't want to monitor conversa-Patriot Act is unconstitutional. vou don't want the war in the Middle

this country and win the war on terror. Well I'm sorry to say, you can't

Students at Georgetown University recently held a protest at a speech by the Attorney General who was defending the spying program. Is it against the law? I'm not a These students held up a huge sign that read, "Those who would sacrifice liberty for security deserve neither." This is a very famous quote by Ben Franklin. Or I should say, a very famous misquote by Ben Franklin. The real quote according to ushistory.org is as follows: "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety. I wonder why they left out these words. I can only guess, but I think I have an idea. Let me also take you on a short history lesson.

According to the CIA Web site, "The Continental Congress regularly received quantities of intercepted British mail." Who was appointed to this operation? That's right, Ben Franklin, among others. Ben Franklin, one of our founding fathers was in fact a spy himself. I find it rather hypocritical of these Georgetown students to use a quote, even a misquote, at a protest against a domestic spy program, from a man who did this same thing. I think it's about tions with terrorists, you think the time you decide what's more important, "essential liberty", or the fate of this country.

Bush made a decision to spy, and

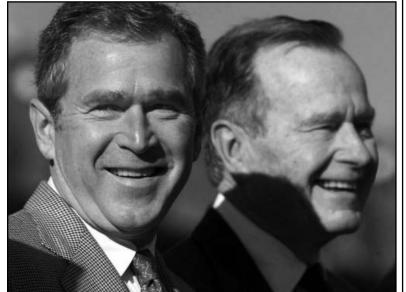


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"The Bush Dynasty."

way? When did the citizens of this great land completely forget the importance of our existence and the existence of our guaranteed American rights? During the last half decade, the United States and the rest of the world have changed dramatically due to a number of different reasons. Terrorism, global warming and the war in Iraq have taken center stage in American and world politics. But some of the factors that have changed the policies of the United States are not as widely known as those first three issues.

The Bush family has had two of their men become presidents and other Bushs' have become powerful both politically and economi- al and world events. In our high cally. The first president Bush, paced culture those issues are not George H. Bush, took office in on the minds of most Americans 1988 running on a platform of lower taxes and an end to the eco- involve themselves in corruption nomic disaster that existed in the and business practices in crime. nation at that time. Throughout his tenure as the 41st president taxes were cut but the economy stayed at the dismal level that it was when he took office. The country also fought through The First Iraqi War which was another war that had its controversial moments in and of itself. His son, George W. Bush can be considered as the presidential successor in what is being called "The Bush Dynasty." During the past six years under the presidency of George W. Bush, the nation as a whole has been duped into believing a countless number lies and deceits thrown upon the masses by an extremely corrupt government. We can even trace these lies back to Bush's platform during the 2000 election. He ran against Al Gore as a moderate conservative, poised on eliminat- Baghdad and Fallujah, but how can ing partisan politics and uniting we preach such democracy when democrats and republicans. As it our very own is eroding right unstands today, most people can see der our noses?

Where did the nation make a the current administration is in at wrong turn? When did we lose our the present time and wake up to the reality that a change is needed. To achieve that change, though, we as a people need to start caring. Policies such as the Patriot Act allow the government to look through your mail, hold you under arrest without a lawyer or contact with the outside world for as long as the executive branch sees fit and wire-tap your calls and monitor your existence. It is troubling to see that out of the 174 million registered voters in the United States only 55.3 percent of those voters came out to voice their opinion in that election. Those types of numbers show the idea that we as a nation do not care nearly as much as we should about politics or nation-

KEVIN NORTH STAFF WRITER

As most people already know Hamas, a militant Islamic group often linked to terrorist attacks throughout the Middle East and Europe, recently won a free, democratic election in Palestine that effectively turned the balance of power within the Palestinian parliament in their favor. In a landslide victory that amazed even Hamas' leaders, the party won 72 of 132 seats. Forty-three of the remaining seats went to members of the Fatah party, which had held political control in Palestine for the past 40 years, and the rest went to a variety of lesser known groups.

The reaction that came from America and most of its allies was that this victory for Hamas could be a blow to the peace process in a region that is already highly volatile. At a press conference in Washington, President George W. Bush said to Hamas' new of action is disgraceful to all Ameri- chance to become a member of the parliamentary officials, "I made it can ideas of freedom, justice, liberty, world's political community. very clear that the United States does not support political parties that want to destroy our ally Israel, and that people must renounce that part of their platform." This reaction to a democratic election by a government which owes its inception to the United States is completely absurd and deplorable. By winning a free election in what is now a free country, Hamas has proven that its platform is one that is important to the Palestinian people and one that deserves the attention of the rest of the world. America gave the Palestinians the right to select their own leadership then got upset when their favorite choice did not win. This is not the way the world's most outspoken proponent of democracy should react in this situation. Yes, Hamas has presented itself to be a threat in the past. No, America should not immediately welcome Hamas with open arms. What the US should do is recognize this group's strives towards becoming a legitimate political force and congratulate them on their victory. The more civil the US is now, the more

likely that Hamas will try being civil and democracy. when diplomatic issues arise.

Hamas' win is democracy's win

Mahmoud Abbas of Palestine has announced that he will try to work around Hamas, thus around Palestine's Parliament, as much as possible in dealing with Israel and other diplomatic issues in favor of dealing with the Palestinian Liberation Organization. This defeats

the point of having a democracy in cess as a political party should afford started circumventing the checks and world and by their neighbors. balances system we have in America there would be public outcry, yet this to trust Hamas, the group has taken type of behavior is being encouraged in other free democracies. That type

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Another factor that should be In addition to western resistance to brought into consideration before the group's rise to power, President condemning Hamas is that the group

has fully complied with a cease fire agreement with Israel that was established last February and plans to continue that agreement for as long as Israel will agree to Reciprocate. That combined with the legitimacy their group has earned with their overwhelming suc-

Palestine at all. If George W. Bush Hamas fair treatment by the western

While there is no historical reason great strides to clean up their image, which should earn them at least a

and therefore the government can Americans need to start caring because the freedom that we all have learned about throughout our lives is slipping away. Without the voices of the masses we may wake up to find that our democracy is all but gone.

In a nation founded in an effort to fight against aristocracy and injustice, how can we allow for the word "dvnasty" to become a part of American politics? We as a nation have stressed to the rest of the world for two centuries that democracy should be given to all those who are in need of freedom from oppression. That is what our country has fought for and stood for since the day we declared our independence in 1776. That is the basis to the war we are fighting 6,000 miles away in the streets of

Top ten reasons why I stay...

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Ί. I stay because of the people I have met, and those I will have the opportunity to meet in the future.

ð. To leave (in my mind) would be to surrender to the negative things I mentioned last week and I'm not willing to do so. I believe all the things I said last week were valid, but that none of those things are beyond repair. To leave would be to admit that things like parties, basketball games, and never ending entertainment are more important than friendship, knowledge, and appetizers.

We have a statue that apparently blinks... when you shake the camera up and down... but that was pretty cool.

IU. More people read to 10 now than would have 10 years ago or 1 year ago or even one semester ago.

I wrote this top 10 so that some of my criticisms last week might be considered. I believe the things I wrote above but also the things I wrote last week. This is a great place but it can surely be more.

Students intern in Washington



Alison McSherry, a senior communication major at Monmouth University interned at Gallerywatch.com while in Washington D.C.

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cy Seminar held the first week of mouth students are focused on Po-January in Washington D.C. after receiving funding from the Student Government Association.

Senior Tara Krampert, interested in attending graduate and law school and pursuing a career in governmental law, is current-ly interning in D.C., where she works with the national office for the governor of Connecticut. She said. "I worked for a legislative is thrilled to be spending her last semester in Washington, D.C.

"It is exciting to be working in the building next to the capital, and it is a great opportunity to network myself for future career opportunities. I graduate in May, and this real world experience is

a great alternative to classes and homework," said Krampert.

Although most of these Monlitical Science degrees, there are many other internship opportunities for other majors. This past fall semester, senior Alison McSherry, a communications major, interned with Gallerywatch.com in D.C, and feels it was the best decision she has ever made.

"D.C. was amazing," McSherry tracking website called Gallery Watch. I basically spent my days on the Hill gathering testimony from House and Senate hearings. My boss was really great, and let me choose the hearings that I wanted to write articles about.

McSherry had such a great ex-

Redwood Hall Incident

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was in the schools best interest to lice Department." suspend him. Fell replied through

will cooperate with the appropriate authorities inside and outside the University.

At the time the incident took was no need for outside assistance. "The MUPD is a certified, When asked if he thought it experienced and well trained Po-

President Paul Gaffney who

perience that she has considered moving back there after graduation.

"I don't think I would change

a thing about my time in D.C. It was wonderful to experience a city other than New York, and to learn how to keep up in such a fast- paced news environment," said McSherry.

A graduate of the Class of 2005, Marc Ashbock interned in D.C.

"The Washington

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service."

JOSEPH PATTEN

Assistant Professor of Political Science

of the program. "I wanted to do the internship because as a political science major, I felt it gave me the best opportunity to

not only fulfill my experiential education requirements, but also become more active in my field of study," said Ashbock.

"The most valuable experience real world as oppossed to what we learn in college," he said. "The for life after college.

"The program itself definitely them."

helped me with connections. Not only the people I came in contact within the Washington Center and my internship placement but also the other students involved in the program. It was great getting to live and work with people from all over the country.

I believe that taking place in the Washington Center semester was one of my best decisions in college. It provided me with a lot of last spring semester, and was in- real world experience that could troduced to the program by faculty not be obtained while living on advisor Joseph Patten, an alumnus college campus. It also was amaz-

ing in the sense that I met so many great people and got to experience so many great things. T h e Washington

Center is

definitely a program that everyone should at least look into."

"Our students are committed to public service and are now serving at the highest level of governor knowledge I came home with ment," added Professor Joseph was how different life is in the Patten. "The Washington Center serves as an important bridge from the undergraduate experience to things we learn in college are the public service," said Patten. "It ways things would be in an ideal prepares students for success world. The way the real world through student empowerment works is much different and it and by teaching essential leaderhelped me become more prepared ship skills necessary for effective civic engagement. I am proud of



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According to Ludwig, the Monmouth University Police Depart- with criminals and gangs who ment is investigating the case and

is pleased with the way the incident has been handled a s s u r e s the student body that the MUPD continue to watch for such violations. " E d u cation about the risks to health

reers are incredibly important to continue," Gaffney said. "So is education about the risk of dealing sell drugs.'

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Teachers turn tables in plagiarism battle

MIKE JACKSON AND KAREN AYRES KRT ARCHIVES

Kathy Witcher knew her student's paper on "Huckleberry Finn" sounded too mature to be from an know that in life, there are conse-11th-grader.

"The light was society," the student wrote. "And Huck lived on the lampshade."

The Plano, Texas, English teacher put her suspicions to the test and searched for the phrase on the Internet. The idea behind the metaphor popped up.

"When they write for us, it's like a fingerprint," said Witcher, who gave the Plano East Senior High School student a zero. "They don't change from mediocre writers to great writers overnight."

Score one for the teachers in an intensifying war on plagiarism.

Cheating is as old as homework, but educators say plagiarism appears to be more rampant than ever in high schools and at colleges and universities. They blame the Internet. Students among the first generation to grow up online are writing term papers with unlimited resources at their fingertips, rather than combing the shelves at the library.

But these young people, educators say, often don't understand that surfing Web sites and lifting passages for their own assignments is stealing ideas, thoughts and words from others.

"Students use (the Internet) like an 8-billion-page, cut-and- pasteable encyclopedia," said John Barrie, who created a Web site Turnitin.com, which exposes plagiarized work.

Educators are employing various tactics to fight the problem. Some schools sign on to the Internet themselves to catch cheaters. Others are writing honor codes packed with clear rules about plagiarism and a menu of penalties.

National student surveys run by the Center for Academic Integrity reveal the trend. In 1999, 10 percent of college students anonymously admitted to plagiarizing sources from the Internet, according to the center, which surveyed 50,000 undergraduates at 60 institutions. Last year, 40 percent admitted doing so.

In a nationwide survey of 18,000 high school students from 61 camform of plagiarism, according to the center.

"There are more means avail- they're in a time crunch." able to cheat," said Tim Dodd, executive director of the Center for Academic Integrity at Duke University's Kenan Institute for Ethics. "But an ethical person, re- Johnson, a junior at the University gardless of the variety of means, is of Texas at Dallas. not going to use them.' High school and college educa- fight. tors say they don't need surveys to prove the point. "Every year the kids are a little lazier than the kids before," said Diane Hamilton, an English teacher at Martin High School in Arlington, Texas. "Is it all the Internet? No, but that's part of it. Within 15 minutes, they get all they need, and their work ethic just isn't that good anymore.' Kimberly Harris, a college music professor, said she sees plagiarized work every year. Harris, who has been teaching for 11 years, reported four cases to the dean's office last year, the most she's ever had in one term. After three students in her online course were challenged, they dropped the class. "That's what happens a lot of times, as soon as the dean's office calls them on it," she said.

lost his case in a hearing with administrators, Harris said. The student flunked the course.

'If I give someone an 'F', is it going to ruin his life?" Harris asked. "No. But I want them to quences."

Some who plagiarize buy papers online, though more students copy and paste information into reports and pass it off as their own.

"Many of the students have a philosophy that as long as they're not hurting anyone else, then it's fine. But we have to explain to them that there are rules on that," said Stacey Raymer, who teaches English at Rowlett High School.

Some students believe gathering information online and using it as their own without citing sources is legitimate. Other students think paraphrasing without a citation is OK, too. But it's not.

'They think if they don't state the same thing exactly the way an author states it, change a few words here and there, that it's not plagiarism," said Barbara Lusk, faculty association president at Collin County Community College

High school instructors go over the rules with students, but they often go misunderstood.

Michelle Lee, a Frisco High School senior, said she's careful about checking her sources in papers, but she knows many students don't understand the importance.

'When it comes to plagiarism," she said, "it's not black and white.

Some students know full well that they're breaking the rules, educators say.

Students give in to temptations to cheat under pressures to succeed, said Dodd, of the Center for Academic Integrity. High school students aiming for college are expected to participate in various extracurricular activities while maintaining good grades. College students headed for graduate schools face the same pressures. Scholarships are won and lost based in part on grade-point averages.

There is extraordinary societal pressure to do well," Dodd said. "The gentleman's 'C' is not part of the discourse anymore. Everybody has to be an 'A' and 'B' student.

"In many institutions, students are busier than they've ever been," puses, 60 percent admitted to some Dodd said. "They're working, they've got school and extracurricular activities. Most of the time,

Some simply can't keep up in the tough courses.

"In high school, I saw people doing stuff to survive," said Bradford Educators refuse to give up the

stiffest penalties.

Top administrators at local colleges and universities say they're not setting out to simply catch and punish cheaters. It's more important, they say, to guide those who pus," Siscoe said. aren't sure of the rules and to deter others who might be tempted.

Instructors at Collin County Community College, for instance, made academic integrity their top priority last semester. Administrators enacted an honor code system this school year after pleas from instructors, said Barbara Money, the college's dean of students. The college enlisted the help of Turnitin.com, the Web site and database that scans papers to detect copied work. Several local high schools and universities also subscribe to the Californiabased Web site that charges 75 cents per student per vear.

Southern Methodist Univer-

The fourth denied cheating, but and graduate students face the honesty tutorial to the school's dents that hears cases involving freshman and transfer student cheating. The council has handled orientation, said Dee Siscoe, vice roughly 12 to 15 cases each sepresident for student affairs.

student when they come on cam-

"They think if they don't state the same thing exactly the way an author states it, change a few words here and there, that it's not plagiarism."

> **BARBARA LUSK** Faculty Association President Collin County Community College

A student caught plagiarizing sity upholds an honor code and at SMU could land in front of the said UTD senior Ben Vaughan. last summer added an academic Honor Council, a board of stu-

mester, said Kathleen Tarbox, an We really try to front-load a SMU senior and president of the group.

The excuses are often the same.

"A lot of students tell us that in their high school. they didn't have to cite their sources," Tarbox said. "Generally, they say they ran out of time and started the paper the night before. They didn't think they would get caught."

Administrators with the University of Texas at Dallas have been running seminars on plagiarism at the beginning of each semester.

"We get students here who get caught and tell us that this is how they've always done it," said Donna Rogers, UTD's dean of students. "This is what they did in high school."

But by college, the stakes are higher, the environment less forgiving, she said.

"They say, 'We will catch you," "It's not worth it."



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High schools and colleges have long had rules against cheating, but now some have written honor codes and convened committees of students and administrators who spread the word about consequences. Some institutions subscribe to Web sites designed to detect copied work, while others employ Internet search engines for the same purpose.

Few high schools severely punish students, teachers say, but getting caught is bad enough. Students generally get no credit for the assignment, and teachers often refuse to write college recommendation letters. Students can also get kicked out of the National Honor Society.

Punishment at colleges and universities ranges from an "F" on a paper or in a course, to suspension or expulsion. Chronic offenders



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Sometimes the best movies aren't the ones that revolve around a super original story. Instead, sometimes it's the ones that put an interesting take on an already well-known storyline. In the case of the new Woody Allen movie, *Match Point*, it is the way that it is done that transforms the age old adultery storyline into into absorbing masterpiece. It is the intriguing, multi-dimensional, can't take my

eves off them, characters that Allen creates that makes me feel like I'm on the rollercoaster ride with them.

Set in London, Jonathan Rhys-Meyers plays Chris Wilton, an Irish tennis instructor at an upper-class country

club who meets British Tom Hewett Rhys-Meyes definitely deserves an (Matthew Goode) a member of the club who comes from a super-rich family. Soon, Chris is getting very serious with Tom's likeable and lovely saccharine sweet sister Chloe (Emily Mortimer) and even sooner begins to cheat on Chloe with Tom's sexy, mysterious American fiancee, Nola Rice (Scarlett Johansson). The basic theme of the movie is when you are in a situation or when you have an opportunity, how far do you go with it and when do you stop? And if you go too far, are you able to stop? No this doesn't seem like a complex premise, but it is done so deliciously well by Allen and Co. Telling you any more about the plot, would probably ruin the ride for some.

Rhys-Meyers is very believable as Chris. Not many times have I re-

film, where I actually felt compelled to punch the movie screen and start screaming at the top of my lungs. Though Chris is hardly a likeable character, Rhys-Meyers plays him very realistic, in the sense that though Chris is hard to like he is not a onesided evil character either really. Rhys-Meyers is able to show Chris' evolution throughout the film. Having acting experience myself, this is not an easy thing to do. In each scene, almost subconsciously Rhys-Meyes adds a bit

more and a

slight twist

and turn to

Chris and

that makes

the movie's

final BAM

even more

startling.

Charming, intriguing, spell-binding." LES WRIGHT

Oscar nod for this one.

Scarlett Johansson, however, has been the one getting all of the buzz for the film, scoring a Golden Globe nod. Though I believe Johansson played what seemed to be an older part very well for a just turned 21year-old, it seems as though some of her acting was a bit off. Johansson portrayed Nola's naivety, insecurity and vulnerability well; however, in some scenes she was about to show mad but didn't seem to feel angry. Though it didn't take away from the movie, it could be noticeable to those who are familiar with acting. Some of Johansson's lines were delivered with lackluster emotion and I wished she had pushed herself a little more.

Emily Mortimor as Chloe was ex- DreamsWorks 2005 cellent. The whole time, I believed Director Woody Allen on the set of Match Point.

acted so strongly to a character in a that she was Chloe. I watched Mor- Though the film was basically a dra- character's psyche for a time after the timer's reactions and emotions when she wasn't even the star of the scene and not once, did she break out of character. I believed her to be a kind, naïve person, who was deeply enamored with Chris.

Though I haven't seen every one of Allen's films, the ones I have seen, I wasn't a fan of. Comparing the style of this film to his others, I thought this was a nice change for him. For once the movie took place in London rather than Allen's usual New York. He wasn't a character in it and though there were shades of the usual Allen, I liked how he kept the overly neurotic character schtick at the door this time.

The film was directed beautifully.

ma, it had shades of dark romance and a chilling thriller. Some stylishly done scenes were those where Allen, used certain camera angles to keep you in suspense. For example, in one scene, Chris goes off camera and you Chris about to get caught? This effect had me cringing, wanting to know.

The script is probably what made the movie. Though some have complained that there were some holes in the script (that I will leave up for you to decide) I liked how Allen gave us a good, easy to follow story, yet he gave us, the audience, enough room to figure out the characters ourselves. I found myself thinking about the spellbound.

movie.

There was something special about the dialogue. It was believable, yet it had the effect that each time a character said something I was either surprised or was dying to know here him talking. You here the voice more. To relate it to the tennis theme, of a female. Is it Nola or Chloe? Was it did kind of remind me of being at an intense tennis match. The ball is in this character's court. Nope in that character's. What was going to happen next?

> I highly recommend seeing Match *Point*. I think that the reason why it was so enjoyable is because it didn't have any big explosions, elaborate death scenes, over the top scenarios and such, but it still totally had me

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American Idol runner-up Bo Bice finally



James Blunt's debut album, Back to Bed-



After releasing many EPs and major records, rockers P.O.D.'s newest album, Testify is finally in stores. Most famous for their song "Youth of the Nation," their newest album shows a maturity and evolution from those days to a more solid sound. P.O.D. (short for Payable on Death) is a band influenced by reggae, Latin, rock, hiphop, and their born-again Christian status and has been together since 1992. Their newest album keeps their original sound and defines them as a band. The album begins with a song entitled "Roots in Stereo." It is a great way to kick off an album; it is a solid rock song. After this, the album gets a little fuzzy. "Lights Out" is a bit of a weak spot on the album lyrically. "Sounds Like War" is another less than perfect track. The problem with this song is the inability to comprehend the lyrics with the overpowering band. A high point on the album is "On the Ground." This song has the old P.O.D. feel but shows how they've improved their sound. It is most likely the most successful track on the album. "If You Could See Me Now," is another song that is bound for success. Overall the album is mediocre with a few high-quality as well as a few weaker spots.

LISA PIKAARD STAFF WRITER

released his much anticipated debut album The Real Thing. This album proves Bo Bice is the real thing. There isn't a single low point on the entire album! The southern rocker that won over millions of hearts on American Idol certainly won over my heart with this album. The title track is proof of his talents. "The Real Thing" is one of the many rocking tracks. "Lie... It's Alright" is definitely a fun track and vocally, Bo Bice really shines. Another track that showcases the remarkable talent this man has is, "Valley of Angels" which is a power ballad. The key word is power. Although the foundation for his music career is the shaky television show that we all hate to love, this album is anything but shaky. The majority of the album's tracks are power ballads. The track "U Make Me Better" is better than the title implies. Generally tracks with "U" instead of "vou" are weak attempts to gain popularity with the modern public. That is totally unnecessary with this song. There is absolutely no way to deny the talent that Bo Bice has. This CD certainly exemplifies the immense talent that American Idol helped to discover.

lam is certainly a mellow soothing album and certainly worth the price. Blunt, most famous for his hit song "You're Beautiful" which has been on permanent rotation at MTV U, is now finally making progress in the major music scene. This former British soldier is a very deep, emotional artist. His emotion derived from his experiences in the army are heard best in the track, "No Bravery." However, the most appealing and amazing track on the album is, "Goodbye My Lover." With Blunt's gentle voice, this album is almost a guaranteed success. "Cry" is another beautiful emotional war related tune that really makes you feel the pain and anguish Blunt is conveying. On a lighter note, the track, "High" is calm and soothing, but much less intense. The only downfall with his album is its duration. The total time is less than 40 minutes. With the recent success of similar artists like Michael Bublé, James Blunt is sure to succeed in not only the pop charts but also in easy listening. James Blunt has put together a great album that is great to listen to if you need to unwind and just relax!







Sequel from Hell

NICOLE DENARDO STAFF WRITER

When you hear that a sequel to a popular film is coming out, what is the first thing that comes to mind? It's unnecessary and won't live up to the original. At the end of Underworld the original, it seemed like a sequel would be a great idea because it left off with the impression that a lot more could be told about the vampire-lychan (werewolves) war. However, the sequel Underworld: Evo*lution*, not only doesn't live up to the original, it sucks the blood out of anything good the original had and bites the hell out of this vampire series ever turning into anything good.

Kate Beckinsale is back as Selene, a vampire solider, now running from her fellow vamps after killing a powerful vampire leader, Viktor (Bill Nighy) who was shown to have betrayed, lied and backstabbed Selene in the first film. Scott Speedman is also back as Michael Corvin the first vamp-lychan hybrid who is also, the closest descendant of Alexander Corvinus (Derek Jacobi), a rare immortal whose two sons were the first vampire and lychan and started the whole mess.

I can't really say much about the acting because between the gore, explosions and violence there really wasn't much of a story, which means there wasn't much dialogue which means that Beckinsale and Speedman had hardly any lines to say. I wonder how much of the scenes where shot with the real actors and how much were actually the stunt doubles. If the latter is true, the stunt doubles should get first billing because the actors seemed like pawns in a loud, noisy without a purpose videogame where shooting a gun is all you have to do to get by.

The "story" picks up where the first one left off. This time, Marcus (Tony Curran), the first vampire and son of Alexander Corvinus, a grotesque winged creature, who looks like a action equals big money" has gone cross between Freddy Kreuger and the to his head. The whole idea of the

back from hibernation and ready to cause hell. He wants to release his brother, William (Brian Steele), the first lychan from the prison Viktor put him thousands of years ago and basically just wreck havoc. Between the streams of action sequences, the story gets lost somewhere. The simple "plot" is that Marcus is back and Selene must stop him.

The "storyline" doesn't seem to have much to do with the first film. Some interesting vamp-lychan history was briefly mentioned that could have added to the storyline it expanded on, but it never was. Since there was hardly story I was forced not to care about Marcus, Selene, the Corvinuses or any of the characters in this film. In fact, the movie sort of reminded me of a dumb slasher flick, where the big baddie in this case Marcus, went around killing who he feels like and we are supposed to be amazed and "oh" and "ah" when Marcus chops someone's head off. But it doesn't work. It strays far away from the pretty good original and just looks silly.

One of the aspects I most liked about the first film was the vamplychan/Romeo and Juliet-esque story from the original. However, this was hardly in the film. I would have never guessed that Selene and Michael gave a damn about each other. There is one random scene in which Selene and Michael are shown having sex. This scene seems pointless and is hardly believable and just serves to show Beckinsale's hot body to get the horny males to the theater.

And the surprising thing is UnderWorld: Evolution was made basically by the same people. Len Wiseman is back to direct this film and it seems like the sentence "big

creeper from Jeepers Creepers, is first film, a combination of a good story and good action sequences that kept you on the edge of your seat was abandoned. Instead this second child was thrown out and performs like a horrible monster.

> Besides, this movie horribly insulted my intelligence. First off, when Marcus who let me remind you is the oldest and first vampire who has been sleeping in his crypt for thousands of years wakes, he instantly knows how to use a computer. Amazing! His brother William, the big bad werewolf, is imprisoned in a crypt too and somehow has been able to stay alive without any food for thousands or years! In another scene, Selene is looking for a vampire named Tanis she exiled thousands of years ago and guess what? Selene doesn't have to go far to find this exile. Just a little trip down the road and bam. The impression the first movie gave was that the sequel was going to be more about the future vamp-lychen race, but that once important storyline seems to be abandoned with any dignity this movie has left. Lastly, Alexander Corvinus is supposedly the oldest immortal therefore his sons were immortal and so on and such, maybe I missed it, but how does one just become an immortal? I guess the makers of this flick just assumed we were too dumb, to know the answer. The movie summary said that this movie was supposed to be about Selene and Michael finding more about their past and their bloodlines. Hardly. Let's just watch the scary winged dude chase the hot vampire and hybrid throughout the film. So exiting.

I can't believe I would ever say this, but this movie stunk worse than a rotting corpse and boy would I have liked to get my money back. After loving the original, and getting excited for the sequel, I was extremely disappointed that a promising vampire flick was stabbed to death with a stake.

The Assistants: Hollywood Undercover

KRISTEN RENDA STAFF WRITER

The Assistants is a very entertainloves the world of Hollywood. Author Robin Lynn Williams spent a year in Los Angeles working as an assistant for many top name people in Hollywood. Her experience in the field helps bring the book to life.

This novel follows the lives of five Hollywood assistants. Each of them have completely different lives, and come from very different backgrounds, but they can all relate to each other because of the one thing they have in common—dealing with high-maintenance celebrities.

Michaela Marsh has been working in Hollywood for over 10 years trying to break out into the world of acting. She almost had the part of a girl named Phoebe for the pilot of some Miranda realizes a horrible truth. impossible to find work if you are not already a big star.

On the side, Michaela is an assistant to a big producer, who goes through wife, actress Victoria Rush. In order to keep her job, Michaela dresses in disguise to hide her beauty so Victoria will not feel threatened by her.

from Sugarland, Texas, with her best friend in hopes of becoming a screenwriter. When she quickly runs out of all the money she brought with her, Rachel realizes she desperately needs a job. She answers an ad she read in a Michaela, Rachel quickly catches on you would love this hysterical novel.

to the world of Hollywood, and actually enjoys her work.

Kecia Christy is an overweight assistant for the hottest young celebrity ing book, especially for anyone that in Hollywood, Travis Trask. Travis is the type of person who would rather party all night and sleep all day, than figure out what his next movie should be. Aside from having her problems with Travis, Kecia has her own problems to deal with from the IRS.

Jeb is a sex-hungry twenty-something year old working for a big shot agent named Randall Blume. Jeb has been an assistant to many people in Hollywood, but unfortunately each one of them has fired him. Along with wondering if Blume will fire him like the rest of his former employers, Jeb also has to figure out a way to get around his infatuation with Blume's wife

Griffin has been working for Johnny Treadway for almost three years, show called Friends, but the role was and is anxiously awaiting a promogiven to a no-name actress named, tion. Treadway is a big manager in Lisa Kudrow. Now, 10 years later, Hollywood, and Griffin does all of his work, however, gets no credit for When you are in your 30s, it is almost it at all. He begins to wonder if his upcoming promotion is even worth all of the trouble Treadway puts him through.

Once a week these five assistants many assistants because of his jealous gather together to talk about how stressful their lives have been, and how much their bosses are driving them crazy. These little meetings soon turn into a type of support group Rachel Burt moved to Los Angeles as more and more assistants begin to ioin it.

> Each chapter is a different characters point of view, which keeps it very entertaining, and keeps it rolling very well.

I could not put this book down magazine, and becomes an assistant while I was reading it. For anyone for Victoria Rush. With the help of who loves the world of Hollywood,



changed. It isn't changing; it has allets: Clear Channel and Infinity. channel could survive, yet ESPN and ready changed, for the worse. For those Since the world we live in is one MTV are hugely successful. Why

Radio, at least rock radio has own all non-television media out- thought an all-sports or all-music and it's not only modern rock sta-tions. The countries' most success-ful classic rock station, Q104.3 out 100.3 FM, taken off the air and rekind of loop. Despite the fact that hop/R&B station? Now, there are certain songs are over 30 years old, dozens of bands that simply cannot don't hear them anymore. Why do we hear "Roadhouse Blues" by The Doors three times in one day when six months? The answer is DJs have of your favorites. Each market you almost no control over what they travel to will have "two for Tuesdays", songs in some cases, and even new songs get thrown onto classic rock stations. Has anyone else heard fading into the past, the experience "Boulevard of Broken Dreams" of listening to a band simply because by Green Day on Q104.3? Classic your favorite station plays it will be

and browsing for something new is once fresh, on at least four or five stations in the area. The reason cable television is so



radio, we are stuck with more talk and more of the same songs over and over. A few cases stick out.

York used to be the most cutting-edge modern rock radio station in the country, along with its' sister station in Los heard on KROQ, filter down the coast and out west, and then end up on the pop stations that we know all too well. out of Delaware. It has always been this way, although 10 years ago it was the masses. Tune into KROQ or 94.1 WYSP in Philadelphia now and all you when and why did this happen? Why can't we hear new and diverse music on

A Rumor We All Wish Was True

KRISTEN RENDA STAFF WRITER

Friends is one of those television comedies that keeps you laughing in your seat even after the episode is over. For 10 seasons, the six characters-Chandler, Joey, Monica, Phoebe. Rachel, and Ross-captured our hearts and made us laugh.

In 2004, the show sadly ended and Friends fans everywhere were devastated. We no longer knew what to do on a Thursday night at eight o'clock, because let's face it; Joey is just not the same as Friends.

On Sunday, January 22, Z100.com do four one-hour episodes to air later this year. It was said that deals started



coming about before Christmas, and finally Jennifer Aniston was the last to agree and sign on.

Z100 also stated that the network was thinking of creating another spinoff after Joey was not as successful as they had hoped. The show would be called It's a Guy Thing, and would involve Matt LeBlanc, Matthew Perry, and David Schwimmer.

Many fans of the show were ecstatic at hearing this news. However, on January 24, Z100 retracted their statement after a spokesperson from Warner Bros. denied any talk of a reunion was in the works.

Let's hope the excitement that this stated that the cast just signed a deal to rumor caused will give executives from Warner Bros. and NBC an idea of a possible reunion in the future.



HE SAID Dan Roth STAFF WRITER

A common myth among men and women is that there is no such thing as a nice breakup. In many ways this is true, as there are a number of factors that usually play out. Some of these factors are that someone is going to get hurt, it is inevitable, painful and it always happens. Another is that there will always be an adjustment period if the couple decides that they want to be friends, depression usually comes in the package, and maybe even a vengeful period of time. However, despite all these common problems associated with breakups there are ways to have a "nice break." The key is communication. You know that there is going to be a lot of variables involved and that it's going to be difficult. Instead of making up lies and excuses for why things had to end this way, why not take the often overlooked and distorted option and be honest. This is not to say that if your partner was a complete jerk, to tell them that

worst came scenario is that they blow up in your face and that is a disaster, however at least you both know that there is nothing to hide, nothing left to be said. This is ideal because if you still want to be friends with the person then you at least have a starting point. It is also easier because the one getting broken up with will have the peace of mind to know that through all the pain and agony that they are going through, that there was never a false sense of hope given by a distorted answer

or shady innuendo. This is not to say it won't take them a good amount of time to get over you, because you never know, but it is most definitely a start. For those that are breaking up

after longer term relationships, you already have a good idea of how the other person is going to feel and most long term breakups are relatively mutual. This makes it difficult on both sides, because both sides are entering an unknown world without the other person. These kinds of breakups take even longer to get over.

Overall nice breaks are a distinct and easily attainable reality. As long as you are man or woman straight up, but maybe in a more enough not to be childish and

intelligent and gentle way. The break up with the person online or over the phone, you have a pretty good head start. Well you probably shouldn't go around making up stories about your ex either.

No one ever said breaking up is an easy thing to do. The reality is it happens, and it stinks and you just have to deal with it. Just be kind about it and give the most direct and truthful answer you possibly can. This will lead to an easier and smoother reconciliation process.



It's not the end of the world. Actually, it may just be the beginning....

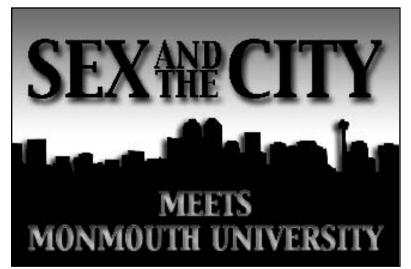
Next time you encounter a breakup, make sure you keep things as peaceful as possible. Yes, that means no name-calling. You don't want to make the experience more hurtful than it already is or perhaps even burn a bridge. Usually this person means something to you and you shouldn't throw them out of your life for good. But, you *should* do this temporarily.

try to end on a somewhat peaceful note but also make sure you get closure. Next, cease all communication for about 6 months or until you have moved on to someone new. There is no better cure than that you are interested in. Then, and only then, can you reestablish communication with "the ex". This communication break is important because you have to get over the person and the only way to do this is to live without them. Realize that keeping communication with this person shortly after the break will only cause you to be more depressed. You will most likely encounter more arguing, drama, or hurt by witnessing them living the single life. Do yourself a favor and move on with your life. It will be a tough task, but it must be done. Stand strong in yourself and prove that you do not need this person to make you happy. Show this to everyone, but most importantly, to yourself.

By no communication, I mean, none. Forget that the person exists. The best way to do this is to get angry. If used properly, anger can propel you to be strong. Listen to empowering music, not the sad stuff. Most importantly, get busy.

The best thing I have found is to Dig into life. Do the things you always wanted to do but had no time to do because you had to spend time with this person. Keep yourself busy and focused. Do better in school, get more involved, meet new people, find a new hobby, get being involved with someone new a job, volunteer, or help a friend in need. Soon, you will be so busy that you will go days without even thinking about the person. By getting more involved, you will only be reaping positive benefits for yourself.

> Breaking up is not always a bad thing, especially if the person has caused you emotional pain. Wouldn't you want to be free from this kind of emotional torture? Free yourself. If the person has chosen someone else over you, thank that person for taking someone who was bad for you out of your life. Let them be miserable with the person. What if break ups didn't exist? That would mean that everyone would end up with the first person they ever went out with. That, to me, doesn't sound like a great idea. It's important to stop thinking with your heart and instead, think with some logic. Break ups free you up for something better to come along; and yes, something better will come along.



REBECCA HEYDON COLUMNIST

In today's society, you can by a shirt from 8 different stores and a TV probably from 10 more. Why do you choose to buy your TV or

Then, the company obviously realized that they were losing some money and changed the policy to be 30 days. From what I know, they almost always stick to the policy except for that repeat cuscomes in and who always spends hundred of dollars, and I purchase something from. I is now returning a one shirt that she's had for 45 days. Other companies did the same thing, have a return policy that was fairly strict and most people could follow; but, the company wasn't going to lose a customer over a return policy and so was known to make policy until I'm standing in line exceptions. people Unfortunately, talk. So, word gets around that this company is great, because they made an exception to the rule for Mrs. Smith. Now, everyone is going to start using this company, simply due to the fact that they made an exception for Mrs. Smith, and by logical reasoning-if they made an exception for her, why would they not make an exception for me? Of course, being a business major, customer satisfaction is always the best factor to uphold. As a citizen however, I can't help wondering, if companies continuous breaking of their own policies

is only allowing customers to be less responsible for their actions. The return and exchange policy is on the receipt. The warranty is outlined on that thick manual you usually get with electronic devices. The way to wash a piece of clothing is always on the tag. Are Americans that irresponsible or lazy that they can't read their receipts or labels?

Customers often believe that if the company knows how important customer service is, and how important each individual customer is, they will break the policy and make the exception. However, if the customer was so concerned about being able to return or exchange the item, or even maintaining it, why was it not their responsibility to read all instructions? Apparently not.

And hey, I'll be the first to admit I don't read ANY material given to me by a company

that clearly has not been opened and can't be used because it's not made for the phone they have, simply because they've had the product for a month. I agree with the customer that the policy is a is out to make money. However, little ridiculous during situations if businesses don't uphold those like this, however, it's not my policy and the receipt does clear- customers get whatever is necly say that. Of course, the item essary, will customer expect to is usually returned or exchanged always get what they want, in because we don't want to lose this customer over a simple accessory sale. Eventually, if businesses continue down this road, longer feel responsible for any of will customers really be able to get what they want?

Business is supposed to be the number one place that policies are expected to be upheld and people made responsible for their actions because everyone procedures and constantly let any situation? Could the simple "exceptions" being made to business procedures lead people to no their actions? And how good can that really be for society?



shirt from one store and not the next? Quality is definitely the most common reason, but another reason lies in customer service. You want to shop somewhere that appreciates your business. If you buy a \$1500 TV from TV Land and they are rude to you, you can choose not to shop there and most likely, you will tell everyone you know about your horrible experience with TV Land. Companies realize this, and always compete to give the best customer service. The employees treat you kindly, offer extra advice on the best way to handle the product, and can often break the company's standard procedure rules, in the name of "customer service."

This was an incredible thing when it first came out. I remember when I first started shopping at Express Inc. They had no time limit on when you could do your returns; you could keep an item for six months or a year, and then return it without a problem.

can't stand manuals, therefore I've never seen a warranty written out, in my life. I hate paper, so unless I think I might actually return the item, I usually throw out the receipt. Even if I keep the receipt, I don't actually read the trying to return the item. If my situation is out of that policy, do I still try? Of course! Maybe I'll get someone who doesn't know what they're doing or does just understand my situation and will make the exception. However, when someone says they can't, I understand. It was my fault. I couldn't be bothered to read the policy until now, therefore, why should you, the company, lose money because I can't follow a simple guideline?

I'm not saying businesses should stop offering customer service, at all. I know I hate being the person to tell a customer that they can't return an item

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Mix 'n' match textbooks: lower prices, high utility

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High prices and rapidly evolving fields of study are driving many college professors to abandon traditional textbooks and design their own.

With the support of the publishing industry, they are tapping into a vast electronic database to mix and match material from thousands of different books, journals and newspaper articles - selecting the best and ignoring the restmuch the way many music lovers download individual songs rather than buy CDs.

Because extraneous information is omitted, the books tend to be smaller, more targeted, and cheaper.

"Chapter 3 in one text might be great, but Chapter 5 stinks," Stanford University economics instructor Alex Gould said. He custom-built textbooks for courses called Introduction to Finance and Money and Financial Markets, using chapters from several textbooks, articles from the Wall Street Journal, and case studies from the Harvard Business School, among other materials.

"You fine-tune what works best," said Gould, whose books cost students \$60 to \$70, as opposed to \$110 for a more traditional economics text. "If a book is useful and customized, you're saving students money.'

American college students spend an average of \$900 a year on textbooks, according to a survey by the California Student Public Interest Group. A single book may cost as much as \$140, and many courses require more than one. One class this semester at the University of California-Santa Cruz, called Community Studies of Watsonville, requires 34 books.

"A friend of mine who works at a library will try to get titles for me (to check out)," said UCSC student Krystin Traylor, 21, of San Jose. "But usually, I end up trying to buy them used on Amazon.com."

And in fast-moving fields like information technology, business or engineering, even new textbooks may be out of date.

"The publishing cycle for conventional textbooks is two years. In the area I teach, two years makes it really old news," said Professor Kent Sandoe, who teaches a course on security of data, computers, and networks at Chico State University's College of Business. Conventional textbooks can also fail to address emerging social trends. Stanford sociology instructor Stefanie Mollburn couldn't find books for her courses, The Sociology of Friendship and The Sociology of Gender, so she created them, using original material written by leading theorists in the fields. Custom books allow the teacher, not the textbook, to dictate what topics will be studied. "If you stick to a textbook," Mollburn said, "you don't have full freedom in deciding what the course will contain." Some teachers have always favored writing their own books from scratch, based on lecture notes. For instance, when she failed to find a structural engineering workbook suitable for seventhgraders, Laura Reeve at the Girls Middle School in Mountain View

simply created her own.

complement textbooks, are a longstanding tradition.

Now, though, publishers are recognizing a new opportunity in the individualizing of textbooks. In the past decade, a growing number of industry leaders such as McGraw-Hill, Pearson, Wiley, and O'Reilly have become willing to offer access to electronic databases containing thousands of pages of textbooks in dozens of disciplines, so that teachers can build their own. Teachers can also add course notes, lab exercises, handouts and media clips.

Publishers generally offer material that they already own, but they can obtain rights to material that belongs to others.

Teachers select the material they need. Publishers re-create the contents page, paginate the material, print it, and arrange for it to be assembled in either spiral notebooks or softbound books. Students pre-

fer printed pages, so computer-And "course readers," printed to based electronic books have not yet caught on, say publishers.

Students aren't wasting money and time with material that isn't needed," Sandoe said.

There are disadvantages. Custom-built books don't last as long as traditional hardcover books. Their print quality is lower. They lack glossy full-color photos. And, because they are tailored to a specific course, they can't be resold as readily.

But these drawbacks don't offset the many advantages offered by the books, teachers said.

"It was glorious," recalled Foothill College instructor Scott Gever, who built a custom book on Perl programming in one weekend and is planning a book on programming in Python.

"I gathered the material on my laptop and took the PDF file to the printer," Gever said. "One day later, I had a book."

"It was a custom fit," he said.

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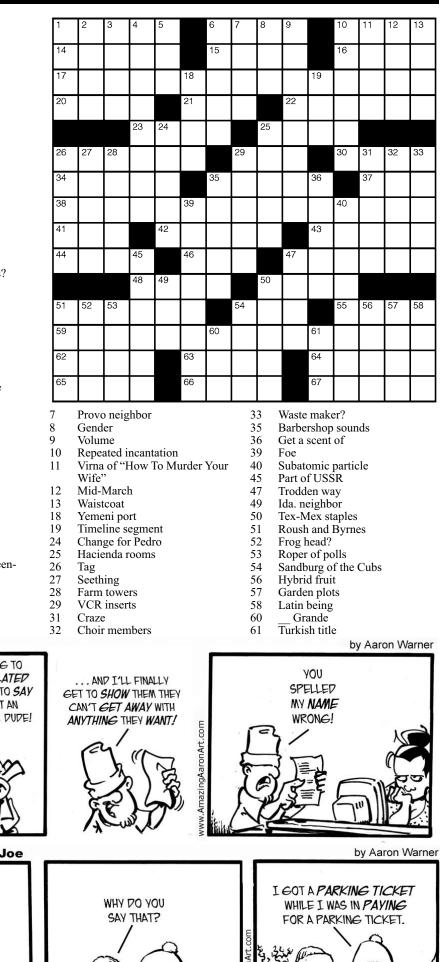
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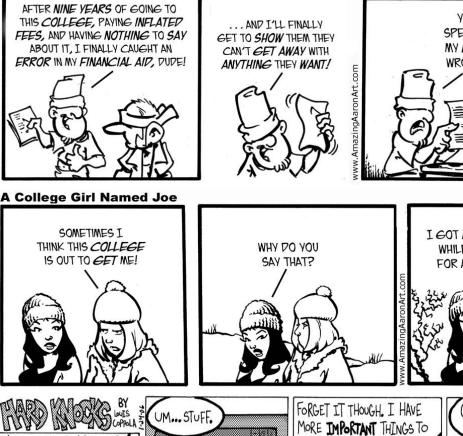


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Jimel freshman "I'd talk to any girl."

"If you had no fear, what would you do?"

BY: SUZANNE GUARINO



Rylee, Marissa, Annie sophomores & juniors "We'd eat anything and everything!"



Anthony senior "Rob a bank and move to China."



John senior "Play dodgeball with weapons."



Christina freshman "Eat brussel sprouts."



Kyle sophomore "Swim with sharks for the rush of it."



Jamie freshman "I would do more spontaneous activities like jumping out of a plane or bungee jumping."



Matt freshman "I'd fight Mike Tyson."



Krystina sophomore "Whatever the hell I wanna do."



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Students travel to Chile

Chile continued from pg. 1

that focused on issues like sexual diversity, according to Dr. Barbera.

"The idea with the summer camp experience is that it is a little bit of fun and a little bit of education as well," said Dr. Barbera.

Erin Harris added that they also took trips to the community pool and to a zoo in Santiago.

Dr. Barbera said that they are planning to return to Chile again in the future.

She even noted of a class called Human Rights in Theory and Practice: Case Study Chile which will be offered on the graduate dealt with and how they perseand undergraduate level.

Noto, Friedrich, and Harris said they each learned something it was the sense of community

go, Chile.

"It was such a learning experience from working at the camp and then meeting the people and working with the other North Americans that came down and also working with the other Chileans there," said Noto.

"We also stayed with families," she added.

Noto explained that two to four people were living with a family for the last leg of their trip said, the ten people stayed in a them. community center.

"You just embrace the culture," she said.

Noto also mentioned that they learned about the struggle they vered from it.

"The biggest thing I pulled from from their experience in Santia- they have there. They still hold she concluded.

on to a concept of 'Let's stick together and we can make it through

anything'," said Todd Friedrich. He added that he was amazed by how they fully embraced them as well as with the sense of humanity they had.

Erin Harris said that through her experience she learned "the incredible patience they had about trying to figure out what we were saying".

All agree that the people they in Chile. The first four days, she met were helping and warm to

"Being able to stay in the homes with the families made me think if I ever traveled abroad or go anywhere else I do not want to stay in a hotel," said Noto.

"It showed me how much more you learn when you are staying with the families and in the neighborhood where the people live,"

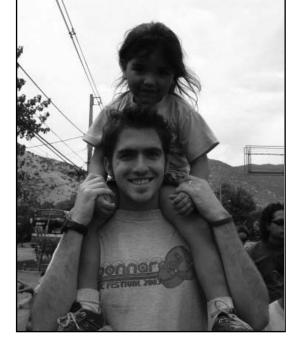


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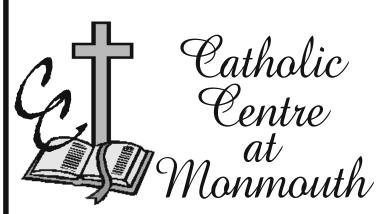
MU graduate and now MU MSW student Todd Friedrich with Francisca, who befriended the volunteers during the Escuela Popular.

Orthodox Christian Fellowship

Beginning his 22nd year as Greek Orthodox Chaplain at Monmouth University, Archimandrite Father Ephraem extends his personal blessing to all Eastern Orthodox students, faculty, and staff for a prolific scholastic year and hopes all will be active in the Orthodox Christian Fellowship. Father is available at any time to minister to the spiritual needs of all Orthodox Christians on a 24-hour basis, for



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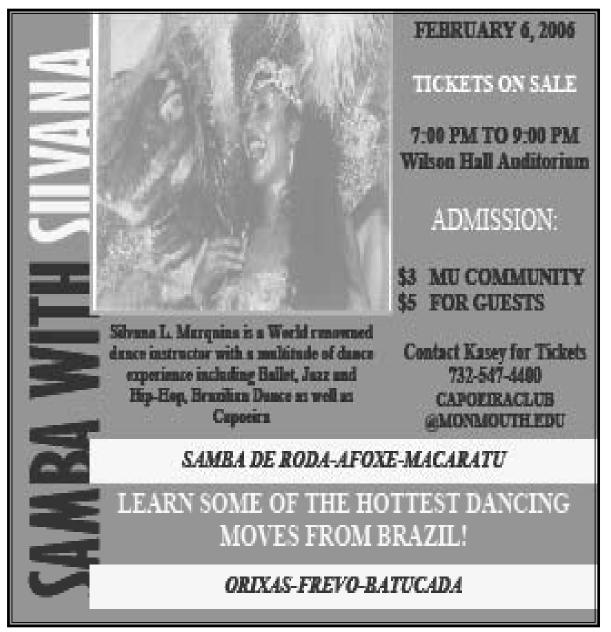
February 6th 7pm

Men's & Women's Bible Study Every Wednesday 8pm

ASL (American Sign Language) Class Every Thursday 7:30pm

PHOTO COURTESY of Dr. Rosemary Barbera

MU student Todd Friedrich and Temple student Christina O' Neill with their colleague Nicole and some children from teh Escuela Popular/ Colonia Urbana in La Pincoya shantytown, Santiago, Chile.



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Valentine's Day Party February 9th 8:30pm (after Asl Class)

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Does size really matter?

The age old question in reference to accessories

ANDREA TIBALDO FASHION EDITOR

For the past few seasons, the staple of any outfit has been some type of bulky and eye-catching accessory that defines the style looking to be acheived.

Open any magazine or watch any entertainment news show, and you'll be bombarded with pictures of such fashionistas as Lindsay Lohan, Jessica Simpson, Nicole Richie, and her nemesis, Paris Hilton. These ladies have shown us that size does in fact matter, and bigger is always better. When walking around campus, there are ladies showing off their own personal style just as well as these celebrities. When it comes to such feminine adornment as sunglasses, bracelets, earrings, necklaces, belts, and handbags, you can't have enough, and they can't be large enough.

Belts are wide, and adorned with flashy buckles. A western theme has emerged with leather bands, usually studded, and a large circular metal embossed buckle. Metallic and bronzed leather weaved belts



Nicole Richie and friend strolling the streets of LA with their oversized bags and sunglasses.

have also been giving otherwise mundane outfits the shiny kick they need.

Sunglasses are extremely wide, dark, and cover not only the eyes, but extend to the upper cheekbone and right below the eyebrow. Some styles resemble goggles rather than actual sunglasses at times. These need to be avoided. Oversized sunglasses give off the 'Don't even try to talk to me, I'm way



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Ashlee Simpson showing off the latest bulky styles.

too busy' impression. They are undoubtedly an excellent source of coverage when you're not donning any makeup, too.

As far as earrings go, look for any that have shell on them, are chandeliers or hoops, and of course, are big. Whether you prefer your earrings longer or wider, or both, you'll master the oversized trendy look, if they make your outfit complete.



PHOTO COURTESY of ioffer.com Jessica Simpson look chic with a eye popping red shoulder baq

Many women stick to silver when it comes to jewelry, but go bolder with gold and colored metal this spring and summer. Matching sets of earrings and necklaces are also a must-have for the seasons ahead.

Necklaces and bracelets are chunky and large, and many are made of wood. Long necklaces arent going out of style anytime soon so keep

wearing them in the spring and summer. Bright colors, as far as beaded necklaces, will be hot, too. Slip on multiple bangles for more of a chunky-layered look, or just stick to one cuff bracelet.

Handbags are a girl's second best friend; second only to diamonds, of course. A bag can make you feel 'pulled together,' even when you're going out in sweats, or just using it to transport books from class to class. Designer or not, a bag can still be adorable. Patterns are very fun for spring and summer, especially as beach bags. When choosing a bag, keep in mind what your height and weight is; short petite ladies will look overwhelmed by a super large bag.

So why all the hype over the fascination of freakishly gigantic apparel? The simple answer is, it's just supposed to look chic. The bigger the accessory, the more expensive it is (or seems), and the more it will get noticed. This trend is definitely one to give in to, because anyone can pull it off. Yes, bigger is better in the world of accessories.

Bigger & better The latest trends in oversized accessories Splurge Save WET SEAL, **DOONEY &** Reptile hobo, Bourke, Bolero RAMPAGE, gold \$19.50 bag, \$365 ANTHROPOLOGIE, chandelier with hand blown and beaded accent \$10 painted glass, \$298 FURLA, LUTETIA RAMPAGE, Dastyle, price availkota bucket hobo able in stores \$58







TIFFANY & Co., 18k gold bangle, \$6,500



NINE WEST, raw hide cross body.

NIINE WEST, solid bangles SALE \$5



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GUESS?, GC Diva large hobo, \$245



RJ GRAZIANO, circle chandelier earrings \$88

MARC JACOBS,

daisy style \$260



TARGET. africanprint hobo, \$19.50

\$70



Bernanke faces immediate tests that could determine economy's fate

KEVIN G. HALL KRT ARCHIVES

On Tuesday, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan hands over the reins for steering the world's largest economy to his successor, Ben S. Bernanke.

is expected to be presiding over a 14th consecutive quarter-point interest rate hike, bringing to 4.5 percent the benchmark federal-funds rate that banks charge each other for overnight loans, which directly affects consumer loans.

be determining when and how to break this streak of rate increases, which began in June 2004.

It's no small question, and the nationwide housing boom. answer will have tremendous impact on all Americans.

Raise rates too high and housing prices could slump, credit nant long-term rates amid rising card fees could surge, and the cost of borrowing for college or a new car could become punishing.

Ease credit too soon, and risk being seen by global financial markets as soft on inflation. U.S. Treasuries, even though Investors in stocks and bonds, traders in currencies and gold, and foreign governments that buy U.S. government debt could all lose confidence in Bernancould spark a crisis that spreads across the globe.

So what to do? Keep raising rates? Pause? Begin cutting?

"I think there's some pressure near term," said William Dudley, chief U.S. economist for Goldman Sachs & Co. in New York.

Paulsen, chief investment strate- Bernanke might want "to take a gist for Wells Capital Manage- little time to see what the rate inment, a division of Wells Fargo Bank. In a January report to investors, Paulsen noted "this said Charles Calomiris, a finantightening cycle began from the cial expert at the Columbia Unilowest interest rate in almost versity Graduate School of Busi-

serve price stability by warding off inflation, the rise in prices across the economy. Inflation is most threatening during periods of economic growth, like now. The Fed seeks to raise rates high enough to contain inflation but Greenspan's final official act not so high that they'll choke the economy. The federal funds rate is the tool the Fed uses.

Historically, long-term lending rates, including mortgages, rise in tandem with the federal funds rate. But that relationship is topsy-turvy as the Bernanke era begins. Long-term rates Bernanke's first big test will haven't risen over the latest cycle of short-term rate hikes. Instead, they've remained low, and low mortgage rates fueled a four-year

Greenspan, widely viewed as the greatest central banker ever, declared the phenomenon of stagshort-term ones a "conundrum." Bernanke believes a "global savings glut" is the reason. Foreign investors and central banks in China, Japan, and elsewhere, are seeking a safe bet in long-term they pay relatively low returns.

Some think the uncertainty over the relationship between long and short rates is reason enough for a pause when Berke's monetary management. That nanke presides over his first rate-setting meeting of the Fed's policy-making body, the Federal Open Markets Committee, on March 28.

"I think there's a good chance for the Fed to keep going over the that they don't tighten at his first meeting," said Richard Fedele, CEO of Summit Mortgage LLC in Boston. Housing is such That's a view shared by James a large part of the economy that creases have done."

Bernanke must tread carefully,

"Without a `depression panic,' short-term rates probably would have bottomed fairly close to where they are today," Paulsen wrote. "Essentially, the Fed has just now returned interest rates back to recession lows and can now `begin' to tighten."

UNIVERSITY NEWS

China's central bank said in early January that it would diversify out of U.S. Treasuries this year, but it didn't say how much or when. It's an important question as the Bernanke era dawns.

Meanwhile, Wall Street and the financial media will surely pore over every statement from the Bernanke Fed, looking for any break with the past, indecision or dissent among Fed governors.

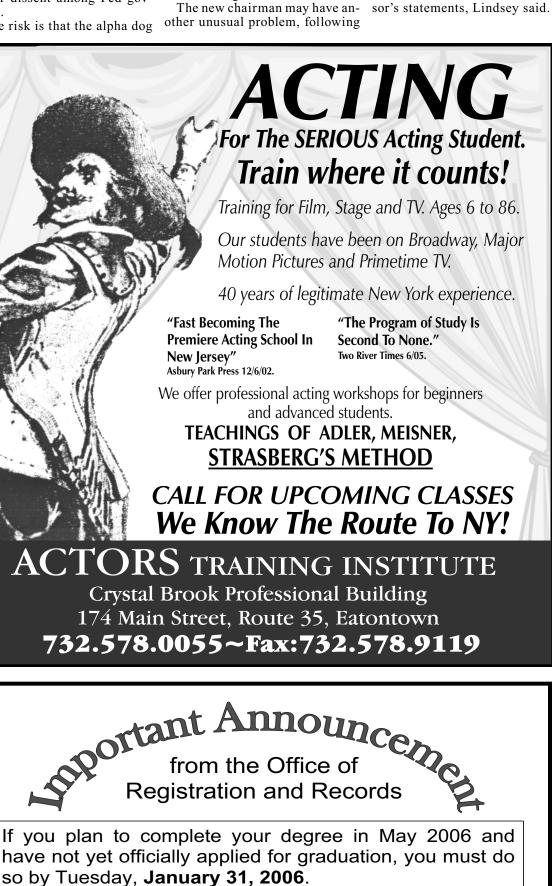
"The risk is that the alpha dog

(Greenspan) is gone and the pack nearly 19 years of Greenspan, is going to start squabbling," said Kevin Hassett, a former Fed economist and scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, a an economic sage, may no lonconservative think tank.

Bernanke, he said, can secure his leadership role by clearly explaining his views on the economy and inflation risks when he I do think that he will be uneddelivers his first economic report card to Congress on Feb. 15.

said Lawrence Lindsey, a Fed governor from 1991 to 1997. Greenspan, widely viewed as ger feel restrained about expressing his views in public.

"I don't think he's going to set out to create a conflict, but ited, and I think that increases the variance" with his succes-



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-JAMES PAULSON Chief investment stratigist for Wells Fargo

half a century" and reverses ness in New York. steep defensive rate cuts made to boost the U.S. economy after rates high enough, it could push the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks the economy to a tipping point. panicked the markets and risked Investments bearing short-term recession.

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tions, suggest a nearly 60 percent rate hikes. chance that Bernanke will keep tightening rates in March.

The Fed's mission is to pre- asked.

If the Fed raises short-term rates would become more attrac-"Without a 'depression panic,' tive than those paying long-term short-term rates probably would rates, which would force up the have bottomed fairly close to longer rates, including mort-where they are today," Paulsen gages, and hurt the hot housing

Much is beyond Bernanke's back to recession lows and can control, Calomiris noted, because foreign investment in Many on Wall Street believe U.S. Treasuries, especially from that Bernanke's Fed will contin- China and Japan, has had more ue raising rates. Futures markets, impact on U.S. mortgage rates which project investor expecta- than have the Fed's short-term

> "Can you think of a time ever when that was the case?" he

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Regarding May 2006 Graduates



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Phi Sigma Kappa

So many important things to say theres just not enough space..First I wanna give a shout out to Breakfast for being the best meal of the day... ok....Gump gets hit harder than a girl with her first period... Pugsley swaps hooks with an illegal alien.. Keegles "I like to wake up in the morning and start a warm bath with rose petals, candles, and some soft music. I then take a little stroll on the beach with Nicholas. It just gets me ready for the day". Stimpy finds a new part time job..what job is it you ask? Cleaning his girlfriends house on a daily basis. Honky aka Ben Brenner gave his promise ring on 10/24 ..

Scrotum to girls "This is a club not a shopping mall. Go put on a different shirt". Launchpad cries again..its no longer funny..its getting weird..Farva and Greasehead take a strictly business trip to Centerfolds and come out broke and hard.. Schlaeffer tells time by the location of the sun throughout the day..Schlaeffer is proof that evolution CAN go in reverse...Schlaeffer is dumber than a box of hair.. When Pugsely hooks up with a girl he also gives her the gift that keeps on giving..except this gift will make u itch and burn .. In other news.. the main event ..

"Lets get ready to RUMBLE !!!!!...and most importantly Welcome to the Party!!!" In the blue corner, hailing from the the field hockey field, the Beauty.. In the red corner, hailing from the slop trough at your nearest WT farm, the Beast! This battle of champions went two amazing high flying rounds... only to end with a right hook at the "little Jicked Dew ball"...and a lock of golden hair found in the bathroom...and the winner isGump for upgrading his relationship from a Kia to a Cadillac.. Nice job Gump.. This is Fival signing off Damn Proud!

pri: "eyes...no comment" Lunabelle:confusing her roommates one 1 im at a time my life... There's no better way to start our nights that a good crossword puzzle. Paradise gets a jersey scout merit badge for doing something bad in MD. Serendipity becomes an "ACE" of a host. Blahnixx and SunSet hit the jackpot but didn't have time to go to confession this week. Thursday booze crew love the rubba-dub-dub, had so much fun in the tub! Lil, I owe BIG! Need to learn to party lk that more often. Missed you Jerz Great Mixer TKE. 8:30am??-Stellina-My beautiful Phi Sigs I love you all-only 4 months left and I'm counting down-so all of you- have an amazing semesterand we better make it count-269 you are all my heart.- Sirenfantazy-thanks for the ridiculous car ride home on Saturday you Pictl!!-Jewel. Jewel: I had something to write- but I don't remember anything-Jersey: We are on a MISSION !!~ Fantazy Sexist Mafia Hotties, too bad I lost my hat. Kisses to Sapphy, and Little I adore you!-Elle.

Theta Phi Alpha

So we paid for dinner in pennies! Well quarters + NO EAT. Ahhh I loveyou Tee & Ang! Last semester, seniors! Let's make it a good one!-Katie Pec It's LAST CALL BABY!!! What is really good. I love yougirls and I wanna make this semester special. To my 24 Berger Babies: We are drunken messes and I love it. We are so GROWN N SEXY! Love, Josephine//Danielle at 21 nuggets. 1 Royal Place Princesses! Love you girls! Love, Meg // Wow TPA: You girls are amazing, let's make this anawesome semester! 24 Berg Babes/AN Love it! // Happy Birthday JY! Love you! -Nicole // Happy 21st Birthday Katie -Love you! Enjoy it –Heather // Theta Phi Alpha, you rock my world baby girls! Biggie love, you are my life, and we're just so good together. Just thanking you for "certain things" that have come my way this semester. I LOVE US!! 263, don't judge us, my girls... You are so stellar! Love ALK // Big I just want to thank you for the quick therapy session and makeup fix on Friday...DUO LIKE WHOA. I love you and you

Lincoln tradition for life. // I'm in love with Jamie Irber! Partners in crime, don't mess or you'll get the wrath. -Laura // 27s: Don't know what I'd do without you girls! Can't take how close we really are! I love yous to death!!! Three's you're the best! Seriously "what goes on!!" Love you all TPA! Love: LAMB! // Happy B-day Jenna and JY! It's last call – my last semester! Love all my TPA girlies! // Canada belig love 06 – ROOM 219, we owned tremblent. Stace heal that leg, egg whites + gold asap – D. Littleone – our last semester together, let's make it count xo – biggie

Tau Kappa Epsilon

ay-yo washu doin? good to be back at good ol' MU for the Spring '06 semester. I'm back and the Juice was god awful-Osbourne. "No.... TKE guys... at our rush events"- Doofy.

vacuum and looses. What happened this weekend? Osbourne, Gus Gus, Moby, and Quailman find cure for two ST. DES-Moby. Thanks for mixer Phi Sig. Didn't get same reaction from Def Leppard though- Quailman. Someone get Osbourne a box of tissues! Check is Good!!!

Delta Phi Epsilon

AHHHH-Fantasies-you are my heart! Big, G Big and secret I love you all so much! Bigwhere have you been, i miss you terribly! -Trinidy xoxo Luna, Starlet, and spectacl getting level since 2006. holler! Love spectacl. Danielle- thanx for Friday night-wow-you made my night!-Trinidy Holla Luna and Spectacl- we gonna be laughing haaard this semester! love, starlet. Liza Minelli parks real nice! Love ya, Solaia! lynsey White is my hero, love luna. Nice job with recruitment Jolie! -Topaz Roomie- who ate the pb? I smell air freshner! Too high maintenence for the baby pool haha. -Solaia Roomie-should

Quailman gets into a fight with a I pay you for the therapy? We could never be with someone that is going no where! I love you!-Starlight love my sweet hearts! -Aloha Pseud- Thank you for the painting. -Pseud Jaime-don't be mad that I'm cooler than you-Rina Ps: together we are cooler than anyone! Love all my deephers! Riley~ we have to do dinner again soon, you crack me up! xoxo. Honey- Your doing a great job as president, i'm so proud. Love you!- Sugar. 206 roomies- you rock my world.

UPCOMING GREEK EVENTS

Men's Recruitment~ Friday, February 3 @ 8 P.M in Wilson Hall

Women's Recruitment~ Saturday, February 4 @ 12 in Bey Hall.

Delta Phi Epsilon Hosts 2nd Annual SINGLED OUT~ Wednesday February 22 @ 10 P.M. in Pollak Theater.

Alpha Chi Rho hosts 2nd Annual Charity Basketball Game featuring the Harlem Magic Masters-Friday, February 24 in Boylan Gym @ 7 P.M.



Come personalize a cupcake for that special someone for Valentine's Day

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Phi Sigma Sigma

PHI SIGMA SIGMA:GO GREEK! My 401's: my dirty little secrets: Dezire: nice to see you found someone who knows how to exit the bathroom properly. Amore: time to get neked in a Jiff. Divine: you still have a are really a true sister Owen. sandwich waiting at Usubs Ca- 263 like nobodies business... Starting at 11:00 am In the **Plangere Center**



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A student's guide to study abroad

ROBERT DANHARDT **OVERSEAS CORRESPONDENT**

Often in life we ask ourselves "What would it be like?" or "Should I do it?" in reference to the many situations that present themselves daily. A quote comes to mind that I once saw in a movie with Matthew Broderick. In it he says something along the lines of if you keep putting things off until tomorrow; you'll find that all you have is a bunch of empty yesterdays. I think this line is true to the study abroad experience. If my calculations are correct, less than 10% of students at Monmouth ever study abroad and that is including the summer programs, but making the choice to do so will give you everything except empty yesterdays. You just have to commit to take that step.

Like many, I came to Monmouth with really no interest in actually studying abroad. I mean there is plenty to see in the United States, right? We have fifty states all with their own unique attractions. Sure seeing some things in other countries would be cool, but hey, what's it matter if I never see them? I have my own great big country to explore. Little did I realize how limit- all, your GPA doesn't change while ing this view was.

As I continued through my first year at MU, I occasionally heard the stories of people who went through the program; all of them seemed exciting. Before long I realized that not one of them regretted going, but every one of them, without hesitation, said it was easily the best experience of their lives. It was at that moment I began to give it some thought and soon after, I was dead set on doing it. I picked the semester that I wanted to go and then I saved as much money beforehand as I possibly could.

Naturally, there are tons of questions that come up in regards to this whole thing. Below I'll try to address a few of them.

Is it expensive?

Yes. Wait! Before you throw the paper down in disgust, listen to what I mean by that. The cost to study abroad is equivalent to being a resident student. The only other money you would need is for the extra stuff that you would plan to do while you follow along. are there (trips to other countries, eating out, bar tabs!). It recom-

to \$8000 for spending. However, this is an amount that will make you comfortable and allow you to do a lot of things while you are here. I've met people since I've been here that have as little as \$2,000. Granted they will not be able to see or do as much, but that doesn't mean that their trip will be any less rewarding. There are many other financial avenues you could take as well to help you fund the trip. So don't be afraid to contact the Financial Aid office and take a look at the options available to you.

Will I still be able to graduate when I planned to or will this set me back a semester?

It doesn't have to. The way the program runs is that before you go you are given a list of classes that the school offers and their Monmouth equivalents. This way, you can satisfy your major requirements while you are studying abroad. If your major doesn't allow vou to take classes abroad or if vou just want to have fun taking classes, the option of just taking classes as electives is the answer. There are many fun classes that you will never be able to take in the U.S. Best of you're out here. As long as you pass the class you get the credit for it. Yes, the letter grade will still show on your transcript, but it will not be calculated into your GPA.

Is it worth it?

Without a doubt! You will never be able to experience seeing the world in the way you would now. Believe it or not, it would never be this cheap either. It opens your eyes to being a part of things you never dreamed you would do before. I've only been here for about a week and a half and already I can see how great of an opportunity this is and the potential that it holds.

I invite you to follow along with me each week on my study abroad experience. Each week I may give you a fact that I find interesting that I otherwise would have never known, the amount that I'm spending along the way and other random things I feel I should throw in. I anticipate some great stories to be in future articles and I hope that you'll be interested enough to

If at any point you have a ques-



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Students take in Big Ben, one of London's greatest attractions. Pictured aboove (left to right) Jennifer Haley, Alyce Quinlan, Bob Danhardt, Ron Gonzales, Alayne Picinic, Sarah Van Curen, Pamela Quillamor and Sean Stever.

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Study abroad students sit in Newark Airport waiting for their flight to Heathrow Airport in London, England. Picture above (left to right) Ron Gonzales, Sean Stever, Bob Danhardt, Sarah Van Curen, Pamela Quillamor, Brittani Clewlow, (bottom) Alayne Picinic, Alyce Quinlan and Nicole Yahara.

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Women's Basketball Hawks split PA road trip Remain in 4th in NEC Standings

CRAIG D'AMICO ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Monmouth Hawks took to the road this past weekend, making the long six hour bus trip to St. Francis (Pa.) for a Saturday afternoon showdown. That was then followed with two more hours on the road, to Moon Township, to take on the Robert Morris Colonials on Monday night. The Hawks began their trip on a roll, having won four in a row, and seven out of their last nine.

Saturday afternoon, they entered a building that had been a house of horrors for them over the years, the Stokes Center, where they hadn't beaten the Red Flash since February 1995, a span of 11 consecutive games, including two NEC Championship games in 1997 and 2004.

Monmouth had defeated St. Francis three weeks before in West Long Branch, 51-49 on two Lindsey Zegowitz free throws in the final seconds.

Against the four time defending Northeast Conference champion Red Flash this time around, the Hawks got off to a slow start, similar to the prior meeting. St Francis scored the first three baskets of the game and raced out to an 11-point lead with seven minutes to go in the half. The Hawks were plagued by turnovers in the first half, 12 turnovers in the first 11 minutes.

The Flash led by as many as 14, 33-19 with two minutes to go in the first half, and the Hawks ended up trailing by 12 points, 37-25 at the half. However, the Hawks would regroup and come out firing in the second half, as St. Francis' lead disappeared in a 'flash'. It only took the Blue and White four minutes, faster than a Barry Allen or Wally West, as they rolled off a 14-2 run straight out of the locker room, to tie the game at 39.

Hawks junior Charisse Johnson gave the Hawks a temporary lead with 14 minutes to go, and it was Hawks senior Niamh Dwyer who nents, and the eighth straight time gave the Hawks the lead for good with just under seven minutes to

From there, Monmouth continued to run, extending its lead to as many as 12 to cruise to a 72-62 win. The victory was the Hawks fifth straight. The key was once again a dominating and suffocating defensive presence in the second half, combined with lights out shooting.

Monmouth outscored the Flash in the second half 47-25, shooting 45 percent from the field, outrebounding the Flash 27-14, and forcing 17 Flash turnovers. It was the seventh time in the last eight games that the Hawks outrebounded their oppothey outscored their opponents in the second half.

Four Hawks finished in double digit scoring, as Dwyer led the team with 24 points and nine rebounds, LaKia Barber scored 11 points in only 10 minutes off the bench, and Brianne Edwards and Lindsey Zegowitz scored 10 apiece.

Despite having dominated the Northeast Conference over the span of the last decade, the Red Flash are not quite same the team this year that won their fourth consecutive NEC title last March. They lost four starters and eight total letterwinners, which equal about 88 percent of their total offense from last season. Prior to the start of the



PHOTO BY Jim Reme Head Coach Michele Baxter in one full year as Hawks head coach has led the team to a 14-7 record against the NEC, and has the Hawks currently sitting at fourth place in the NEC standings

Several Hawks shine during busy indoor track weekend Blue and White have strong showings at Terrier Classic and Bison Open

PRESS RELEASE Monmouth University Track and Field had strong showings at two different events this weekend as the Blue and White sent split squads to the Terrier Classic, hosted by Boston University, and the Bison Open, hosted by Bucknell University. At the Terrier Classic, the men's squad was led by its throwers again as the Hawks grabbed three of the top six places in the shot put. Junior Kyle Hirschklau (Morristown, N.J./Morristown) led the way as he finished in fourth with a toss of 50' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", followed by sophomore Ed Skowronski (Hazlet, N.J./Raritan), whose toss of 50" 3 ¹/₂" placed him fifth. Sophomore Chris Keller (Matawan, N.J./Matawan) was the final Hawk to place as he finished sixth with a toss of 48' 11 ³/₄". Also in the field, senior Nick Gilanelli (Moorestown, N.J./Moorestown) finished in fourth in the pole vault clearing a height of 15'. On the track, the Blue and White qualified for IC4As in three different events. Sophomore Chris Vuono (Wall, N.J./Christian Brothers)

with his fourth place finish in the

broke a 10-year-old school record meter dash in a time of 6.48. On the women's side at the Ter-

season, senior Amber Hein was the for that week, junior transfer Nataonly player on the roster who had started a game for the Flash.

fifth time that the Hawks have swept a home and home series with St. Francis (Pa.) since they started line. playing annually in 1986, and the first since the 1991 season.

weeks, the Hawks only loss was a up two spots, from 10th to eighth 64-60 game at Boylan Gym against the Colonials. The Hawks entered list, and is currently just one point the Sewall Center in Moon Town- away from her assistant coach, ship Monday night for the return Jewonda Bright for seventh place. engagement, where the Colonials have a perfect record against NEC opponents this year, looking to keep their win streak going and split the and Sacred Heart, and they both season series with Robert Morris for the second straight season.

Even more important, was the fact that Monmouth, at 6-2, entered the night one game behind Robert at 9-1, with Robert Morris and Morris and Quinnipiac, at 7-1, for second place in the NEC standings.

The Hawks initially picked up right where they left off on Saturday, jumping out to a 7-0 lead three minutes in, however then went nearly 10 minutes in between field goals, as the Colonials went on a 12-1 run.

A Veronica Randolph trey gave the Hawks back the lead at 15-14, before the lead changed four more times before the Colonials took a NEC home games at Boylan Gym. 29-27 lead into halftime.

With the Hawks trailing at halftime, you could have made the case that Monmouth had the Colonials right where they wanted them, as the Hawks had outscored their last eight opponents in the final 20 minutes.

Five three's by Robert Morris gave them their biggest lead of the game at 59-48 with seven minutes to go. Just like their previous meeting, the Hawks would fight to keep it close in the final minutes, but Robert Morris made four of their six free throws down the stretch to seal the game and the 67-61 win.

The Colonials were without last season's NEC Player of the Year, Sugeiry Monsac, who missed the first six games of the season due to a knee injury, and then was reinjured in the final minutes of the first game with the Hawks, and will most likely miss the rest of the season.

After scoring 17 points in the first meeting, which led to her being named NEC Player of the Week

sha Summerville scored 20 points to lead the Colonials, 17 in the sec-The season sweep was only the ond half. For the Hawks, Edwards scored a career high 16 points, and was 9-of-10 from the free throw

Dwyer has 1,120 career points, and in the game against the Colo-Over the course of the last three nials with just eight points moved on Monmouth's All-Time points

Ironically enough, going into Monday night the two hottest teams in the NEC were Monmouth went down on the same night, as the Pioneers 10-game win streak was snapped by Long Island.

The Pioneers still lead the NEC Quinnipiac close behind at 8-1. Monmouth falls two games off the pace at 6-3, and holds a one game lead over Mount St. Mary's for the fourth seed.

The Monmouth Hawks (9-9, 6-3) will have a busy week ahead, three games in five days, with games on Thursday night against FDU, and Saturday afternoon against Wagner. Monday night the Hawks will be on the road at CCSU. The Hawks have won 12 of their last 13

| 2006 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL REMAINING SCHEDULE |
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| 2/02 VS. FDU 7PM |
| 2/04 VS. WAGNER 3PM |
| 2/06 AT CCSU 7PM |
| 2/11 AT WAGNER 4PM |
| 2/16 VS. QUINNIPIAC 7PM |
| 2/18 AT MOUNT 3PM |
| 2/22 AT FDU 5:30PM |
| 2/25 VS. SFNY 3PM |
| 2/28 VS. SAC. HEART 7PM |
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Malia Lyles named **NEC Track Athlete** of the Week

Junior post first win of indoor

500 meter. Vuono's time of 1:03.45 not only breaks the old school record, set by Jason Fennes in 1996 (1:03.97), but also qualifies him in the event for IC4As.

Senior David Wiley (Monroeville, Pa./Gateway) was the second Hawk to qualify for IC4As as he placed fifth in the 400 meter, breaking the tape in 48.38.

The Distance Medley Relay team was the final event that the Blue and White qualified for IC4As in. Wiley joined sophomores Bill Doherty (Madison, N.J./Madison) and Larry Schau (Staten Island, N.Y./Tottenville), and freshman Ryan Madrid (Clifton, N.J./Paramus Catholic) to place fifth with a time of 10:15.10.

Senior Andrew Allen (Roselle Park, N.J./Roselle Park) continued his sensational season with a sixth place finish in the 55m hurdles, posting a time of 7.80. Junior Fabrice St. Elme (Rahway, N.J./ Rahway) also had a strong showing with a fourth place finish in the 55

rier Classic, senior Toria Williams (Browns Mills, N.J./Pemberton) placed third overall, first in the collegiate rankings, in the 400 meter posting a time of 57.44.

Fellow classmate Katina Alexander (Pleasantville, N.J./Pleasantville) placed sixth in the 5000 meter, breaking the tape in ECAC qualifying time of 17:13.12. It is the second fastest time in school history in the 5000 meter.

Sophomore Joanne Shia (Jackson, N.J./Jackson) was the last Hawk to place as she finished seventh in the 55-meter hurdles, posting a time of 8.57.

At the Bison Open, sophomore Jude Rene (Hamilton, N.J./Hamilton North) was the only the Hawk to place on the men's side, as he totaled the fifth most points in the heptathlon, with 4123. For the women, sophomore Nikki Zwartjes (Burlington, N.J./Burlington Twp.) finished in sixth place in the pole vault clearing 10'4."

season, leads Hawks at Great Dane Classic

PRESS RELEASE

Monmouth University junior Lyles totaled 15 points for the Malia Lyles (Collingswood, Hawks, as they finished fourth ence office announced its weekly host Albany, and St. John's reaward winners on Tuesday evening.

route to winning the 5000 meters, Lyles qualified for ECACs with a lar performance at the Gulden time of 19:06.37.

Along with the 5000 meter 5:30.40.

With two top-five finishes, (Lewisburg, Pa.).

N.J./Cherokee) was named NEC in the team standings with a total Women's Track Athlete of the of 73 points. The Blue and White Week, as the Northeast Confer- finished behind Northeastern, spectively.

This is the second time this Lyles led the Hawks' charge at season Monmouth has taken the Great Dane Classic, hosted home a women's NEC Track by University of Albany, as she Athlete of the Week, as Tisifenee posted her first career victory. En Taylor took home the honor two weeks ago (Jan. 10) for her stel-Relays.

Lyles and the Hawks return to title, Lyles placed fourth in the the track this weekend as they mile run as she broke the tape in travel to the Terrier Open (Boston, Mass.) and the Bison Open

MU breaks even on Pennsylvania swing Hawks lose season series to RMU, sweeps St. Francis (Pa.)

EDDY OCCHIPINTI SPORTS EDITOR

The annual western trek of the Monmouth University men's basketball team through the Keystone State produced a .500 record as the Hawks lost to Robert Morris and defeated St. Francis (Pa.) while away. The loss to the Colonials was the first time Monmouth has been swept in the home-and-home series since the 1998-1999 season.

The Hawks are now 10-11, and 7-3 in the Northeast Conference, good enough for a second place tie with Robert Morris.

In the first game of the trip, the Hawks allowed Robert Morris to make seven three-point field goals in the final eight minutes. This included five threes on seven trips down the stretch as they dropped a 73-65 decision to the Colonials.

Monmouth jumped out to an early 25-11 lead as Chris Kenny and Dejan Delic each hit a pair of three-pointers and 7-2 center John Bunch added three baskets down low.

With a 27-15 lead, officials appeard to miss a foul on a three-point field goal attempt by Delic. Robert Morris responded by going on a 14-3 run to cut the Hawks lead to 30-29. At halftime, Monmouth held a brief 34-33 lead over the home team.

Monmouth took a 57-53 lead on a Marques Alston jumper with six minutes remaining in the game, but Robert Morris responded with a three-point field goal by Colson Senat, trimming the lead to 57-56.

The Senat three was the first of five which Robert Morris would

hit on the next seven trips down the court. After the Colonials turned the ball over at the five minute mark, Monmouth pushed the lead back to four on a layup by Alston.

Derek Coleman drained a threepointer to cut the lead to 60-59 and after a layup by freshman Whitney Coleman, Senat hit another threepointer to tie the score at 62 with four minutes left in the game.

Tyler Azzarelli missed the front end of a 1-and-1 opportunity, and Senat and Delic missed threepointers for Robert Morris and the Hawks, respectively, before Colonial Jeremy Chappell hit a trifecta to give them a 65-62 lead with two minutes remaining.

Coleman hit a three-pointer to square the game at 65 around the two minute mark, but Coleman gave RMU the lead for good on a three with less than two minutes to go, giving the Colonials a 68-65 lead. Monmouth missed three three-point field goals and turned the ball over twice on their final five trips down the court.

Bunch led Monmouth with 14 points and seven rebounds. Although many spectators believed Bunch tallied at least six blocks, Monmouth's big man was credited with three blocks on the evening. Alston scored 12 points and Coleman chipped in with 11 points.

In the second game of the road trip, the Hawks shot 64.5 percent in defeating the

St. Francis (Pa.) Red Flash 74-56. Coleman led the Hawks with a

game-high 18 points off the bench and Delic added 14 points and five

rebounds.

The Hawks now come to an in-

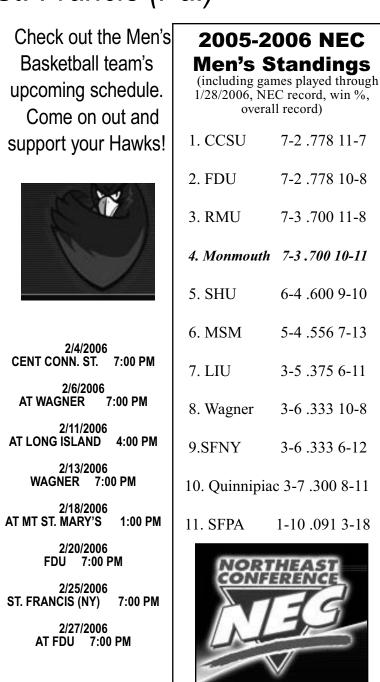
teresting point in their 2005-2006 schedule. From this point on, they have home-and-home contests against Fairleigh Dickinson, Wagner and Long Island and host St. Francis (NY) and go to Mount St. Mary's.

They play on a Saturday-Monday rotation the last four weeks of the season starting this Saturday, February 4 against CCSU. Monmouth won the earlier meeting between the two schools 61-57. In that game, Bunch had 17 points and seven rebounds, and Azzarelli had 13 points.

All five starters for CCSU average at least 9.2 points per game, and they are third in the conference in scoring at 73.6 points per contest.

Hawk Notes

Monmouth leads the NEC in scoring defense, giving up just 63.8 points per game.... They are also number one in the conference in three-point percentage defense, allowing opponents to shoot just 40 percent from deep....However, the Hawks are last in the NEC in rebounding and offensive rebounding, averaging just 31 boards per game, including a shade under eight on the offensive end... Whitney Coleman is seventh in the NEC shooting 52 percent from the floor, and Marques Alston is 14th, shooting 47 percent...Dejan Delic is seventh in the conference in three-point field goals made with 43, which works out to just over two made per game...John Bunch would be second in the NEC in blocks with 38, but does not have enough games to qualify for the conference leaders.





FDU Selected To Play in ESPN's "BracketBusters presented by eBay" Pool

PRESS RELEASE

Fairleigh Dickinson is heading to Wisconsin-Green Bay to face the Horizon League team in mid-February (date to be determined) in a matchup created out of the original pool of 100 men's basketball teams representing 18 conferences selected to participate in the BracketBusters presented by eBay.

Of the 100 teams, 26 were selected on Monday by ESPN to participate in the fourth annual BracketBusters presented by eBay -- a 13-game televised men's basketball event matching NCAA tournament hopefuls against each other on Friday, Feb. 17 and Saturday, Feb. 18. Last year's field included a potential of 64 teams representing 13 conferences (vying for 11 BracketBusters games). For the remaining 74 teams in the "pool" that will not take part in televised games, an intra-conference home and home series was created. Wisconsin-Green Bay will visit Fairleigh Dickinson in November or December of 2006. ESPN and ESPN2 will combine to televise six Bracket-Busters contests, ESPNU, the 24-hour college sports network, will televise five and ESPN360 will offer coverage of the remaining two. Game times and network assignments for the 13 matchups will be announced Tuesday, Feb. 7. This year's event will mark the first time games will be televised over two days. The first three years of BracketBusters, previously branded as Bracket Buster Saturday, featured every game on a Saturday. The BracketBusters concept, named because of the success of teams from these conferences in NCAA Tournament play over the past years, provides participating programs with an opportunity to play top non-conference opponents approximately three weeks prior to Selection Sunday. Each conference selected their participating teams months prior to the season and the matchups for the event were determined by ESPN in conjunction with the conferences.



PHOTO BY jim reme

Corey Hallett shoots over St. Francis (Pa.)'s Winston Robinson. Hallett, the only Hawk to start every game this season, is second on the team in offensive rebounding and and tied for second in blocks.



Hawks Show They're No FLASH In the Pan

The Monmouth University women's basketball has won 8 out of 11 games, including a victory over the St. Francis (PA) Red Flash on their recentroad trip. Story pn page 26