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Gaffney honored

President Gaffney named one of Monmouth County Voice Magazine's "People of the Year"

NATALIE B. ANZAROUTH
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

As the president of Monmouth University, Paul G. Gaffney II has consistently reached out to the campus and its surrounding community. Apparently, his efforts have not gone unnoticed – at least not in Monmouth County.

"Pleased and surprised," is how Gaffney described himself upon being named one of Monmouth County Voice Magazine's "People of the Year" in their December 2005 issue. "It is good for the university, I think," Gaffney said.

According to Monmouth County Voice Magazine's Editor-in-Chief, Kim Zimmermann, the choices for "People of the Year" are evaluated throughout the year by way of staff nomination. The criteria set for this selection are people who have set an objective to better their communities and place of work.

"As we encounter people in our efforts for the magazine – be it an interview, or a sales call, or at a meeting – we take note of people who have gone above and beyond to make their communities a great place to live and work. As we get closer to putting out the issue, everyone on staff contributes names of people and their reasons for nominating them as a Person of the Year," Zimmermann said.

The December 2005 article chronicled the life and career of President Gaffney, a former vice admiral in the United States Navy who in his three years at Monmouth has brought programs

such as the Polling Institute and the Urban Coastal Institute into fruition.

In implementing these institutes, Gaffney has initiated communication between the surrounding communities, drawing attention towards preserving New Jersey through these programs.

"A university is a major institution in any community. It has a responsibility to reach beyond its fences and participate in the issues of the region...hence my desire to reach out personally and to start the new institutes," Gaffney said.

Patrick Murray, Director of the Polling Institute commented on Gaffney's involvement, stating,

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PHOTO BY Ryan Scally

President Paul Gaffney recognized as one of the "People of the Year."

MU clubs and organizations participate in Spring Involvement Fair

AMANDA PAINTER
STAFF WRITER

Monmouth University's Involvement Fair was held on the afternoon of February 1, in Anacon Hall. Clubs and Organizations buzzed around, setting up their individual tables and awaiting the arrival of interested students.

"It's a really good idea to get involved with as many different

clubs and organizations as possible," said Student Government Association and Theta Phi Alpha sister Laura Eveland. "It's the best thing you can do in college."

Along with well-known campus organizations making appearances at the fair, there were several new clubs that were represented.

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PHOTO BY Ryan Scally

Sisters of ZTA decorate their table at the Spring Involvement Fair with memorabilia.



PHOTO COURTESY of Farheen Haider

Monmouth University, junior, Farheen Haider (2nd row, left) is gathered in a tent with local children of the Tent Village to conduct interviews and speak to some of the locals.

Pakistani earthquake hits close to home for one MU student

ANTHONY AULFFO
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

For most Monmouth University students, the end of December marks the beginning of an enjoyable four-week winter recess to spend quality time with family and friends.

But for one Monmouth student, it marked the beginning of a life-changing event.

Farheen Haider, a junior political science major with a minor in sociology, decided to spend her winter recess with Medics International (M.I.), a U.N. affiliated, non-governmental organization under the World Health organization.

She traveled to Pakistan and Kashmir to perform disaster relief work for the October 8, victims of the 7.6-magnitude earthquake that killed an estimated 80,000 people.

Haider, 20, along with Rutgers University students Zain Ali, 21, and Taki Zaidi, 23, went to Pakistan and Kashmir to carry out the humanitarian work.

Haider said she felt compelled to take action when the earthquake hit. She could not sit around and observe "this devastated area that needed lots of help and was once called home to me. I felt that I needed to contribute to help in making a positive change there."

Haider was born in Islamabad, the capital of Pakistan, and moved to the U.S. in 1993. Haider, who is an active member of the Monmouth community, said she wants to make humanitarian aid her life's work. That's what compelled her to help the earthquake victims.

Haider left for her 25-day mission to Pakistan on December 27, and landed in her hometown Islamabad, which happens to be one of the hardest hit regions. There she went to an orphanage called Safina's Children's Home, where she worked with 40 orphans who were between the ages of 4 and 14.

Many of these children had either lost both of their parents, or had a single parent who was no

longer able to support their child because of the devastation of the earthquake.

While working at the orphanage, Haider attempted to keep the kids' minds off of the present issues by teaching and playing various games that required speaking in English and Urdu (Pakistani Language).

Haider said the orphan's most enjoyable moment was during arts and crafts time, as well as game time, when they were able to draw, make paper snowflakes,

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FARHEEN HAIDER
Monmouth University junior

and run around. Haider spent at least seven hours a day, for about 15 days, at the orphanage, only to take a break when she caught the flu and was forced to retreat to her family's home for a few days.

The orphans were free to talk to Haider whenever they wanted to about their situation and anything else that was on their minds.

"These kids took care of me and (took me) into their lives like I was one of their family members," Haider said.

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Students try their luck at Casino Night

Student Activities Board sponsored Casino Night in Student Center for students over the weekend

CHAD ESPOSITO
STAFF WRITER

On Saturday, February 4, the Student Activities Board held a free Casino Night in the student center cafeteria. The objective was to give students a chance to have some fun on the weekend, and a chance to meet some new people.

Casino Night was completely free, so no money was gathered for the board. The event attracted around 30 to 40 people.

The board hired faculty and S.A.B. members to complete the set-up, work behind the scenes, and serve as blackjack dealers.

Each person in attendance was given up to three cups of chips, each containing 10 white chips, one blue chip, and a raffle ticket. A blue chip equaled 10 white

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JUDITH WIGDORTZ
English Professor

chips. If someone received two blue chips, he/she could exchange them for an additional raffle ticket to put towards any raffle item he/she wanted to try to win.

The night’s games consisted of a roulette wheel, two spin wheels,



PHOTO BY Chad Esposito

Students (from left to right) Samantha Young, Patrick O'Rourke, Chris Chelko, Rosat Scott, Nick Heimbaugh try their chances at Texas Hold 'Em.

a Texas Hold-Em table, and three blackjack tables. The blackjack tables seemed to be most popular among the attendees. Providing the potential for big wins, the wheels were also popular.

A vacuum cleaner, a snack pack, sports balls, a chair, and a CD player were just some of the items raffled off. The format of the raffle was similar to that of a tricky tray auction.

“This is the first time I’ve ever been over on this side of the table,” said Judith Wigdortz, an English professor at Monmouth University who acted as a blackjack dealer for the night. “And it’s definitely a lot luckier than actually playing.”

Heather Kelly of the Student Activities Board invites Monmouth students to “come and let the chips fall where they may” on future casino nights.

Correction:

In an article titled “Redwood Hall roommates face criminal charges,” printed on February 1, 2006 under the picture of the two students involved in the incident the name David L. Goode was printed, it should have read, Daniel L. Goode.

“Well I insist I’m the “Miss” you’re missin’ Mister...” —April Smith



April Smith

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MU IN THE KNOW: WEEK IN REVIEW

ALEX TRUNCALE
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Egyptian Ferry Sinks in Red Sea

An Egyptian ferry sunk in the Red Sea off the coast of Saudi Arabia on Friday, according to a report in the February 4, edition of *The Washington Times*.

As stated in the report, 1,400 people were on board the ill-fated ship.

Officials say that 324 people were rescued and that the rest may be dead.

The sinking of the ship was blamed on the 220 cars that were on board, which significantly weighed the ship down. A spokesman for Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said the ferry did not have enough lifeboats. It was later revealed that there were safety questions raised about the 35-year-old ship, but that they were never addressed.

ALEX TRUNCALE
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Bush proposes \$2.77 trillion budget for 2007

President George W. Bush released his budget proposal for the 2007 fiscal year on Monday and delivered it to the legislature, according to a report in the February 6, edition of the *New York Times*.

The budget calls for cuts in Medicare spending and an

increase in defense spending.

In addition, the President is looking to make all his tax cuts permanent and is looking to cut spending in domestic programs that will save \$36 billion over the next five years. The administration is continuing to stand by its pledge to cut the deficit in half by 2009.

NATALIE B. ANZAROUTH
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Protests over caricatures of Muhammad; Five people reportedly killed

Two Afghani protestors were reportedly killed in Kabul, Afghanistan Monday, after demonstrators tried to break into a U.S. military base, according to a February 7 report by the *latimes.com*. In another isolated protest on Monday, three people were reportedly killed.

The protest, which was comprised of 2,000 people, stemmed from caricatures of Muhammad that were

first printed in a Danish publication.

These caricatures were later distributed and printed in other publications in Europe and by one U.S. newspaper.

Three other protests took place in Syria and Lebanon. On Saturday, February 4, the Danish and Norwegian embassies were burned in Damascus, Syria, while protestors in Beirut, Lebanon set fire to the Danish Consulate on Sunday, February 5.

NATALIE B. ANZAROUTH
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Voters in Haiti incur poor conditions in voting process

Voters in Port-au-Prince, Haiti struggled amidst poor voting conditions on Tuesday to cast their votes for the presidential and parliamentary elections, the *washingtonpost.com* reported on February 7.

Voting grounds were closed in some areas, leaving many voters waiting for numerous hours. In Cite Soleil, one of poorest areas, thousands of voters were reportedly waiting for hours,

and upon entering were told by election authorities and police that they lacked the voting resources necessary to cast a vote.

In Haiti’s first attempt at using voter registration cards, some voters were told that they were not listed in the voter registry.

Candidates for this year’s election are the former president’s of Haiti Rene Preval and Leslie Manigat, along with Charles Henri Baker.

SGA President's Corner

Hello
Monmouth University!

Happy Valentine's Day, a few days in advance! SGA wants to spread the love campus wide for the holiday. In an effort proposed by President Gaffney for students to "look out for each other," SGA is sponsoring **Random Act of Kindness Week**. Senators currently have red postcards for students, faculty, and administration to fill out. This is your opportunity to say thank you for little caring acts in life to people who have touched your life in some way or another. When you write them the note, please include on the back of the card their phone number and if they are involved in any club or organization. Once we collect all the cards, SGA will distribute them accordingly. The idea behind this celebration is so that people receive a card telling them that someone appreciates their efforts and gestures. So spread the word and find a senator, or see senators in the R.S. Student Center this Thursday and next Monday to fill out a card.

On Monday, February 6 I attended the Community Task Force meeting with Chris Hurley, SGA's Human and Community Relations co-chairperson. This meeting is where VP for Student Services Mary Anne Nagy and Off Campus and Commuter Services Director Vaughn Clay meet with representatives from Long Branch, Deal, and Ocean Township to discuss any university/community progress or potential problems regarding Monmouth students in the surrounding area. This committee has stimulated a lot of growth and prosperity over the past several years to improve relations with our surrounding towns. However, the main concern expressed at this month's meeting concerned garbage disposal on student rentals in the area. One man touched upon observations of bottles and cans on lawns, McDonald's bags in the roads, and excess garbage that lies around properties. **In an effort to**

eliminate such complaints, I am asking all off-campus students to please be aware of your own garbage disposal. Thank you to the students who are cognizant of their community pick-up days. To those houses who may have concerns or problems, please contact Vaughn Clay at 732-263-5651 or visit him on the 2nd floor of the R.S. Student Center.

Mark your calendars: Tuesday, March 14 @ 7:30pm in Anacon Hall, SGA will be sponsoring our annual auction to benefit Michael's Feat, a local charity that raises money for seriously ill newborn babies. Last year, we raised \$3000 for this cause. We are asking all clubs/organizations to make a donation to this auction, whether it be a service (cleaning a house) or something like a gift basket. Please contact Stephanie Smith, Auction chair, at 609-505-0424 about your donation.

I would like to congratulate and welcome our new Senators: Meghan Moratelli, Dana Panzone, Jeff Cook, Star Hilton, Ali Mileski, Samantha Werner, Amanda Klaus, and Jamie Irber. We are thrilled to add this talented, excited, and motivated group of students on the Senate for this exciting semester.

Finally, SGA worked with a local company called Clipless Coupons to design a **student discount card** for the surrounding local businesses. We will have display stands around the student center to distribute these cards. We will also give stacks to clubs and organizations to give to their members. These cards have been printed for all students, so take advantage of this wonderful opportunity, because it's FREE!

As always, have a great week and Happy Valentine's Day!

Yours Truly,
Alyson Goode
SGA President
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MU Greek community hosts Meet the Greeks in Anacon

Students gather to learn and understand what Greek life has to offer during their college careers

COURTNEY MUIR
STAFF WRITER

This semester's Meet the Greeks event was held in Anacon Hall Tuesday, January 31, at 10 p.m. Any students that were looking into joining Greek life, or simply wanted to see what it was all about, were welcomed to talk to the members and get to know more about them and their organization.

Dave Gains, who organized the night, provided refreshments that were offered throughout the event, along with a DJ, compliments of the fraternity Alpha Chi Rho, to make the atmosphere more relaxing and easier to socialize.

Freshman Christie Colaiani felt that by attending the event, she could find what she was looking for. "I was on the cheerleading team in high school, and I miss having a bond with a group of girls."

While some came for the bonding experience, others may have attended to find out about the newest sorority on campus, Alpha Xi Delta. "I'm definitely really excited, because it's the first time stepping out to get new potential members that weren't in the original interest group," stated senior Jenn O'Donnell.

Each fraternity and sorority presented a table that was equipped with all the items that reflected their organization, in order for students to understand more about them.

Most tables included a banner with the individual fraternity or sorority's creed on it, as well as paddles, representations of their

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JENN O'DONNELL
Monmouth University Senior

mascots, their Greek colors, and pictures of members of the organization engaging in activities.

"By setting up these tables, we are allowing for everyone to see for themselves what we are all about and what we represent, in hopes of attracting people that feel as we do, from our philanthropies, right down to how we all present ourselves as a member of our organization," stated Delta Phi Epsilon's Leah Moyers.

According to Tyler Havens, the New Greek Advisor, the number of people easily doubled from the fall semester, making this turnout, in his view, a very successful event.

"This should be a good recruitment. With the new sorority added, it will be a good semester," claimed Havens.

Referring to the recent addition of Alpha Xi Delta, Havens added, "I'm excited for my first formal recruitment with the women at Monmouth. It should be an interesting ride for all of us."

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Sorority Recruitment

KATELYN MIRABELLI
STAFF WRITER

Greek life is one of the largest groups on the Monmouth University Campus, and can be seen, for many, as the highlight of any college career. The mission of Greek Life at Monmouth, as stated on the University's webpage is, "...to provide programs, and services that actively assist fraternities and sororities in shaping students' leadership, scholastic, and personal development. It is our goal to ensure that all members have a safe and exciting fraternal experience at Monmouth University."

This new and exciting experience officially began for women on Saturday, February 4, at Round Robin. It was about a five hour formal process which took place in

Bey Hall. It gave girls interested in joining a sorority the opportunity to meet with all six Panhellenic organizations, as well as the new colony to arrive at Monmouth, Alpha Xi Delta.

About 90 girls attended as new potential members. The girls were divided into six groups, and were rotated into each room hosted by one of the sororities. All seven sessions were timed at 30 minutes per room in order for the girls to get to know some information about each sorority, as well as for the current members and new potential members to get to know a little bit about each other.

For many, the day was an overall positive experience. Stephanie Babilonia, a freshman Criminal

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Meet MU: Professor Rob Scott

A look in to this communication professor's life and career



PHOTO COURTESY OF Professor Scott

Rob and Andy Scott pictured here at their wedding.

DAN ROTH
STAFF WRITER

Every department at Monmouth University has a couple of teachers who everyone loves. They are the type of teacher that students feel comfortable talking to about anything and everything; from the most insignificant academic idiosyncrasy to the most complex social problem. In the case of the communication department Professor Robert Scott is the undisputed king.

Professor Scott is a towering man who is just under 6-foot-3 with blue eyes, a shiny bald head with dirty blond/brownish hair around the sides, a relatively solid frame, and at times a short beard. Some people might initially feel

intimidated by Professor Scott's gigantic stature. However, as soon as he speaks, it's clear there is nothing intimidating about him. In fact, some would say that he is nothing more than a big teddy bear.

On a daily basis, students and teachers alike flood Professor Scott's office in hopes of spending a few minutes talking with him about whatever topics have their minds momentarily stimulated.

Regardless of the fact that Professor Scott is constantly swamped with side projects stemming from his ongoing work in the television production field, or cramming to get ready for class, he listens intently to this students.

Professor Scott's ability to make every student or faculty member feel special makes him arguably

the most popular teacher in the communication department.

However, this is only his in-school persona. There are still many things we do not know about him, or at least we didn't know... until now.

Professor Scott was born and raised in New Jersey. After living here most of his life, he moved to Southeast Florida for six years to work on a number of different jobs, such as photography, boating, and film and video production. During this time, he also was earning his Master of Fine Arts Degree, with a specialization in film studies and screen writing from the University of Miami.

It was during this time he met one of his mentors. Paul Lazarus, a former film producer and head of the graduate film school at the University of Miami, helped Professor Scott accomplish his goals.

After completing his master's degree, Professor Scott took the next natural step for movie-industry hopefuls, and moved to Los Angeles. While in Los Angeles, he worked in the New Technology & New Media department of the Walt Disney Company. During the next seven years, he worked as a segment producer and managing editor. In addition, he also met the woman of his dreams and got married.

As his marriage progressed, he and Andy (his wife) felt the need to make a change, and decided to move back to New Jersey. They felt like this would be a better place to raise a family. This urge to start a family was one of the primary reasons Professor Scott pursued a position at Monmouth.

While teaching at Monmouth, Professor Scott still wanted to be involved in side projects. In fact, Professor Scott said the specialist professor position at Monmouth encourages teachers to keep working in their field while teaching, in hopes that it would bring a fresh outlook to students.

10 things you never would have known about Professor Scott

Favorite Songs: "Tangled Up in Blue" by Bob Dylan, Israel Kamakawiwo'ole's version of "Somewhere over the Rainbow/What a Wonderful World, and his wedding song, "Little Trip to Heaven," by Tom Waits

Favorite Vacation Destination: "any place warm where I don't have to wear shoes and there is good fishing."

Place he would most like to travel: New Zealand or Australia

Dream Car: (due to size restrictions) new Toyota FJ Cruiser

Favorite shopping destination: Fisherman's Supply in Point Pleasant or the Jersey Paddler in Brick

Favorite movie: "The Godfather"

Favorite part about life: The simple things that make you feel content and the smile on his wife's face when he says something only she would find amusing.

Worst part about being a teacher: Lack of time.

Biggest guilty pleasures: Fond of "Wanted Dead or Alive" by Bon Jovi, watching "Roadhouse" and "Pimp My Ride."

You never would have known... once performed with the Metro Lyric Opera Company

Future: Start a family, buy a house and a boat (with his wife's permission), get public exposure to more of his writing and write a screenplay or novel.

Having never taught before, the last two years have been a learning experience for Professor Scott. When asked to describe his teaching style Professor Scott said, "(it's) evolving. I've learned a great deal in the last two years about what works with my approaches and what doesn't. I really feel for those students who were patient with me during my first two semesters!

"I'm becoming more comfortable with trying new things, and believe that I'm improving on what I hope is becoming a very effective style."

As he continues to perfect his craft, Professor Scott works with Hawk TV. He said he gets a great deal of satisfaction from working with such a dedicated crew that is so set on honoring their individual skills while adhering to a group concept.

When not in the office, or working on a side project (a rarity as he rarely sleeps), Professor Scott enjoys a number of activities. Some of these activities are inland kayaking, fishing, photography (especially after a big storm changes the landscapes), writing, reading, traveling, playing the harmonica, and cooking.

As a former professional bartender and chef, Professor Scott

is a lover of all foods, and finds cooking to be "a wonderful creative outlet."

Professor Scott also enjoys music. His musical taste ranges from rock and blues, to punk and swing, and thanks to his wife, even enjoys some classic jazz. His favorite artist is Bob Dylan.

If there is one thing that Professor Scott lives by, it is the quote "life is a journey, not a destination." It is this that has inspired Professor Scott to travel the world and work on whatever endeavors his heart sees fit.

It is this ideology that has led him from New Jersey down to Miami, west to LA, and back home again. If it wasn't for this philosophy, Professor Scott might not be the same man the com-

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That's just who Professor Scott is.

Last to find out?

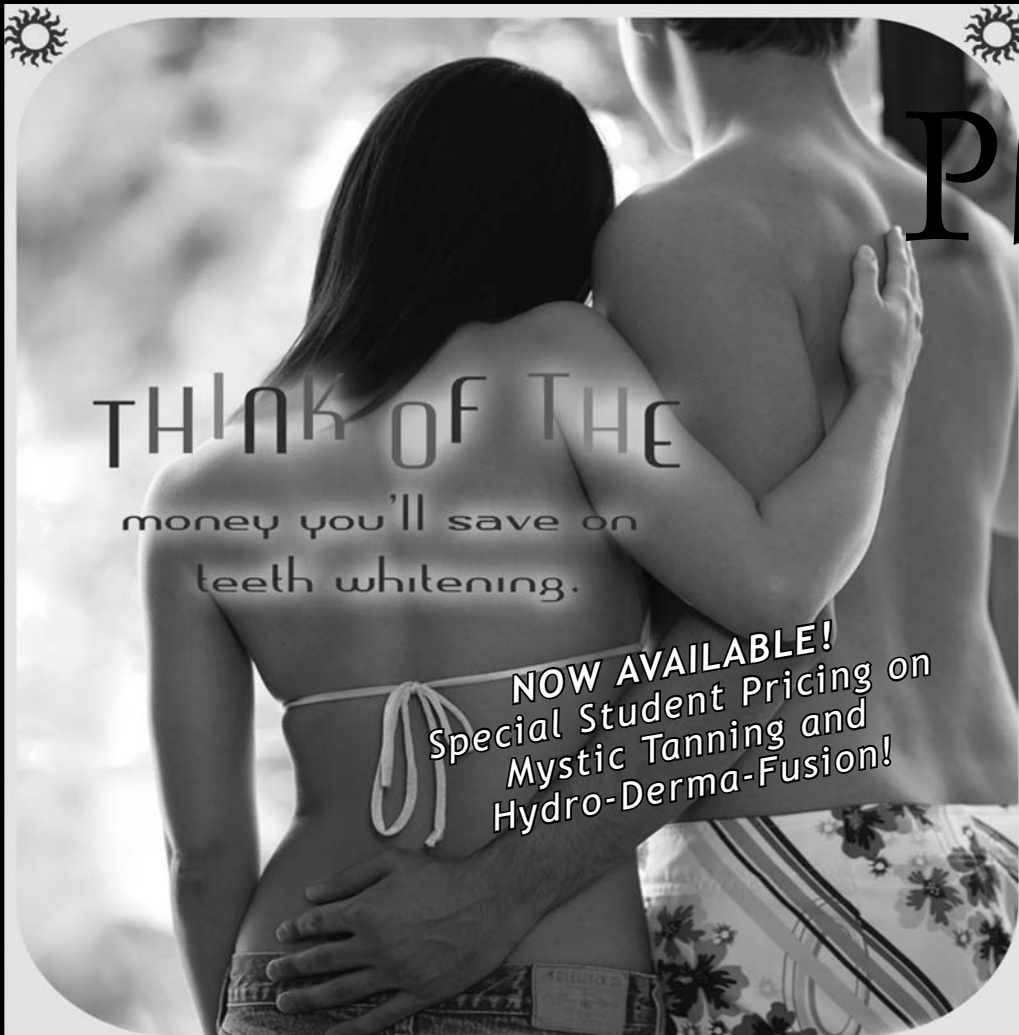
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UPCOMING STUDENT EVENTS

Wednesday, February 8

Break the Cycle, Be the Change
11:00 AM, Wilson Auditorium

USA Breakdancers

8:00 PM, RSSC Anacon Hall

Thursday, February 9

Valentines Party

8:30 PM, Catholic Centre

Thursday Night Alternative

10:00 PM, Oakwood Lounge

Friday, February 10

Fraternity and Sorority Bid Day

Weekend Movie Series - GUESS WHO (2005)

8:00 PM, Young Auditorium, Bey Hall

Saturday, February 11

Weekend Movie Series - GUESS WHO (2005)

3:00 PM, Young Auditorium, Bey Hall

33rd Annual Winterball

7:00 PM, Wilson Hall

Weekend Movie Series - GUESS WHO's COMING TO DINNER (1967)

9:00 PM, Young Auditorium

Monday, February 13

Fraternity & Sorority New Member Period Begins

Men's Basketball vs. Wagner

7:00 PM, Boylan Gym

Jeff Miller (Singer/Songwriter)

8:00 PM, Java City Cafe

Wednesday, February 15

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Jazz Band

1:00-4:00 PM, RSSC Cafeteria

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LAUREN NAPOLITANO
FEATURES EDITOR

Have you been experiencing a warm, fuzzy feeling that enters your body from every extremity and shoots through each vein in your body, making your blood pump faster and heart beat stronger?

If so, don't panic! You've probably been hit by cupid's arrow. February is the month for love, everyone wandering around in a daze, blinded by happiness and pure bliss that cupid has struck upon them.

I have listed some great ideas for you and your loved one to engage in on the one special day in February dedicated to the ineffable feeling of affection known as love: February 14, a.k.a. Valentine's Day.

For you singletons roaming Monmouth's campus, there are also some fun ideas you and your friends can partake in rather than sitting home, moping in front of the television, watching sappy love movies, and eating a box of Russell Stover's while witnessing your waistline gradually increasing by the minute. Who said Valentine's Day is only for lovers?

The Mill: Located in Spring Lakes Heights, The Mill was named "One of America's Top Restaurants" by the Zagat Guide, and voted "Best of the Best for Fine Dining" for five consecutive years by the Asbury Park Press Readers' Poll.

Positioned lakeside in a beautiful rural setting, this NJ restaurant offers the finest prime aged steaks, slow-roasted Long Island duck, the freshest seafood dishes such as baked stuffed lobster, Mediterranean sea bass, pan-roasted sea scallops, and much more!

For the week of Valentine's Day, The Mill is hosting special events

so you and your loved one can experience the romance and intimacy you deserve. Known all over the world for their romantic interpretations of the most beautiful love songs ever written, The Duplees will perform their famous hits such as "Have You Heard," "I'm Yours," and "You Belong to Me" on Friday Feb 10 and Saturday Feb 11 at 7 p.m. The special evening will leave you about \$160 in the hole, but will be well worth the splurge.

If you're looking to save a few dollars on this special holiday, on Sunday, February 12 at 5 p.m., the same establishment will host "A Valentine's Big Band Night featuring The Brass Tacks Orchestra." This event will feature a four-course dinner served lakeside in their breathtaking Waterview Room, plus dancing to one of the best big bands in New Jersey, only costing you \$45.99 per person!

If you want to celebrate the holiday on the actual day, on Tuesday, February 14, a romantic five course tasting menu with fine Italian wines available to complement each course and live music by the MRB Jazz Project will be available in the Waterview Room from 7 to 11 p.m. The evening will set you back about \$70 per person, but can you really put a price on love?

If you're looking for something a little more reasonably priced on the same evening, the bottom level of The Mill will provide a special Valentine's Day menu plus live piano music for a romantic lakeside dinner for \$54 per person. You can call 732-449-1800 x222 to make reservations.

Home Cooking For You:

Don't feel like venturing out? Stay in and get a gourmet meal for two delivered right to your home. Home Cooking For You specializes in home delivered meals, home cooked delivered meals, and

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gourmet home delivered meals. Home Cooking For You prepares healthy, home-style meals and delivers or ships them to your door in New Jersey.

For you carnivores, try their lemon pepper chicken, which the Home Cooking For You website describes as "a six ounce chicken breast marinated and seasoned with a light lemony pepper, sitting beautifully on a generous portion of linguine tossed in a creamy dill sauce, with fresh baby carrots."

Or if you prefer beef, try their Salisbury Steak, which is "seasoned and baked then smothered in a yummy onion gravy and served with southwestern mashed potatoes and green beans."

For you piscatorians or vegetarians on campus, the company features Maryland crab cakes, described as "two beautifully prepared crab cakes drizzled with Sherry's famous roasted red pepper sauce, served with a wonderful rice pilaf and lemon buttered chopped broccoli." They also feature veggie lasagna, a dish made with fresh vegetables layered with lasagna noodles and a mixture of three cheeses, topped with their homemade sauce.

For more information, visit www.homecookingforyou.com.

Grape Beginnings Wine School:

This premium wine-making center is a fun place for you and your significant other or a group of friends to celebrate this special holiday. Located in Freehold, New Jersey, Grape Beginnings' award-winning winemakers will lead you through the process of making your own private label wine.

At Grape Beginnings, you will be involved with the entire process of winemaking: from crushing and pressing fresh wine grapes (most of which come from select vineyards throughout California)

to racking oak barrels and, finally, bottling the wine of your choice for only \$7 a bottle! Afterwards, you and your company can enjoy the product of your fun, hard work over dinner, and replay all the memories you created during the process. Call 732-431-3313 for more information, or visit them on the web at www.grapebeginningswineschool.com.

Simply Dish:

Here is a unique twist to dining out—cooking out. Located in Middletown, Simply Dish is a revolutionary cooking concept where you can spend just two hours in their kitchen and you'll leave with eight or 12 family-sized dishes. Each meal serves six, or can be split into smaller packages for couples or small families. Designed to be frozen fresh and cooked when you need them, their dishes require minimal attention. Simply thaw then bake, grill, or simmer.

Grab eight of your closest friends or your significant other for a night of fun in the kitchen, and walk away with plenty of meals in the end! Visit www.simplydish.biz for more information.

Red Bank DateNight:

Attention singletons! Looking for a quick way to meet that special someone? Or just want to have a few good laughs with your friends and create stories you can reminisce on years from now? Try speed dating!

Red Bank DateNight gives you the chance to go on up to 16 dates, each lasting six minutes, just enough time to see if there is any chemistry with any potential mates.

Each evening lasts about one and a half hours, with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and coffee bar. The events are held weekly at the Internet Café in Red Bank.



LAUREN NAPOLITANO
FEATURES EDITOR

People all over the world associate the portrait of a winged child or baby carrying a bow and quiver full of arrows with the mythological Roman god of love and desire, Cupid. One of the most memorable myths about Cupid is told in Apuleius's *Metamorphoses*, and originates in classical mythology. The following story narrates the relationship between Cupid and the mortal Psyche, as told by Loggia.com, a Web site which explores Greek and Roman mythology.

The story told in the *Metamorphoses* explains that Psyche was the youngest daughter of a king. She was so stunningly beautiful that her appearance rivaled that of a goddess. The people of her county were so in awe of Psyche's grace and beauty that they stopped worshipping Venus (the real goddess) and paid their honors instead to her.

Venus took notice of this insult of being overthrown in popularity by

a mortal, so the goddess decided to punish her rival. She commanded her son Cupid to do her dirty work in this situation, and insisted that he use his powers as the god of desire to make Psyche fall in love with the most terrible and grotesque thing on earth.

As fate would have it, Cupid fell victim to Psyche's beauty himself. However, loving the mortal girl meant disobeying his powerful mother and making Venus angry. And no one wants to anger a goddess.

Cupid thought of a cunning plan to win Psyche for himself while keeping his mother Venus ignorant of his actions. The god of love and desire arranged to have Psyche brought to a desolate area. Here, the innocent girl was told, she would become the bride of an evil being. In time, she was led into a valley in which a majestic and grand palace dominated the landscape. The girl was awed by the magical palace, but she soon found that this place was her new home.

Cupid then came to Psyche in the darkness when she had gone to bed

that night. Cupid used the darkness to his advantage in order to conceal his identity from the girl. He whispered in Psyche's ear that he was her husband and that she must not under any circumstances look upon him or seek to know who he was.

Psyche enjoyed her life with her unseen husband, but missed her family and wished to see her sisters. So Psyche's sisters were invited to the palace. Once there, they saw the grand lifestyle of their younger sister and quickly became jealous of Psyche's good fortune. Together, the pair of sisters persuaded Psyche that her husband was dangerous and that she must rid herself of him immediately.

When she next went to bed, Psyche took a lamp with her, which she lit when Cupid fell asleep. When Psyche first saw Cupid, she was stunned by the grace and perfection of his divine features. He was definitely no monster! In her surprise, she let a drop of oil fall from the lamp, awaking Cupid. Realizing what had happened,

Cupid immediately fled.

Psyche was sick with sadness. She searched for her lost love, but could not find him anywhere. In desperation, Psyche asked the goddesses Ceres and Juno for assistance, but neither goddess was willing to risk the wrath of Venus. Left with no other options, Psyche went to see Venus herself.

Aphrodite decided to punish the girl a bit more. She forced Psyche to perform tasks that seemed impossible. One devious task she asked Psyche to perform was to fetch a jar that contained beauty from Proserpine. Proserpine was the Queen of the Underworld, which meant that she lived and ruled in the gloomy realm of the dead. Psyche was given instructions on how to descend to the Underworld while still alive and approach Proserpine.

In the meantime, Cupid suffered from the separation from his wife. He finally went to Jupiter, king of the gods, to beg for mercy. Jupiter listened to Cupid's story, and decided to grant his wish: that the couple should

be reunited and joined in marriage. In the end, Cupid and Psyche were allowed to be together, and Venus gave up her anger in order to welcome her new daughter-in-law into the family.



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Portrait of William Adolphe Bouguereau, 1875. He is known for his genre paintings and mythological themes.

GIFTS FOR HIM AND HER

DEBRA PACHUCKI
STAFF WRITER

Valentine’s Day is fast approaching, with less than a week left to shop for that perfect gift for him or her. At this point, most of us are still scratching our heads over what to buy: new couples aren’t sure what would make the best gift, while couples that have been together for a while are running out of ways to outdo the previous year’s gift.

If you’re one of the many that are feeling downright stumped this year, relax. We’ve taken a few suggestions from relationship experts and have compiled a list of the top Valentine’s Day gifts for him and her. We’ve included both unconventional gifts as well as traditional gifts with an original twist that will show just how thoughtful and sensitive you really are.

Gifts for her

All women want to be shown that they’re appreciated, especially on Valentine’s Day. According to [cnnmoney.com](#), Shirley Bavonese, a licensed marriage therapist, says that on Valentine’s Day, women think to themselves, “Gee, there’s only one holiday a year for this and this is one time when I’d like to be recognized.” Actually, most of us girls don’t think in such corny terms, but you guys get the point! If you’d truly like to show your sweetheart just how much you appreciate her, the following gifts are sure to make a lasting and romantic statement.

A Gift Certificate to a Day Spa

What better way to show her how much you appreciate her than by giving a gift that says ‘You deserve to be pampered’? About \$50 to \$100 will get her at least two or three health and beauty treatments at most spas. You can even go the incredibly romantic route and give her a fake gift certificate to your personal day spa. This means you spend a day massaging her feet, painting her toenails, giving her a sensual back rub, and maybe even giving her an aroma therapy treatment. But hey, she’s worth it, and now she’ll know you think so!

One-of-a-kind flowers

A great tip on [askmen.com](#) suggests that men show their soft, traditionally-romantic-yet-unique side by giving their ladies a one-of-a-kind floral arrangement for Valentine’s Day this year. Start with a bouquet of red roses or her favorite flowers, and place them in a vase filled with her favorite candies. Delicately tie little trinkets and personal mementos at the top of the stems; things like a small key chain or locket with a picture of the two of you inside, a matchbook from the restaurant where you had your first date, a pair of earrings, etc. The traditional gift of love, plus the time and attention to detail that you put in to it, will sweep her right off of her feet.

Name a Star after Her

What’s more romantic than stargazing together? Pointing out where the one you named after her is, and handing her an authentic Intergalactic Star Database certificate as you do so. She might not be able to eat it or wear it, but each and every time she looks up at night, she’ll be reminded of how romantic you are.

Engraved Jewelry

Any dude can walk into a department store or jeweler and pick out a piece of jewelry for his girlfriend. But it takes a special, caring, and sincere guy to engrave it with a personal message that is somehow meaningful only to you two. Don’t go the typical “I Love You” route. Instead, have the date that you met her engraved in a ring, or engrave a locket with the name of the song that was playing on the radio the first time the two of you kissed. Have a pet name or funny phrase for each other? Then you’ve got yourself the perfect Valentine’s Day gift.

Dinner Cruise for Two

The best way to show a girl how much you appreciate her is to spend real quality time with her, just the two of you. A dinner cruise will provide the romantic atmosphere for a reasonable price, but the rest is up to you. Show her your romantic side by taking her for a moonlit stroll around the deck, or by requesting “your song” to dance to.

Gifts for him

Most girls think that guys could not care less about Valentine’s Day, but that’s really not true! Actually, guys like to be shown that they’re appreciated just as much as girls do. It’s just the candy, underwear, and stuffed animals that guys could care less about, that’s all! So this year, sidestep the typical gifts, which scream, “I didn’t know what else to get you,” and go for a gift that will really show him that you love him just the way he is.

Lovin’

We know, giving some lovin’ as a gift sounds so bad on paper. But the truth of the matter is all guys love physical contact. How could you go wrong? According to [Askmen.com](#), physical interest is key in showing a man that he’s wanted. Make this Valentine’s Day a romantic holiday he’ll remember, and buy him risqué gifts such as sensual massage oils or a romantic board or card game specifically for lovers.

One-of-a-kind flowers

Yup, this idea will work for him, too. Flowers are always associated with women, and some may find it unmasculine to give or receive it as a gift. Wake up! This is 2006! To make your beau a special, one-of-a-kind bouquet, start with a masculine floral arrangement, such as tall, deep eggplant colored flowers in a steel vase, sturdy mug, an earthenware pot, a fishing creel, or a sturdy wicker basket. Then attach various high tech goodies to the arrangement: things like iPods, PDAs, digital key chains, and cell phone accessories. This will show him in a romantic way that men can look forward to thoughtful Valentine’s Day gifts just as much as women.

A Gym Membership

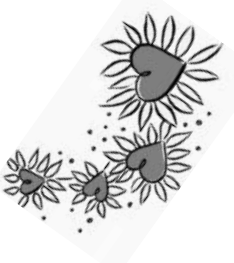
If your guy is one of many who are obsessed with working out, a gym membership is a perfect way to show him that you respect his interests and hobbies. Get him an annual membership to his favorite gym, and not only will your present not go to waste, but odds are you’ll be the benefiting from such a present in the long run!

Jewelry

Who says jewelry is a woman’s gift? This Valentine’s Day, get your guy a fine piece of jewelry, such as a watch or ring. Engrave it with his name or a sentimental message that is somehow meaningful to the two of you for an extra romantic feel.

Tickets

Does your beau have a favorite sports team or band? If so, buy him tickets to go see the game or a live concert. Make it romantic by snuggling up together in the stands underneath a blanket, or have a private tailgate party with glasses of champagne, and feed him his favorite finger foods.



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A student like no other

Editorial

LAUREN BENEDETTI
EDITOR IN CHIEF

In the past few months it has been an honor, as well as a feeling of satisfaction to print on the front page stories about students who go above and beyond their responsibilities as citizens.

We continue our series of stories this week with Farheen Haider, a junior who traveled to Pakistan and Kashmir to assist earthquake victims.

Haider's story is eye opening as well as heartbreaking. After reading the story and viewing pictures I said to The Outlook staff, "and to think we sometimes picture our life as bad."

This isn't the first time Haider has stood out from her peers. Haider has a lifetime of achievements. I can picture her resume looking somewhat like a short novel. For the past two years Haider has been the Vice President of the Political Science Club, a member of the Sociology Club, International Club, Shia for Political Awareness (SFPA), Political Science Club's Debate Team and the Head Delegate for the Model UN Conference class at Monmouth University, just to name a few.

All of these responsibilities alone are more than most can handle, and along with a full time undergraduate course load, it's incredible. One of the most impressive parts of the list is her involvement in the Model UN Conference class where she teaches approximately 20 students for 4 hours every week. The class gives MU students the opportunity

to learn and understand how the United Nations works. In April, Haider along with her classmates will travel to the UN and speak to delegates from other colleges in the world about diplomacy.

"Our society teaches us to be wary of those that are different, and that's what I want to change, one person at a time. I feel this is the purpose of my life. To open people's eyes to see the beauty of all our various cultures and races. I hope I'll get there some day."

FARHEEN HAIDER
Monmouth University Junior

Someone of Haider's stature is one I assumed was worth a Google search, and that she was. In an article entitled, "Standing Up and Speaking Out," published by *Connect for Kids*, there is a story about

Haider's childhood; another eye opener. The article describes the hardships felt by some students who get bullied told through Haider's own personal experiences.

"I moved to this country when I was eight years old - right after the Oklahoma bombings. On the first day of school and for the rest of the year, kids would call me a terrorist, they'd sneer, 'go back to your country!' and they'd pull off my scarf." It even got to the point where fellow students began a "Farheen Hate Group," a group that Haider eventually had the opportunity to sit down with, talk to and ask "why."

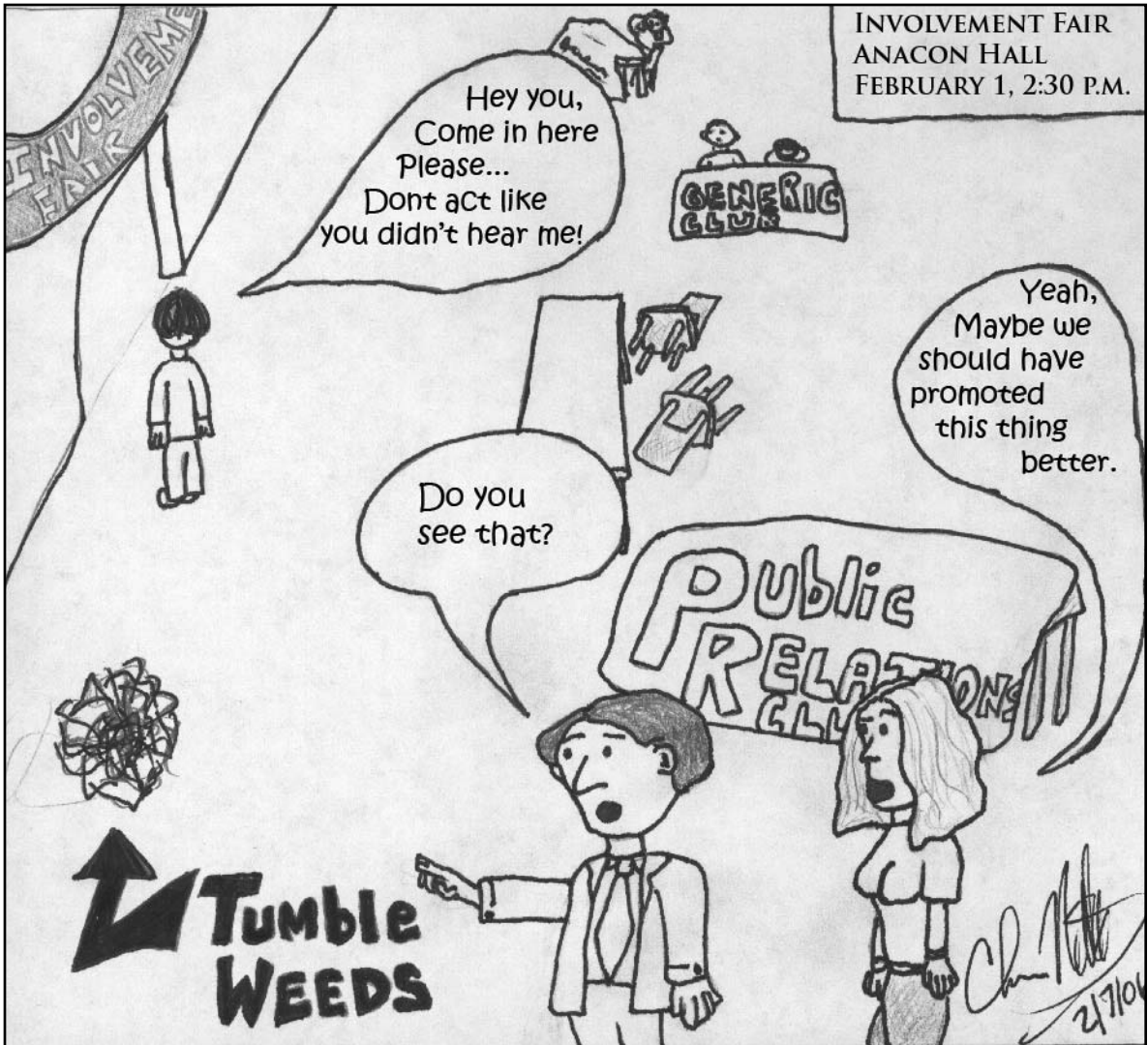
That wasn't the end of Haider's harassment. After the World Trade Center bombings other "scary incidents" arose. These confrontations helped Haider organize "Origins," a 20-student in-school group who were focused on raising awareness about individual bias specific to cultural differences.

Without even having the opportunity to meet Haider it's obvious to me that she is one of the most extraordinary students our university should be proud to have enrolled. She has excelled past her classmates well before arriving here. I can't imagine what free time she has for herself and I can bet that she's using that time to make a difference in someone else's life.

"Our society teaches us to be wary of those that are different, and that's what I want to change, one person at a time. I feel this is the purpose of my life. To open people's eyes to see the beauty of all our various cultures and races. I hope I'll get there some day," said Haider in *Connect for Kids*.

By: CHRIS NETTA

AMUSED



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Monmouth student says: Drugs are bad

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We have come an extremely long way in the last century as an entire race but still we can't seem to get rid of a problem that has existed seemingly since the dawn of man. Drugs are almost commonplace now. NOBODY has been able to put an end to this thing and the problem seems to just spread and spread.

Go to any high school in America, better yet go to every high school in America and there will be a group of kids with a heavy involvement in drugs. Really it seems impossible for there to be any communities whatsoever free of drugs. Wait, I'm getting something -- a retirement home with a toothless, bald man calling to his Civil War veteran buddy and asking for pot...O.K. I'm sure some retirement centers are indeed drug free. I don't want to hear that whole "What about medicine?" deal. When a person crosses the limit for medicine they know that they've crossed it. What I'm talking about are illegal drugs: heroine, cocaine, ecstasy are we starting to get the picture now? We know they're illegal but I guarantee we also know someone who uses and we do nothing about it.

Sorry to beat the dead horse but this really is an almost impossible thing to overcome. How do we destroy something that's foolishly accepted by so many despite the apparent evil that obviously goes into it? How many cops, and a rookie cop is about the same age as a college student, have to fight everyday of their lives trying to get this stuff off the streets? How many are just trying to start, or have started a family when they're killed by a dealer trying to escape. The weapon, by the way, was bought and paid for by your best friend and his 'free-spirited parents.' There are walls with pictures of officers who died in the line of fire all over precincts. Depending on the town pictures get taken down monthly simply because there isn't enough room.

How many (personal experience) guys at the age of 17 are going to walk up to some guy on the corner and tell him off for pedaling to kids barely out of grade school, then get shot and killed for it. That's ok though let's just go ahead and sit in our friends basement inventing new ways to not get caught. Keep on paying for the stuff, don't care where the money's going, what it's funding, while the guy who was going to college and getting away from his run-down ghetto, lies in a coffin because he was being the only one to do the right thing. I

can't collect the numbers but it would be real interesting to find out how many murders alone are attributed directly to drugs. On top of that are the suicides, the rapes, the people who drown in pools during parties, the overdoses.

This is all stuff that college kids can unfortunately relate to, the 'accidents.' An accident to me is tripping over the dog. Taking four or five bong hits and then driving my car into the side of another car just never qualified as accidental in my eyes. Alcohol isn't exactly the greatest either,

ing four or five bong hits and then driving my car into the side of another car just never qualified as accidental in my eyes. Alcohol isn't exactly the greatest either,

the same 'accidents' that follow drugs around follow alcohol too but at least the money is just going to a corporation not a Columbian drug lord. Drugs are not just a big problem for teens, they're a big problem for the whole world it's just that the younger you are the more of a shame it is that you're throwing yours, or someone elses, life away.

Here's everyone's favorite part, who to blame. What about the parents? I mean they raised their kids, if they had done a good job their kids wouldn't be on drugs. That's correct blame the parents if anyone ever has any say in what teens do it's the parents. The teens have to be held responsible too, no one held them down and forced them to breathe in, they even spend their own money to get a hold of the drugs. Right again personal responsibility is in such low regard these days it's scary. What about the rumor mill, if other kids are whispering rumors why aren't they just going to the principle? There had to be more than one kid at the party watching Jim get high. Once again a very smart observation and with all of these things combined we have pointed the finger of blame at everybody. That's the bit isn't it? Everybody knows what's going on and what should be done about it but either they don't care or it's considered being a 'narc' (narc being the biggest load of bull that people have ever come up with). Ask my cousin if he cares about you narcing on the guy who killed him, ask the high

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school students who die everyday of overdosing whether they would have given it up if they had the chance. Alcohol, like I said, isn't much better but it's controlled and the money helps pay the salaries of decent people (I'm assuming). Drugs, well like I said some Columbian drug lord is very happy that he gets to roll around in your money, that is until he makes a mistake and gets killed.

Top 10 tear down

MATT SICLIANO
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Well Kevin, you've set yourself up pretty nicely here. I'm sure, more than once, there has been a person telling you to leave Monmouth if you aren't happy with it, or to make up your mind about whether or not you enjoy our university, or even the occasional person that doesn't care anymore and decides to ignore your flip-flopping existence. I fall into none of these categories my boy, for I've been all around this campus. You could say that in my tenure at M.U. I've seen and heard it all; including the points you made in both of your "Top 10" lists.

Now, this is not a chance for me to attack you. I'm not going to abuse our fine newspaper for such childish banter. No, Kev (can I call you Kev?) I'm here to simply offer you some sort of guidance in your early years as a student at Monmouth University. Let me do my best to enlighten you, and any other student that feels they are not getting 100 percent on their tuition in experiences and memories. Bear with me on this.

...we have many extra-curricular organizations that are constantly look for fresh faced new folks willing to step up and join in.

It seems you have quite a bit of free time on your hands, what with all the half price appetizers you eat at Applebee's (Slight sidebar, Friday's does half price apps too, if you sit at the bar to order them, and no, you don't have to be 21 to sit at the bar and order food). Free time is an amazing thing, it being in such short supply in an active college student's life. I recommend several ways to fill this time that may not only entertain, but will

also build connections and even educate you on various topics of interest. Here at Monmouth we have many extra-curricular organizations that are constantly look for fresh faced new folks willing

to step up and join in. There's the Student Government Association (SGA), All Lifestyles Included (ALI), CommWorks, Capoeira Club, our television station Hawk TV, Student Activities Board (SAB), Monmouth's theater group, M.U.'s radio station WMCX, The Outlook, plenty of Greek Organizations, or even a group within a

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Letter to the Editor

To Whom it May Concern,

I am a long time reader and fan of your newspaper. I read it weekly, and rarely miss an issue. If I cannot make it to your campus to pick up a copy (I live around town, not a student) I will always catch it on the website.

Last night, as you may or may not know was the State of the Union speech by the President. I am surprised and shocked and somewhat disappointed that you did not cover this at all, unless I missed it of course, and if so I apologize. I also understand that it ended at 10 the night before the paper comes out, in this respect, it is understandable. Maybe there will be a mention of it in next week's issue.

However I was pleasantly surprised when I read the article entitled "I Spy a tool against terror" by Contributing Writer Josh Strauss. He actually did use a quote from Bush's speech last night. Bravo for that. The Opinion section is always my favorite, as it gives me a chance to see how the younger generation thinks and acts. I have kids myself, although somewhat younger, but it still helps me see sometimes what they might be thinking. After I read this weeks Opinionated section (my favorite section) with the question of how do you feel about Bush's wiretapping, I was somewhat disappointed with the students. Yes I agree it is an invasion of privacy, but I wanted to see more students fight for Bush in this world that loves to hate him. I quickly got over it, and read on. Which brought me to the article by Strauss. Again Bravo to him. Excuse my language but it's about time a student stood up and showed some balls and defended Bush, when the entire campus seems to hate him.

I don't know if it was just coincidence that he wrote the article the same week that question was asked, but either way, it worked well.

The reason I am writing this letter is because, I may be wrong, but I have a feeling you might get some hate mail from that article. I just wanted to show support for Strauss and Bush. Not to mention, I feel he is a great writer. I've never seen him write anything else, and considering he is only a "contributing writer" maybe he hasn't, or maybe I just missed past articles. Regardless, it would be nice to see his opinions more often (I may be biased as a Bush fan, but why the hell isn't Strauss a "staff" writer?). He wrote my favorite article in a while.

As a side note, I also enjoyed the new column "He said, She said" Great idea! As well as the outcry of criticism about the Top 10 list last week. Glad to see people are fighting back. On the whole, the paper looks better then in recent years. Congratulations on a job well done.

Yours Truly,

Samantha Kaplan



"Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep."

Scott Adams
(1966-)

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"Glory is fleeting, but obscurity is forever."

Napoleon Bonaparte
(1769-1821)

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"The power of philosophy floats through my head, light like a feather, heavy as lead."

Bob Marley
(1945-1981)

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"A thousand polite tiny lies and I memorized every single one of them."

Peter Dolving
(1970-)

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"But we've got a big border in Texas, with Mexico, obviously-and we've got a big border with Canada-Arizona is affected."

George W. Bush
(1946-)

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"Patriotism is easy to understand in America. It means looking out for yourself by looking out for your country."

Calvin Coolidge
(1872-1933)

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"Always vote for principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost."

John Quincy Adams
(1767-1848)

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"The revolution is not an apple that falls when it is ripe. You have to make it fall."

Che Guevara
(1928-1967)

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"Any change is resisted because bureaucrats have a vested interest in the chaos in which they exist."

Richard M. Nixon
(1913-1994)

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BY SUZANNE GUARINO

Recently Iran announced that they are developing a nuclear program that they claim is for peaceful purposes only.

“How does this make you feel?”



Pete
freshman

“They have the right to have nuclear power to help their country but not nuclear weapons.”



Dan
sophomore

“The Iranian government's nuclear energy program seems to be a guise for it's true purpose, a nuclear weapons program. The fact that Iran sits atop one of the world's largest oil fields is extremely troubling because there is no need for alternative sources of energy.”



Sirisha
senior

“It's definitely something important. I beleive countries are entitled to their nuclear capabilities but a country like Iran worries me. Steps should be taken to monitor Iran.”



Tyler
junior

“I don't like the idea of Iran getting nuclear power. It seems to me to be an excuse for them to be able to harness that energy in the use of weapons.”



Pat
grad student

“Countries who have developed nuclear technology (i.e. North Korea) are not threatened by western occupation. Therefore by developing nuclear technology, Iran will not be subject to foreign occupation.”

Iran president goes nuclear

JOSH STRAUSS
STAFF WRITER

Iran decided to defy the UN and continue on with their nuclear program despite being backed into a corner by many angry powerful nations. In fact just a few hours ago, Iran told the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to go to hell. Well, not in so many words. But in a response to an IAEA vote to report Iran to the UN Security Council, they did tell them to remove some surveillance equipment from their nuclear facilities. Iran has stubbornly continued with the program stating it is for peaceful purposes only. Is there anything wrong with that? Absolutely not. I believe any nation has the right to use nuclear energy for peaceful reasons as long as it's true. Is it true? I highly doubt it and I personally don't want to sit around to find out. A nuclear Iran would be extremely destabilizing to security and the economy.

Let's take a quick look at the person who runs this country, and you tell me if you want to sit around and see if he has peaceful purposes on his mind. It wasn't too long ago we were making our new years resolutions. Mine was to eat healthier, which by the way hasn't happened. President of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's resolution: “wipe Israel off the map.” It doesn't stop there however, he has quite a 2006 cut out for him. He also wants to see “Anybody who recognizes Israel...burn in the fire of the Islamic nation's fury,” Wait a minute, don't we, the United States, recognize Israel? I hope I get my resolution rolling before Ahmadinejad does, otherwise I won't have the chance to eat healthier. What would be the point anyway; I'd be burning in the fire of the Islamic nation's fury by then. Now, can anyone honestly believe this man wants to use his nuclear power for peaceful purposes only? I wonder what Israel thinks about that.

Let's also not forget, Iran is one of the world's leaders in oil production. Recently, President Bush and President Ahmadinejad both touched on the issue of using oil as a weapon. President Bush said he was concerned a future nuclear Iran could blackmail the world. At the same time, the Khaleej Times newspaper reported President Ahmadinejad as saying, “We will respond by many ways, for example by holding back on oil sales.” Although this is something he denies ever saying, the newspaper is sticking by their reporter.

What does this mean? It means Iran has threatened to slowdown



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...President of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's resolution:

“wipe Israel off the map.”

oil-production if faced with international sanctions. It also means you and I will be hit hard, perhaps harder than ever before at the gas pumps if Ahmadinejad stands by his word, which is a very real possibility. Like Bush said in his State of the Union Address (listen up Samantha), “America is addicted to oil, which is often imported from unstable parts of the world.” If Iran decides to go through with this threat,

it would be devastating to America. Some experts are saying oil prices could skyrocket past \$90 a barrel and some even say as high as \$100

If Iran continues to ignore the IAEA, the UN, and the world, is military action in order? Some experts think the world is over exaggerating, as they believe Iran is many years (5-10) away from being able to produce a nuclear weapon, while others (Israel for example) fear that number could be far less. Regardless, try telling that to Israel, who Iran wants to see “wiped off the map.” I don't think military action is out of the question. I just think it should be Israel, the strongest air force in the Middle East, and one of the best in the world, who this time flexes some muscle and carries out an air strike or two. They did it once in Iraq; perhaps it's time they do it again in order to keep themselves on the map.

Tapping into our rights

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President George W. Bush took it upon himself to spy on the American people without even going through the proper judicial processes, and Josh Strauss could not be happier. Strauss claims spying is an important tool in the war on terror and that people are over-reacting to the government doing their best to

keep Americans safe. He said that it was not a problem that what Bush is illegal. He doesn't think it matters. Strauss seems to think that it is ok to give up on personal privacy, civil rights, and the American legal system in the pursuit of a “safer” America.

The ideals that our founding fathers laid out for us hold freedom and liberty as the primary goals of our society. They did not ever imply that the US should be a police state that pries into the personal lives of its citizens. America was founded by men who saw things like freedom of speech and freedom of the press to be among a citizen's basic rights, men who would never encourage a president to work outside of the legal system for any reason. As the New Hampshire state motto,

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is happening in Iraq has never officially been declared as a war, it is a police action. This may seem like nit-picking, but that minor difference has a huge impact on the powers that the president is allowed to exercise.

Strauss brought up an interesting quote by Benjamin Franklin, “They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.”

He contests that we are receiving enough safety to warrant the loss of liberties we have suffered. This may or may not be true, but it is impossible to determine that when the government has yet to demonstrate the effectiveness of its operations. Sure, we have been safe from terror attacks,

but how long were we safe before 9/11? That's like claiming to have a mixture for dinosaur repellent because when you wear it you never see dinosaurs.

It has been said that we cannot have a country that is free from illegal wiretapping, racial profiling, and war in the Middle East that is safe and secure. I say there is not much point in trying to secure a country that has turned its back on its ideals and stripped its citizens

“Live free or die.”

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE MOTTO
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Our President is breaking the law in order to pursue goals that he has established as the most important issues of his platform. He did do it in an effort to make the country safer from terrorists, but that does not matter. He committed a felony when he ordered those illegal phone taps on Americans, plain and simple.

Some make the argument that America is at war and as a president in wartime. Yes, we have been attacked. Yes, over 2,200 US troops have lost their lives fighting in Iraq. Yes, we have suffered much loss and much tragedy, but that does not create and official “state of war” in our country. What

of their individual rights and freedoms and on the laws that the government was established to protect.

National safety is a serious issue. We are living in dangerous times. We should work to make America as safe as it can be under the guidelines of our own legal system. Nixon was forced to resign for his illegal wiretapping activities, and I believe we should not falter where precedent has been set. Impeach Bush, by which I mean put him through the impeachment process and face trial for the acts he authorized. If he has nothing to hide and his actions are found to be justifiable, then he should not fear this process, just as it has been reasoned that Americans with nothing to hide should not fear a wire tap.

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major, like Poly Sci. Each one of these organizations has many pending events that are set up to encourage togetherness among students, between the school and surrounding community, and to give everyone a reason to have a good time. Becoming a member of a group that shares your enthusiasm for something, whether it be music, art, politics, or just plain helping people, can flood your dreary nights at Applebee's with plenty of real life experiences and stories.

I know, Kev, you and many of our peers are telling me the same thing, you're intimidated. So many of these clubs feel like cliques, like they're only looking for people just like them to join. In no way are those fears valid. Courage Kev, courage. Find a group you like, attend a meet-

ing, and here's a key point: talk to people. Converse with current members or officers within the organizations. Ask questions or express concerns about whatever it is that might keep you from joining. Research a bit if you must, but make sure you know what you're getting your-

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self into. Too many times a student signs up without actually thinking about what the club actually does, or what issues they tackle. Be smart about it. There's something else to keep in mind when attempting to get involved. Be respectful. Those people that have been long standing members of an organization did not just walk into the club's offices

and demand power expecting to get it. Students have worked for it, and they've worked hard. Being a leader is a tough job, and being in charge is no easier. Those fortunate enough to be looked up to in such executive positions earned their roles, and are usually very dedicated to their orga-

nization and the M.U. community. Each group is willing to accommodate new members accordingly, but keep in mind; they can't change the world just for you. Everyone needs to put their time in, pay their dues, and when you show them that you're interested, ready, and willing, you'll get your due. Work hard and stay focused on what you love and what you

want to do.

Monmouth University is an amazing place if you give it a fair chance, which I think you will. We all know some professors, some doctors that do not belong in the business of teaching but it is the exceptions to that statement that make learning an incredible experience. I agree, there is always room for improvement; whether it's the food or the parking or even some of the academic procedures, but all of it comes in time, with students like you pushing for change. That room to grow is there, we just need to try and help fill it, and Kevin did what he felt he could by pointing out the flaws in his college experiences as well as the few positives that get him through his days here. I saw, there are many other things to do to make it all worth while. Find them for yourselves, pay your dues, and do your best. Nothing can stop you if you don't give up and keep on trying.



Two sides of the same coin

Political discourse from the students of Monmouth University



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On February 2, President George W. Bush gave his sixth State of the Union address to a full house packed into the Chamber of the U.S. House of Representatives. The Presidents hour-long speech, may it not be remembered for the disgraceful evictions of Beverly Young and Cindy Sheehan, was full of lots of ideas, few of which I think will come to fruition.

The most memorable sound byte of this past State of the Union was President Bush telling us that “America is addicted to oil,” bringing up his “Advanced Energy Initiative,” which is set to increase research and development in the areas of solar power and “zero-emission coal-fired plants,” amongst others. Now this is a step in the right direction, yet one must ask, why is this brought up in his sixth term in office? What was the hold up? The same goes for his other methods of alternative fuel; all good and positive ideas, but what took so long?

Bush also wishes to “replace more than 75 percent of our oil imports from the Middle East by 2025,” a daunting figure, and an impressive goal. Despite popular beliefs of our crippling dependency on Middle Eastern oil, less than 10 percent of our imported oil comes from this tumultuous area, according to, amongst others, Daniel Lashof, senior scientist and Director of the Global Warming Project at the NRDC, so this reduction really isn’t as impressive as it seems.

Of course, freedom was said about one thousand times, as was mentioned that America wouldn’t enter another isolationist phase, as “the only way to secure the peace, the only way to control our destiny is by our leadership.”

If we are leading the world by example, we have been doing a poor job. For starters, two horrifying revelations about how our government operates have come to the forefront. First of all, it has been alleged that we are detaining and torturing people in secret prisons in parts of the former Soviet Union. Bush did not address this. The second is the much talked about NSA wiretapping.

“To prevent another attack-based on authority given to me by the Constitution and by statute...” President Bush personally authorized these taps on citizens. In all of my research on the topic

I have not seen anything which would allow the President to violate the search and seizure clause of the Constitution and override the FISA court system. In fact, the *New York Times* recently reported, through anonymous FBI sources, that the wiretapping program has led to “thousands of tips” leading to “dead ends.” Even U.S. Attorney General and all around Bush lackey Alberto Gonzales states that the “National Security Agency surveillance program may have inadvertently spied on the e-mails and phone calls of Americans with no ties to terrorists.” Even if the idea behind the program is honest, the potential for abuse is too high; fracturing the base of some of our most dear freedoms.

The President also made mention of his two new Supreme Court appointees, stating “the Supreme Court now has two superb new members, Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Sam Alito.” John Roberts seemed like a good choice to me, but in watching the hearings, Alito seemed too aloof and his record showed a judging record in favor of big business and executive power (two of the President’s favorite things).

The new Bush budget is also a travesty; as he pushes to make the tax cuts for the richest permanent, the poorest struggle. Then he desires to cut public school education, while ballooning funding for a war which was started for an erroneous reason. My taxes have been higher in the past four years, where my family’s healthcare has been constantly cut. I don’t know who can claim that our economy is “preeminent,” as our President did. Most Americans aren’t saving anything from month to month, and high energy prices are a major factor.

Maybe if you are from a wealthy family whose money is steeped in oil, the economy seems “healthy and vigorous.” After all, oil corporations scored record profits this past year, while the average citizen struggled with gas prices that burgeoned on \$3.00 a gallon.

President Bush’s speech seemed like more of the same from a talking head whose allegiances and motives are obvious. He mentioned some new initiatives, the most promising of which, the energy imitative, seemed a little late (but better late than never right [ask someone who lived in New Orleans]). He did say one thing that I am completely, one hundred percent behind: “May God bless America.”

“may [the State of the Union] not be remembered for the disgraceful evictions of Beverly Young and Cindy Sheehan”

- CHRIS NETTA

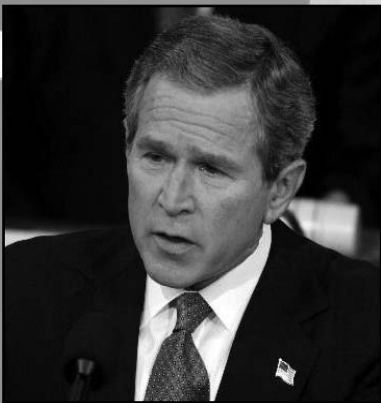


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President George W. Bush delivered his sixth state of the union on February 2. Topics included the war on terror, domestic spying, the budget, and energy conservation.

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STAFF WRITER

A buddy of mine, a 1st Lieutenant in the Army who is stationed in South Korea, once told me that soldiers always snap to attention and salute a person of higher rank, even if he or she despises them, because they are showing respect toward the rank, not the person. Indeed, the same logic must be followed with political officials as well. Yet while I was watching the State of the Union Address, it was clear to me that the Democrats didn’t get the memo. When the Democrats did not stand with the rest of the chamber, or roll their eyes as middle school kids tend to do, it became clear to me that they were not respecting the office of President and, by extension, our republic and our way of life.

Now, I have no delusions about the fact that the folks on the left side of the aisle have noting but a vile disdain for our Commander in Chief personally. Yet as public servants themselves, who have taken an oath like the President to “... protect and defend the Constitution of the United States...” they have an obligation to show a proper respect for the office of President during an official event.

The President made some great points and set forth some impressive agendas during his speech. He stated that the tax cuts that have helped so many Americans, and have stimulated our economy to one that is the envy of the world, should be made permanent. He said that he has every confidence in the people of Iraq and our military to achieve victory and it is victory that will bring our troops home. The President stated that Iraqi troops are taking the lead which will eventually help to reduce our military levels, but he also cautioned that “those decisions will be made by our military commanders, not by politicians in Washington, D.C.”

The President spoke of the tools used to protect Americans from terrorism, drug trafficking and organized crime, and urged the Congress to reauthorize the Patriot Act. He also addressed the NSA wiretap

issue: “So to prevent another attack – based on authority given to me by the Constitution and by statute – I have authorized a terrorist surveillance program to aggressively pursue the international communications of suspected al-Qaida operatives and affiliates to and from America. Previous presidents have used the same constitutional authority I have – and Federal courts have approved the use of that authority. Appropriate Members of Congress have been kept informed.” One of criticism is that the administration did not “connect the dots” before the attacks on 9/11. The terrorist surveillance program is one of the tools that could help to “connect the dots” and will assist our elected officials to help prevent future attacks.

Finally the President addressed the two new justices to the Supreme Court, including one of New Jersey’s own: “The Supreme Court now has two superb new members, Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Sam Alito.”

Now, the President also spoke of other things during the address, (like alternate fuels and the need for a line item veto to cut pork spending), but I chose these items because they were just some of the topics that Democrats chose not to stand or even applaud for. Who would be against things like our booming economy or Americans having more money at the end of each year due to lower taxes? Who would disagree that a victory in Iraq would be good for both our great nations or that law enforcement should have the right tools for the job? Who would say that the President of the United States should not have the right to act aggressively and use his Constitutional power to stop another attack? And finally, who would be so rude as to not show respect for the two newest members of the highest court in the Land? The unfortunate answer is: the Democrats. I offer them a warning; sit in those comfy seats while you still can, for when the American people see what you stand for, or rather what you don’t stand for, you won’t have a seat on Capitol Hill for too much longer.

Google and the supposed right to privacy

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Due to recent events such as the case of Google v. People and the proposed reinforcement of the Patriot Act people seem to be talking a lot about citizens’ right to privacy. Well ladies and gentlemen, I’m afraid to announce to those who claim its existence are sorrowfully wrong.

After reading about the Google case in several different news sources, I took it upon myself to go through an investigation and see whether or not our Constitution supports a specific right to privacy (because let’s be honest, when was the last time any of us read through the Constitution?). Now in order to prove the right’s existence, there would have to be a clause somewhere in the Constitution and its twenty-seven Amendments that clearly states a right to privacy. As I’ve said before, after reading the Constitution from beginning to end, forwards and backwards, I found that there is no clearly documented right to privacy. The closest related issue can be found in the Fourth Amendment which deals with illegal search and seizures stating, “The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and

effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.” Now at first you may think “that states clearly that the government cannot take my effects without probable cause or warrant,” but that isn’t so. It states that the government simply can’t see or take your stuff without having a reason or you not knowing about it. Nowhere does it state that every citizen has a right to privacy.

I even read through every Supreme Court case I could find, and again I could not find one instance where the privacy of a citizen or group of citizens was kept paramount against anything. Roe v. Wade can be brought up (which dealt with abortion if you forgot), but the right to do whatever to your body as you wish does not fall under the same category of privacy that would entail publicity/public knowledge of your abortion.

The absence of a definitive right to privacy in the Constitution could and probably will mean a loss for Google because the Supreme Court is made up of more judges that prefer to look at the Constitution literally instead of liber-

ally by attempting to read between the lines. For years it has been the judges of the latter that have defended the right to privacy, but you can only interpret the Constitution so liberally before you just start fabricating the rights and laws of this country.

Since the emergence of the HIV/AIDS epidemic medical information for each individual is kept private by such organizations like The National Association of People With AIDS (NAPWA). If a person confides in the organization that they have HIV and requests help, the NAPWA cannot present that information to anyone in order to defend job security and protect them from social rejection. Normally this would not be legal, but the Supreme Court allowed it due to the fact that at the time of the disease’s ignorance people feared those with HIV/AIDS and it considered pub-

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licity of their condition defamation of their reputation. Also, because of the country’s separation of church and state, any confession mentioned to a member of the cloth or persons believed to provide spiritual guidance is not admissible in court.

Exceptions like these have supported the notion that there is an undeniable and impenetrable right to privacy. Although this is not true, their existence strongly supports the cultural belief of this country

that privacy is important and widely respected, though this itself has limitations. One example contradicting that notion is the law that demands convicted sex offenders living on parole to tell their neighbors of their conviction. So why is it that people with a deadly disease are protected from social persecution and convicted criminals trying to start a new life are not (not that AIDS

victims are in any way criminals or sex offenders necessarily deserve sympathy)? Could it be because society as a whole sympathizes with those with HIV and fails to do the same with the criminals? If this is the case, then we as a society have a power that I believe we fail to realize. Because of tragic events such as 9/11, the war in Iraq and paranoia of terrorism, the government has taken measures to provide the strongest national security they’ve been able to create. And since terrorism became synonymous with Arabs and Islamic people, citizens from the Middle East have gotten just as much of a bad reputation as people like murderers, if not worse. Social disdain for those people has reached a boiling point much like it did with AIDS victims years ago.

So the question becomes: if the power of popular social opinion heavily influences the rights of citizens of this country, could it be possible that if we pull back on our detestation and fear of Middle Eastern people in our country that our alleged right to privacy could fortify, or for that matter finally become written in stone into our Constitution? I believe this to be feasible, and could possibly be the only way we have to secure a right that we as a country desperately want to make inflexible and permanent.



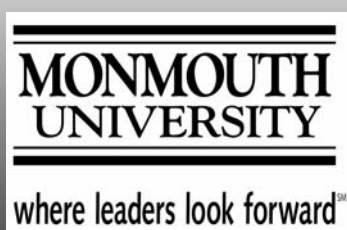
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Student Volunteer

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Haider made a close connection with one of the kids, Mubashir. Mubashir, 14, would occasionally ask Haider to look at him so he would never forget her face.

When the kids spoke to Haider about their earthquake experiences, they were basically speaking of horror stories.

"Many of these horror stories entailed a 4 to 14-year-old child talking about their near death experience of how they had to escape from collapsing buildings, and how upsetting it was to face the reality that some of the other family members were unable to make it out," Haider said.

"The kids kept telling me that I would not understand their situation until I went to Muzaffarabad," Haider said of her time at the orphanage.

Muzaffarabad is the capital of the Pakistani-occupied territory in Kashmir, which is about a six-hour drive from Islamabad.

Upon reaching Muzaffarabad, Haider arrived at a city where there was no physical structure left to live in, with earthquakes still continuing to hit. It was unsafe to live in or occupy any of the remnant structures in the city.

Much like all the other survivors in Pakistan and Kashmir, the people of Muzaffarabad were living in tents. Unlike the kids at the orphanage, 99 percent of all survivors in the devastated regions are living in these tents in freezing temperatures, with no heat or electricity. Haider said Safina's Children's Home is a palace compared to everyone else who is living in a tent. Currently, it is the middle of winter in Pakistan, where temperatures regularly drop below 32 degrees.

When Haider arrived at Muzaffarabad, she met up with her fel-

low M.I. members, Zaidi and Ali, who had been working relief in the tent villages. While visiting the tent villages, Haider conducted interviews with parents and children while lending a hand to anyone in need.

Haider said most of the parents were too traumatized to even talk about the destruction and their futures. While attending a 10 year old's funeral, Haider felt the magnitude of a minor earthquake that had hit and "it felt like someone just pulled the earth underneath me."

On January 19, Haider returned from her "life-altering experience." She said she came back a different person than when she left.

"This is reality. Imagine a 4-year-old kid being told that they no longer have any type of family left," Haider said. "Kids are starving and freezing. No kid deserves that, and it is like this all over the world, too. This earthquake literally crippled the society."

Overall, Haider said there were highs and lows to the relief mission. Unfortunately, there were many sad memories of children starving and freezing, people who were traumatized, and the sight of destroyed towns and cities. On the flip side, Haider's favorite memories are looking back at the great connections she made with so many of the kids, giving support, putting smiles on their faces, and hopefully make their days better. Haider said she plans to return to Pakistan in the summer.

Haider said there are still thousands of people in remote areas that have not received any aid. One of the biggest problems is meeting the demand for tents that can provide shelter as the cold weather worsens. For more information on contributions, please contact www.IMI.org, www.UNICEF.org, and/or Farheen.Haider@monmouth.edu.



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Pictured above are locals Farheen Haider met while spending time in their Tent Village.



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Tents from the village are made of heavy cloth and have plastic sheets to prevent rain damage.

Involvement fair

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organization looking to promote awareness and fairness,” said President and co-founder of The Gender Studies Club, Lisa Adams. “We are a new organization, and we really want to get our issues known to the campus.”

The brand new Greek organization Alpha Xi Delta attended the Involvement Fair for the first time with big smiles. “Everyone has made us feel very comfortable as a new organization in the Greek community,” said sophomore Heather Sary. “We are having a blast being sisters and doing all the fun things that Greeks do.”

While most clubs and organizations continued to mesh with the students attending, other tables came up with more creative ways to attract potential members.

Members of the Capoeira Club drew attention to their table by performing Brazilian Marshal Art moves complete with African tribal music, while the Lambda Theta Phi sorority bonded with interested women over glittery arts and crafts.

“This is an excellent chance for students to interact with groups and get to know people involved in the activities on campus,” said sophomore Jackie Fasolino of Zeta Tau Alpha. “It’s a good time, and everybody’s table looks great.”

“I came here to represent the MU Ice Hockey team, the Sociology Club, and the Political Science club,” said Graduate student Jonathan Grove. “Individuals interested in getting involved on campus should definitely consider the Po-

litical Science Club, students get to visit graduate schools and tour our nation’s capital.”

“The Involvement Fair is really popping right now,” said Allison Kennedy of the Delta Phi Epsilon sorority. “I think it’s really great for transfer students and freshmen to see what Monmouth University is all about.”

“I came out here to get involved in Greek life because I really want to be a part of something,” said Freshman Elmwood resident Mabel Jamirez.

“Dance team is a great way to meet people and be involved without having to join a sorority or fraternity,” said sophomore dance team member Lisa Urbanowicz. “It keeps you in great shape, too.”

Not only did freshmen and transfer students attend the fair, but a flock of older students did as well. “I came to the involvement fair with some of my buddies because I decided I want to get more involved,” said junior MU Ice hockey player, Craig Sargent. “I want to learn a little more about what goes on here.”

As the event came to a close, students expressed their opinions of the event’s turnout. “This was a great opportunity for me,” said sophomore Kelli Heaney. “I am happy I found out what’s available on campus.”

“We had a handful of people come in today, and we are hoping they get what they need out of the experience,” said Assistant Director of student activities for Greek life, Tyler Havens. “Hopefully we will see them again, because we always want to see everyone out and involved.”

mind and the desire to make their school a better place.”

This year there seems to be a great interest in going Greek, and the excitement probably will not fade due in great part to the success of Saturday’s Red Robin. According to Kimberly Castello, the Panhellenic Chairwoman, “This Spring Recruitment was extremely successful. Not only did we have a phenomenal turnout, but behind the scenes was incredibly smooth and organized. Saturday’s Round Robin has gotten more exciting this week for everyone involved.”

Of course, throughout the day, all of the sisters in each sorority were supportive not only of their organization, but of Greek life in general. All of them simply encouraged the potential new members to “follow their hearts” over the next week in making their decision on which organization they would like to pledge.

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Panhellenic Chairwoman



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A Fun Fairytale

NICOLE DENARDO
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Is *Hoodwinked* the best film to come since the computer animated film craze started? Not exactly. But is it the worst? Far from it. *Hoodwinked* may not be the next *Finding Nemo*, but it sure is fun.

Hoodwinked (a.k.a. *The True Story of Red Riding Hood*) is a revamped version of the classic fairytale in which Red, her granny, the Big Bad Wolf, and a giant who is also a German schnitzel selling truck driver are all suspects in a crime where a bandit is stealing all of the goodies in fairytale land.

All of these crazy characters and some others (including a hyper squirrel and a country singing goat) come together to tell their side of the story and find the true criminal. Without telling too much, each character's story is its own little tale with a surprise in each one.

The voice talents were chosen well. Some of the featured voices were Anne Hathaway, Glenn Close, Xzibit, Chazz Palminteri, and Anthony Anderson, to name a few. Other memorable

performances were Andy Dick as Manic Boingo the rabbit, Patrick Walburton as the smooth Wolf, Jim Belushi as the German Giant, and Cory Edwards as Twitchy, the very lovable frenzied squirrel.

Cory Edwards and his brother Todd Edwards were the directors, writers, and voice talents in this movie. Having only a few credentials to their name, I think they did a great job, showing their talents amongst the many CG animated movies out there. It was

a nice introduction to these brothers. After seeing this, I am hoping to hear more from them.

I think one of the highlights of the movie was the awesome soundtrack. It had a pop vibe with

an 80's flair, with a hint of a Beatles sound. The actors even sing their own music. Anne Hathaway, Jim Belushi, and Andy Dick are all featured on the soundtrack, as well as band Ben Folds Five. The original score by John Mark Painter and Daniel Rogers was also enjoyable.

The best quality of this movie was its naturalness. It didn't seem as if the Edwards brothers were trying to compete with the slew of

other animated films. It seemed as if they just wanted to make a pleasurable story for both children and adults. None of the jokes were over-the-top or rip-offs from other animated films (A crime that *Shark Tale* committed last year). Though there were a few allusions to other movies such as *The Usual Suspects*, it didn't seem like the Edwards brothers were out to copy. The jokes weren't bombarded at me, forcing me to laugh. They were more subtle and sweet, which I liked. For example, the German giant, in his testimony, explains the reason why he was wielding an ax. He was a struggling actor preparing for a role as a woodsman in a commercial for Paul's Bunyan Crème. Though it may sound a bit ridiculous on paper, the joke made me giggle a bit, and

if you're paying close attention, it is a play on the "Meisner" acting technique. There wasn't any gross humor or fart jokes to get easy laughs. To put it into easier terms, *Hoodwinked* was a relaxing comedy that puts a smile on your face.

Hoodwinked may not have been most original, Academy Award wanting, high-tech animated film, but it wasn't trying to be. And that's what made it good.

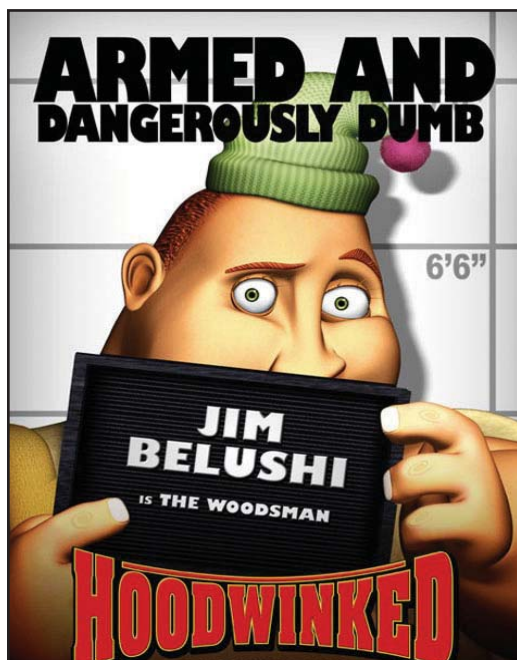
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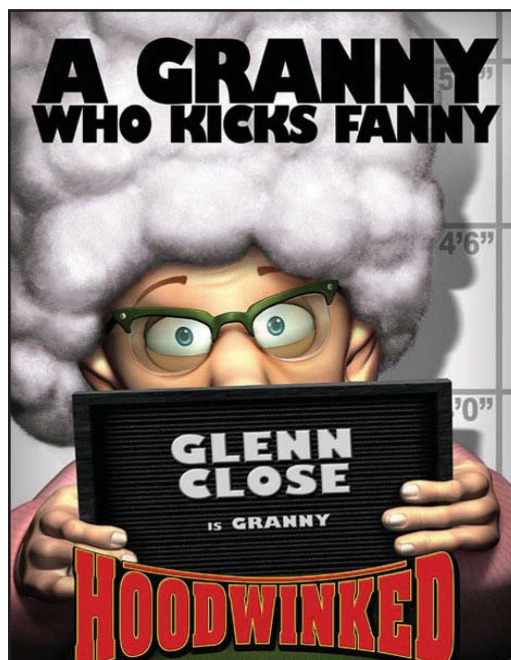
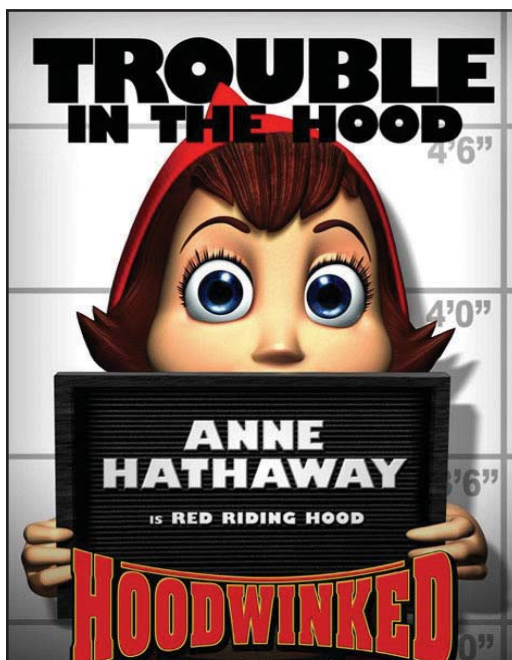
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Rolling into Halftime

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When most people think of the Super Bowl, thoughts lead to the big game, the food, the commercials, and the elaborate halftime show. After the Janet Jackson "incident," responsibility for the halftime show has been taken away from the previous, and quite successful producer, MTV.

Since the "incident," the halftime shows have been a lot less dramatic, and also a lot less exciting. MTV was responsible for producing arguably the biggest halftime show in the history of the game: Super Bowl XXXV's halftime show, in which Aerosmith, *Nsync, Britney Spears, Nelly, and Mary J. Blige all took the stage.

*Nsync's Justin Timberlake, who appeared for the second time at Super Bowl XXXVIII, experienced the "tear heard 'round the world" when Janet Jackson's nipple was exposed to thousands of fans. Supposedly, Jackson had a "wardrobe malfunction." Since that occurrence, the show has been toned down. That precedent,

however, ended this year. The world famous classic rock band, The Rolling Stones headlined this year's show.

To begin their halftime presentation, the band performed the very appropriate song "Start Me Up." That certainly had the crowd going crazy.

"...it appears as though the flair and originality that everyone has come to expect has finally returned thanks to the rock legends, The Rolling Stones."

From there, they went on to sing a tune from their newest album, *A Bigger Bang*, entitled "Rough Justice." They ended their performance with their classic hit "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction." This performance is one for the history books. These classic rock legends demonstrated they can still indeed rock.

The most original and creative part of the halftime celebration was un-

doubtedly the Rolling Stones' stage itself. It was in classic Stones fashion, in the shape of a tongue. Fans were inside the tongue, as well as surrounding it, in what was bound to be one of the loudest performances ever held on Ford Field. The Rolling Stones energized the audience from the beginning, and kept them going through a spectacular halftime performance. Mick Jagger and his band mates, all now in their 60s, can still put on a show.

In the past few years, halftime shows seemed to have lost their flair and originality.

Don Mischer Productions sponsored both Super Bowl XXXIX, featuring as its performer Sir Paul McCartney, and Super Bowl XL.

McCartney was undoubtedly a great performer, but definitely did not rile the crowd in the same fashion as years before.

This year, it appears as though the flair and originality that everyone has come to expect from the big game has finally returned thanks to the rock legends, The Rolling Stones.



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Rolling Stones' Mick Jagger at the Super Bowl XL Halftime Show.

THE LYRIC LOUNGE

LISA PIKAARD
STAFF WRITER

Kaci Brown isn't well-known, but some day soon she will be. Her album *Instigator* dropped this past August during her first real tour as an opening act to the Backstreet Boys. The album contains everything from dance tracks to emotional successful ballads. The best ballad lyrically, "Unbelievable," is one of the best songs I have ever heard. Vocally and musically, it is so powerful and creative. She describes a relationship and a man that, to her, is irreplaceable, but she replaces him. The song describes the strength that everyone should have, and is very impressive. Her music is under the genre of R&B, and you can tell that is appropriate when you listen to the title track. It is definitely a song that will be played in a club very soon. "Cadillac Hotel" is definitely a smooth moving song that could make any listener want to get up and move to the slow soothing rhythm. "Like 'Em Like That" is the best female rock song on the album, and also doubles as a dance song. The album is everywhere, and fits every mood. "My Baby" really shows the vocal range of Kaci Brown, and is original. Aside from "Unbelievable," there are other tracks on the album that are emotional ballads like "Thank You" and "Make You Love Me." The album certainly covers pop, R&B, and dance, and is worth the price.

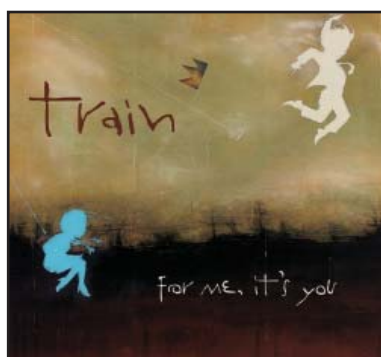
An album unknown to most people on campus is a soundtrack to a television show most of you have never heard of. But the vocal talent of Alexz Johnson is something everyone should hear. The album, *Instant Star TV Series Soundtrack*, is a compilation of songs sung by Alexz Johnson on the series. There are a few cheesy songs on the album being that it is based from a television show, but there are definitely some diamonds in the rough. The fact the songs are based on a television show demonstrates the depth all of the songs have aside from the cover of "Stupid Girl." The most impressive song on the album is the powerful ballad, "Let Me Fall." The most emotional track that everyone is bound to connect with is "Skin." Lyrically, the song deals with cheating, lies, and deception. She really owns the song, and is a must-hear. "Waste My Time" and "Me Out of Me" are fun tracks, and definitely songs to get people up and going. Being that they are from a cheesy television show, there is a weak rap in one of them and a spoken echo in the other, but overall, the songs are great. Even though the album is based on a television series, Alexz Johnson's talent is showcased wonderfully. She has talent as an actress, but this album proves she certainly deserves to be successful in the music business.



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Train's newest album *For Me, It's You* shows that the band, 12 years into its career, can still put out a quality album. Most recognized for their hit song, "Drops of Jupiter," the mellow rock band is hoping to really boost their popularity with their newest album. The title track for the album definitely demonstrates the feel of the album as a whole. The album is packed with smooth, calm rock songs with quality lyrics and definite vocal talent. The album, however, gets dry around the middle. The tune "Shelter Me" definitely breaks up the almost monotony the album seems to slip into. The song seems to have a fun old flair to it. The low points on the album are the songs "Explanation" and "Always Remember." Both songs are strong lyrically but are simply boring to listen to. Aside from these two, the rest of the album seems to be very well put together. The song "Get Out" is the only song that doesn't have the classic Train feel to it. It comes across as a song that should be done by U2. Not that it is a bad song; it just is different for Train. Overall, the album is a mellow rock album filled with a mix of simply calm rock songs and rock ballads. The album isn't highly multidimensional but it definitely is perfected in the area of soft rock.

Have you heard?

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Hey everyone! For all of you out there who just can't get enough of celebrities, here is the hottest gossip in Hollywood for the week.

It's only February and we already have celeb couple number three entering into the world of divorce. Jersey's own Richie Sambora and Heather Locklear have split after 11 years of marriage. It is said that Locklear filed for divorce citing "irreconcilable differences." The couple didn't reveal much. However, they did reveal that, unlike Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey, they did sign a prenuptial agreement.

As one couple divorces, another is headed for marriage. Late last month, Zach Braff proposed to his girlfriend of 18 months, Mandy Moore, with a four-carat diamond engagement ring. Braff and Moore are looking to get hitched in April of 2007.



Braff and Moore at the 2005 Emmy Awards.

Sheryl Crow and Lance Armstrong have stopped all plans on their wedding, and are actually calling it quits. They were quoted in *People Magazine* saying, "After much thought and consideration, we have made a very tough decision to split up. We both have a deep love and respect for each other, and we ask that everyone respect our privacy during this very difficult time." I really thought that they would be one of the few Hollywood couples that would last—I guess I was wrong.

Lindsay Lohan was once again hospitalized, but this time it wasn't for exhaustion, or an asthma attack; it was for an accident she had while partying at Bryan Adams' London home.

Lohan's mother Dina said, "She and her friends were preparing breakfast...Lindsay was going up the stairs, carrying a ceramic teacup. She had just come out of the shower...and had some lotion on, and she completely flipped on the stairs since it was slippery. The teacup went flying, it was shattered, and one of the pieces cut Lindsay in her shin."

According to her publicist, Lohan is doing fine. She only had to get 10 stitches in her shin, and is already back to filming her movie *Chapter 27*, which also stars Jared Leto.

The former Mr. Jessica Simpson, Nick Lachey seems to be adapting to single life pretty well. So well in fact, that he isn't even single anymore!

Lately, Lachey has been seen with an unknown brunette that was just confirmed as the former Miss Kentucky, Lizzie Arnold. A source close to Lachey said, "They've been together for about a month."

Celebrity Birthdays

Seth Green 32 (2/8)
Shakira 29 (2/9)
Jennifer Aniston 37 (2/11)
Matthew Lawrence 26 (2/11)
Sheryl Crow 43 (2/11)
Christina Ricci 26 (2/12)



The Best Live Bands You'll Never See

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STAFF WRITER

Going to a concert is an experience unlike any other. Anywhere from a few hundred, a few thousand, or a hundred thousand people gathering together for the same reason: to enjoy the music of their favorite bands or artists, and of course be entertained. Personally, I've seen something like 70 bands since 1994, some of which are still together, some will never be seen again on stage together. Some bands I simply missed because I'm too young, some because the parents thought they were too out there for a teenager to go see. Here are some of the best live bands you will never get a chance to see, or if you were lucky, see again.

Rage Against the Machine broke up in 2000 after four albums. They were the most outspoken band politically in the 1990s. As a live band, they were even more impressive than on record, with a live show that was so diverse for a rock band that they once toured with the Wu-Tang Clan. Seeing guitarist Tom Morello in action is like watching a master composer. Morello did things with the guitar never done before, although often imitated. Singer Zach de la Rocha was possessed on stage, and was the voice of the band's agenda to expose the tyranny they saw in our government. The band split with de la Rocha in 2000, and formed the band Audioslave which is a huge commercial success, and who are very good live. But the essence of Rage has been lost, and will never be seen again. Their last two shows as a band are out on DVD, though, and are very well-done. *Live at the Olympic Auditorium*, from October of 2000, can be ordered from their website.

Stone Temple Pilots were mistakenly lumped in with the grunge movement in 1992 because of a heavy rock sound, and singer Scott Weiland's deep, Eddie Vedder-like voice. STP released five albums between 1992 and 2001 which showcased their diversity, especially in Weiland's range as a vocalist. They were a manic live presence, probably what The Who were like in the early 1970s at their peak. Unlike other bands with drug problems, STP always put on their best face on stage and knew they were there because of the fans. Guitarist Den DeLeo played incredible solos on stage, precisely like they sounded on record, while Weiland would sprint

Before Matisyahu (the Hasidic Rasta man) was all over modern rock stations with his reggae-rock sound, Sublime pioneered the sound. Sublime took all their influences and formed a unique sound which was instantly timeless. That is, when it finally hit the masses. The band did not realize commercial success, with 1997's "Santeria" and "Wrong Way," until after singer-songwriter Bradley Nowell died of a heroin overdose. The rest of the band, respecting his legacy, did not carry on with the same name, and formed the Long Beach Dub All-Stars. In concert, their feel-good vibe combined with their punk influences to form a raucous live experience. Since no one has seen the band live



Rage Against the Machine

since before Nowell's death in 1996, the best we can do is live DVDs.

The Clash, "the only band that matters," was one of those bands you always hoped would get back together. Most famous for the hits "Rock the Casbah," "London Calling," and "Should I Stay or Should I Go," The Clash was another political band who conveyed desperation to connect with fans in concert, and the fans ate it up. Lead singer-songwriter Joe Strummer was a legend in his time, and his premature death in 2002 has increased the mystery surrounding him. The band was at its height in the early 1980s, but with all original members alive up until Strummer's death, fans clamored for a reunion. It was not to be, unfortunately. The Clash inspired artists from Bono to Jakob Dylan, who bought his first guitar after seeing them live. If they were around today to tour again, who knows what may have come from it.

Most serious music fans have their fantasies about bands they wish they were around for. It seems too obvious to list the countless bands that are no longer with us from the 1960s and 1970s. The Doors are long gone. So are The Animals, Velvet Underground, Led Zeppelin, John Lennon, and Jimi Hendrix. Pink Floyd will never tour again, despite what you saw at the Live 8 concert. They were all from another generation, and we can still appreciate them for what they were and still are, amazing bands who put on incredible concerts. But you will not get the experience your parents may have had with these bands, that is, unless you get their best concert DVD and invite over a few thousand friends.

Body Piercings: Risks You Should Know About

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When you hear the word piercing, the first thought that enters your mind is pain and needles. This trend has become popular over the past few years, and piercings are not limited to just ears anymore. Many individuals pierce their eyebrows, nose, tongue, belly button, and any other part of their body which could be pierced. It may seem like a good idea, and a way for you to rebel against your parents, but what are the consequences, and what are the risks involved?

Make certain that the person performing the piercing provides a safe, clean, and professional environment. Before the needle is inserted into your body, make certain that the area being pierced is cleaned with a germicidal soap (a soap that kills disease-causing bacteria). After the piercing has penetrated your skin, the person performing the piercing should dispose the needle in a special container so that there is no risk of the needle or blood touching someone else.

If you are contemplating getting your body pierced, make sure you adequately research various piercing shops. Certain sites on the body can cause more problems than others, and infection is a common complication of mouth and nose piercings because of the millions of bacteria that inhabit those areas. Tongue piercings can damage teeth over time, and tongue, cheek, and lip piercings can cause gum problems as well.

If you decide to get a body piercing, make certain you are up to date with your immunizations (especially hepatitis and tetanus), and contact your physician if your piercing becomes infected.

Make sure the piercing shop is safe and sanitary, otherwise you could acquire an infection, and inflamed gums are not a pretty sight. Body piercing is regulated in some

states, but not others. Although most piercing shops try to provide a clean and healthy environment, some shops might not take proper precautions against infections or other health hazards. You must become a sleuth, and conduct your own investigation concerning the shop's procedures in addition to finding out whether they provide a clean and safe environment for their customers. Every shop should have a sterilizing machine and should keep instruments in sealed packets.

Do not be afraid to ask questions, because it is your body, and you do not want to be left with scars for the rest of your life. Ask the owner if the shop is clean, and if the person conducting the piercing wears fresh disposable gloves, and if the instruments are sterilized. The needle being used should be new, and be disposed of in a special sealed container after the piercing. It is also

a good idea to ask about the types of jewelry the shop offers, because some people have allergic reactions to some types of metals. Before you get a piercing, make certain that you are not allergic to the metal in the jewelry. Only non-toxic metals such as surgical steel, solid 14-karat gold, and platinum should be used during the procedure. If you believe that the shop is not clean enough, or if you feel in any way uncomfortable, go somewhere else to get your piercing.

There are several health risks involved in the procedure that you should be aware of. Some temporary symptoms include minor pain, swelling at the pierced area, and in the case of a tongue piercing, increased saliva. Be aware that chronic infection, scarring, and hepatitis B and C could occur if the needle is not sterilized properly.

Remember your body is like a temple, and give it the respect it deserves. The next time you pass a piercing parlor, keep the previous risks in the back of your mind, because a swollen tongue is unattractive, and very painful.



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Piercing has been around for thousands of years. The practice of piercing was an important part of many different cultures, from ancient eastern civilizations across to the west. Even the Bible mentions body piercings and describes their symbolic meaning of wealth, status, and power. Throughout history, body jewelry and piercings have been looked up to because of their unique position as representations of beauty and fortune.

The smoking gun, why it is imperative to quit

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Everyone knows that smoking is harmful to their health, and that they should quit, but as the old adage says, easier said than done. College students can establish healthy lifestyle practices early on that can have life-long implications later in life.

You may not realize it now, but ten years can pass by quickly. Many students continue to engage in risky behaviors such as smoking and binge drinking in college, even though they are aware of the repercussions and consequences.

The effects of cigarette smoking are catastrophic, and a majority of smokers believe they are invincible and will not develop any illnesses from smoking a pack of Marlboros a week.

Prolonged cigarette smoking causes even more deaths from other diseases than from lung cancer, and those killed by tobacco at 35-69 lose an average of about 23 years of their life.

A majority of smokers began smoking in high school, and continued throughout college. Tobacco companies know that the key to selling their lethal product is to attract a young audience, because by age 21, the chances that you will pick up a cigarette are very slim. The myths surrounding cigarettes are false; they do not make you look

'cool,' and you do not lose weight by smoking on a daily basis.

Women believe that cigarettes suppress their appetites, but in the long run, the side effects will eventually take its toll on you. Cigarettes can stain your teeth, and cause bad breath, lung cancer, emphysema, and heart disease.

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Cigarettes cause an estimated 340,000 deaths a year among American smokers, and smoking poses a greater risk for females. According to professors from the University of Colorado at Boulder, "female current light smokers can expect to live 14.1 fewer years, and female current moderate smokers can expect to live 13.4 fewer years."

Approximately 250 million women are smokers, including 22% of women in developed countries and 9% of women in developing countries. "Scientific data shows that smoking is associated with 30-40 percent of all cancer deaths," says

Dr. Tanquilino Elicano, Jr., one of the country's cancer experts. Another effect of smoking is emphysema, which is a widespread disease of the lungs and people who have this illness are particularly vulnerable to pneumonia, bronchitis, and other lung infections. They are also likely to suffer from cardiovascular problems such as heart failure. A person's chance of getting a heart attack multiplies by three if he or she smokes.

This next piece of information is for all the men who smoke, because smoking has also been discovered to cause slower penile erection among men due to excessive nicotine in the bloodstream that causes constriction of the penile artery, which is the blood vessel necessary in the male erection.

For all you girls who are nicotine addicts, you should know that women who smoke have lower estrogen levels, and women with lowered estrogen levels are at an increased risk for developing osteoporosis, according to Kenneth Cooper, author of the book, *Preventing Osteoporosis*. Osteoporosis is the thinning of the bones that occurs when the calcium that keeps them strong has seeped out.

Next time you feel the urge to light up, think of your teeth turning yellow, or your bones deteriorating due to osteoporosis, or the shortness of breath you will have if you do not quit soon. It is never too late to quit, and remember all the extra money you will have saved on countless packs of cigarettes can be used to take your boyfriend or girlfriend out on a date.



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Peruse the magazine section of any bookstore, supermarket, or drugstore and you will find magazines designed for women (i.e. Cosmopolitan, Elle, Glamour), those for men (Sports Illustrated, GQ, Playboy), and those gender-neutral (Forbes, Newsweek, TIME). Everything appears fine at first glance at the stacks upon stacks of magazines lined up, beckoning their readers. However, if you take a little closer look, maybe even begin to investigate; everything might not be fine...

When picking up Cosmo, Elle, Glamour, Style, etc. I always notice what the ads are about. Women's magazines are typically about fashion, self-improvement, and sex - how to spice up your sex life, get your best orgasm, please your man, etc. Every single magazine had at least one article about it. And as I thought back in time and glanced at my old editions, I noticed that almost EVERY issue had at least one article about how to improve "your" sex in some way. Of course these articles are in a pool of other articles about fashion and other self-improvement tips, but these sex articles are the only ones that seem to appear repeatedly, with the same message but different advice.

It has been assumed for years that men think more about sex than women. Men are assumed to be obsessed with sex and think about it all the time. However, when you inspect women's magazines, evidence points in the opposite direction. Curiosity got the best of me, and I headed to the men's section of the magazine aisle. I looked at the covers of the magazines and noticed that those not about sports only featured one title about per cover about sex. I picked up Maxim and began flipping through the pages to see if maybe the sex article were hidden. Sort of. My findings revealed that indeed there were three articles about sex in the magazine; they weren't the same as the ones in the women's magazines.

The ones in Maxim were about things like how to tell your girlfriend she's fat and other simple things. The most interesting and largest one was a quiz about determining how hot of a girl you, the guy, actually deserve, followed by an article on how to get a really hot girl anyway. There were no articles about how men can masturbate better or what they should do to better please their girlfriend. There were no articles about how to sex up their sex life or anything that actually had to do with the act of sex itself. Of course there were A LOT of pictures of half naked women all over it, but similar pictures can be found on a Victoria's Secret television commercial or probably on several different billboards scatter around the country.

If all men are really doing is looking at models, with or without clothes, are they really the

ones obsessed with sex? Or, even if they are constantly thinking about it, is their "obsession" healthy, in a way women's is not?

Women may not think about it ALL the time, but speak with any woman and if being honest, she'll tell you that she thinks about it more often than expected. No, she's probably not picturing every man she comes in contact with without his clothes on, but the thought will probably cross her mind throughout the day, and in a society with half-naked models plastered all over the country, is that so unexpected? If this were where the sex thinking stopped, women would be less-obsessed than men and perhaps society's generalizations from decades ago would be correct. BUT, it's not where the sex stops.

Women don't just think about it throughout the day, but they read article upon article about how to improve their sex, what they can do to have more fun during sex, and how to better please their man. In other words, they are constantly being told that whatever they're doing can't possibly be good enough when it comes to sex, because they're not doing what the magazine recommends. In fact, it would appear that women are actually "obsessed" with sex, even more than men because they are forever trying to improve it.

And then I got to thinking, when it comes to work or a school assignment, people constantly advise you not to obsess over anything, because then you can get lost and absorbed in the wrong thing, causing the problem to take longer to solve or the paper to not be written as well as it could have been. Maybe women are not necessarily too concerned with sex, but with improving it. Maybe, if they had quizzes questioning whether or not they should be with a hotter man, and then an article about how to get one, even if they "don't" according to some silly quiz, women would be obsessed with just having sex and not improving it. Maybe, with articles like that, women would have more self-confidence when it came to sex (because, let's face it ladies, when it comes to men, nothing is hotter than a confident man in bed) and would get those better orgasms they've all been searching for.

So, does your sex life lie in the hands of the editor of Cosmo or Elle or Glamour? Nope. It lies in your hands. One month, try not reading the sex articles in those women's magazines and reading the ones that appear in men's magazines. See what happens. Even if the articles are directed to men and you might not be able to relate to them, the fact that men are reading such...interesting (or silly)...articles about sex, might make you realize how silly you're being, worried about your sex and stop you from obsessing about sex so you can have that "great orgasm" and "spicy sex life" you've been craving.

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By Linda C. Black,
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Today's Birthday (Feb. 8th)

You'll know it's really love when the two of you start making plans together. By this time next year, if all goes well, you'll both be very busy.

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

♈ **Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19) - Today is a 7**

Don't procrastinate. It won't be long before other obligations interfere with your studies. By then, know as much as you can.

♉ **Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) - Today is a 5**

Collect as many goodies as you can, while you can. Then, get into the preparation for your next project.

♊ **Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) - Today is a 8**

The next assignment is to make more money come in. You know you're smart, so go ahead and get wealthy. It's OK.

♋ **Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) - Today is a 7**

You have some of the answers yourself, in that stack of papers you've let pile up. Sort and file.

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

If you can't figure out what a stubborn person is talking about, get a friend to intervene. Maybe you need a translator.

♍ **Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) - Today is a 5**

Conditions are unstable early, but the bumps smooth out. Don't get freaked and give up. Stay on course.

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

Your fantasies are about to encounter a reality check. The goal can be accomplished, but there's lots of work involved.

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

Don't spend all your savings on fixing up your place. Some, but not all. Save enough to get out of town, soon.

♐ **Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is a 6**

Keep studying and practicing. You're about to make a jump up to the next level of understanding. What you've been doing starts getting easy.

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

Figure out ways to delegate more of your responsibilities. You can multiply your production and give yourself more free time.

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

As always happens, love is followed closely by more work. Don't complain, this is the natural order of things.

♓ **Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) Today is an 6**

The prevailing theme for the past few weeks is about cleaning up old messes. That job should go more smoothly now, since you've had lots of practice.

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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

ACROSS

- 1 Throw
- 5 Docile
- 9 Elements of the whole
- 14 Hydrox rival
- 15 Spacewalks, in NASA-speak
- 16 Online trade?
- 17 Ray
- 18 Pravda source
- 19 ____ Claus
- 20 Cost-cutting singing group?
- 23 Cicero's lang.
- 24 Pugilistic poet
- 25 Oxidized
- 29 Relieve
- 31 Lith. or Azer., once
- 34 John or Sean
- 35 Berne's river
- 36 James of R&B
- 37 Cost-cutting singing group?
- 40 Big rig
- 41 Raw minerals
- 42 Sibling of one's mere or pere
- 43 Hosp. areas
- 44 Kind of thermometer
- 45 Quenches
- 46 Cleanup hitter's stats
- 47 Gasteyer of SNL
- 48 Cost-cutting singing group?
- 56 Papal vestment
- 57 Rival rival
- 58 Singer Guthrie
- 59 Greek column type
- 60 Ooze
- 61 Turner of Hollywood
- 62 Authoritative decree
- 63 Coop layers
- 64 Comic Carolla

DOWN

- 1 Actor Lee J.
- 2 Carpet calculation
- 3 Burn slightly
- 4 Mausoleum
- 5 Set of four
- 6 Hold it, sailor!
- 7 Alda sitcom

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- 8 Exxon, once
- 9 Mashing tool
- 10 Video-game name
- 11 Raja's wife
- 12 Yugoslavian leader
- 13 P. Hearst's kidnappers
- 21 1985 Malkovich film
- 22 VW model
- 25 Dustin in "Midnight Cowboy"
- 26 Wedding-party member
- 27 Plant parts
- 28 Heyerdahl's "Kon- ____"
- 29 Studio stand
- 30 ____ and crafts
- 31 Mired
- 32 Inscribed stone pillar
- 33 Costs per unit
- 35 Taj Mahal location
- 36 Novelist Ferber
- 38 Water wheel
- 39 Fastballer Ryan
- 44 Thing
- 45 Uses too much nose
- 46 Old treasure
- 47 Colorado resort
- 48 Walked heavily
- 49 Spy Mata
- 50 "Ring of Fire" singer
- 51 Swiss artist
- 52 FDR's dog
- 53 Toward the mouth
- 54 Forearm bone
- 55 Wander
- 56 Poetic tribute

Two Dudes

DUDE, YOU'VE BEEN SITTING
HERE STARING AT THE TELEVISION
FOR HOURS. IT'S GOING TO ROT
YOUR BRAIN!

THAT'S NOT FAIR,
DUDE. YOU CAN'T
BLAME EVERYTHING
ON T.V.

I HAVEN'T
EVEN TURNED
IT ON YET!

by Aaron Warner

A College Girl Named Joe

HAVE YOU
EVER GONE IN OUR
SUITE MATE'S ROOM
THROUGH THE DOOR
IN THE BATHROOM?

NO! THAT'S
WAY BAD
SUITE MATE
ETIQUETTE.

AND DON'T EVER
GO IN THERE IF A
SOCK IS ON THE
DOORKNOB.

HAVEN'T YOU EVER HEARD,
"DON'T COME KNOCKIN'
IF THE DOORKNOB HAS
A SOCK ON"?

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HARD KNOCKS BY LOUIS CAPRIOLA

I NEED TO FIND KNOX A
GIRLFRIEND FOR VALENTINE'S...
I COULDN'T FIND ONE LAST YEAR.

HE WANTS
SOMEONE
SHY AND
NERVOUS.

SO, HE PRETTY MUCH WANTS
TO DATE HIMSELF BUT WITH
BREASTS.

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SO PENNY, SAY I WERE TO, YOU
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AND WE GAVE IT ANOTHER—

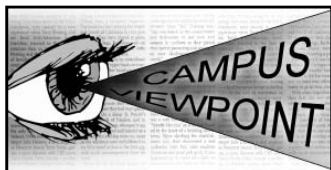
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YOU'RE GOING TO ASK, RIGHT NOW AND IN
THE HUNDRED YEARS THAT FOLLOW... ALSO NO.

WELL THAT'S FINE, JUST FINE!
BECAUSE I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU IF
YOU'D EVER DATED ANYONE BETTER THAN ME!
I GUESS YOU HAVEN'T THEN! WELL GOOD!

THEN WHY ARE YOU CRYING?

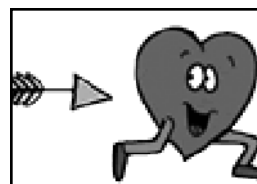
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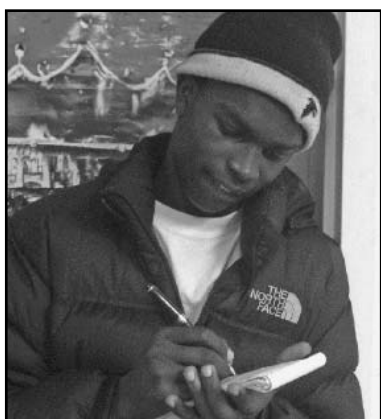
“What are your plans for Valentine’s day?”

BY: SUZANNE GUARINO



Brent
junior

“Hangin’ out with my girlfriend and going out to dinner and a movie.”



Alvin
freshman

“Writin’ a love poem for that special person and then going to KFC to get a bucket a’ chicken.”



Jerry
freshman

“Going to a fancy restaurant with two beautiful girls.... clothing optional.”



Alex
junior

“Writing a love song for my valentine and serenading her.”



J. Cook
freshman

“Covering the inside of a limo with rose petals and taking that special someone out to dinner in the city.”



Melanie, Kayley, Briana & Kristine
freshman

“We’re going out to dinner and buying eachother roses.”



Paul, Derek, Anthony, Rob & Mike
sophomores

“Playin’ Mario Kart.”



Alyssa
senior

“Going to a romantic dinner and a movie with my boyfriend.”



Mike
senior

“So far it involves a nine iron and some ice cubes... still debating the flowers part.”



Rielle
freshman

“Hopefully some lovely white roses and a candlelit dinner with a special someone.”

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Many freshman rethink their college choices

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After her parents dropped her off at Millersville University in the fall of 2004, freshman Katelyn Penrose settled into her dorm room, unpacked her things, and panicked.

“I realized I was stuck there,” said the graduate of Springfield High School in Delaware County, Pa.

Penrose arrived at the rural Lancaster County, PA campus on a Saturday. By Monday, she had applied for a transfer. And by Tuesday, she was enrolled at Cabrini College in Radnor, where she is now a sophomore.

“I was shocked,” and not a little exasperated, said her father, Jerry. Penrose was ahead of the curve. It’s usually not until this time of year, long after tuition checks have been cashed and teary farewells have been exchanged, that freshmen break the news to their stunned parents:

You know that school I worked so hard to get into? I hate it. I want out.

Call it the freshman churn, the students who bail before sophomore year. Most first-year students stay put, but in every class an antsy minority switches schools, spurred by homesickness, a creepy roommate, social anxiety, geographic shock, or financial or academic concerns. The place is too small, too big, too cold, too remote.

Penrose’s about-face wasn’t for lack of due diligence. Before enrolling, she spent a night on campus and researched majors. Recruited to play Division II lacrosse, she met the coach and hung out with the players.

“On paper, it all looked so good,” said her mother, Patty. But on the day she moved in, Penrose, who had focused on her athletic prospects, realized how myopic she had been. She felt isolated and untethered on a campus “in the middle of nowhere.”

There are valid reasons to switch schools, but unrealistic expectations about college life or a lack of research often lead students to make that decision before they give their institutions a chance, school officials and counselors say.

Now add an increasingly common phenomenon: Many high school seniors get so caught up in the “trophy hunt,” the mania to get into a brand-name college, that they fail to search their hearts and honestly assess what they will need to flourish, admissions authorities say.

“What you’re trying to do is make a consumer decision about a place where you’ll be really happy,” said Dodge Johnson, a college admissions consultant in Malvern.

Emotional tumult is normal for freshmen, school officials said.

“You’re going through the social transition, the academic transition, and the geographic transition,” said Timm Rinehart, Temple University’s vice president for enrollment management.

“It can be a shock,” Rinehart said. “One of the first reactions is, ‘Gee, I should have tried one of the other colleges.’”

Many young people today grew up accustomed to instant gratification, said Mary Stuart Hunter, director of the National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition at the University of South Carolina.

They are used to reversing their decisions “without the thought process and the consequences that earlier generations had to deal with,” Hunter said. “I think college is probably one more example of that.”

The grass-is-always-greener mindset may be affected by affluence.

“Tons of people would give anything for a shot at higher education,” said Scott Jaschik, editor of Insidehighered.com and former editor of the Chronicle of Higher Education.

“If they could get into a decent college and afford it, they would stick it out no matter how unhappy they were.”

To students who immediately plan an exit strategy when things veer off course, Johnson has a warning: Be sure you’re not taking an unacknowledged personal problem to your next school.

“Early reactions are often as much what’s going on inside of you as what’s going on with the school,” he said. “My advice to students is to go back and make it work. They made their bed. Let them lie in it for a while.”

Allyson Mitchell, a June high school graduate, transferred to Bethlehem’s Moravian College after one semester at Bard College.

“I never thought of myself as a conservative person until I went to Bard,” said Mitchell, 19, who was put off by coed bathrooms, student protests, and drinking at the Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y., campus.

“I’m not much of a partier,” she said.

Mitchell’s mother encouraged her to give Bard more time, but ultimately supported her choice.

When she attended Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, “I just kind of felt that’s where I belonged,” said Erin Fly-Mitchell, an osteopath in Quakertown. Her daughter’s decision “was kind of hard for us at first,” she said.

Annalise Berdini always wanted to be a veterinarian until she began to major in animal science at Cook College at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J.

To her surprise, the June graduate of Cherry Hill High School West realized after a few courses that “science isn’t really my thing.” She has applied to the College of New Jersey in Ewing, where she hopes to shunt her major to English

education in the fall.

Freshman Evan Goldberg of Gladwyne has already relocated to Temple from Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fla. The campus was too small, he said, and “a lot of the kids were very rich and snobby.”

Jessica Riggs of Haddonfield is at St. Joseph’s University after one semester at Rollins College in Winter Park, FL. She wanted to be near her high school friends, who enrolled in schools closer to home.

College newbies can feel lonely and alienated until they find their niche, said Jenny Sawyer, executive director of admissions for the University of Louisville.

Motivation for a lot of transfers, she said, is “primarily an environmental issue - not enough of a social life, too much of a social life, too small of a town.”

The colleges are not blameless, however. Promotional materials and chirpy campus tour guides create false expectations for freshmen, said Jaschik, of Insidehighered.com.

“They get these ‘view books’ of happy students, and they look on the Web site and see pictures of happy students. And if they visit, they’re told everyone’s happy,” he said. They think “I’ll just show up, and I’ll instantly have a new set of friends, instantly know which way I’m going.”

“We really try hard to attract students,” Temple’s Rinehart said. “And sometimes that makes it hard to meet expectations you’re hoping to raise.”

At Delsea High School in Franklinville, N.J., guidance counselor Deanna Higgins encourages students to visit schools. Brochures and Web sites show “the prettiest of days, the nicest of spots, and nicest-looking people,” she tells them.

Still, Higgins said, “a lot of the kids have never laid eyes on” the schools they apply to.

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Your guide to spring break fashion

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WHAT MU THINKS

Where do you plan on spending spring break? Do you have an outfit, accessory, or article of clothing you must bring away?

"I am touring around Europe on spring break, and I couldn't leave home without my the North Face backpack. It will be my saving grace on my long days traveling."
-Allison Lovenberg
Senior

"I'm going to Mexico, and I'm bringing a camera because there is no way I'm going to be able to remember being there."
-Martin Halo
Senior

"I plan on spending my spring break in Florida. I haven't picked out my outfits for the trip yet. I'm holding out for all the great new spring clothes! New sandals, a new bathing suit, and new sun glasses are the most important items on my list."
-Heather Humphrey
Senior

"I will be spending my spring break in Ft. Lauderdale, and the one accessory that I absolutely cannot leave home without are my Chanel sunglasses. Not only do they protect my eyes and keep me looking stylish while lounging on the beach, but they also hide all evidence of the previous night's activities!"
-Julie Azzolino
Senior

"I'm going to Miami for spring break. I plan on bringing basketball shorts and tank tops because that's all I wear. They're easy to pack and comfortable to wear."
-Sean Dennis
Junior

"I am going to Florida with my roommate. I'm bringing a bathing suit, sunglasses, tanning oil, and a cute outfit to wear out at night!"
-Casey Hennessey
Senior

"I'm going to Florida, and the most essential thing I need to bring is a hot bikini; not too skimpy, but not too covered up either, so I can get the perfect tan for the perfect man."
-Erin Connolly
Senior

Spring break marks the middle of the semester, the halfway point to a relaxing, class-free summer of carelessness and irresponsibility. For many of you, this break will be a teaser of the freedom, fun, and sun so connected with summer. What's a spring break without the sun and sand, after all? The even deeper question to ask: what is sun and sand without scantily clad women and bicep-flexing men?

For women, and even some men, bathing suits can be your worst enemy because, let's be honest, how many of us are 100 percent happy with our bodies? How many of us have worked off the mini keg of a stomach we acquired during the school year? But fear not, and remember, you have a more blurred perception of yourself than others. Besides, why waste your spring break feeling like a beached whale instead of a beach god or goddess?

With the new spring clothing lines coming out within the next few weeks, spring breakers will have countless clothing options to fill their suitcases with. Colors and textures, styles and trends will be taken from the past and be created in the new.



The bright and refreshing colors of spring are reason enough to get your shop on. The salmon/ melon color that made last spring vibrant will be a staple in this springs wardrobe as well. You'll also notice a lot of turquoise and Mediterranean blues that will leave you feeling refreshed. The colors of the season will look lighter and cooler, however, not pastel or too washed out.

As far as textures and fabrics go, the crochet look will be linked with sundresses and cute tops. Embrace the thought of showing some leg, and opt for a skirt or sundress during your spring break.

Do you remember those doilies that your grandmother probably had in her kitchen or dining room? Well, be on the look out for that pattern on your sundresses. This is an ultra feminine look that exudes delicacy and beauty. For a funkier mod-like look, wear some large and robust patterns, too. They'll be all over tops and handbags.

Now, on to the sometimes dreaded topic of swimwear. Need I remind you that you should be too busy having fun and waiting on your next piña colada by the pool to think of your insecurities? There are some pointers depending upon your body shape to help you choose a bathing suit. Your shape and confidence will determine what suit style is best for you.

If you're a pear shape (you tend to carry more weight below your waistline in your buttocks, thighs and hips) then try on bottoms that have a high cut to create the illusion of longer, leaner legs. Dark bikini bottoms are also a nice choice since they are slimming. Tops that are bright in color or have a pattern of some sort will be beneficial because the attention will be to your upper half instead.

If you're an apple shape (you tend to carry extra weight above your waistline in your hips, stomach, and bust) then try tankinis for some coverage. Light or bright colored bottoms can attract the eye to your lower half too.

For ladies with a smaller bust, you'll benefit from halter tops that can create some added cleavage. Light padding and underwire are great ways to enhance your chest, but don't go overboard with the padding unless you're in need of a floatation device.

Large-busted women should try on swimsuits that tie around the neck and the back so you can control a good fit. Underwire will help deter any, dare I say it, sagging.

Finish off your spring break swimsuit with a bright and flirty sundress, cover up, or an oversized bohemian tunic.

Tips to use when shopping for a swimsuit

1. *Go with a trusted friend or family member.* These are the only people who will tell you the absolute truth in that dressing room.
2. *Have your makeup and hair done.* If you're feeling polished, then the unflattering dressing room lights won't get you down.
3. *Look like you already have a tan.* Pale skin won't make the swimsuit look good, so try tanning, whether it's from a bottle or bed, to get a sunkissed glow.
4. *Remove your socks.* If you have a great slinky bikini on, white socks will take away from your look. They will also make you appear shorter.
5. *Don't be upset by the size of the suit.* It's customary to buy a swimsuit in a full dress size bigger (or two sizes) than the usual size. It all depends on the cut of the bathing suit and proper fit.

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Recipients (left to right) Raimonda Clark, Robert and Joan Rechnitz, Ted Narozanick, Sylvia Allen and Paul G. Gaffney II on the December issue of Monmouth County Voice Magazine.

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“President Gaffney has certainly been a driving force in the Polling Institute,” and he further explained that the objective of the institute was to become a “primary resource” for government agencies and to the surrounding communities.

Director of the Urban Coast Institute, Anthony MacDonald said, “The UCI recognizes the importance of Monmouth’s unique location on the Jersey Shore and its special responsibilities: our Monmouth County neighbors. The UCI also builds on the University’s emerging academic strengths in marine science, biology, coastal watershed management, and socio-economic and public policy studies.”

Nicole Zuchlinski, a senior biology student, stated that programs such as these are vital to the area. “I think it’s wonderful. We are so close to the shore, and not many schools have that.”

“The president of Monmouth University was nominated, in part, for his efforts to unite the community and the campus. We were also impressed with his military service and how he has used that experience in other aspects of his life,” Zimmermann said.

Gaffney currently serves as Chairman of the Governor’s Commission to Support and Enhance New Jersey’s Military and Coast Guard Installations. Most recently Gaffney attempted to fight the federal government’s decision to close Fort Monmouth.

Commenting on how his past experience in the US. Navy has contributed to the care and attention he has directed towards protecting New Jersey’s military bases, Gaffney noted, “Well, I ran two high-tech bases in my past, so I felt qualified. I also knew a great deal about Fort Monmouth’s good work from my Navy research days.”

Senior business management student, Mike Christiana, ap-

plauded the efforts President Gaffney has made in regard to Fort Monmouth, stating, “He’s fighting for more the average citizen. Especially because he doesn’t have to do that, it’s on the side.”

Business management student Eric Monteodorisio, senior, also praised Gaffney’s work adding, “I think he’s bringing attention to the school.”

President Gaffney graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1968, and went on to receive a master’s degree in Ocean Engineering from Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

Gaffney applied his studies, attending and graduating from Naval War College, where he conducted in depth research. He then received an MBA from Jacksonville University.

President Gaffney has been recognized for awards such as the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Naval War College’s J. William Middendorf Prize for Strategic Research, the Outstanding Public Service Award from the Virginia Research and Technology Consortium, and the Potamac Institute’s Navigator Award.

The president was amongst four other people featured as one of Monmouth County Voice Magazine’s “People of the Year.” Sylvia Allen, Raimonda Clark, Theodore J. Narozanick, and Robert and Joan Rechnitz were also honored.

President Gaffney currently serves as a member of the Ocean Studies Board of National Research Council, and is a Public Trustee for the New Jersey Consortium and the Governor’s Commission to Protect and Enhance New Jersey’s Military Bases.

When asked what legacy he hopes to leave behind at Monmouth the president said, “I want MU to be recognized as a ‘player’ in State issues.”

Looking ahead, Gaffney noted that the one thing he would like people to say about his service at the university would be that “Monmouth University grew in quality and distinctiveness.”

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Access your Academic Audit using WEBadvisor. If your Academic Audit does not indicate an “anticipated completion date” (displayed at the top of the first page) then you have not applied for graduation.

Any questions, call 732-571-3477.

Regarding May 2006 Graduates



Editor Note: The Club and Greek page contains articles written by the student members of these organizations. The Outlook is not responsible for the content of these articles.

Phi Sigma Sigma

Good luck to all Greeks during rush!! Happy Birthday Danielle my SL even though I doubt you remember it...love my phi sex-iesss and cannot keep thinking about leaving you –Elle Happy Birthday Lisa, Danielle, Alicia, Peggy and Marissa-Love SunSet. BOO! Don’t touch the door, get some hay for that horse, you’re erroneous but I love you, Rule #74, The raid, Props to me for not breaking my contract-thanks roomie, Caliente at 401 & the infamous booty shake, Big you don’t owe me anything 143, much love to sapphy and her lasagna, my parents and Dream party together, love you my TO, I go MIA for a day, love you chum, Tinxxx always here but I’m taking Ry, Happy bday to Danielle H, Lisa B, Alicia, Peggy and Marissa! Much love –GrazieLLa. PaRaDiSe~im soooo excited for our house. roomies 4

life Po-Po-Zau!!! To my breffest girls~ ALWAYS a good time with you whether we’re the last ones standing at PSK or we’re getting harrassed at McDonalds tryin to get some food at 4am. Loooove you’s soo much!!To my Caliente~ you are NEVER aloud to pregame again ever!! Just remember that I love you and your bootyshakin self more than life Tinxxx~ you are never again aloud to drink that much and then try to do the ice block!!! Your lucky I loooove you more than life AZ’s I loooove you all and I cant believe its been a whole year since we’ve gotten in. you girls truly are my heart and I have nooo idea where id be without you girls. Looovin all my phi sigs sooo much <3 ValenCia. Happy Birthday to my amazing AZ’s Peggy, Lisa, and Marissa, and also to Alicia and Danielle. DeZire- Can we go yet? Lets just go like come on we are going. Haha. GrazieLLa and Valencia all I hafta say is “Shake It.” Love ur lives. SunSet- best roomie.

To My Phi Sigs I luv you girls more than anything and you are my life..thanx for everything. Too many laughs. Love always Tinxxx

Theta Xi

Taint loves the crest. trudys is happy as a pig in. otos loves the irishand hates his own kind. han-son missed lisels bday, she killed him for notbeing there.. Vibrator, EBIV, and Sharmuta’s family tree has been renamedBlackout. abe and otos are bff’s 4E and always. Simmon’s feels like we-need to talk about our feelings. Frow, your the man, hehehehe. Snuffy andGooch 86 the Motts. cable guy and garbage pale kid love arnold 4E andalways. kip, i have not forgotton about my phone charger, im watching you. muff, only deer can’t see that the jackets bright orange and rediculous,everyone else can. and finally Fish continues to drink like one.

Delta Phi Epsilon

Age-go cug butter, in your bootz-luv cli. L White, skating and taking out senior citizens was a blast, we gotta do it again sometime! Nelly- we must be twins since everyone sees the resemblance- Al Family Dinner- wahoo! Love, Starlet- Fantasies- I love you- Heather where is anna? Shell Keg stand- I know you’re proud, Big and tiwn family dinner! Martini oops! Love sunset! I am so excited for our family dinner! I love you littles! –Shimmer Sunset you’re bad! I love you! –Martini I miss SINSation! –Starlight, we got the hookup at Barroom ladies! NYC every weekend! Love you girls! I heart my 206 roomies! –Wish. Thanks for the awesome time at Barroom Danielle, you’re the best! –Painter I love you/miss you big! Time for a pizza party!

I love you fantasies! Tina I. is desperately missed. Her dynasty adores her. Sara D. loves Lucas and his peanut butter infatuation. April kinks a lil a** every meeting b/c she’s a super prez-factor. Melissa and Ashley are planning to run free with a mobster or two. Hat-theft? I heart Neptune, love future roomie extraordinaire. Biggie- glad you’re back, how do u feel about the Depp? I can’t believe coco hasn’t seen Blow. –Caliente Chris- great job with Phi Delta food, you never let us down! Love, Jaime. D Phi E’s Annual Singled Out February 22, 2006! Be there!

Phi Sigma Kappa

Brothers!
This is Launchpad signing off saying we forgot to write an article and if I wrote one it wouldn’t be funny at all. DAMN PROUD...
to be continued



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Delta Phi Epsilon’s
Singled Out

Delta Phi Epsilon’s Annual Singled Out will be held at 10 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22 2006.

The event will be hosted by a sister of Delta Phi Epsilon and Theta Xi’s Ryan Loder.

All proceeds will benefit Delta Phi Epsilon’s philanthropy An-orexia Nervosa.

Singled Out in the past years has raised over \$1200.

The sign up to participate will be located outside the student center on February 16th, 20th, and 21st.

MU’s student run television station’s schedule, tune into channel 12. For more info x5274

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Study abroad students, (left to right) Alayne Picinic, Sarah Van Curen, Bob Danhardt, Alyce Quinlan take in the attractions at Warwick Castle in England.

PHOTO COURTESY of Bob Danhardt

BOB DANHARDT
OVERSEAS CORRESPONDENT

Spent (thus far)- Approx. £670 = \$1,340- I feel this needs a little explanation. I have only been here for about three weeks and, yes, for that amount of time that seems like a

is also an expression of thanks. Cheers mate!

Fact- Approximately 300 different languages are spoken in the city of London.

It is funny how when you are around something enough the grandeur of it almost seems to

that they forget about the magnificence of the country that they are living in...England! People from all over the world desire to come to London, and why not there is so much to see. So many stories have originated from this area, and so many more, I believe, have yet to be told. It is from this city, this country, that my experiences come from up to this point.

The best part of the whole thing one may ask? Monmouth paid for a good number of these first weekend events! Thanks! The fun continued after that though. We have gone to so many events from the Chinese New Year to 20's night! There is almost always something going on. You just have to find it!

(our host school in London), we have gotten to see castles of varying styles, magnificent cathedrals all with their own story, and so much more.

It is hard to tell all the details in such a small amount of space. To try and put these experiences on paper, attempting to make those who read this article feel the same way I did, I think is impossible. This is the reason I would encourage everyone to try and do these things for yourself. However, I would be more than glad to let you know more about my adventures so far and tackle any questions you may have. So please feel free to ask! Email: s0576051@monmouth.edu Robyn Asaro, rasaro@monmouth.edu.

Next week's destination: Paris!!

“Too often we fail to realize the greatness that lies around us. Instead, we search for something new and different away from what we have now and become numb to.”

lot of money, and it is. However, what that total includes is all my nights out, my personal purchases and all my trips (inclusive of flights and a place to stay) for the months of January, February and the first weekend of March. If you need further explanation and/or better understanding of how exchange rates work, please use the contact information at the end of the article.

“Cheers”- In the US it usually deals with toasting. Here it

wear off. After that point is reached, the interest and appreciation of that one thing is lost. Too often we fail to realize the greatness that lies around us. Instead, we search for something new and different away from what we have now and become numb to.

This case applies to people involved with the study abroad program, in London at least. Many are so busy thinking about the other countries and opportunities that are now open to them



Visting Warwick Castle: (left to right) Jen Nobles from Chestnut Hill College along with Monmouth University students Bob Danhardt, Alyce Quinlan, Sarah Van Curen, Alayne Picinic.

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Tuesday & Thursday meetings will focus on the Sydney program.
Friday meetings will be of general interest to students unsure about where they may want to study abroad.
The Summer 2006 Madrid program information will be available each day/time.
We also offer Monmouth students the option of 80+ programs in 30 countries through our membership in CCIS
All meetings held at the Study Abroad Office, Student Center, Room 301D.

January 2006				
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Tara Ebert running at the Princeton Invitational

PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reme



The Hawk File:

Tara Ebert

ALEXANDER TRUNCALE
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Every year, Joe Compagni, Head Coach of the Monmouth University Track Field teams, goes out to recruit new talent with a list of names in mind. Four years ago, one of those names was Tara Ebert.

"It's actually a funny story," Compagni recalls. "We actually got a recommendation from her former (high school) coach. Her former coach works at Monmouth Park in the summer, and he told me about Tara Ebert...(she) had a lot of potential and had done well in a couple of different events."

From that point on, Tara has distinguished herself as one of the top performers for the Hawks, and this season, has wowed her coaches in competition. In addition to having the top performances on the team in the High Jump and Triple Jump, she ran the 800 meter in a time of 2:24:23 in the Great Dane at the University of Albany, good enough for second best on the team this year. Her time of 3:09.90 in 1000 me-

ter at Princeton is also second best on the team.

But perhaps her best performance came at Bucknell, when she competed in the Pentathlon, which is a combination of the long jump, high jump, the 55 meter hurdles, shot put, and the 800 meter. Despite the fact that this was her first time competing in the event, her score of 2861 points was the fifth best performance in school history.

When it comes to Tara at a personal level, Compagni has nothing but praise for her. "She's very easy to get along with," he says. "Always here, very reliable, very personable, gets along well with all her coaches and her teammates."

Tara is an education major and is going to spend a semester student-teaching after she graduates. As she enters her final Track and Field season this spring, Coach Compagni hopes she can continue to perform at a high level.

"We have a good group of seniors and she's one of them. I think people are paying attention and realizing the hard work she's put in this year and she's competing at a new level."

Next week: Women's basketball player Brianne Edwards

Just The Facts

Name: Tara Ebert

Hometown: Langhorne, Pennsylvania

Major: Education

Events she enjoys the most: Half Mile and Triple Jump

Favorite teammate: Caitlin Graham. "She's my roommate and we help each other out a lot."

School she'd least like to face: ST. Francis (PA) and Long Island University

Most memorable moment at Monmouth: Winning two Northeast Conference Championships in Indoor and Outdoor Track.

Women's Basketball

It's 'Sweeps Week' for MU Hawks start February by winning three in a row

CRAIG D'AMICO
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Sometimes in the world of college basketball it isn't necessarily the best team over the course of the entire season that takes home the end of the year title, but sometimes it's the team that heats up in the final weeks of the season. This year, in a season that has been harder to project than any other in recent history, that hot team down the stretch could very well be the Monmouth Hawks.

The women's basketball team started the month of February by rolling off a three game win streak this past week, with wins over Fairleigh Dickenson, Wagner, and Central Connecticut State. The three game win streak follows a five game win streak that ended last week in Moon Township, Pa. Overall the Hawks have won 11 of 14 since starting the season 1-6.

Last Thursday, Fairleigh Dickenson came to Boylan Gym, and the Hawks turned in one of their most complete team performances of the season. After a physical first half that saw both teams trade the lead back and forth five times, the Hawks managed to head into the locker room with a 36-33 lead.

In the second half, the teams opened by trading two point baskets, then the Knights followed a Niamh Dwyer three, with a Krissy Suckow three, to take the lead 44-43 with 12:30 to go. The Hawks then went down the floor to regain the lead for good on a Dwyer lay-up. They then slowly began to pull away from the Knights, to hold their biggest lead at 64-52 with six minutes to play.

FDU would not go away, as the Knights uncharacteristically connected from behind the arc to draw closer to the Hawks. FDU entered the game toward the bottom of the NEC, only shooting 27 percent from three-point land on the year. They shot 8-of-16 on the night, to

eventually pull within one point of Monmouth, 66-65 with 3:40 to play.

Monmouth responded with a Veronica Randolph backbreaking three from the top to the key. The Hawks went on to score the final six points of the game, and used their suffocating defense to hold the Knights to only four points over the final four minutes. Monmouth went on to a 78-67 win, to move over .500 for the first time this season.

"Our defense was big tonight," said Hawks head coach Michele Baxter, "We were a little fatigued from our PA trip, with only one day of practice in. We just have to be careful with turnovers and not be

our own enemy."

The Hawks had five players in double figures scoring, the first time since the second game of the season in Florida against Navy. Dwyer led the way with 19 points, to move past Jewonda Bright into seventh on Monmouth's all-time points list.

Randolph scored 15, including going a perfect 3-of-3 from beyond 19 feet nine inches, Brianne Edwards followed a career high 16 point performance against Robert Morris with 14 points against the Knights, Lindsey Zegowitz scored 12, and Nyaimah Ware scored 10. LaShaunda Merriweather brought in a career high 10 rebounds, as the Hawks outrebounded the Knights



PHOTO COURTESY of Allison Goodwin

Nyaimah Ware was one of five Hawks to score in double figures in last Thursday's 78-67 win over the FDU Knights at Boylan Gym.

51-21.

Saturday afternoon, the Hawks hosted the Wagner Seahawks in the annual National Women and Sports Day at Boylan Gym, in front of a monster crowd of 2,247.

One would figure for Wagner, a team that hasn't won on the road since early last year and stands at the NEC cellar, to have a chance, they would have to strike early and quiet the mammoth pro-Monmouth crowd. That strategy never came close to materializing, as the Hawks rolled out to a 40-16 lead in the first half, holding Wagner to 25 percent shooting, and forcing 17 turnovers.

The 16 first half points allowed were among the lowest scoring halves for a Monmouth opponent in team history. Twelve points in a half is the record in a game against Robert Morris back in 2003.

The Hawks held a comfortable lead by 20 points or more pretty much throughout the entire second half, and defeated the Seahawks by 33 points, 77-44. Four Hawks finished in double-figure scoring, led by LaKia Barber and Randolph with 12 points each, Dwyer had 11 points, and Ware finished with 10.

The Hawks have won 14 of their last 15 NEC home games, using the biggest crowd of the season at Boylan Gym to their advantage by racing out to the early lead and never looking back.

Wagner only has one win on the season, and has lost 43 of their last 46 dating back to last season. They will have a rematch with the Hawks at the Spiro Center on Saturday afternoon.

"Sometimes it's tough to play a team underneath you, but we had to find a way to get pumped up," said Baxter, "We don't always get a crowd like this here, but it was very good to be able to play in front of them today."

On Monday, the Hawks took to the road, and traveled to New Britain, Conn. to take on the Central Connecticut State Blue Devils, a rematch of a January 16th meeting at Boylan Gym, which the Hawks won 79-56. The Blue Devils, currently trying to hold on to the eighth spot in the NEC standings, won the Great Alaskan Shootout earlier in the year with an upset over Arizona in overtime.

The key to the win in the first meeting, was holding Blue Devils' Gabriella Guegbelet to just seven

first half points, and forcing CCSU to settle for mid-range jump shots. The Devils were also shorthanded, playing without guard Brittany Dixon due to injury. Dixon brought size and depth back to the Devils this time around, two phases of the game CCSU was lacking in the first meeting.

After a close first half, which saw the Hawks holding a slim one point lead 31-30, Monmouth again took off in another one of their trademark second half runs. Monmouth's freshman class combined for 25 points and 14 rebounds.

Rachel Ferdinand scored eight points and brought down a career high 11 rebounds along with five assists, Jennifer Bender scored a career high seven points in seven minutes of action, Barber had eight, and Marissa Jimenez had a basket.

The Hawks outscored Central 40-32 in the second half, as Edwards sealed the deal by going a perfect 6-for-6 from the free throw line in the final minute. Team free throws were also a factor, as the Hawks went 14-for-17 from the charity stripe in the second half, and attempted 10 more free throws in the game than the Blue Devils did.

Guegbelet dominated for Central, playing the entire game and gathering a double-double, 30 points and 10 rebounds, however it was the Hawks that came away with their third straight win, 71-62.

Monmouth currently stands at 12-9, 9-3 in the Northeast conference. Quinnipiac leads the way at 10-1, with its only conference loss coming to Monmouth, followed by Robert Morris and Sacred Heart who are tied in the loss column with two losses. The Hawks hold a one game lead over Mount St. Mary's for fourth place.

Last season, the Hawks went 8-3 in the final month of the season, which included running the table with a six-game win streak to close the regular season. This year, Monmouth has started off February by rolling off a three-game win streak with six games left to play.

The Hawks travel to Wagner this Saturday afternoon for a return game against the Seahawks. Tip time is 4 p.m. at the Spiro Center; however the game will air on WMCX 88.9 at 7 p.m. on tape delay due to the men's road game at LIU.

Hawks roll over Wagner, CCSU to earn second place in NEC

Tyler Azzarelli becomes just the sixth Hawk ever to start 100 career games

EDDY OCCHIPINTI
SPORTS EDITOR

Timing is everything, and the Monmouth University men's basketball team has picked the perfect time in the season to peak. The Hawks have won three straight conference games, all by at least 15 points, and seven of nine overall and now sit at 12-11 overall, and 9-3 in the Northeast Conference. In its most recent action, Monmouth defeated Wagner 74-58 at a raucous Spiro Sports Center in Staten Island to claim second place outright in the conference with only three weeks left in the regular season. The loss leaves Wagner on the outside looking in for the NEC Tournament, half a game behind Long Island, who Monmouth travels to on Saturday.

Monmouth was paced by the first Division I double-double from John Bunch, who finished the game with 19 points, 11 rebounds and three blocks in only 19 minutes of action. He scored 11 points during a 13-4 run in the first half in which the Hawks turned an 8-7 deficit into a 20-12 lead with 10 minutes remaining in the half.

"John was the difference early for us," said Monmouth head coach Dave Calloway. "Our offense was very efficient; we clicked on all cylinders the whole game."

Wagner was able to trim the lead down to two points at 29-27 on a three-point field goal by sharpshooter Joey Mundweiler at the four minute mark. But the Hawks closed out the half with a 9-2 scoring run to take a 38-31 lead into the intermission.

The Hawks pounced on Wagner early in the second half going on a 13-3 run in the first six minutes to push the lead to 51-34.

The Hawks built their biggest lead of the game with seven minutes remaining as senior co-captain Chris Kenny buried a three-point field goal to give Monmouth a 64-42 advantage.

Mundweiler hit back-to-back trifectas to close the gap to 64-50 with four minutes remaining, but

"If we continue to play Monmouth basketball, we'll be tough to beat...we're really coming together now as a team."

CHRIS KENNY
Hawks senior guard

that is as close as the Seahawks would come.

In addition to Bunch's 19, freshman Whitney Coleman and juniors Dejan Delic and Marques Alston all contributed 10 points apiece. Kenny chipped in with nine points and six rebounds and junior Corey Hallett played his second solid game in a row, registering eight points.

The game marked a milestone

for senior co-captain Tyler Azzarelli, who became just the sixth Monmouth player to start 100 games since the Hawks moved up to Division I in 1983-84.

Wagner was led by undersized big man Durell Vinson with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Reigning NEC Defensive Player of the Year DeEarnest McLemore posted 12 points and eight assists and Mundweiler finished the game with 12 points on four three-pointers.

"This was a good win for us because conference road games are never easy, especially here," said Calloway.

The Hawks out rebounded Wagner 49-34. Coming into the game, Monmouth was dead last in the NEC in rebounding and Wagner was first, averaging 37 rebounds per game.

The previous outing served as a preview for the Wagner win as the Hawks defeated Central Connecticut State 63-48 in Boylan Gym. Monmouth's 1-2-2 match-up zone defense was the star of the game, holding the Blue Devils to 25 points below their season average and just 29 percent shooting from the field.

Monmouth opened the game with a 16-2 run that lasted the first seven minutes of the first half, capped by six points from Delic and two baskets from Azzarelli.

Central's man-child Obie Nwadike hit a jumper from the right side to stop the run and cut the Hawk lead to 18-6 halfway through the first stanza.

A three from the top of the key from Kenny gave Monmouth its biggest lead of the first half, 28-9 with six minutes remaining in the first half. The Blue Devils would chip away at the lead as a three from Tristan Blackwood cut the lead to 35-29, the closest CCSU would get in the first half.

A Monmouth answer would come in the person of Bunch as he hit a lay-up with 20 seconds remaining and gave the Hawks a 37-29 lead going into halftime. The first half saw some hot Monmouth shooting as they blistered the nets at a 58 percent clip from the field, and an astounding 57 percent from three-point range.

Monmouth's defense stifled the Blue Devils for much of the first half as Central Connecticut State only shot 39 percent from the field.

"If we continue to play Monmouth basketball, tough defense and smart and disciplined on offense, we'll be tough to beat," said Kenny. "We're really coming together now as a team."

The opening of the second half saw much of the same from the Hawks, as they went on an 11-2 run to push the lead to 48-31 with fifteen minutes remaining in the contest, as Delic scored seven of the 11 points.

The Hawks opened up a 21-point lead capped by a Hallett dunk and a free throw from freshman Mike Shipman. A free throw from Coleman gave Monmouth its biggest lead of



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Tyler Azzarelli became just the sixth Hawk to start 100 career games when he took the court for the opening tip Monday night against Wagner. Azzarelli is averaging 10.1 points, 3.9 rebounds, and 2.8 assists in his senior season.

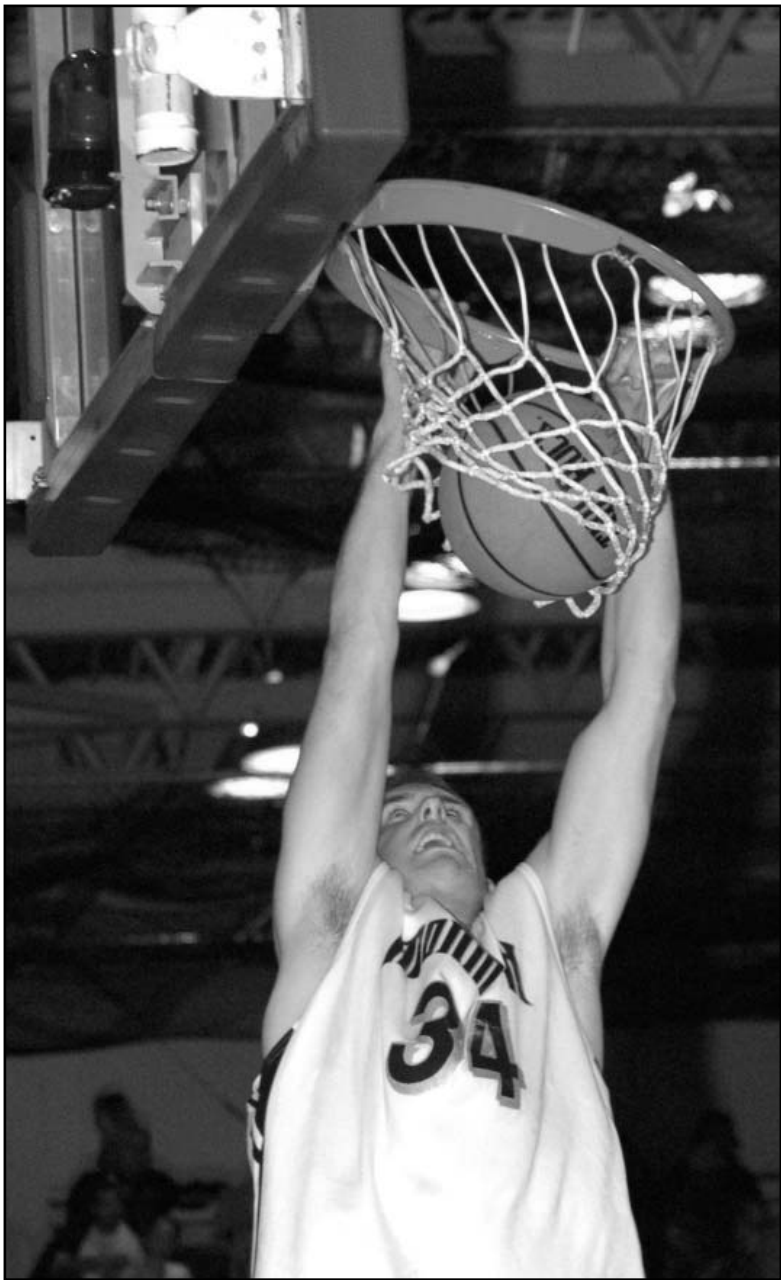


PHOTO BY David Beales
Brent Wilson sent a packed house of 2,000 plus on their feet after this rim rattling slam Saturday night against the CCSU Blue Devils.

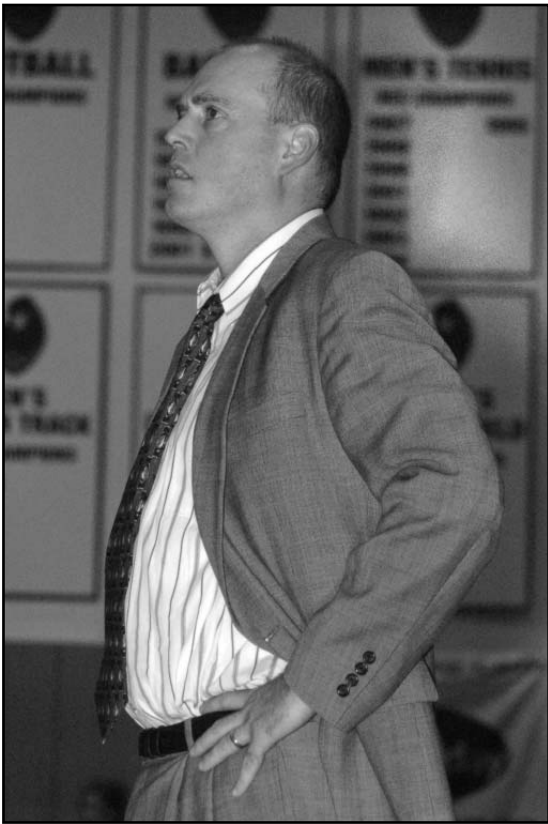


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Head Coach Dave Calloway and the Hawks are on a three game win streak, and stand one game behind FDU for first place in the NEC.

the game, 59-37, with four minutes remaining in the contest. Delic led the Hawks with 13 points, as Kenny was the other Hawk in double figures as he chipped in 12 points on 2-of-2 three-point shooting and a perfect 4-4 from the free throw line.

Hallett added eight points and six rebounds as Monmouth won the battle on the boards, 41-39.

"This was the best we've played since the Southern Illinois game in

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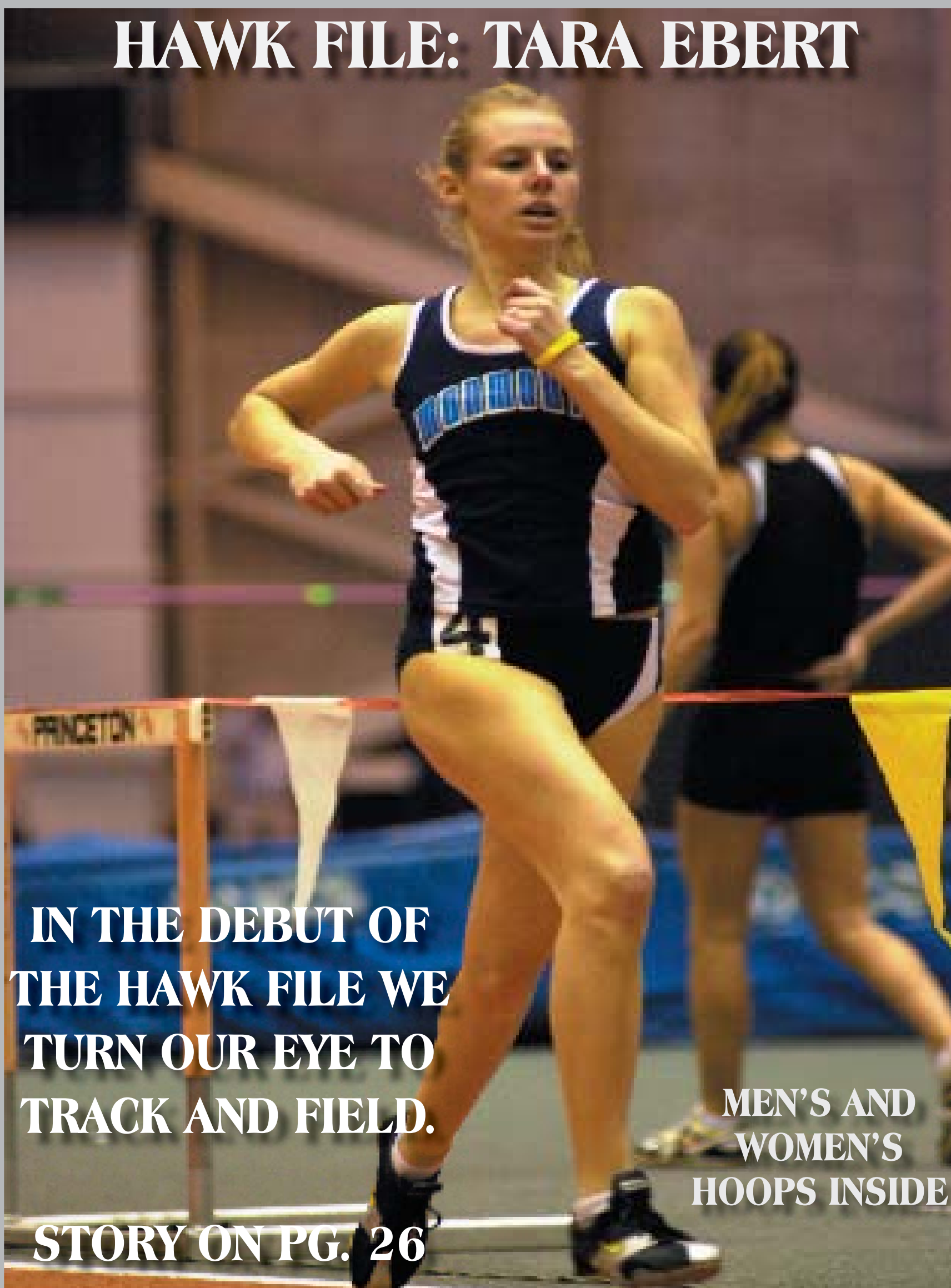
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Alaska," said Calloway. That game was an 80-68 Monmouth win in the first round of the Great Alaska Shootout over a Saluki team that is 24th in the country in the RPI. Monmouth returns to the hardwood this Saturday as they take its first trip to the new Athletic Recreation and Wellness Center in Brooklyn for a 4 p.m. tip off against Long Island University.

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