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Desperate Mama's Host First Ever Press Your Luck Carnival

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Desperate Mama's Relay for Life team hosted their first ever Press Your Luck Carnival in the Plangere Center lobby this past Friday to raise money to help fight cancer.

The team is comprised of women, all of whom work in the Plangere Center. The original members are Donna Mancini (Team Captain, WMCX), Sandy Brown (The Outlook), Evelyn Herrera (Facilities Management), Christina Delbene, Kristine Simoes, & Diane McQuay (Communication Department), Linda Mussara (Aramark:Einstein Bagels).

The name, Desperate Mama's, is a play off of the name of the television show Desperate Housewives. "We are a tight knit group with a fight against



PHOTO COURTESY of Donna Mancini

Plangere Center lobby was filled with students and staff alike for the Press Your Luck Carnival.

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Why Believe? Series Discusses Companionship

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On Wednesday, February 11, the Monmouth University Catholic Centre held their weekly "Why Believe?" Series at the Catholic Centre on campus.

Mr. and Mrs. Jaquab, the campus ministers, led the discussion. This week, the topic was relationships—apropos, with Valentine's Day just three days away.

The series is a weekly Wednesday evening discussion, aimed at addressing students' questions and concerns about Christian faith and reinforcing the importance of faith in God.

Each topic follows a similar discussion pattern every week. On Wednesday, the group read from the Bible, watched a video, and lastly, completed a chapter in the series workbook.

The group was smaller than a normal "Why Believe?" Wednesday, but all students and the campus ministers participated actively. Mr. Jaquab

kicked off the opening prayer, thanking God for allowing the group to come together and asking Him to listen to the group as they discussed His Word.

Readings from the Bible consisted of text that exemplified God's message of togetherness. The Bible was passed around the entire group as each person read a verse out loud from 1 Corinthians.

Mr. Jaquab explained that God's intention was for people to find comfort and happiness, both in familial relationships and friendships. "We all exist as individuals, but we are not just separate ships drifting along," Jaquab said.

The importance of giving companionship was addressed as well. The group talked about the giving and receiving of companionship, and viewed this as a general mission shared by all people.

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Graduate Program Becomes First in State to Receive CACREP Accreditation

GINA COLUMBUS
NEWS EDITOR

Monmouth's Masters of Science degree program in Mental Health Counseling became the first graduate program in the state to receive accreditation by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs in January.

The state's Licensed Professional Counselors have educational requirements that have been set to match those with the CACREP. Furthermore, Monmouth's graduate program is completing its goal for students to be able to apply for licensing in New Jersey.

Frances Trotman, Director of the Graduate Program in Psychological Counseling, believes the accreditation is an accomplishment for several reasons.

"First of all, meeting the standards means that we have created a program of high qual-

ity that

meets the stringent requirements of the profession. Second, we have a great deal of pride in being the first in NJ to receive this accreditation. Third, it means that our students are not only receiving the very highest quality education, but their degree will imply adherence to NJ licensing educational requirements," Trotman stated.

Trotman also explained how the CACREP accreditation works. She said that the counseling community recognizes the prestige associated with the accreditation, and the examining board spends a mass amount of time reviewing the program and making sure it meets the CACREP standards. The accreditation also has a purpose to streamline the licensing process.

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SGA Holds Annual Auction to Benefit Michael's Feat

DIANA CAPPELLUTI
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The SGA held their seventh annual auction, with all of the proceeds donated to Michael's Feat, an organization helping seriously ill newborns and their families.

The auction began at 2:30 p.m. in Anaconda Hall and ran until all of the items were auctioned off at around 4:30 p.m.

The items auctioned were collected by the Monmouth University Student Government Association (SGA), and the bidding was kicked off by Amanda Klaus, Vice President of SGA and auctioneer for the day.

Robin Craig, president of the Monmouth University Community Service Club, a volunteering "Vanna White" for the event, displayed items for auction and reported what the Community Service Club did to help out at the auction. "We helped get a couple of donations, and we ended up with 80 total," Craig said.

Every item on the auction table sold, the most expensive being a Monmouth resident parking decal, which sold at the retail value of \$350.

Other items that provoked much back-and-forth bidding were iPod Shuffles, sold for \$65 each, an authentic Coach purse, sold for \$305, and a Mountain Dew mountain bike, sold for \$100.

Some big ticket items included New York and Philadelphia sports teams autographed memorabilia, New Jersey Nets tickets, Avon, Mary Kay and Blockbuster gift baskets, assorted play tickets, Monmouth bookstore hooded sweatshirts, and movie tickets.

The SGA auctioned off a variety of creative prizes, including dinner at Vice President Nagy's home, auctioned for \$65.

President Gaffney participated in the auction, winning bids on AMC Loews Monmouth Mall movie tickets and an Outback Steak House gift certificate.

Before the fun and bidding officially began, Adam Puharic, co-founder of Michael's Feat, spoke to the audience about the organization and its mission to help

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Press Your Luck Carnival in Plangere Center

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cer - we are all desperately on a mission to raise funds,” said Mancini. This year, there are over twenty new members called “little mama’s.”

The team began planning the event in December as a “kick-off” event for Relay for Life. They began by choosing a date. When it was settled that the event would happen on Friday the 13th and on the day before Valentine’s Day, it was suggested that theme be Press Your Luck. Once the event was decided on, the women began soliciting for prizes, making posters and advertizing, in addition to performing many other preparations for the event. “There is a lot of footwork that needed to be done in order to have an event run smooth and be effective,” said Donna Mancini, the Team Captain.

The Carnival ran from 10 a.m.



PHOTO COURTESY of Donna Mancini

A banner and balloons were among the many decorations that decorated the Plangere Center lobby.

to 3 p.m. and included many areas and games including Tarot

card readings, pie tossing, raffles, and food vendors.

“Besides the wonderful support from employees and students of Monmouth University, our vendors were the ones who supplied all the gifts for the gift auction. This auction took in over \$2,200.00,” said Mancini.

According to Brown, “There were 68 local sponsors who donated gift certificates and services. Linda and Kathryn from Einstein’s were instrumental in soliciting local businesses to assist us with this event. We could not have raised as much money without these great donations.”

The raffles consisted of three tier value levels and a grand prize table. The “red” table prizes were valued from \$25 to \$49, “purple” table prizes from \$50-\$99, “gold” table prizes from \$99-\$150, and the three grand prizes value over \$150.

The gift raffles raised the most money, but the Tarot card reader, gift sales, and pie throw, which raised over \$400 alone, were also lucrative as well.

The event raised over \$3600, all of which will be donated to the Relay for Life.

Some areas, such the food sales and the Ring Toss game, were not as well-received as the group had hoped. “If we choose to keep them, they will be moved to different areas for more exposure,” said Mancini.

According to Mancini, “[the turnout] was absolutely amazing. The Plangere Center was buzzing from start to finish.”

“This event was important because it publicized the Relay for Life and raise money for a good cause,” Sabrina Shuckin, a junior Public Relations/Journalism major, said, “and I loved smashing a pie in professor

McAllister-Spooner face.”

Each of the members has a personal stake in the fight against cancer. “Some of us are actual survivors. Each one of us has had someone that been affected by this disease – a sister, a daughter, a parent, a friend. Our wish is that every cancer patient have a 100% chance to survive after being diagnosed. Survival for all needs to be the outcome. Research to find these cures needs financial support and that is where the Relay for Life helps out,” Mancini said.


“I was very impressed with the turnout. The foot traffic was constant and everyone seemed to be having a great time,” McQuay said.

“As a team, we are very thankful and blessed to be able to pull our thoughts and talents together to put on this event. It was successful beyond our dreams,” Mancini said.



PHOTO COURTESY of Donna Mancini

Many staff and students played roles in Carnival.

M.U.P.D.

Monmouth University Police Department

Crimes By Location

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CRIME	PREVENTABLE
11/08/2008-2/5/2009	UNK	Spruce Hall	Harassment (DVA)	No
2/6/2009	1643	Birch Hall	Harassment - text messages	No
2/11/2009	1600	Library	Theft of wallet	Yes
2/12/2009	2237	Cedar Hall	Underage Poss of Alcoholic Beverage	No
2/14/2009	124	Beechwood	Underage Poss of Alcoholic Beverage	No

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

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

CACREP Accreditation

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Stanton Green, Dean of the McMurray School of Humanities and Social Science, was also involved in the accreditation process and oversaw the proposal. He also met with the accrediting team who visited Monmouth.

Green explained that in order for the accreditation to take place, the university must first apply, and then fill out a proposal. Finally, the provost must approve of the application.

According to Trotman, the graduate students will greatly benefit from graduating from a program that has such a high standard.

“Mentioning that their degree is from a CACREP approved university will be helpful to them for any further education and licensing. Our students will be more attractive to employers seeking the best counselors. The national recognition of such a degree will help our students in competing for higher quality jobs, in New Jersey and other states,” Trotman said.

Monmouth was one of the first higher learning institutions to have a master’s program in counseling.

Trotman stated: “The faculty of the Graduate Department of Psychological Counseling consists of an extraordinary group of professors and a field placement coordinator, all of whom worked incredibly hard and selflessly to make this happen. We care deeply about our students becoming the best counselors and psychotherapists that they can be. As teachers and as practicing professionals, we know that this accreditation will help us

to maintain the high standards that we have for ourselves, our students and the Graduate Department of Psychological Counseling.”

The master’s program received a letter and a certificate of recognition from the CACREP. A private ceremony was held for the Psychological Counseling department in the Edison Science Building.

“National accreditation is a form of universal outreach in the sense that it expands the borders of the university. The University can expect to draw from a larger pool of interested students throughout the nation and abroad who want to experience the personal and professional benefits of an outstanding education,” Trotman said.

Trotman also said that this is a tremendous achievement for the university.

“Monmouth has provided and will continue to provide all of the resources that we need to maintain our CACREP Accreditation. The Graduate Department of Psychological Counseling is fortunate to be part of the Monmouth University community whose generosity and support enabled us to have achieved our M.S. accreditation and the distinction of being the first and only such program accredited in the entire state of New Jersey,” Trotman said.

Over 200 students are currently studying counseling in the health care field, which is one of the most in-demand areas in the country.

“Being the first and only accredited program of course give Monmouth the competitive edge on getting the best students into the program,” Green said.

Future of School Textbooks Written in Cyberspace

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MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Northwest Missouri State University students started spring semester classes Monday, but many aren't lugging thick textbooks around campus.

Instead, most students are carrying a lightweight electronic device that can fit in a coat pocket and hold the textbook material for all their classes. Some students will download their text information onto their laptops.

At Northwest, textbooks _ at least the bound kind _ are fast becoming a thing of the past.

Besides taking a load off students' backs, going textbook-free can save them a lot of money.

The pilot electronic textbook program began in the fall with four classes and about 200 students. This spring, roughly 4,000 of the school's 6,500 students will use electronic textbooks.

"I think that it's the way the world is going," said Dean L. Hubbard, Northwest's president, who is retiring in July after 25 years at the Maryville, Mo., university.

Textbook publishers say many colleges are moving toward using some electronic textbooks, but Northwest's plan to eventually eliminate all bound textbooks makes it a leader in the movement.

"Right now, digital products account for a small percent of our higher education business, but it is growing at a rate that is breathtaking," said Jeffrey Ho, a product

manager for McGraw-Hill Education.

But Northwest can only move toward a bookless campus as fast as the availability of e-books allows, Hubbard said.

"Publishers don't have all textbooks online yet," he said. "But I would think as a realistic measure we could be totally out of the printed textbook business in three years."

That idea pleases sophomore Mike Jenkins.

"I think the whole concept is pretty cool," said Jenkins, 19, of Lee's Summit, Mo. Jenkins used e-books in his history class during the fall semester.

"I would like it if we didn't have textbooks at all anymore," he said. "You wouldn't have the hassle of messing with books. The e-book is so convenient, and you don't have to carry all those books around."

Plus, unlike printed textbooks, e-books have pop-up interactive quizzes and the ability to search the full text within seconds for key words. New electronic reader technology also will allow students to take notes in on-screen posted notes.

Jenkins found a few "minor" problems with the e-reader gadget that he and his classmates used.

"You can't look at a whole page

on one screen, and it doesn't have a backlight to light up the screen, so you have to be somewhere that is well lit," he said.

Not all students were as comfortable with the electronic textbooks.

"I always worried that something would happen, like it would crash on the night I had to study for a test," said Jennifer Martin, a 22-year-old Northwest senior from Liberty, Mo.

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DEAN L. HUBBARD
President of Northwest Missouri State University

"It's a good concept, but I didn't like it that much. I would rather flip pages back and forth in the textbook when I'm studying. Maybe it would be better to start this with freshmen who haven't yet gotten used to studying using a regular textbook."

Students who want a traditional textbook could still get one.

But the cost savings are hard to ignore, even at Northwest, a school that already is unique because of its textbook rental system and its history of giving every student a laptop.

A textbook-free campus

would save the university about \$400,000 a year. Currently the university spends about \$800,000 a year to keep an inventory of about 50,000 to 80,000 textbooks that are rented out to students. Northwest students pay about \$80 to \$90 a semester on books, a fraction of what students at other schools pay.

Northwest will continue to charge students just a rental fee. But once the e-book program goes campuswide, Hubbard said, Northwest students' book fee will be cut in half.

E-books are less expensive than bound books, which are updated every few years and then have to be replaced by the school. E-books can be updated at no cost.

Even at schools without a rental system, students would pay far less for texts on e-books than they would for bound books.

Nationally, the cost of textbooks has soared in the last decade. The average college student spends nearly \$1,000 a year on textbooks, according to the National Association of College Stores.

Northwest will purchase the electronic readers and then load them with the e-books each student needs. The student would pick up their loaded e-reader at

the university bookstore or have their electronic textbooks loaded on their laptop.

The e-book plan is being phased in, with more faculty members signing up each year to teach classes using electronic textbooks.

"We think that students who are coming to Northwest today are more comfortable with learning from electronic text because they are used to reading from a computer screen," said Paul Klute, assistant to the president at Northwest.

"It's nothing for a student to read for two or three hours on a computer screen."

University faculty members are getting used to the idea of Northwest doing away with bound textbooks, but they hope students can choose to read the e-books on laptops, e-readers or iPods.

"We are going to have to have multiple modes of delivery," said Rod Barr, an agriculture instructor who used the e-reader gadget in one of his fall classes. "Not all students are the same and not all classes use textbooks in the same way."

Barr said the e-reader used by his students had limited use for class discussions requiring students to jump around from chapter to chapter.

"It's a good device for straight front-to-back novel reading, though," he said.

He said the more technologically savvy students in his class used the device the most, "but they also had the greatest expectations."

Entrepreneurship Class Partners with Printer Ink Cartridge Franchise

PRESS RELEASE

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Entrepreneur business class is partnering with one of the largest printer ink cartridge franchises, called Cartridge World. Cartridge World is the world leader in printer cartridge refilling and recycling. Professor Buzza is instructing the Entrepreneur students and the class has been learning how to run a business and the responsibilities that are involved with businesses. All of the students are giving 100 percent effort in or-

der for Cartridge World to take off in Oakhurst, New Jersey.

Cartridge World will revolutionize the computer printer ink market. Cartridge World sells approximately 150 different inks and toners and will refill most of the branded cartridges. Some branded cartridges that Cartridge World will refill are HP, Dell, Canon, Lexmark & Epson. Cartridge World will refill most laser toners and fax cartridges.

For the going green activists Cartridge World will transform how people recycle. Studies have shown on the Cartridge World website (www.Cartridge-

WorldUSA.com) that about eight cartridges are thrown away in the United States every second. Also it takes about a gallon of oil to make a new laser cartridge. Cartridge World saves customers 20 to 30 percent on printer ink and laser cartridges. This is done by recycling cartridges by refilling empty ink and laser cartridges. The students have been learning that a printer cartridge thrown into a landfill can take up to 450 years to decompose. With this new technique of recycling printer cartridges, there will be less pollution and a better cleaner Earth.

"Why Believe?" Series

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Mr. Jaquab added that everyone also has a specific mission assigned by The Lord, and this lies in the gifts and talents God has given each individual. The group discussed how these gifts could be used to improve relationships with family and friends.

A Monmouth University grad student and Public Relations Representative for the Catholic Centre, Aaron Reevey, discussed mistakes people make, which cause their relationships to suffer. "Our country is an individualistic society as opposed to a collective society, and we don't figure out until it's too late that we need relationships," Reevey said.

After the reading and discussion, the group saw a short video narrated by a Catholic priest who outlined the importance of giving of oneself in order to maintain close, strong relation-

ships with others and with God. The video addressed knowing, loving, serving, and sharing with companions.

The last activity was completing a discussion from the series workbook, Lifework, written by Rick Sarkisian, Ph.D. The group took turns sharing stories about improving relationships with unpleasant or difficult people in their lives.

The evening concluded with a recap of valuable, practical lessons learned, such as accepting and loving family and friends unconditionally, giving love and companionship without expectation, and improving challenging relationships.

"Why Believe?" meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the Catholic Centre, located on campus. Mr. and Mrs. Jaquab urge everyone interested in the workshop to stop by for fulfilling discussions on faith and other worthwhile topics.

SGA Auction

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Monmouth County families with seriously ill newborn children. Along with his wife Dana, Puharic told the audience Michael's Feat is a non-profit organization aimed at easing the burden for families who are caring for sick infants and also enabling these parents to bring their children home well.

Puharic said his family began Michael's Feat in honor and memory of their son Michael, a brave little boy who made a great impact on family, friends, and the nursing staff at Monmouth Medical Center where he was born in 2000. Michael passed away due to a serious chromosome disorder.

Some of the staff pitched in, Puharic told the audience, to donate to Michael and ensure their family some comfort and peace of mind

knowing Michael had these necessary items.

"We decided that this was such a real act of kindness that we would create a charity in honor of Michael," Puharic said.

Puharic thanked Monmouth University, the SGA, and other participating groups for their time and charity.

Michael's Feat Organization also works to educate information about seriously ill newborns, and offers benefits to parents who are caring for them.

The organization can also be found on Facebook and has an online store, where sales from purchases go towards sick newborns and their parents.

For more information on the Michael's Feat Organization, or to find out what you can do to make a difference in the lives of Monmouth County families, visit www.michaelsfeat.org.

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2/14 Twilight

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Local Fire Department Sparks Interest with Students

CHRISSEY MURRAY
MANAGING EDITOR

After petitioning the town over a six month period, the West Long Branch Fire Department (WLBFD) has added a full time student criterion along with either being a resident or working in West Long Branch and has been heavily recruiting since the beginning of 2008.

Rich Cooper, the Captain and Recruitment Officer of the WLBFD, has been looking for interested students in the surrounding community by doing public service announcements with WMCX, working with the local newspaper “The Link”, setting up a table at the Involvement Fair at Monmouth University, and displaying their Fire Explore Program at local high schools.

As a third generation firefighter with 20 years of career experience, Cooper knows exactly what being a firefighter has taught him, which can also help students in the classroom.

“It teaches things like teamwork and that there are no individuals and that communication between them to achieve a common goal is very important. They deal with things like problem solving, especially in stressful situations, and are put in very involved a scenario which they try to overcome every day and that’s a huge life lesson as well,” he said.

Chris Rau and Jordan Schachtel were the first students from Monmouth to be a part of the WLBFD.

Jordan Schachtel, a sophomore political science major, has been a firefighter for two and a half years and began at home in Franklin Lakes. “I’ve been interested in being a firefighter since September 11. I looked up to those people and heard stories of the incredible things they achieved...they became my idols. I joined right when I turned 17, and was certified at 18.”

Chris Rau, a sophomore criminal justice major, looks up to Cooper as his role model because he was his first contact in WLB and has really tried to get more interest in the department. While Rau is more involved with EMT and EMS, he joined the fire department because he wanted to expand his abilities and eventually hopes to be in law enforcement.

Other Monmouth students joined the department to follow in the footsteps of family members. Robert Gallina, a freshman accounting major, wants to be a career back up fighter and has currently been fighting fires for three years. He wanted to become a firefighter because of his uncle of which whom he looks up to in Bellville in Essex County. At his department at home they want him to become a lieutenant.

Justin Blake, a freshman and criminal justice major, wants to be a paid firefighter or in the defense and anti-terrorist department of the government. As a third generation firefighter who has been one for a year and a half, he’s made a lot of friends and looks up to his dad, the lieutenant of West Long Branch.

Dan Gregory music industry major is currently a junior and wants to pursue a career as a firefighter after college as well, joining college mostly for the general education classes and degree.

“It seemed to just click one day and all make sense, almost like someone had flipped a light switch. My dad was an EMT and served as a captain in the Military and my Grandfather served in the Navy, so I suppose I always wondered what I would do to give back,” Gregory said.

Cooper made an impression on Gregory as well. “He was extremely friendly and approachable. I suppose that was the first moment I ever truly considered pursuing volunteering,” Gregory said.

Cooper and a few members of his team are going to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania to see how other fire departments work. “It helps to get fresh ideas about public safety. On May 16, there will be a spring safety seminar where firefighters from all over the state will be coming and that’s just another way to expand our training.”

Rau went into further detail in Cooper’s efforts to get more involved with Monmouth University. “The WLBFD had smoke trailers during the first week of school. They are mobile homes which they smoked out and people had to try to crawl and make their way through.

Also, on October 4, there was an open house for fire prevention week.”

Gregory added, “The West Long Branch Department (both company 1 and 2) do come to the University to help out and raise awareness. We are there for homecoming and will also be there to do Fire Watch for the new MAC center on occasions. We respond to every single call the university has to ensure safety on the campus.”

While there are many responsibilities of a firefighter, Cooper explains the typical rewards of being a firefighter, which aren’t so typical. “It’s all about the experiences, helping people really in need, the excitement and uncertainty with nothing scripted on a nine to five day job. Anything can happen, then you have to deal with it and overcome it together, the camaraderie is amazing and they became my second family... I get emotional talking about them. We do social stuff together too like going to baseball games and we help each other when we’re down. But most of the time we’re laughing and having a great time.”

“My least favorite part is the tragedies. You have to remember it is a job and you need to get the job done, and then deal with the emotions. I still have a hard time when families and children are involved. Also when there’s politics, for some people it’s hard to understand what exactly we do. Also getting up at three am for burnt popcorn at MU isn’t fun. 80% isn’t serious but that other 10% is what you have to be ready for. You don’t know when that 10 % will happen so I try to go to everything.”

Luckily, none of the students have come in contact with terrible tragedies yet, but can attest to the good and bad sides of being a firefighter.

Rau said, “Monmouth has a lot of false alarms. The fire department was there five times last week for smoke alarms, someone smelling smoke in Bey Hall, and a fog machine in the dorms.” He advises people not to play with the smoke alarms because it is taking precious time away from other emergencies.

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JORDAN SCHACHTEL
Student-Firefighter


The WLBFD is going to begin large renovations on the fire house to give back to the firefighters and this big plan will be debuted next month. It will incorporate a “live in” program where living quarters will be established and there will be better rooms for studying. “We want to help Monmouth and the community as they have helped us. I want to follow President Barack Obama’s new plan by stepping up for the community - I’m trying to be a part of that,” Cooper said.

To contact the WLBFD, you can go online to their contact page off of WLBFD.org, or call their office number 732-229-1223.

Most people picture a firefighter with their walkie-talkie on their hip, and a hero amidst the smoke. Why can’t they be Monmouth students as well?

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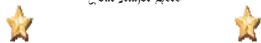
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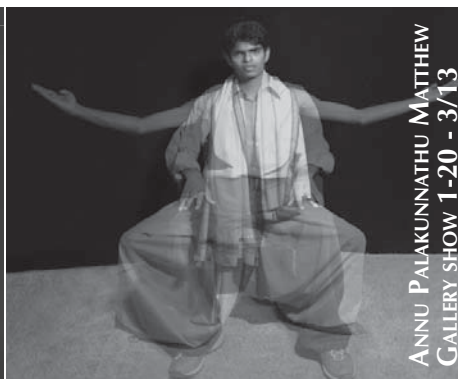
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Why I Did It ...

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This past Friday, the Desperate Mamas Relay for Life team held their *Press Your Luck Carnival* in the lobby of the Plangere Center. I was fortunate enough to be able to help with the preparation work for the event and to actually be involved within the event.

My job there, however, was what some would consider less than glorious.

There were three roles that contributed to the station where I volunteered.

The first role was my own. I sat behind a table wearing a poncho and ridiculous lime green clown mittens while holding a board in front of my face with a hole cut out of it so that my face could fit into it. On the board a clown was painted so that it looked as if my face were the face of the clown.

This was not for without reason, however. The second role belonged to another student who stood a couple feet beside me. It

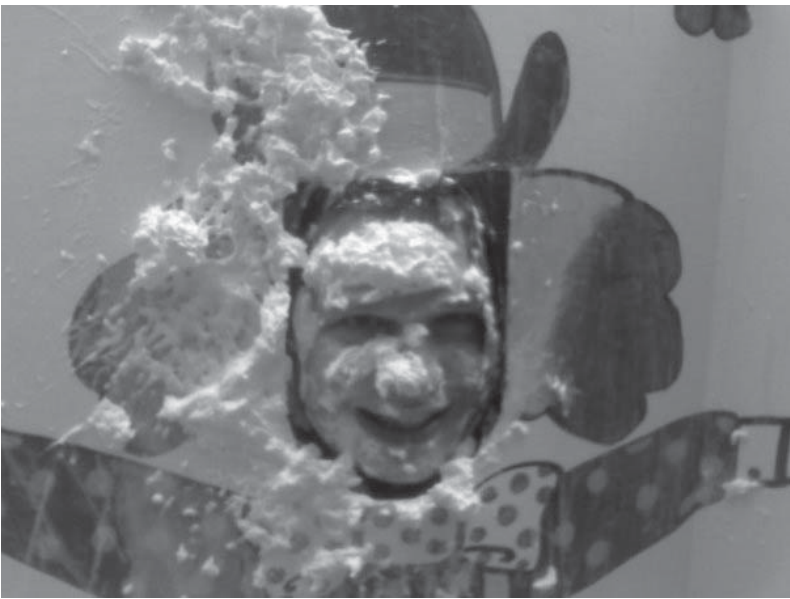
was her prestigious duty to fill medium-sized paper plates with whipped cream.

The third role, if you have not figured this out yet, was filled by the attendees of the carnival. It was their job to take the aforementioned plate of whipped cream and attempt to throw it

After sitting behind the board, in spite of the poncho, I was covered in whipped cream. It was on my shoes, my shirt, in my hair, and in my eye (which burned a little).

Looking back, I realize that I signed up to be publically humiliated and given the chance to do it again, I would absolutely do it.

Yes, I was embarrassed and yes, my face hurt, but with something like this, you have to look at the bigger picture. While the other participants and I sat behind that board for a combined time of five hours, we were helping to raise money for an extremely important cause. Twenty



into the hole in the board where my face rested.

And without fail, every single person who tossed a plate at my face was someone I knew. Had circumstances been permitting, I'm sure many others would have been there to take advantage of this rare opportunity.

minutes of public humiliation is worth it if it is helping to save lives and support research that one day might save your own.

Sure, I'll be cleaning pie out my ear for a week, but in the end, that is a small price to pay when I know that good will come from it.

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How To: Avoid First Date Crises

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My best friend Katie, a Brown University graduate, experienced the worst first date that I have ever heard of. A friend of a friend asked her to go out with him on a random night in the fall 2004. She accepted the invitation unaware of the misery that she would have to go through on this outing. First off, the horrible date was an hour late to pick her up, they went to a McDonald's for dinner, classy, he took her to see the crudest movie after they had finished their greasy dinner, and at the end of the awful night, he tried to make out with her. No thanks!

The horror, nervousness of a first date; most of us have gone through, this dreadfulness, like Katie, experiencing a first date with a creep who you have nothing in common with and never want to see again. Don't we all hate first dates! Don't we wish that we could just skip the first date and move on to the fun? I must say, I try to avoid first dates, but we all must suffer through them until we meet our true loves. There are a few steps to follow in order to prepare for a first date, and I will do everyone a favor and lay them out.

Who will you date? It is always a tough situation to ask or be asked to go on a first date, so just relax; ask away or reply with a simple yes or no, if the asker is not your type to date. I have been on many first dates; some were with suitable gentlemen who I went on further dates with and some were horrible dates who I never associated with again. One date that I went on was awful right from the beginning. He hit on my mother when he picked me up. Now, my mother is very attractive, but please, who are you dating here?

Where should this date occur? Go some place simple, friendly and fun. The best place for a first date, I believe, is a relaxed, nice, but not fancy, restaurant. Most say that the movies are a perfect environment for a first date, but I disagree. One cannot speak during a movie. How will you get to know the person? How will you know if they're the type that you want to join you on a second date? I

once went on a first date to the movies, which followed up with a dinner. This is a good idea, because the two of you will have something to talk about, if you know nothing about one another; was the movie good or bad? This may lead to future conversations.

Preparing to go on the date, step one. There are so many decisions that one needs to make before the date even begins. What should one wear, how

“First dates are always horrible and nerve racking to plan and prepare for; however, if the first date goes well, there’s a lot to look forward to in the future.”

should they do their hair, make-up choices, and so on. Some advice, simply wear the style you are used to and be comfortable. You never want to be dressed to impress and then poorly dressed on the second date. If your partner is a good choice for you, they will be impressed no matter what. My pal Lindsey, a Drew University Graduate, is an athletic girl. She rarely wears dresses or skirts. Lindsey went on a first date with a bad choice that expected and made pretty obvious to her that he expected her to dress up. This was a bad date for Lindsey, and they did not continue.

The pick up; this is always

“There are so many decisions that one needs to make before the date even begins. What should one wear, how should they do their hair, make-up choices, and so on.”

the toughest part of a first date. Here are some suggestions to make the opening of the first date a success. You always want to be ready when your date shows up; if they have to wait a while, there may not be a follow up date. Girls, I know this step will be hard, but make sure that you are ready for the first date, at the time when they

planned to arrive. A good idea is to plan on them arriving early; this way, you are ready for your date. I always do this, since I am always late. One should always introduce the blind date to any one who is home, when they come to pick you up. This way, you can turn to the housemate for feedback on the blind date, if the date goes well and feedback is wanted.

It is usually easier to meet up on a first date. Choose a place and time, and both meet there. Sometimes it is even better to both bring a friend with you and make it a double date. This will lessen the tension. My mother got married this past summer, and when she went on her first date with the man she married, they both brought a friend along. This is a good idea. If the double date was not going well, the two of you could escape, have your own mode of transportation, since you all met there, and you'll have a funny tale to share with your friends.

The ride to the date's destination, after the pick up, is sometimes awkward. Hopefully, the two of you have already chosen and agreed upon a location of your date, so, once seated in the car, make pleasant conversation. The driver better know where they are going and maybe taken a practice ride over to the location of the date, so that they have it mapped out. Talk in the car and make pleasant, simple conversation; "Where are you from?" "Where do you work?" Questions such as those are good, and they may start up a longer conversation.

You have reached the location where the first date will take place; assuming that you have chosen a restaurant as the date's entertainment, hopefully there isn't a long wait or one of you have made a previous reservation. Pretty bad if there's a 2 hour wait. However, if there is a wait, this is another opportunity for the two of you to talk and

get to know one another better. Hopefully you aren't sick of each other yet!

Once they have called your table, it is time to be seated, order and begin the main portion of the main portion of your date. Ok, ladies, men usually pay for the first date, so go easy on them. Don't order the most ridiculously price entre. Order

The “F” Word

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“A woman should know her place.” “Women should cook the turkey for Thanksgiving.” As these words flew out of my friend’s mouth, a chill jumped down my spine. What happened to the idea of feminism and where did its negative bra-burning, man-hating image come from? Everyone should be a feminist.

According to Dictionary.com, feminism is simply the doctrine advocating social, political, and all other rights of women equal to those of men. As my friend continued, I interrupted him by saying how ridiculous I thought he was being. He replied by calling me a feminist.

I do not think I would want to surround myself with someone who is not a feminist, for that would mean he or she does not believe I deserve the same rights as my counter-gender.

According to Suzanne Ferriss and Mallory Young of the *Journal for Thematic Dialogue*, the word “chick” was considered an insult in the 1970s at the peak of the women’s liberation movement. It was “a demeaning diminutive, casting independent young women as delicate, fluffy creatures,” Ferriss and Young said. Another example was the use of the word “girl”, which people claimed infantilized grown women.

So how did we go from then to now, when "girl power" and "chicks rule" is not only acceptable, but encouraged? Strangely enough, these sayings have come to represent solidarity and empowerment

among women. Perhaps the best thing we, as women, can do is to take the derogatory nature out of words such as girl, chick and bitch. If we choose to look at these words in a positive light, they lose the ability to hurt and demean women.

As women become more in control of what is appropriate use of language, why are so many people still afraid to use the "F" word- feminist I mean? Many Americans think that in order to be a feminist you need to be a man-hating, bra burning, outspoken, lesbian, who has given up makeup and all things girly. This could not be more incorrect. At the base of it all, feminism has nothing to do with appearance or attitude.

There are no physical requirements that need to be met in order to call yourself a feminist. You just simply need to believe that you will not settle for anything less than equality for all.

mean?" Since we know what feminism is not, we need to know what it is as well. Being a feminist involves having information to making informed decisions and acting on them. It is about not feeling limited or afraid to express your individuality. Most importantly, feminism is about not being restricted to societal expectations.

Whether these expectations are that women should make Thanksgiving dinner or more generally that a woman's place is in the home, we all need to be more conscious and accepting of the world around us. I invite you all, women and men, to explore the idea of feminism and its boundless effects that have become part of our society.

dates go well, and maybe they will even lead to a healthy relationship.

First dates are always horrible and nerve racking to plan and prepare for; however, if the first date goes well, there's a lot to look forward to in the future. So, we should all just suck it up and follow the first date steps, until we meet the one who will always be our date, and then we'll live happily ever after!

Good luck on those first dates, everyone!

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Political Debate: Troops in Afghanistan

An Increase in U.S. Troops in Afghanistan is Crucial

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President Barrack Obama has stated, “Afghanistan is the real center for terrorist activity that we have to deal with and deal with aggressively.” It is apparent that Afghanistan has been neglected and the situation within this region has deteriorated. Afghanistan remains to be a safe haven for Taliban insurgents and the struggle to reach stability within all aspects of civilized society is greatly increasing. Though the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan has an established constitution, where men and women are thought to be given equal rights and duties before the law, such promised equality, justice, and freedoms are being hindered due to the continuous array of issues still facing this region. An increase in U.S. troops is not only imperative but greatly crucial since such grave dangers being posed by Taliban occupancy proposes imminent danger to not only the United States, but any country based on Western ideals. Unfortunately, Afghanistan still continues to face many contending ethnic, religious and regional rivalries. The illegal drugs trade and persistent Taliban insurgency impede the rule of law, development and aid efforts. The amount of civilians being killed in Afghanistan has also increased to levels not seen

since the Taliban were driven from power in 2001. Additionally, many Afghan civilians lack access to safe drinking water and sanitary facilities. Therefore, disease, malnutrition and poverty are pervasive and millions of people become increasingly dependant on food aid. Though education has been increasingly available to the Afghanistan nation since the fall of the Taliban, hundreds of schools and students have been targeted and victimized by insurgents. Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai has stated, “With more than 4.2 million children returning to school, hundreds of schools and students have been attacked and thousand students are missing out on an education because of the insurgency.” Another aspect of Afghan life that is currently undergoing great strife is their economy. Because Afghanistan is a nation facing the issue of poverty, drug manufacturing is a tempting remedy for many households. The infertile and arid land from the ongoing drought generates illegal Opium production and trade. Unfortunately, the illicit Opium business remains appealing since profit is guaranteed and the costs of living maintain to be high for the Afghan people. Because resources are scarce, individuals are compelled continue with the Opium production and join military forces with either the government or the Taliban.

Afghanistan needs an increase of U.S. troops to be present. Due to the insufficient security measures, the Afghan people who reside in Taliban villages are coerced to support Taliban actions and therefore provide food and accommodations. Though support is provided, this does not mean that Taliban popularity is present. When there is a lack of resources, poverty is prevalent, and due to poverty war is initiated. As Ambassador Maged Abdelfattah Abdelaziz – Permanent Representative of Egypt has stated at the United Nations Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference on February 6th, 2009, initial peace settlement in a region is essential, and if conducted in a proper manner, peace keeping would not be necessary. An increase of troops in Afghanistan is not a question of choice but a call of duty. Being that the U.S. is the dominant player in international affairs, without the assistance of our nation nothing will be accomplished. As Ambassador Karen Pierce- Deputy Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland has suggested, the United Nations has the inability to function properly and until the U.N. is successful, the United States has a duty to respond. The situation in Afghanistan can not be disregarded and an increase of military support from the United States is crucial.

Questions of Capacity and Policy

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One of the big questions that President Obama is facing at the very start of his term is whether or not he should send more troops to Afghanistan, and if so, then how many? According to the New York Times the President’s ranking military commander in Afghanistan is asking for an additional 30,000 troops to be deployed in the war torn nation. In the minds of many people it does not seem to be a question of if the President will send additional troops, but when and how many. More people should be asking whether or not sending more troops will be effective and whether or not we have the capacity to send 30,000 troops into Afghanistan. The New York Times also stated that officials inside the Department of Defense have told the President that it would be impossible to send that many troops into Afghanistan without withdrawing a substantial number of troops from Iraq. So now the President is forced to decide on pulling out of Iraq before he was ready to, and possibly admit defeat in that nation, or leave holes in the Afghan security network with a presidential election approaching in August. It would seem that this is a no win situation for our new Commander and Chief, but there is always an alternative. Instead of throwing in the towel in Iraq and admitting that all of the bloodshed, destruction, and turmoil were for nothing the President should stick to his timetable and find some other source

for the troops. We’ve had troops in Afghanistan longer than we’ve had troops in Iraq, but for some reason Iraq’s security infrastructure is more intact than Afghanistan. We should focus our resources on building up the Afghani security forces, so that they are able to defend their own land and sovereignty. This should be an easily obtainable goal considering the amount of time the United States has spent in Afghanistan and the number of troops that are already present. Some extra troops may be required to facilitate these plans however, and President Obama’s military advisors have already stated that they would need to pull troops from Iraq to meet that demand. If some troops really are needed to stabilize the Afghani government and secure peaceful elections this coming summer we should turn to a foreign ally for help. One country who has had intimate experience in military exercises in Afghanistan is Russia. Granted that we were fighting against them in the 1980s and they were running under the flag of the Soviet Union many of the Russian leaders will be familiar with the Afghani players and since much of the military equipment is from that era, and some of it Russian in design the Russians are uniquely equipped to assist us with the situation. Therefore instead of sending additional troops, that we don’t have, into Afghanistan President Obama should submit a request to the United Nations for Russia’s assistance in maintaining the peace during the election period.



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Should the U.S. send more troops to Afghanistan or not?

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THIS WEEK OVERSEAS...

MY AUSTRALIA STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCE

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As I sit down to reflect on my time in Australia I find it difficult to put my thoughts into words.

It is not easy to sum up five months of your normal life in 500 words, let alone to do justice to such an incredible experience as studying abroad. Despite what past study abroad students have said about their experiences, I was skeptical that it would be life changing.

As I sat having a drink with a very good friend of mine in a hostel bar in Auckland, we found ourselves discussing going home and she brought up a question that her best friend from home had posed to her. Her friend had asked her if she thought she was going to be different when she got home. We quickly agreed that it was impossible for us to not be different. The places we've seen, the things we've done, the people we've met, and the chances we've taken have certainly shaped our views and impacted us in many ways. I feel as though I have learned more and grown more as a person in the five months I spent in Australia than in all my 21 years leading up until then.

Life in Australia is simple and relaxed. Whether it's on TV or in the classroom, they do not believe in much censorship. The bluntness of the people is at the same time refreshing and occasionally startling. The polite etiquette we are used to is not valued over there and it takes a little getting used to at first. There is something about the brutal honesty of Australians that is endearing and contagious. I had two Australian roommates and their many Australian friends hanging around my house all the time. They love to make fun of Americans and I believe it was their good-natured teasing that immediately made me feel at home. They especially love it when someone can give it back to them.

There is something about being somewhere different that allows you to be different. While you may never picture yourself fighting through grade five rapids on a river in Cairns, jumping 14,000 feet out of a plane, camping on an island teaming with hungry dingoes, going days without showering, and enduring a few too many overnight bus trips!!; you will find that in Australia that's just called Spring break.

While in Australia I visited

Cairns, Cape Tribulation, Hervey Bay, Fraser Island, Brisbane, Byron Bay, Airlie Beach, the Whitsunday Islands, Melbourne, the South Coast, the Blue Mountains, Bondi, Manly, Phillip Island, and of course Sydney. I have snorkeled in the Great Barrier Reef, seen breathtaking rainforests and beaches, climbed beautiful mountains, went abseiling, camped under the stars, seen a parade of little penguins, held a wombat and a koala, went skydiving, saw



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Amanda Phipps, a MU student who studied abroad in Australia, petting a koala prop at the Featherdale Wildlife Park in Australia.

countless kangaroos and other wildlife, swam in the clear blue Pacific, and felt the softest white sands in the world.

In New Zealand I climbed a volcano, walked through lava caves, ate at the revolving restaurant overlooking all of Auckland, and jumped 630 feet off the Sky Tower. In the process I met people from all over the world and learned a great deal about myself.

Since I have been home I have found that most people want to hear about all of the things I have done and what I have seen.

While my experiences traveling and the lessons I have learned are memories I will take with me forever; it is the people I have met, not the things I have done, that I will cherish the most. One of the main things I remember thinking and occasionally saying when first arriving in Australia was that

"I didn't come all the way to Australia to hang out with kids from Monmouth". I have never really felt like I quite fit in at Monmouth and did not expect to be too close with anyone from the group. If you had told me in July that come Spring semester I would be sharing a house with four other girls I met while studying abroad I would have said you were crazy. After our first trip to the Blue Mountains just one day after we arrived, we immediately began to

bond. When everything in your life is foreign and unknown, it is nice to have people that know and understand where you come from (although before the trip I did not know anyone). Just the fact that we came from the same school gave us something in common and it turned out that these people would later become my surrogate family while in Australia.

Beyond our core group of Monmouth students we each had roommates from different backgrounds that just served to extend our ever-expanding family. By the time final exams came and went and celebrations began, we were going out in groups of about 40 people.

While this is not overly uncommon, to be able to say that each one of those people was a close friend of mine was something truly special to me. It is natural to feel homesick when you are away from your parents and friends for so long, but for me it was always comforting to know that I could walk around the village and see my new family and friends everywhere.

One night before going out, a friend of mine played the song "Swing Life Away" by Rise Against; we decided that it perfectly describes our time in Australia. Every time I hear that song it takes me back to my life in Australia and makes me savor every moment I spent there.

"Let's pack our bags and settle down where palm trees grow
I've got some friends,
some that I hardly know
But we've had some times
I wouldn't trade for the world"

I would recommend studying abroad to anyone and everyone. Not only will you have

the time of your life, you will gain confidence in yourself and learn countless lessons that can never be gained from sitting in a classroom in New Jersey. In Australia, you will be challenged in the classroom by

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higher standards and less margin for error with fewer assignments and challenged in life through overcoming your fears and living outside your normal comfort zone.

Studying abroad has shown me that possibilities in life truly are endless and I can do whatever I want with my life. When you break out of the bubble that you are used to living in, you get to see what else is really out there, and that you are able to be a part of it. After I have lived a life so extra-ordinary in my five months in Australia, I think it is nearly impossible to settle for the ordinary.

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Dr. Abraham Hurwitz: A Magician’s Legacy

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In my last Article of Interest, “Performer and Stage: A Mythic Dynamic,” I attempted to provide readers with a foundational impression concerning the unique role the theatrical stage has served in presenting

family, whose bloodline continues to present a tradition of masterful talent and expertise across genres; each successive member driven to ascend the metaphoric stage for the betterment of the lives of that most important of audiences, children. The concept of magic has

the magician. Houdini was able to achieve that greatest of plateaus, to create the definitive benchmark of his profession, by which all prior and succeeding generations would be measured.

Among the many magicians to succeed the great Houdini and attempt to skillfully bear the antiquated torch of the art form, Lithuanian born Dr. Abraham Hurwitz (1905-1981) shall always hold an important station in the hearts of Depression Era children growing up in New York City.

Performing under the stage name Peter Pan the Magic Man, Dr. Hurwitz (a distinguished faculty member of Yeshiva University) sought to engage the imaginations of his young audience members through his performances, cultivating the development of creativity in each developing mind—that most important key to learning.

Sharing an insight into his motivating philosophy, Dr. Hurwitz stated, “What impresses a child or pleases him [...] will remain in his mind a long time. When you make a child happy you delight him not only for the moment but, through his memories and associations, for many years to come, perhaps for a lifetime.”

Faithfully serving the demands of his sincere convictions, this kind and chivalrous soul sought to win empowerment for children, by introducing that thirst for knowledge which would motivate them in seeking the boundless freedom of education. His young pupils were children from a variety of backgrounds, social classes, and conditions of mental and physical wellbeing.

Dr. Hurwitz recognized the fact that no child should be neglected, and he equally and enthusiastically turned his talents to addressing the emotional condition of those children with disabilities, challenging them with his arsenal of magic tricks and brain teasers.

As Florett Robinson states, in

the July 22nd, 1945 New York Times article “Healing by Magic,” “Through him [Hurwitz] sightless boys and girls have

According to David Taylor Marke, in the March 8th, 1953 issue of the Avalanche-Journal, Dr. Hurwitz’s personal library



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Dr. Abraham Hurwitz was better known to NYC children as Peter Pan the Magic Man

learned to do table tricks and puzzles which call for sensitive fingers.” Robinson continues, “Dr. Hurwitz finds that parlor accomplishments do much toward freeing these young people from feelings of bitterness and loneliness.”

For these noble efforts, this tremendous charity of soul and intellect, Mayor La Guardia knighted him the official magician of New York.

This rare talent for successfully reaching the innocent and fertile fields of children’s imaginations was successfully passed on to Dr. Hurwitz’s daughter, who was born in New York on January 17th, 1934 as Phyllis Hurwitz. She left this world internationally beloved as Shari Lewis in 1998. Her ventriloquist work involving her sock puppet Lamb Chop rivaled the skill and acclaim of that Houdini of the field Edgar Bergen, of Charlie McCarthy fame).

of documents related to the history and art of magic was impressive, “[Dr. Hurwitz] believes his manuscript collection of 30,000 pieces is the largest in the world. He owns more than 1,500 books on the subject.” This would be Shari’s inheritance.

Steeped in the workings of her father’s magical arts, which Robinson defined as “many unusual forms of dramatic expression, among them tricks, shadow play, puppets, ventriloquism and paper tearing,” she received additional input from her mother’s musical background. Mrs. Ann Hurwitz served as the music supervisor for the local Board of Education. With these priceless sources of inspiration and education, the vast world of artistic performance coursed through Shari Lewis’ entire being.

Her place among the history of performance, as well as that of her father, will forever be sealed.



PHOTO COURTESY of University of Delaware

Shari Lewis delighted children with her puppet, Lamb Chop

the talents of the performer (who, in the role of shaman, channels his or her artistic passions into a communicable language for the benefit of a captivated audience).

At this point in our discussion, against the rich historical backdrop which has been presented thus far, I wish to introduce the legacy of the Hurwitz

been the subject of the popular consciousness for more years than there are pages of recorded history. In the person of Eric Weiss (1874-1926), a rabbi’s son better known as Harry Houdini, audiences around the world found the culmination of all of the ancient lore, showmanship, elegance, and mystery that had long defined the tradition of

Student Receives Grant to Study Relationships

TARA FANTINI
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

We all have a tendency of over analyzing the meaning of our relationships. With the release of *He’s Just Not That Into You* at movie theaters, everyone has been buzzing about the “dos” and “don’ts” of dating. Luckily, psychology major and senior Jessica Stephan may be able to give us some answers.

Stephan was chosen as the recipient of a \$900 grant funded by the Psi-Chi National Honor Society in Psychology to perform a study that will evaluate the influences of certain decision making processes when choosing potential romantic partners. The money will be

used solely to pay those who participate in the project entitled *Call Me: The Influence of Ego Depletion on Relationship Initiation*.

“I have always been interested in how people think and what influences them to make the decisions that they do,” said Stephan. “The chances of getting the grant were pretty slim so I was definitely surprised. But when I found out, I was so excited.”

Stephan is a member of the Psych Club at Monmouth and the Psi Chi National Honor Society. She is also a research assistant in Dr. Lewandowski’s Close Relationships lab.

“After deciding to do an independent study for my senior thesis with Dr L., he asked

me if I would be interested in applying for the grant, so I decided to go for it,” said Stephan. “Dr. Lewandowski is supervising my study. He helped formulate ideas, worked with me on my grant proposal, and helps with any other questions that I have. All of the research will be conducted in his lab, so he plays a pretty big role.”

Stephan explained that she had never thought about psychology in terms of romantic relationships until taking Dr. Lewandowski’s Intimate Relationships class. This led her to become one of his research assistants where she helped collect data for studies that he was performing. Stephan added that this area of study not only interested her, but was also easily related to everyday life.

“Dr. L told me he wanted to do something with relationship initiation and we kind of just took it from there,” said Stephan.

Some difficulties in this study include getting enough participants to collect measurable results. The success of the study will also depend on the

participants honestly answering each question.

“By conducting this study, we hope to gain further insight into how people interact in certain situations and become involved in new relationships,” said Stephan.

Stephan and Dr. Lewandowski will perform a controlled experiment. The subjects will include Monmouth University undergraduate students who sign up for the study using an on-line participation pool.

“We hope to learn more about different relationship initiation strategies so that we can help people enter into new relationships or avoid possible bad ones,” said Stephan.

Stephan advises other psy-

chology students interested in performing research that it is actually more fun than most students would expect.

“We have a great group of people in the lab and we all help each other out with our research,” said Stephan. “It’s a great way to learn more about how psychological research is conducted and it also looks good on resumes. Overall, it is a valuable experience as a Psychology major.”

After graduating in May, Stephan plans to attend the Georgian Court University master’s program for School Psychology.

“I hope to complete my graduate work there and become a school Psychologist and work with middle school aged children,” said Stephan.

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Chris Brown Had to "Run It" From The LAPD

TAYLOR CORVINO
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Rumors began to circle at the this year's Grammy Awards when 19 year old R&B singer Chris Brown was not in attendance. Gossip hungry reporters on the red carpet soon got word that Brown was booked by Los Angeles police for allegedly "making criminal threats" at long term girl friend and singer, Rihanna.

The altercation began at 12:30 a.m. on Sunday, February 8 as the pair was heading home from a pre-Grammy party hosted by record producer Clive Davis. The couple was seen arguing outside of a car when a call was made to 911.

According to the Los Angeles police, Rihanna suffered visible injuries to the face.

Both Brown and Rihanna were nominated and scheduled to perform at the Grammy's. Al Green, long time soul singer, quickly agreed to perform his legendary hit "Let's Stay Together" alongside pop sensation Justin Timberlake, country singer Keith Urban, and R&B group Boyz II Men.

Brown eventually turned himself in and was booked on suspi-

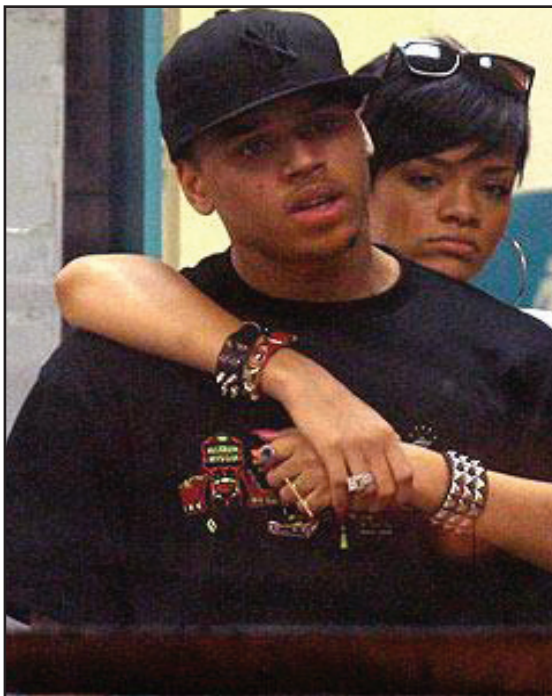


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R&B singer, Chris Brown, turned himself in to charges of criminal threats and will appear in court March 5.

cion of making a criminal threat. No charges have been filed yet.

He was set free on \$50,000 bail while the case is being inves-

tigated.

He is set to appear in court on March 5. The case is considered a felony and not a misdemeanor because of the visible injuries.

Several top 40 stations have stopped playing Brown's music, including WKST Pittsburgh; KWNZ Reno, Nevada; and CHUM-FM Toronto.

Brown issued a statement saying, "Words cannot begin to express how sorry and saddened I am over what transpired. I am seeking the counseling of my pastor, my mother and other loved ones and I am committed, with God's help, to emerging a better person."

The Fray Holds Top Chart Spot

PAIGE SODANO
SENIOR EDITOR

It looks as if The Fray have taken over the top spot on the Billboard 200, replacing Bruce Springsteen's "Working on a Dream" with their latest self-titled release.

Last week Springsteen was number one in the United States, but has moved to number two after The Fray's first No. 1 album on the Billboard 200 bumped it to the second slot. Both albums were released on February 3.

According to Nielsen SoundScan, The Fray's sophomore album, released on Epic Records, has so far sold 179,000 copies in the United States.

The Fray are a Grammy Award-

nominated four-piece piano rock Denver-based band, which were formed in 2002.

The group's hit single off the album, "You Found Me" is currently number 8 on the Billboard Hot 100. The first single from "The Fray" has been on the charts for a total of 12 weeks.



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The Fray's self-titled album is currently on the Billboard Top 200, beating Bruce Springsteen.

"You Found Me" was used in a 2008 preview of the television show, "Lost".

The single is currently number 11 on the Top 50 Singles chart in Ireland, the number one single in Australia, and the second top album in Canada.

Other chart toppers for this week include, at number three, Dierks Bentley's "Feel That Fire," Taylor Swift's "Fearless" at number four, and Beyoncé's "I Am ... Sasha Fierce," coming in at number five.

THE GROUND FLOOR

"SO THIS IS WHERE WE WIN, AND TAKE THE GAME."

FRANKIE MORALES
STAFF WRITER

In the last few weeks on "The Ground Floor," there have been a few words of debate as far as the music industry as a whole. We've touched upon how people can't expect bands to be the same 18 year olds that released their first album, and how "the scene" as we knew it is pretty much dwindling. However, when you take a look at the industry as a whole, there are a few things that can essentially be agreed upon.

There's undeniably a riff between fans of all genres everywhere. There is obvious turmoil between record labels and their artists as to what music should be produced. There is always going to be arguments on the treatment of bands and the state of finances.

For many of these reasons, we will see many of our favorite bands come and go. We will see side projects raise from the ashes those same bands, or we will see them bust from the very seams of that very band. In this day and age, it's hard to find many bands not looking to try and preserve their sanity or themselves in some way, shape or form.

However, not all bands have fallen into this rut. As a matter of fact, there are plenty of bands currently out there doing things for the pure sake of benefiting others.

This week, "The Ground Floor" takes a look at all the ideas that bands have thrown out there to preserve their sanity without having to dilute their bands.

We begin with a band that has been on and off people's radar for the bulk of the last five years. Since coming on to the scene with *Destination: Beautiful* in 2003, the men of Mae have seen line-up changes, concept albums, critical approval, critical bashing and leaving Capitol Records. Safe to say, their hardships pretty much match up to any other bands in recent memory.

Yet, the band hasn't decided to fold their hand and go home. Instead, they start looking for the most unique approach to win the hand, even if they are really bluffing and showing a strong poker face.

It's not a secret that many fans of Mae's first two albums, *D:B* and *The Everglow*, weren't very receptive of the latest release *Singularity*. Not even one of its band members were that happy with the release, and therefor left the band.

Going from a quintuplet group to a trio, the band continued to make music, however, the band felt it was going "creatively" bankrupt on top of that as well, due to immense pressure from the label after the release of *The Everglow*. In order to

ease the creative process as well as fulfill a commitment to themselves and their fans, the band decided to release a song a month via their website, *WhatIsMae.com*.



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Mae has raised over \$10,000 for "Rhonda's House."

Having been stuck without a label to record with, the band has arranged the help of the Drexel University record production course and their corresponding label, to produce the music featured each month.

However, what makes this project ever more unique is that the money being raised through downloads isn't going towards the band, but being donated to charity. After

being inspired by a close friend who took part in a Habitat for Humanity project, the band decided to raise the funds to build "Rhonda's House," a project under the Habitat banner.

After the month of January alone, releasing the song "The House that Fire Built," the band is 1/6 of the way towards its goal, having raised over \$10,000. On February 14, the band released this month's selection known as "Boomerang."

The band plans to release the songs as a physical album slated to be released sometime in 2010. In the meantime, the band is supporting themselves with small shows here and there to pay for studio

time while producing an upcoming EP entitled *(M)orning, followed by (A)fternoon and (E)vening* (MAE, get it?).

You catch them sometime mid-May when the band hits the road with Person L and continue releasing a song a month. Songs can be streamed for free at their website.

Another band taking a unique approach in getting their names out there (as if they needed it) are the

boys from Chicago better known as Fall Out Boy. While they have had their recent share of the spotlight in recent months, especially space in this section of the *Outlook*, from births to pranks, record releases to in-depth pre-sales, they are taking it to whole different level.

Coming soon is a variation on an American classic, as FOB releases *Fall Out Boy Trail*. Now if that sounds remotely familiar, it's because the band is planning on releasing their own version of the classic computer game *Oregon Trail*.

That's right, the same game that allowed you to catch dysentery while traveling in a wagon across the western frontier is back in a new way.

In what way? That remains to be seen, however, a website for the game has been set-up at *FallOut-BoyTrail.Com*. One can only hope that this involves some variation of a broken down van traveling from basement show to basement show while you hunt after obnoxious fans. It's a hell of a hope, but a hope nonetheless.

While I wish I had more information on the matter, it definitely should garner your interest as the game gets closer and closer to completion.

However, if you're looking for more of that good ol' fashioned music news and exclusives to hold you over, well then you're just going to come back next week for more. It's better than waiting a month for some awesome Mae. Plus, here, all the proceeds from my article go straight to leaving you floored.



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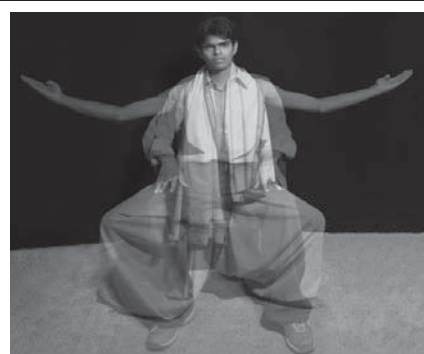
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sophomore

"I'm looking forward to my MU basketball team's playoffs, in March."



Meghan
senior

"The Winter Ball! Everyone should come!"



Laura
freshman

"Spending more time with my new MU friends and becoming closer."



Robert
senior

"Graduating!"



Jessellyn
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"The MU softball team winning the N.E.C. championship."



Monique
freshman

"I'm looking forward to spring break, so I can sleep in."



Kim
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"My trip to Santa Barbara, in March, to visit my close friends."



Sean
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"Hopefully studying abroad, in London, next semester."



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Why Believe Series? • 7:30PM • Catholic Center
Movie Night • 9:30PM • Underground
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Men's Basketball vs. Robert Morris • 7PM • Boylan
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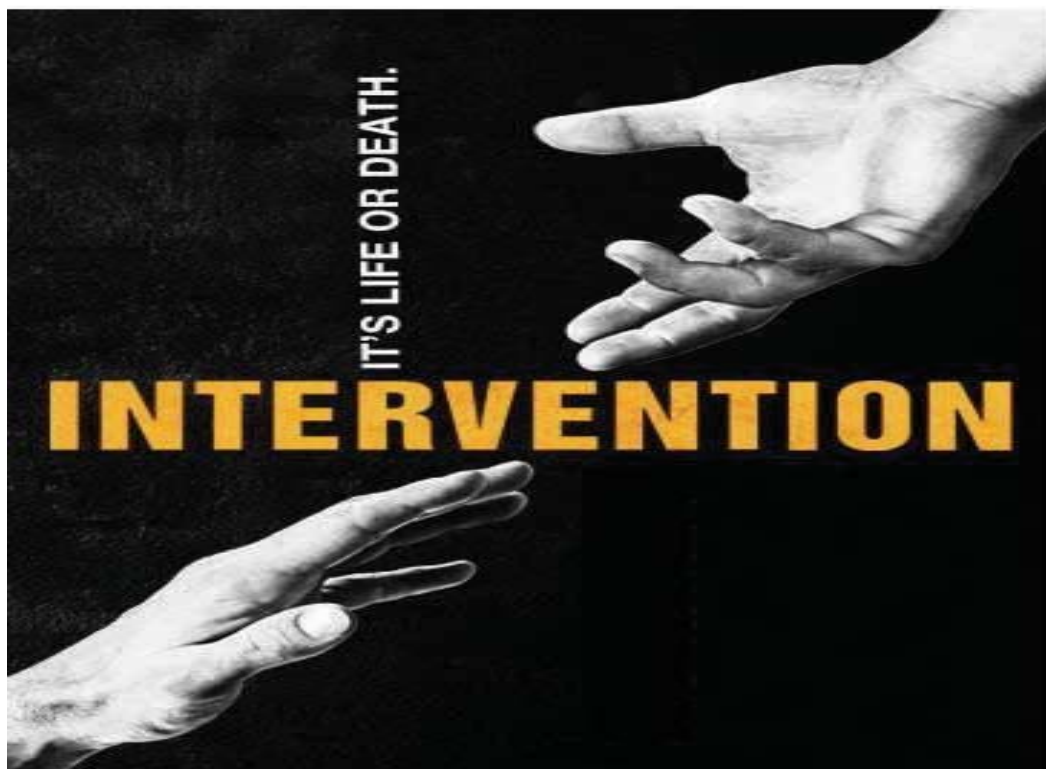
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STUDY ABROAD CLUB

Study Abroad Club is doing Relay For Life and would love for all of you tbe on our team. Sadly, most of the e-board will be graduating in May. There will be lots of officer spots open and elections will be held in April. Our first official study abroad reunion will be May 2nd from 6-10 pm in Anacon Hall. Tickets are \$25 and this event is open to anyone who has a passion for traveling. This is a great networking event to meet study abroad alumni from the past 8 years. We are creating a welcome program for this event and are going to sell ad space in it. Know any travel-related businesses or any businesses who would like to have their name seen by at least 150-200 people? Our meetings are Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. outside Java City, Fireside. In case you can't make the meeting or have any questions, email s0603942@monmouth.edu. Happy Traveling!

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN

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

STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE

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PHI ALPHA DELTA

If you're interested in a career in law, I would like to extend you an invitation to join Phi Alpha Delta, Monmouth University's Pre-Law Club. Founded during the Spring 2008 semester, a small group of MU students decided it was high time that pre-law students had a place to meet and help each other prepare for the LSATs, apply to law school, and support each other along the way. Since pre-law students come from all majors, the group provides an excellent atmosphere for everyone to come together over a common interest and goal. Our activities include guest speakers, such as lawyers in various legal fields, LSAT practice tests, and personal statement workshops, among others. We meet every Monday evening at 6:00PM in Student Center Room 202b (upstairs by the

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♈ Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19) - This week is a 7
The week kicked off quite well but as the weekend approaches you are facing a debate with someone with power. Take it easy and stay calm. If you do so, the outcome looks much brighter. Spend the weekend lost in thought and you may see a light at the end of the tunnel.

♉ Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) - This week is a 6
Lost in thought is not a bad thing as long as the thoughts have relevance to your life. Try to stay focused and pay close attention. This weekend you may be involved in mind games that you didn't wish to be a part of. Focus and listen carefully.

♊ Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) - This week is a 5
The world is not against you no matter how frustrated you are. Take time to really think about what is going on introspectively. Bothering others will not get the situation sorted out. New perspectives will help you see things in a less negative light.

♋ Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) - This week is an 8
No matter how many people or how many times someone tells you to focus on yourself; you refuse. Your focus is on work related issues and things may get a bit hard to handle as the weekend draws near. Take a deep breath. You will get through this and your ability to maneuver through this situation yields you positive energy for the weekend.

♌ Leo • (July 23- Aug. 22) - This week is an 8
Although you've been the ringleader the past few days, it's time to take the back seat. Focus first then take action. No matter what you try, your weekend is out of your control. Adapt and have some fun.

♍ Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) - This week is a 9
The power is yours this weekend; specifically romantic power. Take control and show some love. This weekend you cannot seem to stop cleaning. Have some fun with it and do something new in the process. Experimenting may not be your usual form but go for it. This weekend anything goes!

♎ Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - This week is a 7
The approaching weekend seems years away because of conflicts and drama. You are being pulled in different directions but you know which way you should go. Stick to it! If you do so you will be free to enjoy your weekend though that's a lot easier said than done. Be attentive and the weekend will help you relax.

♏ Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - This week is a 6
There's a time to work and a time to play. You have an opportunity to make serious progress but at the expense of something else. The things you are giving up are expendible, the progress you will make, is not. This weekend your schedule will not be as clear as you would have liked but it's worth it.

♐ Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) -This week is an 8
You are riding high and you'd like to keep it that way. If you approach all of your issues head on through the rest of the week you can keep it that way. This weekend is all about social engagements. Have fun and be the social butterfly you know you could be.

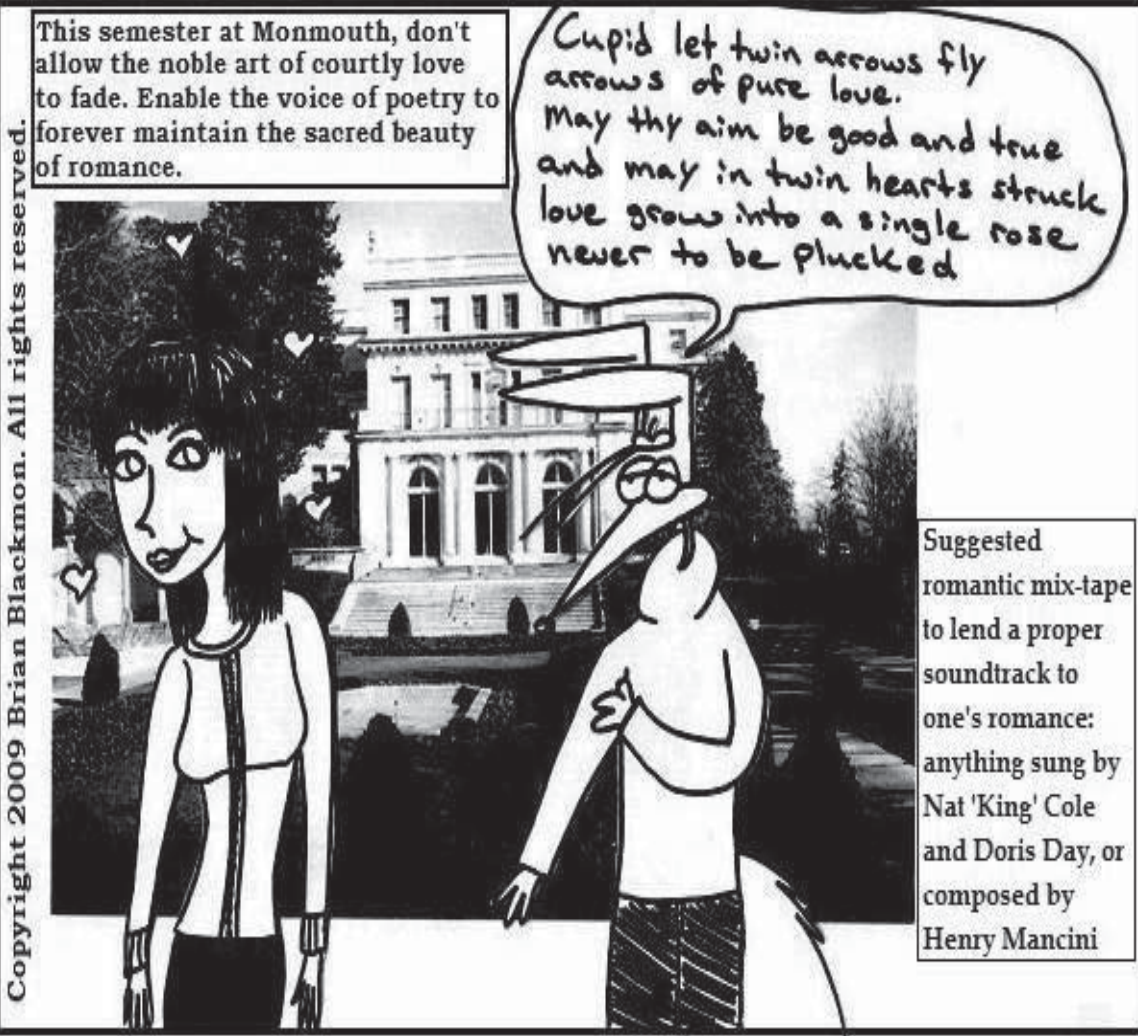
♑ Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - This week is a 7
Although sticking to your convictions this week has been difficult, you will begin to find it easy to prove yourself correct. The weekend approaches and brings with it an air of comfort. Key a close eye on the important things in your life this weekend but do not lose sight of the bigger (and happier) picture.

♒ Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) - This week is an 8
The focus seems to be on you this week but try to get out of the spotlight. Just ride out this storm without making a big scene. If you can do that this weekend promises to be all about showing off and doing it up. Finish out this week calmly and then have your own storm!

♓ Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) This week is a 9
Talk it out but do take heed; your words are not unnoticed. Although your mind and mouth are moving a mile a minute, the answers are not going to come any quicker. Do not be afraid to accept help from an unexpected source. Just because you did not know they could help you does not disprove their worth.

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Basketball

Men Frustrations Continue, Extend Losing Streak to Seven Games

ERIC WALSH
SPORTS EDITOR

With just four regular season games remaining in the season, the men's basketball team looks to be on the outside looking in when it comes to the postseason NEC Tournament. With another two losses this week in conference play, the Hawks drop to ninth place in the NEC with a record of 4-10, and an overall record of 6-21.

On Thursday, February 11, the Blue and White traveled to Long Island for a rematch with the Blackbirds. Even with a strong start from junior center Dutch Gaitley in only his second game back from injury, MU couldn't get their first road win of the year, falling 74-57.

Gaitley opened the game hitting his first three field goals and scoring MU's first seven points. His three made shots included his third trey of the season. The contest was back and forth until the Blackbirds scored the final two baskets of the first half to make the score 30-23 in favor of the home squad.

From the second half whistle the Blackbirds were flying higher than the visiting Hawks. A quick 6-2 run opened the lead to double digits for LIU and they never looked back from there. The Blue and White got within 10 points with 6:05 remaining before the home team went on a 10-2 spurt over the next 3:28 and extended the lead to 20 points with just inside of two minutes to go in the game, ending

the hopes of an MU comeback.

Freshman Will Campbell led the visitors with 15 points, including 11 in the second stanza. He recorded his sixth consecutive game in double figures and connected

rebounds.

The Blue and White returned to action on Saturday, February 14, hosting defending NEC Tournament Champion Mount St. Mary's in Boylan Gym. With a combined



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Dutch Gaitley scored a season-high 11 points against LIU in the 74-57 loss on the road.

on three of Monmouth's four made three point field goals in the contest.

Gaitley cooled off after scoring the opening seven points for the Hawks, finishing the game with a season-high 11 points and adding eight rebounds. Sophomore point guard James Hett had eight points, with veteran Alex Nunner contributing nine points and five

49 points from the freshman trio of Campbell, Mike Myers Keitt, and Travis Taylor, the remaining Monmouth players could only manage 13 points, falling to MSM 72-62.

Taylor led the rookie trifecta with a career-high 23 points and five rebounds. The freshman connected on 19 of Monmouth's 24 field goals in the contest. Taylor,

who connected on 10-of-17 from the floor, had three assists, while Will Campbell added 15 and Mike Myers Keitt chipped in with 11 points and four boards.

Down only six at halftime, the Blue and White allowed a 7-0 run which capped a 20-4 scoring spurt for the Mount over 10:45. MU chipped away to get within six points at 45-39 with 13:21 remaining, but that would be as close as they would get.

Mount St. Mary's connected on 55.8% of their field goals, and outrebounded Monmouth 40-25, including 12 offensive boards.

The Hawks are the only team in the NEC without a victory on the road this season. Their road record is now an abysmal 0-13. MU does have two more chances to pick up that evasive road victory against Sacred Heart on February 21 and CCSU on February 26.

MU must win their last four games and have FDU lose at least two of their final four contests to make the final seed in the postseason Northeast Conference Tournament. They currently sit in a tie for ninth with Wagner. If it comes down to the last game against Wagner in Boylan Gym, the moment could truly be memorable.

The team returns to the hardwood on Thursday, February 19, against Robert Morris. Tip-off is set for 7:00 p.m. in Boylan Gymnasium. The Hawks are working towards their final game in the Boiler Room on February 28 against Wagner where emotions will be running high.

Final Games of 2008/09 Season

2/19

Robert Morris

7:00

2/21

@ Sacred Heart

7:00

2/26

@ CCSU

7:00

Last Game in Boylan Gym

2/28

Wagner

12:00



Hawks Qualify for Northeast Conference Tournament with Fourth Straight Win

ANDREW SCHETTER
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Without Windex, neither Mount St. Mary's nor Long Island University could stop the Monmouth women's basketball team from streaking. The Hawks started their week with a nice win over Northeast conference rival Mount 57-50 at home. Then two days later on Monday night they faced a tough road test against fellow NEC combatant the LIU Blackbirds, and squeaked out a six point 50-44 victory. The win against the Blackbirds guaranteed the Blue and White a spot in the NEC tournament field.

It may be beginning to sound like a broken record, but the first game for the Hawks last week was once again the senior show, as Lakkia Barber and Jennifer Bender, led the Blue and White to victory. The win gave the Hawks their third straight victory at home. Both Barber and Bender scored 18 points more than half of the scoring produced by the Hawks. Bender also brought down 10 rebounds for yet another double-double for the star power forward.

Monmouth controlled the game early on leading by as many as 12 points, in the first half and never falling behind Mount St. Mary's. In a battle of the two top defensive teams in the Northeast Conference, the away team would mount a comeback in the second

half, turning great defense into offense.

Although, the Hawks led 28-20 to open up the second frame they could only muster 14 points

first half. With less than four minutes to play Mount had a three point lead, and it felt as though the Hawks were letting a win slip away. However, out of a timeout

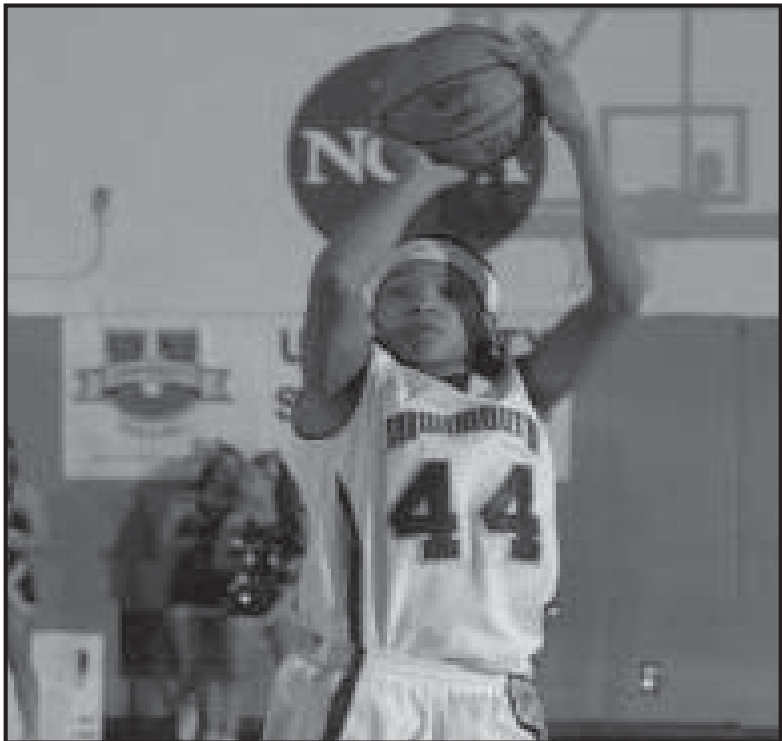


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Alexis Scott paced the Hawks with 15 points in the win over the Blackbirds.

in the first 15 minutes. Mount St. Mary's on the other hand scored 20 and tied the game for the first time since very early on in the

Barber drove to the basket and connected on a nice layup to cut the deficit to one.

Two possessions later Barber

was fouled in the act of shooting and connected on both free throws to put the Hawks back in the lead. On the other end of the court Bender fouled Brianna Gauthier who was only able to connect on one of her two free throw attempts, knotting the score at 48 with a minute and 40 seconds left to play. From there on out

Monmouth scored nine of the last 11 points with the first five coming from the powerful one two punch of Bender and Barber. The victory gave the Blue and White some confidence heading into their road trip.

They used this momentum Monday night in the battle of the birds as the Hawks were triumphant sending the home crowd to the exits unhappy. The Blue and White showed that the men's team wasn't the only basketball team at MU, which had freshman stars as they were paced by Alexis Scott who netted 15 points in the win.

Barber followed up a strong performance on Saturday afternoon with yet another one as she once again scored in double digits with 12 to go along with her seven rebounds. Bender fell a point shy of her third straight double-double as she grabbed 10 rebounds and chipped in nine points.

In similar fashion to the game against Mount, the Hawks led for

the majority of the contest, only for their opponent to take the lead late in the second half. MU never trailed up until the seven minute mark of the second half. Then both teams jumped on the seesaw as there were six lead changes up until the end of the bout.

Barber then showed what senior leadership is all about, down 44-43 with just less than 2 minutes to go, Barber connected after a nice drive in the lane, to put the Hawks up for two. Barber would add an insurance basket after the Hawks got a defensive stop to push the lead to 47-44 with 44 seconds left, and Monmouth would not allow the Blackbirds another chance as their defense suffocated any chance of a comeback.

The win against LIU qualifies Monmouth for the NEC tournament for the seventh straight year, and an outstanding 15th time in the last 16 years. If the season were to end today the Blue and White, would do battle with Farleigh Dickinson and would be a 3 seed. A prime position to be in to do some damage in the postseason.

Monmouth is now a solid 14-11 overall with an 8-6 record in the highly competitive NEC. If the Hawks are going to win the tournament, they must defeat first place Sacred Heart, who they play on the road Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

Ben Evenden Nominated for Rhodes Scholar Award

PRESS RELEASE

Men’s tennis senior Benjamin Evenden was recently nominated for the prestigious Rhodes Scholar Award by university committee members for his outstanding success on and off the courts. Evenden, who owns a 3.99 GPA majoring in business finance, became the first MU nominee for the



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Ben Evenden was nominated for the Rhodes Scholar Award by university committee members.

prominent award in nine years. “To be nominated {for the Rhodes Scholarship Award} is an ultimate achievement for any student,” pointed out Assistant Dean of Business School, Noah Hart. “This is outstanding accomplishment coming from Monmouth for such a celebrated award. The in-

terviewing process is extremely competitive, but we know {Even-den} will do a great job and has a good shot at the scholarship.” The world’s oldest fellowship program - established in 1902 through the will of Cecil John Rhodes - the Rhodes Scholar Award is awarded to only 90 students across the globe each year, making it one of the most highly coveted scholarships in the world. The students eligible to apply to become a Rhodes Scholar are to have a fondness for sports, or success in sports, strong moral character, devotion to duty, interest in one’s fellow citizens and desire to lead. Being a Rhodes Scholar is quite an accomplishment and comes with extraordinary benefits. Not only is full tuition paid, but students also receive a generous stipend to live on, and may receive additional scholarships through Oxford. It also is a matter of some significant pride for those presented the scholarship, and usually implies great scholastic ability. Famous American Rhodes scholars include

NBA Hall of Famer and former presidential candidate Bill Bradley; writer/educator Alain Locke; singer/songwriter and actor Kris Kristofferson; diplomat Strobe Talbott, who helped negotiate an end to the war in Yugoslavian in 1999; and former president Bill Clinton. Evenden, the Hawks leader at both number one singles and first doubles, possesses a coveted resume of both on the tennis court and in the classroom achievements. The 2007 NEC Men’s Tennis Scholar Athlete of the Year honoree, Evenden’s academic accomplishments include: a spot on the 2007 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District II second team, consistent member of the ‘4.0 Club’ at MU, seven-time member of the Dean’s List, NEC Scholar-Athlete, associate of the Economics and Finance Club, member of Chi Alpha Sigma (National College Athlete Honor Society), and Carnegie Council student visitation affiliate. A 2007 All-NEC second team honoree at first singles and first doubles, Evenden helped the men’s tennis team advance all the way to the championship match in the NEC Tournament in 07, the first time MU has reached the finals since the league switched to a team-flighted format in 1999. Evenden will look to continue his success this spring championship season, taking with him a 1-10 first singles and 2-1 first doubles record from the fall.

Men’s Track and Field Picks Up IC4A Bid at Lafayette/Rider Meet

PRESS RELEASE

The men’s track & field team picked up another IC4A bid Friday Night at the NY Armory in the team’s final meet before heading to the Northeast Conference Indoor Championships next weekend. The Hawks had a pair of second place finishes out of the throwing unit, with Larry Lundy weight



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Shawn Sabo’s weight throw of 57’ 1/4” qualified him for the IC4A Division I Championships.

throw of leading the way with his toss of 57’ 9 1/2”. Shawn Sabo will join Lundy at the IC4A Division I Championships after qualifying with his third place throw of 57’ 1/4” in the same event. The other second place performance came from sophomore Tom

Ciccoli who was second in the shot put with a distance of 54’ 9 1/2”, with Lundy’s mark of 53’ 6 1/4” earning fourth and Vin Elardo’s throw of 52’ 3/4” claiming sixth. Freshman Chris Rutherford earned a pair of top-six performances, finishing fourth in the 500m (1:04.33) and sixth in the 60m hurdles (8.29). Yasser Barr, David Balzer, Eric Schaffer and Vin Improta were third in the 4x800 relay that crossed the finish with a time of 8:01.52. Julio Rodriguez finished ninth in the high jump, clearing 6’ 4 1/2”. Schaffer was also 12th in the mile with his time of 4:26.92. Chris Taiwo was ninth in the triple jump event with his distance of 45’ 7”. Running unattached was MU senior Chris Vuono, who claimed first in the 400m with his time of 28.79. Monmouth’s men’s team will look to capture the Northeast Conference Indoor Championship for the fourth time at next weekend’s 2009 NEC Indoor Track & Field Championships held in Landover, Md.

A Word on Sports

Slam Jam Thank You Ma’am: NBA All-Star Weekend’s Dunk Competition

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What began as a featured event in professional sports, the NBA Slam Dunk Competition has drastically underachieved in recent years. The days of Dr. J, Spud Webb, Dominique Wilkins and the legendary Michael Jordan are gone forever. Even the chances of seeing today’s superstars participate in the event have dwindled down to nearly nothing. For those old enough to remember, “Air Jordan” (Michael Jordan) soaring from the free throw line and “The Human Highlight Reel” (Dominique Wilkins) throwing down a ferocious windmill jam represent the true spirit of the dunk contest. The epic battles between Jordan, and anyone who attempted to challenge his thrown, will live in infamy, however, in order to understand where the dunk acquired its flare and style, we need to go way back. With the year of the bicentennial came the year of the Slam Dunk Competition. In 1976, the ABA held the first official contest to show off the newly legalized “slam dunk”. The one and only Julius Erving (Dr. J) stole the show with his fluidity and style. Gliding through the air, Dr. J made it clear who the winner would be. Later that year, the ABA and NBA merged and the competition was not seen again for about eight years. When the event turned up

again, the year was 1984. Larry Nance won the first official NBA sponsored dunk competition. Unfortunately, Nance’s efforts were barely a memory a year later. In 1985, Dominique Wilkins dominated the field. Wilkins’ original style of dunking harder and jumping higher signified the out with the old and in with the new. Although Wilkins was the prominent dunker of his time, the abilities of an up and coming talent could not be ignored. A gentleman by the name of Michael Jordan came in second in 1985, but made no mistake about showing up again in 1987. Jordan came after the title then owned by another Atlanta Hawk, Spud Webb. At just over a staggering 5 feet 7 inches tall, Webb earned the title of top dunker from Wilkins the year before. MJ successfully stole the camera lenses of fans with dunks that made it seem as if he were flying. The illusion of Jordan taking off in flight gave way to nicknames like Air Jordan and His Airness. Jordan’s array of dunks included windmills, skying from the free throw line and “rocking the cradle”. All of which will be hallowed as some of the best dunks of all time. The gliding style of Dr. J gave way to the powerful dunks of Dominique Wilkins. Spud Webb came from the woodwork to shock everyone with the amount of air between his feet and the floor. Michael Jordan may always be known as the greatest of all time, but that isn’t to say he has had no competition since then. Some of today’s basketball superstars have demonstrated more than memorable per-

formances. To be more specific, Kobe Bryant in 1997 and Vince Carter (“half man half amazing”) in 2000 proved to be worthy candidates for the position of best dunker. Bryant had the crowd awestruck with his performance. Putting the ball through his legs in the air was more than enough to vault Kobe in to the winner’s circle that year. Even that may pale in comparison to what may be the best overall performance in a Slam Dunk Competition ever. Vince Carter electrified the crowd and the announcers in 2000. One

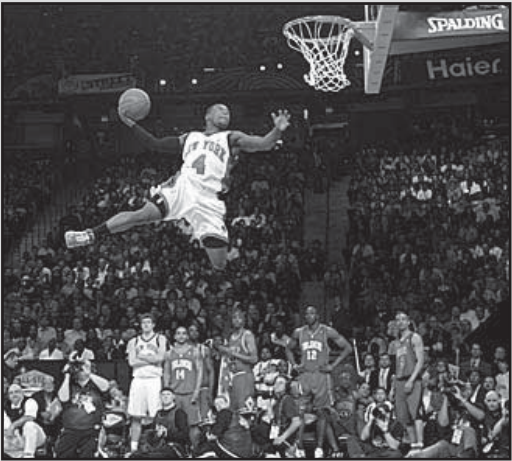
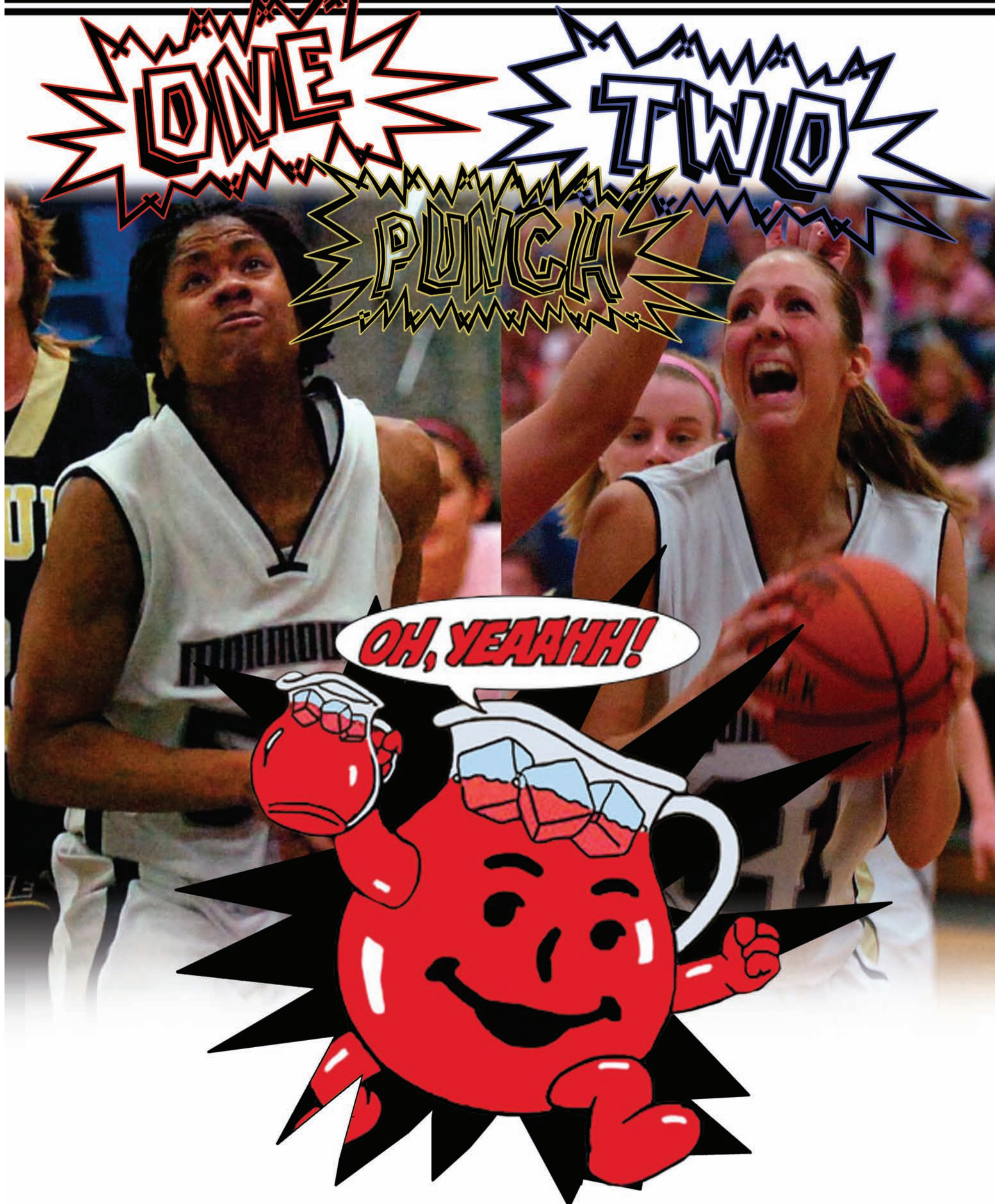


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Nate Robinson soars through the air in the 2009 Slam Dunk Competition.

of his dunks caused then judge, Isiah Thomas, to hurtle the judge’s table to shake Carter’s hand. VC completed a superb windmill 360, between the legs in the air, and the infamous elbow dunk in which Carter elevated high enough to dip his entire arm in the net. With nearly every round being scored perfectly, Carter ran away with the trophy in a year that would have proved incredibly competi-

tive had Vince called out sick with the likes of cousin Tracey McGrady and Steve Francis. Since then however, the spectacle of the NBA Slam Dunk Competition has lost some of its luster. The NBA All-Star Weekend’s main event has lacked that unimaginable athletic ability and star power that it had in the 80s, 90s, and in 2000. Some may argue that it was re-established in last year’s competition when Orlando Magic Center Dwight Howard soared through the air with his Superman dunk. There was one problem with that dunk however: It wasn’t a dunk! It was original to say the least though, with Howard putting on the Superman shirt and cape. This year the contest was held in the desert, in Phoenix, AZ, at the home of the Phoenix Suns. With two former slam dunk champions in the competition, Dwight Howard (2008 champion) and Nate Robinson (2006 champion) put on a two-man show for the crowd to enjoy. Robinson’s small stature (he’s listed at 5’9”) made him the crowd favorite. He opened with a windmill dunk and followed that up with a catapult off the back of New York Knick teammate Wilson Chandler to score a combined 87 points in the first round which put him through to the championship round against Howard. The Orlando center garnered a perfect 100 points for his two first-round dunks that included a windmill from a self-pass off the side of the backboard and a dunk on a 12-foot rim that Howard brought in

himself. Before the dunk he went into a phone booth and put on the Superman outfit from a year ago, and had teammate Jameer Nelson throw the basketball off the backboard which Howard caught and slammed home. In the final round Nate Robinson was thought to possibly be hurt, as he returned to the locker room to put on his Kryptonite uniform. Nate-Rob donned a green NYK uni to take the “power” away from Howard’s Superman get-up. Apparently it worked as Robinson leapt over a willing 6’11” Howard and dunked it home, defeating Howard’s Dr. J-esque foul line takeoff dunk. The ultimate decision went to the fans, as they voted 52% in favor of the miniature-sized Knick dunker. The 2009 installment of the Slam Dunk Competition was undoubtedly entertaining, but the most exciting part of the entire night may have been when LeBron James put his name in the hat for next year’s contest. This is exactly what the competition needs in order to be fully revitalized, star power. In a perfect world, the 2010 event would include LeBron James, Kobe Bryant, Vince Carter (as long as he can still get up like he used to), and either Dwight Howard, Nate Robinson, Dwayne Wade, or bare with me for a second, Josh Smith. If the contest had two of the big names, or maybe even one, it would truly be a spectacle like it once was. I understand that players like LeBron or Kobe don’t want to risk injury by competing, but the dunk contest is all about the fans. And frankly, it hasn’t lived up to its reputation recently as being the fan favorite.



Seniors Lakia Barber and Jennifer Bender helped the Hawks knock out their opponents this week.

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