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Local Afro-Brazilian Capoeira Group Performs for Students

GINA COLUMBUS
NEWS EDITOR

Capoeira Sol Nascente, a local group who teaches the Brazilian dance Capoeira, performed in Anacon Hall on Wednesday, February 18th at 7 p.m. to demonstrate their style of dancing to students, faculty and staff.

Afro-Brazilian Capoeira is a legendary dancing combined with martial arts. It is also a fitness program made to not only build muscle, but confidence and to relieve stress. Capoeira stands for "brush wood" and goes back approximately 500 years.

The history of Capoeira began when African-American and Native slaves were brought to Brazil. After they became freed, African-Americans and Natives designed communities to learn fighting techniques and ways to survive, especially with Capoeira. After their skills were discovered, many African-Americans were then made into bodyguards for higher figures, including politicians in order to swing a vote.

Kasey Sanders, known as Professor Baiano from Capoeira Sol Nascente, said that Capoeira is viewed as a "decoration dance."



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Capoeira Sol Nascente, the first Capoeira academy from the Jersey Shore, presented many different dances for students in Anacon on Wednesday.

"It was used as a disguise, to disguise martial arts from the slave master," Sanders said.

The group who performed consisted of 10 people who all wore green t-shirts and white pants. Before the presentation, they did a mass amount

of stretching exercises to warm up.

Several types of Capoeira dances were introduced to the audience by Capoeira Sol Nascente. One of them consisted of a stick and/or sword fight that young men engaged in to protect

their tribes.

Capoeira Sol Nascente's harmonic dances also included singing in Portuguese. Several instruments were also incor-

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Human Rights Advocate Lectures on Justice System

CHRISSY MURRAY
MANAGING EDITOR

Human rights advocate Bonnie Kerness presented "From Slavery to the Prison System: Human Rights Violations in America" to an audience of students, faculty, and even a former inmate.

Kerness' first observation of oppression occurred as a child watching others her own age try to go to school while being hosed by police and bitten by dogs. "Since 1975, I have served as a human rights advocate on behalf of men, women, and children in prison throughout the country. I have also been a part of the Women's movement, the gay movement, the anti-war movement, the civil rights movement, and in the Welfare Rights and Housing movements. I have also marched

in the National Associated for Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)," said Kerness.

She currently directs a Prison Watch Project as part of the American Friends Service Committee, a social action arm of who have a 300-year history of commitment in dealing with human rights issues for prisoners.

According to Kerness, prisons are one of

the largest growth industries in the United States. "The expansion of prisons, parole, probation, and the court and police systems has resulted in an enormous bureaucracy which has been a boon to everyone from architects, plumbers, and electricians, to food and medical vendors – all with one thing in common – a pay check earned by keeping human beings in cages. People have said to me that the

criminal justice system doesn't work. I've come to believe exactly the opposite- that it works perfectly, just as slavery did, as a matter of economic and political policy. Not unlike the era of chattel slavery, there is a class of people completely dependent on bodies of color as a source for income."

"The welfare system, the public school system, the health care system and the criminal justice system play a profound role in the lives of the poor in this country. It is hard not to note that the rules and regulations of these systems which affect almost all of us, are created, written, and voted upon by mostly upper class

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PHOTO COURTESY of Chrissy Murray

Bonnie Kerness discussed violation of human rights of prisoners for students and faculty last week.

Student Fashion Show Raises \$2700

LESLIE WEINBERG
CLUB & GREEK EDITOR

Music filled the halls of Wilson on February 7th, as students glided down the runway at the 5th annual "Shore Looks Good" charity fashion show. Hawk TV, WMCX, the Outlook, Commworks, and PRSSA co-sponsor the event each year. Only local designers including many Monmouth students and alumni featured their original clothing. Many local businesses sponsor or make donations, creating a communal partnership.

This event raised \$2,700 for the Mercy Center of Asbury Park. The Mercy Center is dedicated to providing families with emergency, education, and family services to overcome life's hurdles and hardships. Each year proceeds go toward an organization that doesn't receive corporate sponsorship and is devoted to helping local families and children. Last year's charity was Alyssa's Angels, an organization devoted to improving the lives of disabled children, and the year before that was the School for Children in Eatontown.

"Shore Looks Good" was not an event thrown together haphazardly; planning the myriad of details began last summer. Jaclyn Paskin, associate co-producer said, "An unbelievable amount of planning went into the show. When you've never produced something like this, you don't realize how many details need to be worked out. there's everything big and small- from coordinating with the designers and models, going out and getting donations for the raffles, choosing the right charity for the proceeds to go to, to hanging decorations and blowing up balloons on the day of the show. Seeing the final product was a great experience. I truly feel that the show went amazingly well."

This year's show was all

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white males whose lives will not be touched by their decision,” Kerness added. Other topics that Kerness touched upon were incarcerated juveniles, men, and women, and people being put in extended isolation for decades in the form of control units for unknown reasons.

“The treatment of imprisoned juveniles in this country violated international human rights law and the US has been cited by the World Organization for Human Rights as violating UN Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the UN Convention Against Torture,” Kerness said. “US prison practices also fit the United Nations definition of genocide. According to the UN, genocide is the killing of members of a particular group; deliberately inflicting on a group a condition of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction; imposing measures intended to prevent births within that group; and forcibly transferring children of that group to another group.”

Mary Ellen, who was released a year and a half ago from prison, began to tear during the presentation. She had been incarcerated for five years due to unregistering stocks in her company and is still currently on her five year probation sentence.

Ellen explains what it was like in prison. “The conditions are

horrendous you are constantly screamed at, pat searched, humiliated. The excessive “use of force” is many times unnecessary. I’ve watched and heard women getting beaten to within inches of their lives. Some die, some commit suicide. It is a life of isolation. You are not allowed any physical contact. If you brush by another inmate you could go to lock. No handshakes, pats on the backs, or certainly no hugs!

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BONNIE KERNESS
Human Rights Advocate

We are women for god’s sake we are nurturers. I still jump when someone reaches out to me or tries to give me hug. I have anxiety attacks in large supermarkets where it is chaotic.”

“You must remember that the women that I met were protecting themselves or their children. We are not talking about serial killers, rapists, and child molesters. Only about 1%-2% of people in prison are the types you see in movies. The rest are just ordinary people mostly with drug problems. All human beings deserve human rights. Otherwise we are no better than them if we continue to torture, abuse, and

put people to death,” Ellen added. “I believe [the presentation] is important because too many people think it can’t happen to them and knowledge is power. The more people are aware of the atrocities the better the chance of fixing the system. It affects the students by becoming empowered to make changes in our justice system.”

Alex Bartlom, as a graduate student and member of the Human Resources Advisory Council, can see the significance of this type of event for students as well. She said, “The event was important for the public to see because I know from my interactions with students that some people have never even con-

sidered the prospect that maybe the design of the criminal justice system is flawed. If you can’t critically analyze the framework in which everything falls under then you may be missing a big piece to the puzzle. Failures of the system and false consciousness certainly affect students- it affects everybody.”

Caroline Silva, a junior who attended the presentation for her Ethics in Criminal Justice class said, “Many of the students who were in attendance were criminal justice majors/minors, and this is something that we focus greatly on throughout our courses, especially ethics.”

Ellen explained how ethics play at part in the problems with the current system. “Firstly, the method by way they get a suspect to ‘confess.’ The trials have very little to do about truth. It is about which attorney puts on the best show and has the best connections. It is truly unjust and there are too many innocent people rotting away in prison.”

“When the news about the torture going on at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq broke, then President Bush said that “what took place in that prison doesn’t represent the America I know.” Unfortunately, for the more than two million US citizens and countless undocumented immigrants living in US prisons, this is the “America” that they, their family members, their lawyers and activists DO know and experience daily. President Obama’s pledge to close Guantanamo Bay and US international secret prisons is simply the tip of the iceberg,” Kerness said.

Kerness’s organization, the AFSC is creating solutions to the system, a Center for Healing and Transformative Justice. “There are models of justice that we as a civil society need to explore

other than the punishment and retributive model currently used by the US government...The Center will be a space to bring this collective wisdom together in order to vision these other methods of justice.”

“We must change the racial and economic profiling of arrest and sentencing practices. We must support a vigorous monitoring of the police, court and prison systems with a citizen review process. We must make prison a place on rehabilitation. Most of the people in prison are not violent or the typical stereotype most people think of. Only about 2% of inmates are violent offenders. They need to address mental health issues. Prison is no place for the mentally ill. Not all inmates lie and not all C.O’s tell the truth! We need to make sure that they are given a chance to be productive citizens. Going to prison is enough punishment as it is,” Kerness said.

In regards to the treatment of others, Bartlow quoted the infamous Tupac: “let’s change the way we eat, let’s change the way we live, and let’s change the way we treat each other.”

The Community Service Club Volunteers in Long Branch Soup Kitchen

DIANA CAPELLUTI
POLITICAL EDITOR

Nine students from the Community Service Club served the public of Long Branch at a soup kitchen in the Second Baptist Church on Saturday, February 21.

The students helped set up a buffet style meal, prepared by other soup kitchen volunteers and a church pastor.

The club member’s responsibilities at the soup kitchen included setting up tables with place settings and utensils, filling buffet trays, serving food, making sure everyone had enough food, carrying plates and bowls to tables for those who needed assistance, and handing out dessert.

Other tasks the students helped with at the conclusion of the meal were garbage disposal, cleaning tables, sweeping the floors, and folding and putting away tables and chairs.

Sophomore education major at Monmouth University and Vice President of the Community Service Club, Erin Slattery, organized the volunteer work done at the soup kitchen on Saturday, and does so every month. Her responsibilities include collecting enough student club members to serve in the kitchen and making sure the kitchen will not be understaffed.

“Working in the soup kitchen is one of the most rewarding community service activities our club participates in,” Slattery said.

The soup kitchen is run by the founder and director of a program called “Meal at Noon,” Byron Griffin, and not affiliated

with the Second Baptist Church. The church donates a room to “Meal at Noon” every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Community Service Club donates their time to this event one Saturday of every month. This is the first year they have helped with this event and have been cooperating with Griffin since October.

Served at the soup kitchen were assorted entrees and side dishes, consisting of hamburgers, hotdogs, potatoes, assorted vegetables, soup, salad and fruit. Iced tea was offered as a beverage, and there was home-made vanilla and chocolate cake for dessert.

A prayer was recited before those in attendance were permitted to line up for the meal, and was said in both English and Spanish.

According to Griffin, the turnout for the soup kitchen on Saturday was average at approximately 75 guests. “Some weeks we get around 90 something, other weeks we’ll get in the sixties or seventies. Usually around the holidays in this area the turnout is very high, and that’s a great thing,” Griffin said.

Club members provided their own source of transportation to Second Baptist Church, which is located on 93 Liberty Street in Long Branch.

For more information about “Meal at Noon,” contact Byron Griffin at Byrona488@aol.com or check out the “Meal at Noon” billboard, located in front of the First Year Advising Office in the Student Center on campus.



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Monmouth University Police Department Crimes By Location

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2/5/2009	Unknown	Monmouth University	Theft - Identity	2009-0254
2/20/2009	1:16	Elmwood Hall	Underage Poss. of Alcoholic Beverage	2009-0263
2/21/2009	2:35	Beechwood Hall	Underage Consumption of Alcohol	2009-0269
2/23/2009	7:25	Elmwood Hall	Criminal Mischief	2009-0281

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Not Just Stereotypical Cheating

HEATHER BERGER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Monmouth University’s students and professors have been conducting research on campus in order to find out why both men and women often cheat in a relationship.

Many psychology majors at Monmouth University are interested and choose to study cheating and infidelity as their senior thesis. Dr. Jack Demarest, professor of psychology at Monmouth University said, “Some research that I know about is focused on the personality traits of people who cheat.”

The research has not been completed yet, however, Krystynna Markowski, 19, student at the College of Staten Island had been in an exclusive relationship for six months when she cheated. Markowski said, “I get tired of things quickly, so I have a hard time settling down with just one guy; I get bored.”

These infidelity studies at Monmouth University take place throughout the semester. In order to participate, Dr. Gary Lewandowski, professor of psychology said, in the infidelity studies, there are about a hundred participants and they have to be in a current exclusive relationship.

Also, Monmouth University students are only able to participate if they are in a specific psy-

chology course. Ali O’Neill, 20, student at Monmouth University said she is in an exclusive relationship, was in the introductory psychology class, and participated in one of the studies last semester.

This research is continuous, so the statistics of the findings are not yet available. Lewandowski said, they have not collected enough data this semester to release the findings.

Lewandowski was recently quoted in the magazine, Cosmopolitan, in an article about women cheating on men. Lewandowski said, “I got involved in relationship research because relationships were always something I liked to think about. The Cosmopolitan piece came about because one of their writers was doing research on the topic and found an article I published in an academic journal; that led them to contact me.”

Lewandowski has conducted relationship research for a long time and contributed his data to the Monmouth University community, academic journals, and Cosmopolitan. Lewandowski

said, his study on relationships is one of the few, so that might have led Cosmopolitan to ask him to appear in their article.

There has not been enough time for the Senior Thesis students to complete their research findings, but these two professors from Monmouth University have been doing continuous research throughout their whole lives.

There have been various stereotypes of how often men cheat compared to how often women cheat, and both professors from Monmouth University found no differences in their research.

“It is clear that men ‘say’ they cheat more than women ‘say’ they cheat; it is more likely that men and women are not truthful, with men bragging to facilitate their reputation, and women downplaying their unfaithful experiences to appear faithful,” said Demarest.

Lewandowski, accordingly, said, “Men and women have reported equal amounts of cheating, however, married men report more cheating, though there are some that believe women cheat as much as men in marriage but are more reluctant to report it.”

Therefore, men are not the only ones cheating in a relationship. Relationship and infidelity research has shown that both men and women often cheat

when they are in a relationship and dissatisfied. Demarest said, “Men and women seem to cheat for different reasons, but at the heart of the matter is emotional satisfaction in a relationship and sometimes this is just momentary satisfaction with the one who you are tempted to cheat with.”

Markowski said, “I cheated on my boyfriend because he was not what I was looking for and did not give me my space when I wanted to be with my friends. I had been talking to this other guy over the internet, but I knew him from school, and we just got together one night and hit it off.”

Another study that interests psychologists and students is what age group is more likely to cheat when involved in an exclusive relationship. “Cheat-

ing is more likely to occur in college or in any relationship where there are fewer investments, which are things you put into the relationship that you can’t get back once it ends,” said Lewandowski.

Married couples own more things with one another and are afraid to lose these things, so cheating is less likely to occur. Markowski said that she and her boyfriend had not given each other too much as far as gifts or money, so when she cheated, she was not really losing anything.

Since college students are more likely to cheat than married couples, Senior Thesis students at Monmouth University are creating studies to obtain more information about infidelity. Lewandowski also said there is a follow-up study going on this semester about this topic.

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DR. JACK DEMAREST,
Psychology Professor

Miss Monmouth Supports Charity

PAIGE SODANO
SENIOR EDITOR

Theta Xi held its annual Miss Monmouth event to raise money for charity last Wednesday, February 18, in Pollak Theatre.

The fraternity holds this event every year to raise money for their philanthropy, benefiting multiple sclerosis.

Miss Monmouth is Theta Xi’s rendition of the real Miss America pageant.

A few girls from each of the sororities dress up and go through three rounds of questions, persuading the judges with their attire and answers.

The girls were asked questions such as what charity they would donate money to and why, what they think is the most important issue facing our country today, and if you had to choose one thing wrong with the world, what would you choose and why. Many of the questions were very similar to questions asked on the Miss America pageant.

The judges for the event were Junior Jon Stolarz from the football team, Junior Matt Frazier from the baseball team and Junior Larry Foppiano from Sigma Pi.

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Networking: Is Socializing Just as Important as Studying?

ZACH KAUFMANN
YOUNG MONEY MAGAZINE

A list of famous college drop-outs would be a long list. Some of the best and brightest in the business, technology, and entertainment worlds have succeeded through hard work and all the right connections. Bill Gates, for example, dropped out of Harvard, and his Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen dropped out of Washington State. For that matter, Steve Jobs was only at Reed College for six months. Ralph Lauren decided he'd rather design ties for Beau Brummel than finish his education at the City College of New York and Don Imus has said he left college after only a week (too many nappy headed-hos for his liking). President George W. Bush did graduate from Harvard (with a C-average), but his former adviser, Carl Rove, left the University of Utah after two years. For those who are truly innovative or driven — or those whose father's are well-connected in politics and business — a college degree is may not be necessary to achieve fame or fortune.

So is socializing more important than studying? Everyone has heard that it's "not what you know, but who know" or that 7 out of every 10 jobs are landed through networking. But don't get too excited. Recent studies show that college graduates, on average, earn almost double what those with only a high school diploma earn, so it's still

smart to get that degree.

Unfortunately, too many college students think that once they graduate they're set. You wrote that senior thesis, graduated with honors, and got a 3.8 GPA. What more could you need? Besides, all it takes is a good resume, right? Post it on CareerBuilder.com, Monster.com, apply to some jobs on Craigslist, and you'll be making \$75K+ a year in no time. Unfortunately, it's not that simple. Because both halves of the saying are true: landing a good job after college is as much about whom you know as what you know. Networking is the key, and that means more than just putting your resume out there or making a couple phone calls and waiting around for the job offers to pour in.

Lucky for you that college is one of the best places to network. The Alumni Relations and Student Services Offices can get you started, as many colleges and universities already have partnerships in place with local business and corporations looking to hire the best and brightest. Everyone you meet in your four years of college is a potential business contact, which is why campus involvement is so important. Internships, volunteering, student groups, on-campus jobs, and membership in fraternities/so-

rorities not only show potential employers that you're motivated and capable of successfully juggling various responsibilities (academic and extracurricular), but also offer you a wealth of opportunities for networking.

Fraternities and sororities in particular offer a good place to toss around some ideas and help you get started with a business venture. As Nichole Tores from Entrepreneur Magazine writes,

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ZACH KAUFMANN
Young Money Magazine

it's like "having a pre-made focus group that can judge your ideas... a good entrepreneurial petri dish."

According to a 2003 report by Forbes Magazine, about 25% of all CEOs of Forbes Fortune 500 companies were part of a college fraternity, including William B. Harrison, Jr., formerly of JP Morgan Chase, A.G. Lafley, formerly of Proctor & Gamble and author of The Game Changer,

and Robert Nardelli of Chrysler. Forbes quoted former Wachovia CEO, G. Kennedy Thompson, who was a member of Beta Theta Pi while an undergrad at the University of North Carolina, as saying that his involvement in a fraternity offered him "the opportunity to meet people from different backgrounds and places, (making) connections that have continued beyond my university years to my business life." Back in 2003, Beta Theta Pi led other fraternities in current Forbes Fortune 500 CEOs, a distinction they still hold in 2008.

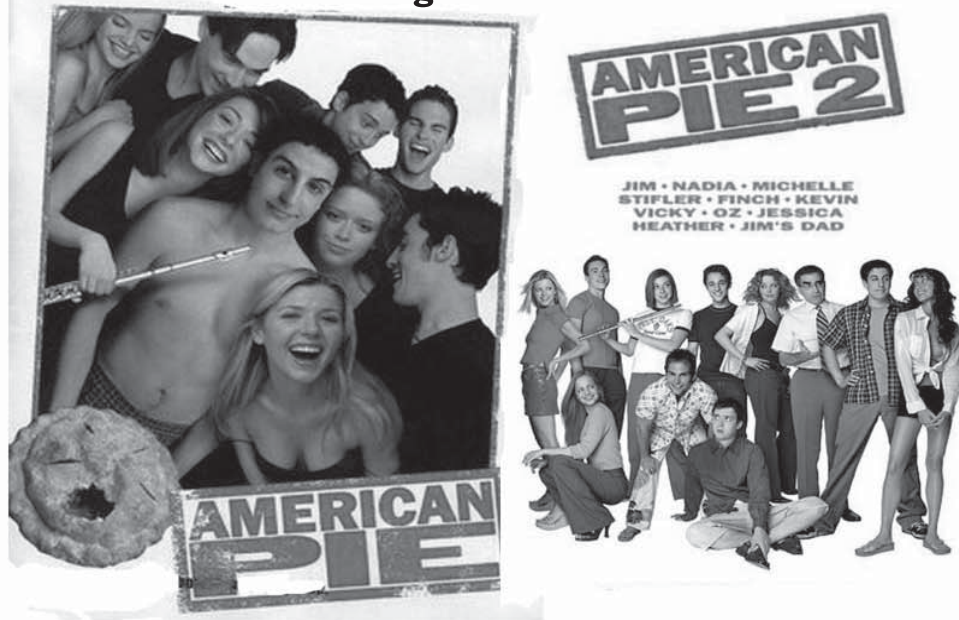
Beta Theta Pi, as well as other business fraternities like Delta Sigma Pi, Pi Sigma Epsilon, and Alpha Kappa Psi frequently hold national business conferences where you can meet other fraternity members and prominent alumni. These events can be particularly important to students who attend colleges without a business school or a major that fits their particular business interests. Since they were founded, the three fraternities have initiated more than 700,000 members, with Alpha Kappa Psi (the largest) operating out of more than 300 chapters. That's a lot of potential business contacts in a lot of places. These fraternities also give out substantial scholarships and grants that could be used to build your fledgling company

(or at least pay your tuition and college expenses). Delta Sigma Pi, for example, awards more than \$40,000 a year through its Leadership Foundation, with awards ranging from \$500 to more than \$5,000. Such awards can supplement financial aid and university scholarships; they also look really good on a resume.

When you do start considering your job options or promoting your business venture, keep in mind the following tips: clearly define your goals and strategies (know what you're looking for); know your network and keep in touch with those who could prove most helpful to you; ask about additional people who could help you move forward; think about the questions that other people may ask about your personal or professional life and have your answers ready. Most importantly, remember that your professional networking is different from your social networking. Meeting someone for a business meeting is not the same as talking to someone on Facebook or MySpace. As Priscilla March for Boston.com writes, "Every professional networking contact, electronic or face-to-face, needs to be carefully crafted, planned, or practiced. One misspelled word, one uncapitalized pronoun, one lapse of over-familiarity or unprofessionalism, and your best chance of making a positive impression may have been wasted." Keep these tips in mind, and you'll be off to a great start.

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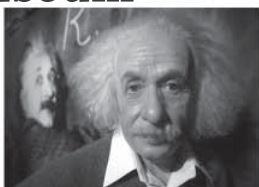
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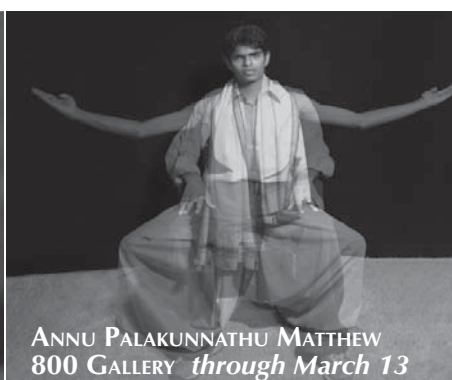
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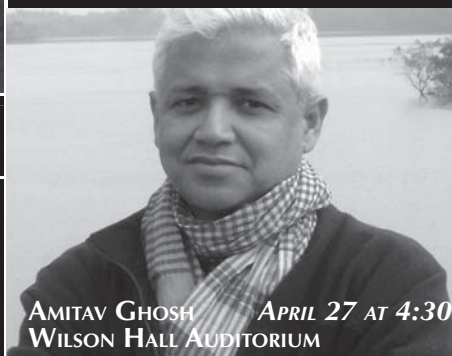
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Meal at Noon: Help serve lunch on Saturdays for adults and children in need. Location: Second Baptist Church, 93 Liberty Street in Long Branch. For more information, please contact Byron Griffin at byrona488@aol.com.

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

Questions? E-mail volunteer@monmouth.edu or stop by the Office of Service Learning and Community Programs, Room 301c in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center.

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Sins of Omission

FRANK GOGOL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A couple weeks back, a few of The Outlook's members were interviewed for a story on the future of print media that was to appear in the Asbury Park Press. That story was recently completed and appeared in this past Sunday's newspaper.

Of the three members of The Outlook interviewed, only one, myself, was actually featured in the article. In the newspaper business, space equals money and sometimes content must be cut.

But what if certain content was cut for a reason? Before I proceed, I'd like to make three things clear: this is not an accusation, this is, in part, a defense of character, and this is a lesson on print media ethics.

The article, entitled Reading in the Digital Age, is an examination of the current ways in which we get our news and communicate such as the internet, text messages, etc.

The portion in which I am interviewed is at the beginning of the article and says that I send 100 text messages daily, log onto Facebook when I first wake up,

and that the last book I read was an e-text. All of these things are true, to an extent.

In the interview, I did say that I sent an average of 100 text messages daily ... over winter break, when many of my friends were not around for me to talk to in person. When I wake up in the morning, yes, I do go on Facebook first because it is my home page. I also noted that I go onto Yahoo! and several other sites.

"The first and foremost job of a journalist, especially one writing for the news section, is to present the news truthfully, faithfully and without bias."

And it is true that at the time of the interview the last book that I had read was an e-book, but in the interview I also said that the previous thirteen or so books, all of which were read over the winter break, were all made of paper and ink.

To read these words being

presented as my own, as a journalist and a lover of literature, was disturbing. The exclusion of these details may have happened. Either the reporter did not feel that the information was relevant to the article, or he did not feel that it was helpful to the direction that he wanted the article to go. In other words, letting the chips fall where they may.

The first and foremost job of a journalist, especially one writing for the news section, is to present the news truthfully, fairly, and without bias.

By excluding information from an article, for whatever reason, the journalist then assumes control of direction of the article. In some cases, this is a conscious decision on the part of the journalist in their effort to fulfill an agenda. That is not the point of a news article. Opinions belong in the opinion section, and even if a piece is an opinion article, that still does not give the author license to misrepresent sources.

As a student-journalist, I learned an important lesson from this whole situation about the importance of integrity. An article is not an article unless it is shown from all sides.

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Do We Rule Technology or Does it Rule Us?

LESLIE WEINBERG
CLUB & GREEK EDITOR

Recently I have had an epiphany and realized I have a problem. But I look around the Monmouth campus and realize I am not alone. We all have a terrible addiction to technology. We have reached the age where we need a machine between us to communicate. Instead of having a five minute phone call we send out 45 text messages. We call people who are in the same building as us and email or instant message the person sitting next to us. Our email and Facebook accounts are checked multiple times a day and wait by our phones to see if we have a new text or voicemail. ATMs are seen more than bank tellers. Conference calls are in and face to face meetings are out. Our Ipods are always plugged in or within arm's reach. We meet on Facebook or Myspace now instead of just going up to people and saying hello.

It all started when I had to take my computer to get cleaned out at Circuit City. I figured I would be fine without it for three days. But three days turned to two weeks and I soon began to realize how dependent I was on that stupid machine. Without my computer I could not do my homework or do research for my articles (most of classes rely on Ecampus and no one hand-writes anything anymore). Often, when I could not sleep at night I would turn to my computer for on-line shows, games, or the biggest time waster of them all-Facebook. Without a computer, you should be starring very intensely at a blank piece of paper right now and just think of the looks you would get.

TV has become the 4th roommate of my house but somehow it got away without paying for anything and costing us more.

It serves as an excellent dining companion and keeps us company when we are lonely. It even provides us with bedtime stories and always fills those uncomfortable silences in our home.

My cell phone and I have a love/hate relationship. The majority of the time I leave it all by itself for long periods of time (either to roast or freeze in my car or alone at home) or never charge it leaving it to die a lot. However, the rest of the world can't live without this gift from the gods and must have it on them at all times. They need it while they are driving, in class, on the way to class, at work or an internship, at the gym, while driving, at the checkout counter at the grocery store, at a restaurant, and while they are sleeping. Nowadays cell phones are not just gateways to the communication world but serve as calendars, alarm clocks, cameras, video cameras, voice recorders, GPS system, game system, with new programs coming out daily.

Last November my friends and I took a road trip to Boston. We had Mapquest directions printed out and sent to my friend's BlackBerry. These "flawless" direction still got us lost because it took us on one bridge to NY and then another right back into Jersey (it seemed odd when we were doing it). We had a GPS in the car but it was never properly set up and said we were in East Orange the entire trip. So between a faulty GPS, two Blackberries, and a phone with internet access, we still weren't able to access a map and had to stop to ask for directions.

Instead of picking up a newspaper or feeling the weight of a good book in our laps, we turn to technology. We strain our eyes by trying to read entire novels on our iPhones or stare at the computer

screen for too long. Newspapers and magazines sit on the shelves and collect dust, while blogs and websites get hundreds of hits a day.

Now that these machines have made their way into our daily routines, is it possible for us to break free? Can we go on a walk outside and stop to smell the roses without an iPod or cell phone? Can we accept the uncomfortable silences of our lives and enjoy our meals at a table without adding our own soundtrack?

When writing an article (like this one) or a paper, normally the biggest problems are writers block or too many distractions. Well I knew exactly what to say but had no way to get it to my computer. I recently broke the mousepad on my laptop a few weeks ago and switched the keys (the right key sometimes would act like the left one). For awhile I was using a wireless mouse and the batteries decided to start dying last night. It would work for less than a minute and then start being disobedient. For 25 minutes I tried switching back between these two systems to try and save my paper to my flash drive and finish it up on my roommate's computer. After failing miserably, I went to my boyfriend's house to borrow his mouse which was not compatible in the end for my computer. I had to break out the toolkit and go on a hunt throughout my house to find something that used triple a batteries. I finally was able to finish the paper and this article on my roommate's computer. I went to go back and edit this article but the file got corrupted and was deleted off my flash drive. After falling in this mousetrap for over two hours and having to retype this entire article, I can confidently say technology rules me-unfortunately not vice-versa.

SPCA Helps Animals Find Great Homes

HEATHER BERGER
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There are many potential pet owners in the United States and all of them should be looking for a cat, dog, or any other pet at an animal shelter, such as the SPCA, because all animals should have the right to live in a good home.

The SPCAs are non-profit organizations and the employees and volunteers work to take care of abandoned and stray animals and help them to get adopted. Henry Burgh founded the ASPCA, which is similar to the SPCA, on April 10, 1866 in New York City.

The ASPCA is the animal welfare organization for the whole United States of America, and the SPCA is the welfare organization for specific counties in each state.

Although one of the early goals was to improve the health and welfare of animals, today the SPCA has many goals, such as helping the animals get adopted, taking good care of them, and visiting the local schools to raise awareness.

According to the Monmouth County SPCA, "The Monmouth County SPCA not only finds homes for stray dogs and cats, but also those family pets that can no longer be cared for by their owners. All of the animals placed for adoption receive the same excellent care."

At the Monmouth County SPCA, there are many employees, as well as numerous volunteers, who all help to keep the animals happy. Ali O'Neill, 20, student at Monmouth University, said, "One time I was walking

a dog and one of the employees came running after me. There was a family who was looking to adopt the dog I was walking and it put a smile on my face."

There are many dogs available at the SPCA to adopt; accordingly, many of them are in the terrier family. There are also other animals up for adoption such as cats, hamsters, birds, guinea pigs and rabbits.

The animals at the SPCA are very healthy because there is a vet who works on the premises. Any health problems that the employees or volunteers notice when they are with the animals, such as kennel cough or worms in the feces are noted, and the vet treats the problem as soon as possible.

Also, there is a history folder for each animal for the interested family to view if they would like to adopt a certain animal. The records go through everything that occurred in the particular animals' life that is known.

It is crucial that these animals find good homes and do not stay at the SPCA because they deserve better lives than that. Every animal that was abused or found as a stray needs to find people who care for them and love them.

Other than buying a pet from a breeder or buying it from a pet store, every person should consider looking at the animals at the SPCA first. There are very friendly animals that are desperate for a good home.

The feeling that comes out of adopting an animal is unforgettable; adopting a pet is the best feeling in the world because it makes one feel as if they saved a life.

Diets Don't Work, Motivation Does

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From the ultra-skinny super models to the creation of the food-tax to try and stop obesity, it seems that as a society we're having a hard time maintaining a steady, healthy weight, but is it safe to think that dieting is the only answer?

Weight-loss is a significant problem in our developing world and as a country we are failing miserably in keeping ourselves healthy, but dieting is not the answer.

There are millions of different dieting services, pills and programs that make losing weight seem simple and almost unre-

alistic. As America becomes lazier, the companies sending portion controlled food right to your door are being welcomed into the homes of millions, with hopes of an everlasting lifestyle change with no real effort needed.

"Dieting doesn't work, Weight Watchers does" is one of the many slogans used to make people think 'this time it will be different', but having someone record your weight fluctuations each week and encouragingly comment on your progress can only keep you motivated for so long.

Mary Cattano, 37, a mother of three, said "I was on weight watchers for 2 years and

couldn't stick to it for more than 20 pounds, after reaching that point I always found myself losing the motivation and gaining back the weight."

Paying money for people to tell you that you should lose weight seems nothing but foolish to me, if you didn't already know you needed to lose weight why would you be paying them in the first place?

The question lies in why people who believe to be overweight think that other people they don't know can encourage them to do something they already know they need to do. In the cases where people lose enormous amounts of weight while following a diet program,

I find it hard to believe that they couldn't have done it on their own.

With our declining economy, fast food is the most readily available and most affordable which is causing many problems in the area where dieting is concerned.

Setting realistic goals and using every day activities as incentive could possibly start a new type of dieting; where the objective is to be healthy, not just lose weight.

Making the objective 'to eat healthy', instead of 'to lose 5 pounds' is much more realistic and a much more reachable goal, trying to maintain a healthy lifestyle is a much better way to get

back into those size 8 jeans.

A common misconception of dieting is the fact that even though you change your eating habits or you count your calorie intake, you still need to be active and try to exercise regularly. Simply eating healthy will give you results, but if you're trying to meet a dead line getting physical is a mandatory part of the process.

Whether it's a wedding where you're the maid-of-honor or you need to fit into your bikini for spring break in Cancun, instances like these often provoke the motivation to lose weight, so why not use smaller everyday occurrences as motivation as well?

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Students Intern for Washington Center

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Washington DC is the seat of power for the most powerful country on Earth. Moving to the District to live for a semester and work in such a beautiful and culture filled city was a privilege I did not even consider possible a year ago. None the less, here I am writing an article about the experience for the Monmouth review. Through the Washington Center program, I had unique opportunities seldom available to, or availed of, by many of my peers. I had the opportunity to successfully completed an internship with the cutting edge pôle d'excellence that is the Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies. I also had the chance to lobby my congressman on behalf of Americans for Israel and Palestine, in an attempt to gain legislative support for ending West Bank settlement. I witnessed the excitement of a presidential election firsthand, living just outside of Washington in a swing state, Virginia. Finally, I had the opportunity to meet terrific people, explore a melting pot of cultures and peoples, and even party a bit along the way.

My internship was with the Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies. The NESA

of government policy think tank and mass-diplomacy outreach organization. Its stated mission is to enhance security in the Near East and South Asia by building sustained, mutually beneficial relationships; fostering regional cooperation on security issues; and promoting effective communications and strategic capacity through free and candid interaction in an academic environment. The NESA Center's region of concentration is vast, stretching from the western end of North Africa to the Himalayas and encompassing parts of EUCOM, CENTCOM, and AFRICOM. Participating countries include Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Egypt, India, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Maldives, Mauritania, Morocco, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen. Through my internship I had the opportunity to research these countries in depth, concentrating research on those states that are part of the Levant region. Additionally, I had the unique pleasure of helping and interacting with a total of over 100 participants over the course of our three seminars: The Embassy Orientation, for new em-

government leaders such as foreign ministry personnel, foreign police, and ambassadors, during which the participants and myself learned how to think more strategically about a variety of issues in the NESA region; and finally, our Combating Terrorism seminar, which takes a in depth look at the necessities, requirements, and tactics used to combat terrorism globally. The Embassy Orientation was only a week long. However, the Combating Terrorism Seminar and the Executive Seminar were three and four weeks long, respectively.

I embarked on my journey to Washington DC with a number of goals, both personal and professional. Through my NESA Center internship I had the opportunity to accomplish those goals, and earn 15 credits while doing it. Those goals were to develop myself and my working ability, to learn more about both my region of interest (the NESA region), and about myself as a productive worker. My goals also included learning about the city, meeting people there, and finding my way around for future job and living opportunities. I had the good fortune of accomplishing all but one of my goals; I have not yet found a job in the District. This is in part due to the ever changing job market, and the fact that I will not be eligible to work until after graduation in May. Despite this, I succeeded in successfully networking with both with our participants, with NESA Staff and Faculty, and with the head of the NATO training institute. Through these relationships, I have many job possibilities which may be exploited post-graduation.

Perhaps the most exciting and gratifying part of my time in the District was spent working with Andrea Barron, my Washington Center program advisor, on my civic engagement project. Washington Center students have the opportunity to participate in a number of center-sponsored civic engagement projects as part of their program requirements, or to go it alone and do something entirely unique. I chose to work with the Israeli-Palestinian peace project. The task? Lobby Senators and Congressmen on behalf of Americans for Israel and Palestine, to support congressional resolutions aimed at ending the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and, more specifically, Israeli West Bank settlement expansion. To this end, I led a group of five people dedicated to researching and preparing each other and our colleagues for the national security argument which was presented by our various intern lobbying teams to their respective Federal representatives. This argument is extremely relevant in this 21st century era of anti-Americanism and Al Qaeda

propaganda-led recruitment. The argument was compelling, and the research more than interesting. My internship with NESA prepared me to research and develop the U.S. national security argument for ending the Israel-Palestinian conflict. NESA and National Defense University seminars aimed at exactly this topic, as well as a State Department-Israel delegation hosted by

and be assaulted with celebratory cheers and laughter at 12:30 in the morning.

Overall, the Washington Center program was a blessing and a pleasure for me last semester. The opportunities gained, the friends made, and the networked contacts made have been well worth the long work weeks and hard work. I genuinely enjoyed myself, and I feel I have bettered myself as a



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Brian Cotter and Omar Sedky with Nicholas Himebaugh, all of whom spent last semester in Washington, D.C.

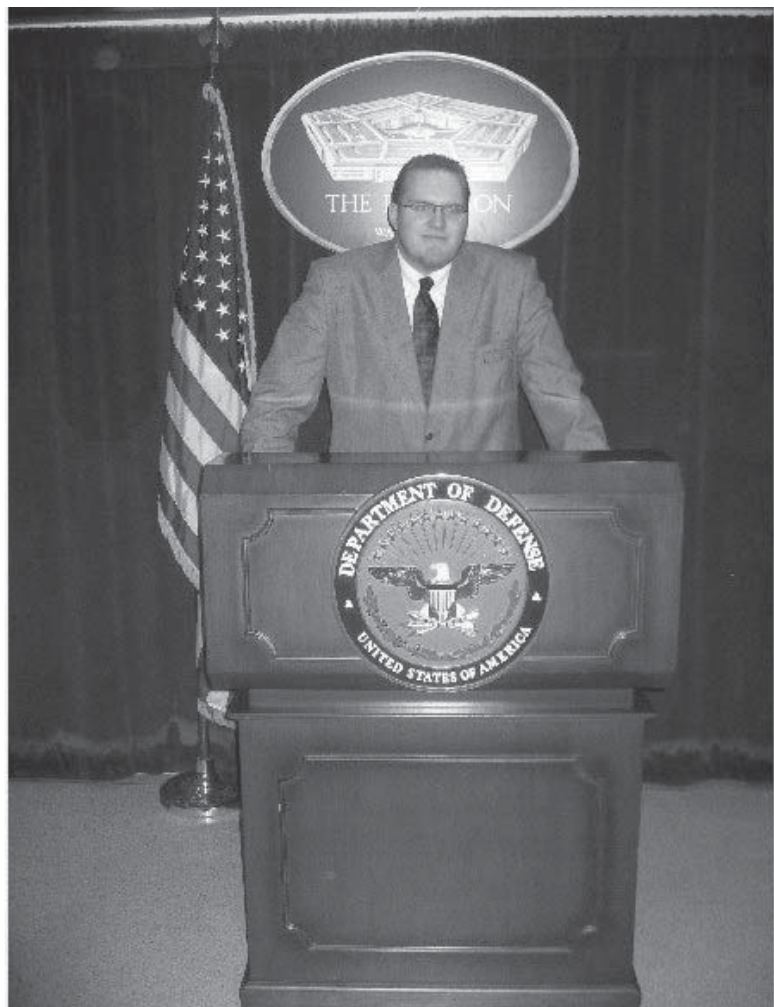


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Nicholas Himebaugh, a MU student, spent a semester interning at the Washington Center in Washington, D.C.

Center is one of several regional centers established by the Department of Defense as a form

bassy workers in Washington; The Executive Seminar, for mid range officers LTC and above,

NESA, served to plant the seeds for further research, and gave me a firm direction for that research.

Among my other civic goals was helping the get out the vote (GOTV) efforts of the Obama campaign. This was voluntary, as students need only complete one civic engagement project during their time with the Washington Center. While I can hardly claim any credit out of the millions of volunteers, the state in which I live and worked (Virginia) did go for blue for Obama on election night. Having worked at the grassroots level for him in one capacity or another for the past two years, it was exhilarating to see the hard work, energy, belief, and effort pay off in concrete dividends. Cynicism for once did not win out. After the last election in which I participated, this was a major concern for me. When Virginia and then the election were called for Obama on the big night, the streets of Virginia went crazy with cheers and celebration. It was surreal to poke my head out the window

student, a professional, and a person. I have been given a greater, graduate level strategic understanding of the issues within my region of interest due to the excellent seminars presented at the NESA center. Additionally, through the NESA Center internship and the Washington Center I truly feel more prepared to enter the workforce, and confident that I will be capable of handling whatever tasks my future employers put before me. I hope that other Monmouth students will avail themselves of the opportunity presented by Monmouth's affiliation with the Washington Center. A semester of work experience in Washington D.C. Looks excellent on the resume, fulfills a graduation requirement, and gains you a full 15 credits for your time; 12 credits for the internship, and 3 for the 1 night a week class you take while there. If you have become interested in a semester internship in Washington D.C., I encourage you to contact Professor Patten in the Political Science department for more details and information.

For those interested in writing for the Political News page of The Outlook, please contact Bryan Tiscia, President of The Political Science Club to get started. You can contact him at s0656427@monmouth.edu.

All topics and viewpoints are welcome.

THIS WEEK OVERSEAS...

Study Abroad Reunion

*If you went around the world and back...
please join us where it all began....*

DANIELLE DECARLO
STUDY ABROAD EDITOR

There will be a reunion held for previous study abroad students on Saturday, May 2, 2009 in Anacon Hall.

All study abroad alumni from the past eight years are invited. These students have traveled abroad in England, Australia, Italy and Spain. The event will take place from 6pm until 10pm, and tickets are \$25.

This event will give students a chance to reunite with their fellow travelers and reflect on their journey together. It will also allow a chance to make new contacts with students that traveled to different countries, or during a different semester. It will also be a chance to network and see where other students have ended up after their study abroad experiences; where they ended up in the career world, if they traveled abroad since their experience with Monmouth, etc.

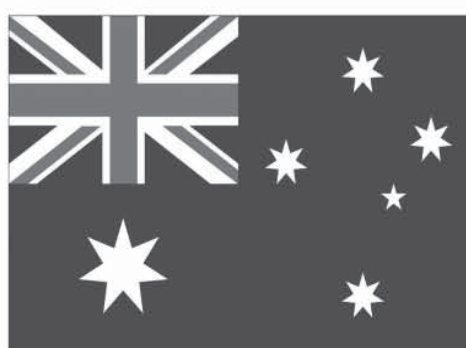
Monmouth University's student-run newspaper, The Outlook, has been bringing traveling experiences back to campus by publishing articles written by our overseas correspondents. Every semester a study abroad student sends a weekly update about the trips they have taken, what they have seen and new friends they have met. This weekly account brings the study abroad experience home to Monmouth students on campus for a taste of the opportunities they can enjoy.

For years, students have enjoyed this opportunity by traveling to London, England; Sydney, Australia; Florence, Italy and Cadiz, Spain. Monmouth students have earned credit towards their degree while exploring other countries and gaining a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Studying abroad also fulfills Monmouth's Experiential Education requirement.

Those that have traveled abroad have had the opportunity to explore new cultures, meet new friends from other places in the world (including American students from other states) and gain the opportunity of a lifetime during their college career.

If you are a Study Abroad Alumni, you can obtain more information on this event, by contacting Robyn Asaro, Study Abroad Advisor at rasaro@monmouth.edu, or call the Study Abroad office at 732-263-5377. You can also search for Robyn Asaro on Facebook.

If you are interested in studying abroad, Fall and Spring semesters offer trips to Sydney, Australia and London, England. The summer semester offers Spain and Italy. Again, you can contact Robyn Asaro for more information if you would like to spend a semester abroad.



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The Talent and Personality of Shari Lewis

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In a June 18th, 1982 Washington Post interview conducted by Joe Brown, Shari Lewis commented on the logical draw that show business held for her based upon her upbringing:

“It’s funny, when I did my first command performance, Princess Anne came up and asked me [...] how I got my start with puppets. And I said to her, my father’s a magician and we always had magic and puppets around the house. And the princess took one beat and she said, ‘Yes, one does tend to get involved in one’s family’s business.’”

To fully hone her natural proficiency at throwing her voice (a skill which manifested itself while still a young girl) 11-year old Shari began studying under the tutelage of groundbreaking African American ventriloquist John W. Cooper (1873-1966), an aged Brooklyn-born veteran of both the minstrels and the vaudeville stage. Mr. Cooper utilized

his interest in the science of ventriloquism, surely a happy escape from the loneliness thrust upon him as a result of losing both parents during his youth. The identity of his own instructor in these arts has sadly been lost to the regrettable forgetfulness of history, yet the skill he developed propelled him and his dummy Sam Jackson (the professed cousin of Bergen’s Charley McCarthy. Both dummies had been crafted by the hand of Theodore Mack) to the enthusiastic applause of audiences.

Unlike the Hurwitz family, Mr. Cooper’s own daughter Joan Maynard (1928-2006) failed to follow in her father’s footsteps to the stage, nor did she enjoy and the heritage of his ancient craft. She did, however, achieve a name for herself due to her tireless work in celebrating African-American culture, such as her role as the driving force behind the recognition and subsequent preservation of the historical Weeksville of Brooklyn.

With a daughter indifferent to

the mythology of ventriloquism, John W. Cooper’s legacy of artistry was threatened with extinction. Fortunately, his sessions with Sheri Lewis were able to rescue his vast stores of knowledge from oblivion. Seated upon a favorite park bench (that greatest of humanity’s inventions, that authentic seat of knowledge, meditation, and philosophical discussion), beneath the shade of New York’s sleepy forest Central Park, teacher and pupil discussed the very secrets of the universe, the torch of American folk art was passed.

From pulling a rabbit out of a hat at the age of four during one of Dr. Hurwitz’s magic shows (certainly the rite of passage for any respectable magician), to immersing herself in the broad cosmos of art and performance (gaining the grace of a ballerina from her studies at the American School of Ballet, the lore of acting from the Neighborhood Playhouse School of the Theater, and the love of life and education from her parents), Shari flowered as a performer.

In 1952, Shari Lewis demonstrated her skill in ventriloquism on “Arthur Godfrey Talent Scout,” winning first prize (an event cited as her first appearance on television). Lewis continued to dabble in this still infant medium, hosting a number of short lived programs beginning with 1953’s Facts n’ Fun). In response to her evident talent, Ms. Lewis made a guest appearance on the October 20th, 1956 episode of Bob Keeshan’s popular Captain Kangaroo, a spot which introduced audiences to what would forever be her definitive character, the sock puppet Lamb Chop. History was made, and Lewis and Lamb Chop traversed the broadcasting landscape, with many memorable performances on venues such as The Ed Sullivan Show (that crown jewel of American television production). On September 24th, 1960, NBC canceled the long running and



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A young Sheri Lewis with the puppets Lamb Chop and Charlie Horse

influential Howdy Doody Show (created by host “Buffalo” Bob Smith), replacing it with a program to spotlight the new shining star in children’s entertainment, with the self titled Shari Lewis Show (to be one of many series upon which Ms. Lewis would host over the decades of her memorable career).

Remembering Shari Lewis’ talent after her passing in his article “Moving Lips,” long time collaborator and brother-in-law Lan O’ Kun wrote that:

Shari Lewis was probably as good a technical ventriloquist as it is possible to be. You could stand inches from her face as she spoke in various voices, and it was impossible to detect any movement of her lips at all.

Continuing the Hurwitz legacy in the absence of Ms. Lewis is her talented daughter Mallory Tarcher (who has adopted the Lewis name to reflect a proud family link with Shari’s career). Born in 1960, Tarcher was introduced to Lamb Chop at an early age, even utilizing one of the puppets as a teething ring during her infancy

(an approach adopted by Lewis in an attempt to avoid the same childhood jealousy that Candice Bergen latter admitted to experiencing over her father’s treasured Charlie McCarthy). Lamb Chop and the other puppets of Lewis’ troupe were a continual part of Tarcher’s life, drawing her behind the camera to work on her mother’s many programs, upholding the Hurwitz ideal of quality and educational children’s entertainment.

The death of Shari Lewis from pneumonia in 1998 passed the Lamb Chop mantel to Mallory, a role that she graciously honors—a memorial to the proud heritage from which she is descended. She is still composing her contribution to this rich history.

May the curtain never fall upon the theater stage, may the communication of art and beauty forever be carried on and perpetuated in such rich lineages as the Hurwitz family. The immortality of the stage, that is the greatest tribute to those shamanic beings, those performers.



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Lewis’ daughter, Maloory Lewis, with the puppet Lamb Chop.

A Vision: Greeks and Athletes to Come Together for a Common Cause

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When Men’s Basketball Coach Dave Calloway was a student at Monmouth University back in 1991, the athletes and the Greeks had a tight community with each other. According to Calloway, they were some of the only students who stayed at Monmouth on the weekends, so they would always spend time together. As the years went on, however, this close-knit community began to split. Now, as an employee of his alma mater, Coach Calloway decided it was time to break the divide.

One thing that both communities have in common today is that both groups do a lot of service and charity work. Each team and each Greek organization generally has its own project or philanthropy. Over the past few years, the fraternities and sororities of Monmouth have come together for Up ‘Till Dawn, a letter writing campaign that raises money for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. The first Up ‘Till Dawn was so successful that it was adopted as a philanthropy for the entire Greek community, and continues to be a success every year.

On the other hand, Monmouth University Athletics, does not have a project that they work on as a community. Coach Calloway was very inspired by Up ‘Till Dawn that he wanted to do something to help make it bigger, and hopefully bring the athletes and the Greeks back together again. He met with Greek Senate President Beckie Turner, and the two discussed what steps could be taken to bring this vision to life. They determined that the Men’s Basketball Team would promote Up ‘Till Dawn at their home game on December 8th, in which many Greeks from all different organizations attended to show support for the team.

“Teaming up with the men’s basketball team is highly beneficial to our community,” said Turner. “It is only the beginning of our attempts at starting a new relationship with all of athletics.”

Coach Calloway feels that having both sides showing support for each other was just the start needed in order to achieve the goal he has set out to do. While Up ‘Till Dawn has always been a success among the Greeks, Calloway believes that it can be bigger and better.

“We’d like to be more in-

involved,” said Calloway.

He added that with the new Multipurpose Activity Center opening up next year, a new culture will emerge on Monmouth’s campus, allowing for a perfect opportunity to bring the whole community together.

Coach Calloway hopes that next year, the athletic teams can actually take part in the Up ‘Till Dawn letter writing campaign. He would have liked to do it this year, but when he met with Turner, the Greeks had already done their letter writing.

This Saturday, February 28, 2009, both the men’s and women’s basketball teams will be playing their final home games in Boylan Gymnasium. The men play at noon, and the women play at 3:30pm. Delta Phi Epsilon, one of Monmouth’s sororities, will be sponsoring the games to raise awareness for their philanthropy, cystic fibrosis.

All Greeks have been encouraged to go show support for our teams, thereby maintaining the connection that Calloway and Turner established.

Turner said, “Having the athletes and the Greek community work together generates school spirit and opens up a number of doors for the future.”



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Capoeira Group Performs

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porated within the presentation, including the berimbau, atabaque, pandeiro and agogo. The unique styles had several different beats and patterns.

Sanders said that the dances have significant meanings behind them. Capoeira dances occurred when the slaves were freed physically from their owners, but they can also be interpreted as freeing one's self emotionally.

"I was hoping to teach them [the audience] how to be more free in themselves, and to open up more," Sanders said.

Sanders also advised to the audience, "Don't be ashamed of who you are and how you get to know people." He also said to live life to the fullest and to "not look around for a finish line."

He encouraged students to "find that type of person that you are."

The group also interacted with the audience often throughout their demonstration, and invited all members to learn the basic steps of the

Sophomore Heather Berger said, "I thought it was really nice that it was interactive."

For junior Rob Donato, he chose to come to the performance because of his own curiosity.

"I am interested in different cultures," Donato stated.

At the end of the night, Capoeira Sol Nascente offered business cards for their academy to the audience, which also offered two free classes.

Capoeira Sol Nascente is the first Capoeira academy of the Jersey shore. There was also a Capoeira club which met on the university campus in the past. It holds the martial arts and dance combination classes, seminars, lectures, projects and

events for all ages. The address is on 1030 Pearl Street in Long Branch, New Jersey.

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The local capoeira group from Long Branch used several different instruments during their performances on Wednesday.

Capoeira dances. For those who were slower to catch on, members of Capoeira Sol Nascente stepped in to help them.

Many students were pleased that they attended the presentation.

Student Fashoion Show

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about emphasizing the talent of local designers and included: Damaged Goods, Boobies and Co, Radcakes, K.I Designs, Kill Brand, NCTRNL Cloth, Heroine Clothing, Funk and Standard and Liar Liar Jeans.

Radcakes is a grassroots company with a mission, combining the ocean, art and pop culture, and a portion of each purchase goes back to environmental organizations. "Radcakes focuses on art and designs, and this fashion show was a great venue to show that," said Radcakes' employee, Lauren Dalrymple. "We are always eager to be a part of something as creative as this, and welcome the local exposure and support. We we're glad we could be a part of a successful event."

Over 200 fashionistas came out to support their fellow students take over the catwalk. Model selection was not as grueling as America's Next Top Model but it was still a lengthy process. Tryouts are held to find the perfect 40 MU models and several rehearsals were held to guarantee a stellar show. Models must be fitted with each of the 9 designer's pieces. After all that is completed, then music had to be selected to go with each group of clothing.

One MU alumni, returned to the show this year as a designer rather than a producer or crew member. Rick Meeker is the designer for Damaged Goods clothing company. As the producer of last year's show and being inspired by the all talented artist, he knew he would return this year with his own work. Rick Meeker explains how exciting it is to be an emerging artist, "I actually think I felt more nervous coming to the show as a designer than I did when I helped with the production. I always knew I had

a 'knack' for clothing and I have always considered myself as an artist. I designed my first pair when I was in middle school and just sewed a bunch of patches on to a pair of jeans. College was really when I thought of different ideas and started to do some minor adjustments to some pants like distress them a little, use some bleach, and stitch a little. During summer '08, I really developed a passion for designing jeans and it really brought out my artistic side. After creating a few awesome designs, I approached Jackie Paskin and talked to her a little about the show and she told me to prepare 10 pairs to be in the show. When I was hanging out in Wilson Hall watching the crew set up, I started thinking that "my designs are going to be in this show!" It started to overwhelm me and I really hoped that everything was going to go well. When the show started, I waited in the back stage area and watched the models walk on a monitor back there. Let me tell you, it was really rewarding to see my artwork on the runway"

The event was completed with a gift raffle. Over 40 businesses throughout Ocean and Monmouth Counties donated prizes. They

ranged from a flat screen TV to a dinner for two at Outback Steakhouse to an Ipod.

The show's producer, Lauren Costello said, "The event provides students with a fun experience that most probably

would not get to do while in college. It's not every day that most people get to walk on a runway, produce or shoot a fashion show. So as long as everyone had fun and we raised a lot of money for a great cause, it's a success to me."

"Shore Looks Good" just goes to show when you take a little of creativity, talent, and hard work and it goes a long way.



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Amanda Klaus, one of the show's models, on the runway.

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CLAUDIO SANCHEZ OF COHEED AND CAMBRIA SHARES AT NEW YORK COMIC-CON

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February 8th at this year's New York Comic-Con I had the pleasure of speaking with a man whose musical genre has shaped my own interests. Claudio Sanchez is the lead singer of Coheed and Cambria as well as the mastermind behind the story the band tells. Sanchez gave me insight into his career as a musician and also as a writer of a comic with an excessively complicated story arc.

After I asked Sanchez what his primary focus is, he responded with, "Right now we are actually working on another record, it is part of the overall saga of Coheed and Cambria which is entitled 'The Amory Wars', it is the origin story of the two characters. I am also working on the adaptation for the 'In Keeping Secrets:3' record. 'KillAudio' is my other project, which is a designer vinyl toy and a comic book." Sanchez explained that "KillAudio" is a Seinfeld-like parody of himself and his friends from home where he places them in interesting scenarios and makes fun of them.

When I asked Claudio about his recent Neverender tour, where on each stop the band played an album a night for four days, he admitted to the experience being very sentimental. Sanchez said memories from writing the songs and being on tour "300 days out of the year" were brought back to him each time he played. Currently, the band is on tour with Slipknot, and while Sanchez

agrees it seems to be an odd pairing he believes the tour is working out and the energy from the audience is more energetic than

also really like playing at [this one venue] in Virginia 'cause there's a hot tub upstairs." Sanchez laughed at himself and ex-

even when he was not a member of Coheed and Cambria: "if they [songs] had anything to do with me they were embellished onto

band, Shabutie, but as soon as they officially adopted the name they hold today Sanchez decided that the story of "The Amory Wars" would be his main focus. Sanchez's new side project is The Prize Fighter Inferno, which retains some of the same imagery of Coheed and Cambria's lyrics and features a linking character in both works named Inferno. Sanchez explains while Coheed and Cambria retains more science fiction elements, The Prize Fighter Inferno is a horror story.

Finally I asked Sanchez what changes have brought about the progression in Coheed and Cambria's sound and I was delighted when he answered with, "The touring element." Sanchez further explained the transformation was made because he and his band mates learned so much from each other and spent so much time together on the road that they were able to organically change their sound. "So you bonded?" I asked. "Yes, and now we make angry music."

However angry Sanchez's music can get, he was shy and generous at Comic-Con where he denied no fans a picture or autograph and would answer their questions without hesitation. As a fan I was thrilled to see a person, whose music and lyrics have inspired me, be kind and so willing to please those who are interested in what he does. Claudio Sanchez has a lot of well-conceived projects stemming from "The Amory Wars" as well as his own experiences, and I am sure they will not disappoint.



Claudio Sanchez, the lead singer of Coheed and Cambria, spoke on a panel at the 2009 New York Comic-Con.

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ever.

I then asked Sanchez which venue is his favorite to play and he said, "I really like playing New York, just because it's home and it's my favorite city. But I

plained, "I've never used the hot tub; it seems like a nice luxury to have."

Sanchez and I then began to speak about how his music has always been very concept heavy,

the point of fiction. Around the time I created Coheed I decided to create a an overall story arc within records." Coheed and Cambria was originally a side project to Sanchez's previous

2009 Academy Awards Recap

TAYLOR CORVINO
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One thing is for sure, if *Slumdog* wasn't already a millionaire, he sure will be after the 2009 Academy Awards. *Slumdog Millionaire* took home Best Motion Picture along with seven other Oscars as the biggest winner of the night.

People Magazine's Sexiest Man Alive, *X-Men's* Wolverine, and this year's Academy Awards host Hugh Jackman, kicked the ceremony off with a musical start acting out scenes from the biggest nominees of the evening.

In a strange turn of events, Jackman dragged actress Anne Hathaway up on stage to sing and dance alongside him. Surprisingly Hathaway can sing. Musicals seemed to be the theme of the night when Jackman proclaimed, "The musical is back!"

Among the performances of the night was a tribute to movie musicals. Jackman was accompanied by Beyonce Knowles, Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens from the *High School Musical* dynasty, as well as Dominic Cooper and Amanda Seyfried from this past summer's big

screen hit *Mamma Mia!*

What should have been obvious to everyone viewing at home was that Beyonce was lip-synching. If any one of the performers last night had the biggest chops to belt out a tune it would be the hip-hop diva herself.

So far there has been no comment from Beyonce's spokesperson on the lip-synching accusations, but her performance speaks louder than words, literally.

Amid the presenters of the night were Tina Fey, Steve Martin, Rob Pattinson, Reese Witherspoon, Natalie Portman, Ben Stiller, and Jennifer Aniston. The cameraman was ever so slick to cut to a smiling Angelina Jolie laughing at Aniston's skit with Jack Black on stage. Coincidence...I think not.

A new feature to the presenting of the Oscars was the five paneled screens of past Academy Award winners. Each acting great walked out and recited a few minutes of praise to each nominee in a given category.

What seemed as a nice idea in the beginning of the show became a nuisance when quintet number 768 hit the stage to

present yet another award.

Like clockwork each nominee was brought to tears as their predecessors commended their work.

Big winners of the evening were Sean Penn for Best Actor in a Leading Role, for the movie *Milk*. Kate Winslet for Best Actress in a Leading Role, in *The Reader*. The late Heath Ledger for Best Actor in a Supporting Role, in *The Dark Knight*, and lastly Penélope Cruz for Best Actress in a Supporting Role, in *Vicky Cristina Barcelona*.

Newcomer *Slumdog Millionaire* went home the biggest winner of them all taking home eight trophies. *Slumdog* took home Oscars for Best Picture, Best Director, Adapted Screenplay, Original Score, Cinematography, Film Editing, Sound Mixing.

Aside from the non-stop musical performances and lengthy presenters the 2009 Academy Awards was everything it always is.

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Put on those work boots; get those hardhats ready, because it’s now time to walk into the construction zone known as “The Ground Floor.”

Today, we are looking to strengthen the foundation on some real estate that has great markup potential in becoming powerhouses. In other words, we’re taking a look at bands who you may have not have heard of even though they are well on their way following sophomore releases.

We begin by taking a look at a quartet coming out of Illinois where the lead singer isn’t necessarily the spokesperson for the group. Sound familiar?

Well, if the merit of this article is worth anything, then it shouldn’t, because odds are you haven’t heard of a group known as Run Kid Run. Having released their latest album, *Love at the Core*, the boys didn’t even quite catch my attention until the M-Squared crew (check it out on Hawk TV) received their video for “One in a Million.”

However, it turns out that these kids have been around for quite a while, originally as the band Side Walk Slam on their current label to Tooth and Nail.

If anyone knows anything about the Tooth and Nail label, then you will realize that this classifies the genre the band falls into: Christian Rock.

They join the likes of previous T&N members such as Anberlin, P.O.D. and Mae and current bands such as MxPx, Underoath and Copeland.

However, before anyone writes the band off due to association,

friendships and they do so with ridiculously infectious hooks and melodies.

After giving their latest single, “One in a Million” a complete listen, you notice simple lyrics but you can’t help but feel good as you listen to the song. Even

their first major tour, headlining the Creation Festival Tour, playing primarily in churches.

The Creation Festival, taking place in the fall each year in Pennsylvania, is one of many Christian Rock shows done around the country. The band



Christian rock band Run Kid Run are gearing up to headline their first major tour, the Creation Festival Tour.

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more so during the music video as a guy tries to impress a girl so much he enlists the help of a marching band.

The band’s approach to music seems to hinge on the particular album they are working on. For their first effort, *This is Who We Are*, the band focused more on being able to identify one’s self and find out what they are all about.

Love at the Core explores just that, being the pop-punk requirement of investigating love in all the wrong places, in all the right places, and in all the other places.

The band in total, has released a multitude of singles, five sim-

will be rolling into The Scarlet Cord in Brookline, Pennsylvania on April 25 in their closest date to the Garden State.

If the prospect of inspiring lyrics and catchy music is appealing, give the band a listen at their website, RunKidRun.net.

Another band who recently put forth their sophomore effort is a quintet from Lima, Ohio known as Hit the Lights. A band who I first witness play at a little show in Middletown, NJ at the VFW, Hit the Lights has been a band who doesn’t play by the conventional standards.

Sure, their songs deal with the same problems as most bands, but this one is handled with more

edge. As they took the stage after Nightmare of You and right before The Spill Canvas, HTL sang one lyric that reverberated with me and made such a big fan of their music: “You show me yours, I’ll show you mine,” later followed by “show a little backbone.” This shows to me what Hit the Lights stood for in their music.

Taking their name from the Metallica song, the boys have made a name for themselves in the three years since they were at that VFW. Releasing a full-length known as *This is a Stick-Up, Don’t Make it a Murder*, the band came out

swinging with songs calling out their critics (“The Call Out”), getting into turf wars (“Body Bag”), and more than one way to “end” a relationship (the album’s secret track “Her Eyes Say Yes”).

They went on tour with numerous bands including New Found Glory, Paramore, Valencia, Cute is What We Aim For, and Motion City Soundtrack. Then they settled down to write their latest release, *Skip School. Start Fights*.

However, in that lag time, before attempting to embark in a trip to the UK, the band’s then-lead singer, Colin Ross decided to call it quits with the band, as his heart simply wasn’t in it anymore.

Ever understand, the band played one last show with Ross in their hometown before holding auditions for a new singer that would eventually lead them to looking within and choose guitarist and backing vocalist, Nick Thompson.

While a significant change in vocals styles happened with the release of *Skip School. Start Fights*, the band did not suffer too greatly, going back to their same “we don’t care what you think” attitude of music.

As a matter of fact, on this album, they took that attitude quite literally,

focusing on an album that essentially concentrates on good friends and good times. The lead single, “Stay Out,” is an anthem to college students everywhere just looking for an excuse to stay out all night and enjoy what life has to give them.

The second single for “Drop the Girl,” is sound advice to guys everywhere to be weary of those girls who are just in it for the thrill of drama.

There are also some standout tracks that feature guest vocals from Shane Henderson of Valencia (“Drop the Girl”) and Alex Gaskarth of All Time Low (“Don’t Wait”).

The rest of the album is a mix bag of out-all-night scenarios, groupie girls, and fun times that epitomizes how the band is in both performance and their antics off stage that I’ve had the pleasure to see first hand.

While the neon colors plastering the latest album cover can make it seem that HTL is just another cookie-cutter pop-punk band, the contrary can be said.

This band is more interested in playing dive bars and small shows, interacting with their fans and hearing their songs sung back to them than to care about critics, fashion, and money.

If you don’t believe me, check them out yourselves as they take part in the Alternative Press Tour this spring, rolling into The Fillmore at Irving Plaza on April 28 in New York City.

You can also ask them yourselves by taking part in their podcast interview series at AbsolutePunk.net, where they are taking questions from fans.

You can even tell them what song you want them to cover next, as they already have done some rousing renditions of Scandal’s “The Warrior,” and Whitney Houston’s “How Will I Know?”

In the meantime, its time to “hit the lights” on this edition of “The Ground Floor,” but be sure to flip the switch next week, because you’ll never know what’ll appear just to leave you floored.



The boys of Hit The Lights took their name from the Metallica song “Hit the lights” from their album *Metal Massacre*.

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their songs aren’t placing a strict focus on their religion, but follow the approach of fellow Christian rockers, Reliant K.

They discuss the regular run-of-the-mill topics of relationships, self-esteem, and

ply from the last album alone, so it’s quite a wonder why these guys haven’t received the attention they deserve yet.

However, they are looking to make sure their names are remembered as they head out on

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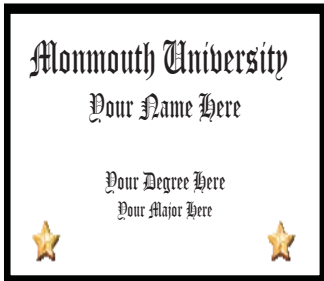
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What's the Most Interesting Thing you have Learned this Semester?

COMPILED BY: SARAH ALYSE JAMIESON



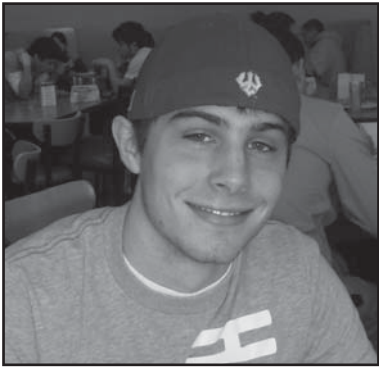
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freshman

"I play MU softball, so I've learned to manage my time."



Mike
senior

"How to do the Joker's fatality in Mortal Combat vs. D.C."



Ryan
sophomore

"The fact that 70% of first year drivers get in accidents."



Alyssa
freshman

"I learned about the Enlightenment period in my Western Civics class."



Briana
freshman

"I've learned to communicate with suite problems."



Garrett
sophomore

"Wayne Hills, NJ is the best place in the world."



David
senior

"I have a low tolerance for cold weather! It's too cold out here."



Kyla
freshman

"Don't stick with foreign language speakers."



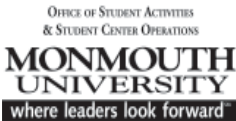
Sidney
freshman

"Make love not war."



Mike
junior

"Stay healthy at school."



GET INVOLVED IN CAMPUS ACTIVITIES!!

732-571-3586 • 2nd Floor, Rebecca Stafford Student Center • activities@monmouth.edu



Campus Events This Week

Mondays • Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7:30PM. (need to sign up) • Pray the rosary for the purity of America 8:30PM • Catholic Centre
Mass • Tuesday at 12PM • Thursdays at 12PM • Wilson Chapel
Mass • Wednesdays at 7PM • Sundays at 7PM • Catholic Center
Exhibit: Mark Ludak and Anne Leighton Massoni, "Digital Capture" • 1/26 - 3/13
Pennies for Peace • 2/13-3/31 • Win Prizes • Bring your Change to BH 101A

Wednesday, February 18

Multicultural Training: Break the Cycle, Be the Change • 9-10:30AM • Wilson Aud.
"Intervention" Show & Discussion • 2:30-3:20PM • 3rd Floor RSSC
Afro-Brazilian Capoeira Demonstration • 7PM • Anacon Hall
Why Believe Series? • 7:30PM • Catholic Center
Movie Night • 9:30PM • Underground
Miss Monmouth • 10PM • Pollak

Exercise presentations & introduction to weight lifting program • 9 -10 AM & 7-8 PM • Fitness Center

Thursday, February 19

From Slavery to the Prison System: Human Rights Violations in America • 1-2:15PM • Anacon A
Orientation Leader Applications Due • 4:30PM • Student Activities
Men's Basketball vs. Robert Morris • 7PM • Boylan
Activities Night • 7:30PM • Catholic Center

Friday, February 20

Journey through India: Ragamala Theater Visual Art & Dance Workshop • 7PM • Anacon
Open Mic Night • 7:30pm • Underground

Saturday, February 21

Soup Kitchen Service Day • 9:30-1PM • Meet at Catholic Center
Winterball • 7PM-12AM • Wilson Hall
Ragamala Music & Dance Theater • 8PM • Pollak • \$35.00

Sunday, February 22

Lacrosse vs. Fairfield • 1PM • Kessler

Monday, February 23

Women's Basketball vs. Robert Morris • 7PM, Boylan

Tuesday, February 24

Mardi Gras Party • 7:30PM • Catholic Center

Wednesday, February 25

Honors School Research Conference • 9AM-5PM • Magill 107-109
Ash Wednesday Service • 11:30PM-12:30PM • Withey Chapel • Wilson
Why Believe Series? • 7:30PM • Catholic Center
Comedian: Erik O'Shea • 9PM • Underground
Don't Forget the Lyrics • 10PM • Pollak

Do you want to be an Orientation Leader!?

Interested? Stop by the Office of Student Activities,
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to pick up an application!



Written Application
Deadline:
Feb. 19, @ 4:30 p.m.

Questions call 732-571-3586

S.A.B. Events!!

Madame Tussaud Wax Museum Trip on Feb. 28th! Tickets available at
the Office of Student Activities, 2nd Floor of the Student Center.
\$25 for students, \$30 for guest, faculty, or staff.

Feb. 18th Afro-Brazilian Capoeira Demonstration
7PM, Anacon Hall



Feb. 25th Comedian: Eric O'Shea
9PM, Underground

To have your campus-wide events included, send an e-mail to hkelly@monmouth.edu.

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Monmouth's SGA is looking for **your help** in
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We'll be conducting a 24-hour online election from
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Thursday, March 5
5-7:30 p.m.

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Miss Monmouth

Miss Monmouth continued from pg. 3

Stolarz said, “Judging the competition was fun because it was my first time and all the girls looked beautiful. I liked the one girl’s answer to the question about giving to charities and her response of giving to the leukemia charity in support of her brother who had it.”

The hosts of the pageant were Junior Gill Ratto from Delta Phi Epsilon and Junior Kevin Goodwin Jr. from Theta Xi. Senior Nick Colonna was the DJ for the night’s event.

In third place was Maggie McPartland from Delta Phi Epsilon, Nicole Pfeifer from the Dance Team in second place, and Lauren Acquaviva from Alpha Xi Delta coming in first place. All three girls received a bouquet of flowers and gift certificates donated from local businesses.

Theta Xi members John Kofka

and Rocco Pizzarelli were in charge of the event, but Kofka said, “Rocco and I were in charge of running the event but many of the brothers gave us a hand, we worked together to make the event run smoothly.”

The donations were received from Planet Beach tanning sa-

lants. Jersey Mike’s Subs also donated gift certificates.

Delta Phi Epsilon member, Katie Paccione, said, “Participating in Miss Monmouth was a lot of fun. It was a good way to get involved with Greek life and support Theta Xi.”

Paccione also said, “The questions caught me off guard but I tried my best to get a good laugh out of everyone. I thought it went really well and I had so much fun participating, even though I was so nervous the whole time!”

Miss Monmouth started at 10 p.m. and ended around midnight. Tickets were \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. Tickets were sold at the Student Center the day before, and the day of the event.

“The show was so much fun, I want to host another!” added Ratto.



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Theta Xi hosted Miss Monmouth, an annual event which raises money to benefit multiple sclerosis.

lon in Eatontown, who donated a month of tanning to the winner, and Oakhurst Flower Shoppe, donating the bouquets to the con-

COUNSELING STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

The CSA is sponsoring a Dharma Talk and Q&A with Zen Buddhist and author, Brad Warner, on Friday, March 27, 2009 @ 6:00 PM. It’s free to all MU students, faculty, and employees. It will be held in the Faculty Dining Lounge @ Magill Commons. A light dinner will be served. Join us for a lively and enlightening evening. Contact the CSA: csa@monmouth.edu with any questions. See you there! Ronni, Jay, Lauren, and Mary * CSA

MONMOUTH REDTAILS CLUB BASEBALL

Contact Nicholas Catucci or join the facebook group. Great chance to join the up and coming organization that can’t wait to hit the field when the warm weather rolls around.

DELTA PHI EPSILON

Come out and support Cystic Fibrosis and the Monmouth University Men and Women Basketball team on February 28th at 12pm and 3:30pm! We are all so excited to see our sisters Shana, Katie and Maggie in Theta Xi’s Miss Monmouth Wednesday night. Good Luck girls!!! Jewelz...I am sorry the squirrels kept you up last night - maybe we should start naming them? <3mAhalo :: NirvanaH and CouturE, Thank you for listening to me. BIG i AdORE you :: INDULgENCE, NirvanaH and CouturE thanks for being the sisters ever! And listening to me all the time. Love you gliMMer<3 :: I love you all! HEiRESS :: AdORE - your a sexy independant woman - don’t worry about boys!gliMMer - i’ll listen all day averyday and like it IN-DULgENCE - I’m not trying to make out with your secret lover ;)CouturE - you’re okay. I love all you girls <3 NirvanaH :: So much fun on Thursday ladies - VENICE p? I miss your face - secret your hot<3VEGAS :: Alpha Xi-92 days till we’re out. I love you all! Little, thanks for keeping me sane! DPhiE holdin’ it down at Miss Monmouth! Love you cieLo :: miss you big! even though i know you never read this <3 Lushious :: I love you all, CoCo (notthestripper;)

HERO

“Who is the Best Designated Driver?”

The HERO Campaign and the Office of Substance Awareness would like to thank all students who participated in the “Best Designated Driver Story” contest. We are proud to announce the winners; first place and winner of a \$100 Monmouth Mall gift certificate was Jessica Davis, second place and winner of a \$50 Monmouth Mall gift certificate was Anthony Carlo, and third place and winner of a \$25 Monmouth Mall gift certificate was Jessica Freeman. Honorable Mention goes to Dudley North who received a Monmouth University t-shirt for his story. The HERO Campaign promotes the use of sober designated drivers to keep drunken drivers off the roads. Please continue to be the sober designated driver for your friends and loved ones; you may never know what kind of story you will have to tell! Congratulations to the winners and thanks again to all who participated!

ALL LIFESTYLES INCLUDED

Our meetings are held every Tuesday at 4:30 P.M. in the Carol Affilito Conference Room on the third floor of the Student Center. Our big Spring event is coming up soon, our annual Drag Ball where we have students participate in activities like a dance-off and best dressed amateur drag costume. Also, we will have LIVE Professional drag-queens perform for us. The event will be held on March 18th in Anacon Hall on the second floor of the Student Center and it’s only five dollars. We will be selling tickets soon at the ticket booth and dining hall, so look out for us. Also we will be honoring Day of Silence on April 17th and we are co-sponsoring a showing of Milk on campus in the Underground as well.

ALL LIFESTYLES INCLUDED

The purpose of ALI is to create and promote awareness for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning community within Monmouth University.

This includes providing an open and safe atmosphere for students on campus, sharing ideas among one another, offering an opportunity for social contacts, supplying resources to the GLBTQ community regarding health, well-being, and support, and educating each other and members of the campus community in issues of importance to sexual minorities. These actions will be done in an effort to encourage tolerance, understanding and acceptance at Monmouth University so no one is made to feel the need to either hide or deny their sexuality.

Our goals are to further acceptance for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning students and to protect the existing rights of sexual minorities at Monmouth University. In addition, we intend to encourage positive role models in the community, provide a voice for our community, and sponsor a sense of pride for people of all lifestyles.

ALI shall endeavor to initiate and participate in programs to educate the community on political issues such as: the on-going fight for marriage equality; HIV Research; Hate Crimes Legislation; Adoption Rights; AIDS Education; and many other causes relative to the GLBTQ Community.

In addition to this, **ALI** provides a forum for the discussion of the vital importance of Queer History, a platform for GLTBQ artists/activists of the present, and an ongoing dialogue regarding a future with the promise of life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness, and equal (not special) rights and protection under the law.

Privacy is assured to anyone participating in ALI unless he or she expresses a desire to relinquish that confidentiality.

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

Horoscopes

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

♈ **Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19) - This week is a 9**
The signs are there, just keep your eyes open. As this week has been progressing you realize you need to take a step forward. Whatever move you make, it is most likely going to be the right one. You may be confronted with a bit of a disagreement but it can be solved with a compromise.

♉ **Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) - This week is an 8**
The wind seems to have stirred up your life this week but you stil believe you are right. Well, that may be so but others will refuse to calm down these days. Let them rile themselves up, it does nothing to you. This weekend have some fun. The world may be crazy but it is a fun crazy!

♊ **Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) - This week is a 7**
Everyone is talking about you and that is okay. Take heed of their words, they may be a factor later in the week for you. It's important to see the bigger picture. The weekend brings your skills as advice giver into question. Do not doubt yourself.

♋ **Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) - This week is a 10**
It's about time everything goes right for you. Make sure you slow things down though. Getting wrapped up in warp speed will cause some chaos. Take things down a level or else you may have to do things twice. This weekend you are in control and ready for some fun.

♌ **Leo • (July 23- Aug. 22) - This week is a 7**
Feel like you're missing something? You are. Things will make sense as the week comes to a close so fear not. Expect to have a re-alization or two about someone in your life. Things aren't always as they seem. Try to stay with what works this weekend. You've had enough surprises.

♍ **Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) - This week is a 6**
You can handle giving advice but make sure you look at the larger picture. Focusing on the details (which usually works for you) is not working right now. You can take a step back later. Be careful who you agree to help this weekend because you may soon need those resources for yourself.

♎ **Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - This week is a 6**
Approaching groups has never been your strong suit. This week-end it is imperative that you spend time on a more one on one basis. You can really shine if you focus your attention on one person before moving to the next. It also appears as though everyone sees something you do not. Focus and try to see what they see.

♏ **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 a 9**
You have earned some fun. Although this week started off stressful, things are going quite well now. Everyone wants to play too. Be careful, however, and keep an eye on your health. Don't wear yourself out! This weekend is intense so make sure you are prepared for anything.

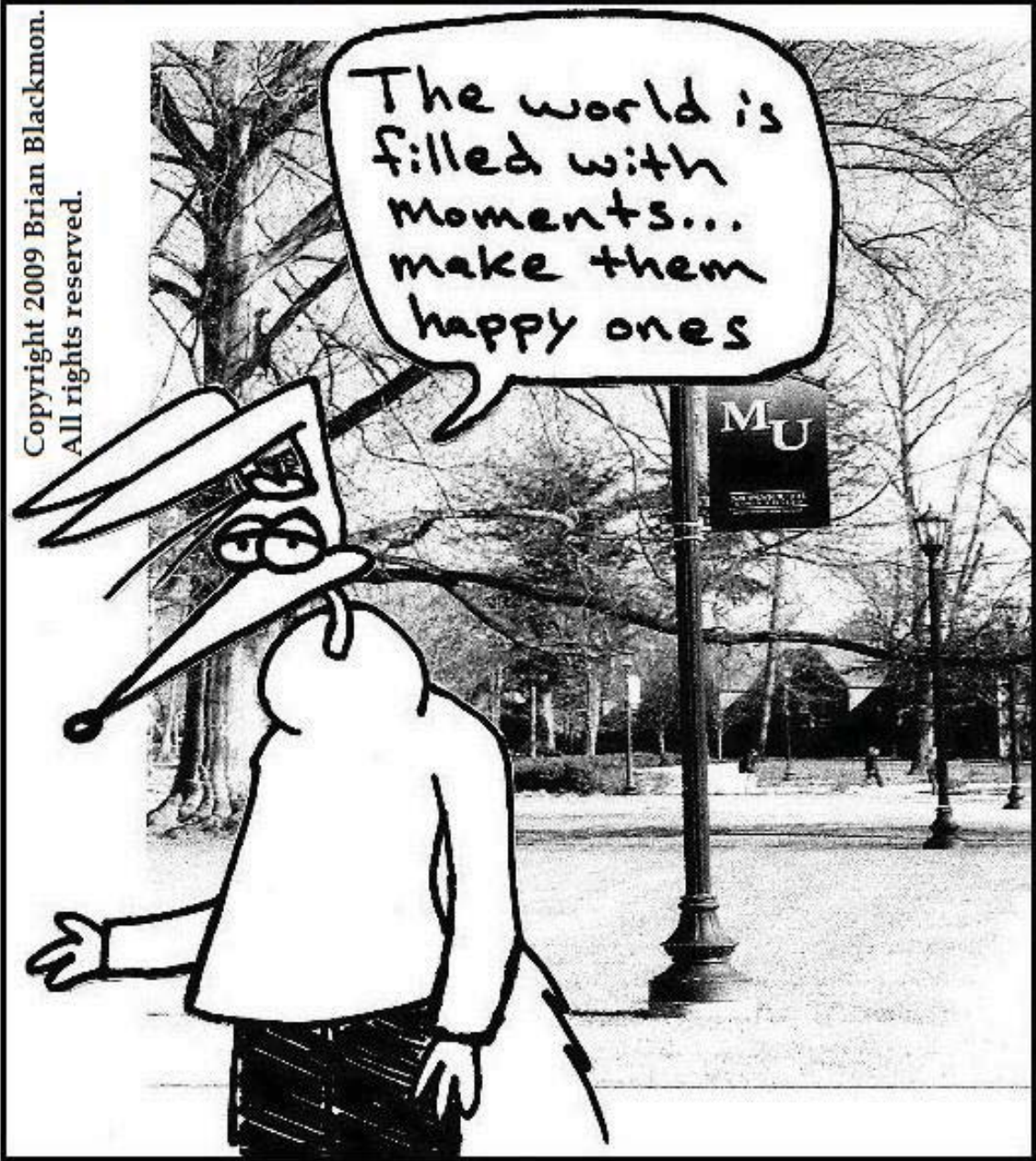
♑ **Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - This week is an 8**
It's not suprising that all you want right now is for things to make sense and stability to prevail. It's not impossible to find that but it will take work. This weekend, however, you are positive and can get things done. Distractions prove to be detrimental so stay focused.

♒ **Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) - This week is a 9**
Lost in thought this week? That's okay. You have been helping people at a great cost to yourself and that leads to good things for you this weekend. Intellectual conversations soar and the thoughts keep flowing. This weekend those thoughts start to drift back to the past. Do not dwell there but reminding yourself how you got to where you are is a good thing.

♓ **Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) This week is a 10**
Spend the latter part of this week thinking about who you want to be and what you want to create. Think seriously and honestly because this weekend is the time to put those ideas into motion. The stage is set to reveal a new character or plot line of your creation. Congrats and good luck!

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Basketball

Men Break Seven-Game Losing Streak Against League-Leading RMU

ERIC WALSH
SPORTS EDITOR

The men’s basketball team finally snapped their seven-game losing streak on Thursday night at home against Robert Morris, the best team in the Northeast Conference. Unfortunately the team followed that great performance up with a disappointing 22-point loss at Sacred Heart just two days later.

With his 21.5 points per game average over the week, freshman guard William Campbell earned his second Choice Hotels NEC Rookie of the Week honor. He joins fellow freshman running mate Travis Taylor, who has won the award three times this season, as two of only three players to be multiple winners.

Averaging just 4.2 points over the first 20 games of the year, Campbell has scored in double-digits in each of the last nine games. During that stretch, the Willingboro, New Jersey native has scored over 20 points on four occasions, and averaged 17.6 ppg and hit 26-62 (41.9%) from downtown.

Campbell is now the team’s third-leading scorer averaging 8.3 ppg, joining rookie teammates Travis Taylor (12.2 ppg) and Mike Myers Keitt (9.1 ppg) as the Hawks’ top point scorers. Campbell, who has earned two consecutive starts, is scoring 10.9 points in each NEC contest, and is hitting 44.8% from the field, including 42.2% from three-point range, in league games.

The Monmouth freshmen trio is contributing 29.6 of the Blue and White’s 61.7 points per game, which totals 47.9% of the team’s offense, playing in 35.3% of the team’s total minutes.

Campbell paced the Blue and White with a remarkable single-game performance against the Colonials in the 60-57 victory. The guard totaled 23 points, three rebounds and two steals in the con-



PHOTO COURTESY OF MU Sports Information
William Campbell was named the Choice Hotels NEC Rookie of the Week.

test, hitting the eventual game-winning jump shot with 1:27 left to break a 57-57 tie. The freshman hit 10 field goals against RMU in helping contain the league’s highest scoring offense, holding them to only 57 total points.

The Hawks, in breaking their own losing streak, broke the Colonials’ 13-game winning streak. Defense was clearly the difference

maker, as the MU was able to hold Robert Morris to only 27 second half points. Campbell and Taylor scored 30 of the team’s 37 second half points.

With a seesawing first half that left the Blue and White down 30-23 at the intermission, the second half was anybody’s ballgame. The defensive scheme in the second stanza allowed MU to go on an 18-0 scoring run after going down 41-29 with 14:30 remaining. The Colonials’ high-powered offense was held scoreless for 7:26, allowing the home team to open up a 47-41 lead at the 7:20 mark.

After a tie at 52-52, Monmouth scored the next five points to give them a little breathing room with just 2:54 remaining. RMU tied the game again after a three-pointer from the wing with 1:54 left. After Campbell’s jumper at 1:26, the Hawks held the Colonials’ offense once again, adding a free throw to cap their seventh victory of the year.

The freshman trio once again led the way, as all three started, with Taylor chipping in with 18 points and Mike Myers Keitt contributing six points, six rebounds and three assists. George Barbour added seven points and five rebounds.

In the 83-61 loss at Sacred

Heart on Saturday, Campbell led the squad with 20 points and five rebounds. His performance included a 16-point first half scoring spurt, in which he poured in all 16 points in a five minute span.

During the span he hit three straight three-point field goals. Campbell has scored in double-digits in nine consecutive contests. Nunner added 13 points off the bench, while Myers Keitt chipped in with 12 points.

The Hawks let the contest slip away at the 17:14 mark in the second half, when down 49-39, the Pioneers went on a 19-3 scoring run over the next 5:35 to go up 68-42. Sacred Heart, who is the Northeast Conference’s highest scoring team, shot 58.2% from the field against MU.

Surprisingly, at 5-11 in the NEC, Monmouth is just one game out of eighth place, the final spot in the Postseason Northeast Conference Tournament.

The Hawks must win their final two contests to at least give themselves a chance at making the tournament.

The team travels to sixth place Central Connecticut State on Thursday, February 26, for a game that’s set to tip at 7 p.m.

Their final game of the year will also be the last men’s basketball game ever played in Boylan Gymnasium.

For that contest the Blue and White welcome eighth place Wagner in a must-win match-up. The game will tip at 12 p.m. and will be televised on the MSG Network.

NEC Standings

1. Robert Morris
13-3
2. Mount St. Mary’s
12-5
3. Sacred Heart
11-6
4. Long Island
10-6
5. Quinnipiac
9-7
6. CCSU
8-8
7. St. Francis (N.Y.)
7-9
8. FDU
6-10
- Wagner
6-10
10. Monmouth
5-11
11. St. Francis (P.A.)
2-14

Women’s Basketball Splits Games Against Tough Northeast Conference Opponents

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The Monmouth women’s basketball team had two tough contests against Northeast conference opponents this week. After a loss to first place Sacred Heart, the Hawks regrouped to defeat Robert Morris 77-67 in the Boiler room.

The Hawks, improved to 15-12 overall, and 9-7 in conference play with the win over Robert Morris, while the Colonials fell to 13-15 and 9-7 in the league. The win could have huge implications on which seed Monmouth receives in the NEC tournament.

The importance of a high-seed is that it could help the Hawks avoid a rematch with Saturday’s opponent Sacred Heart, who is currently undefeated in NEC play.

On Saturday afternoon, the Blue and White faced a huge challenge on the road against first place Sacred Heart. In this conference battle, the Blue and White learned they have some improving to do if they hope to win their conference tournament, and in the process earn a spot in the NCAA tournament. The Hawks lost 70-50 in a game that was truly decided by halftime.

Monmouth who has been known for their stifling defense all year, fell victim to some hot shooting by the Pioneers who connected on five of their first six shots in the game, which proved to be a sign of

things to come in the first half. Sacred Heart’s Alisa Apo who scored a team high 14 points, stretched the home teams lead to 20-8, after a nice jumper in the lane, with just under 12 minutes to play in the first frame.

Apo would continue to cause trouble for the Blue and White, as she helped her team accumulate a 20 point lead at 38-18. Apo connected with a basket from the corner, even with a defender in her face. Despite, the tough start, Alexis Canady provided a sliver of hope as she drained a three-pointer as time expired on the half, cutting the SHU advantage to 41-22.

The Hawks shot 33.3% in the first half, with senior standout Jennifer Bender leading the way with 8 points. The stat of the half was the ability of Sacred Heart to capitalize on second chance opportunities as they scored 15 points, off offensive rebounds. Monmouth only mustered a point off the offensive glass. Monmouth also allowed Sacred Heart to score 17 points, off of the Hawks 11 turnovers.

In the second half, Monmouth was unable to make a true comeback as the mountain was just too tall to climb. On a brighter note, Bender with her 18 point performance moved into seventh place all time on the Monmouth point’s leader list.

The game should serve as a les-

son to Monmouth before post season play. For starters, they need to eliminate second chance opportunities for their opponents. The ability to box out and allow only one possession down the floor at a time, should prove key to their success.

Returning home on Monday night, Senior Jennifer Bender understood the magnitude of the contest. So what did she do? She came



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Jennifer Bender scored 35 points and added 10 rebounds against Robert Morris.

through with the best performance of her career, netting an outstanding 35 points, to go along with her 10 rebounds.

This double-double performance was Bender’s seventh of the season and 26th of her career. A big part of Bender’s 35 point performance

was her ability to cash in on her free throw attempts. Bender was a very solid 15-21 from the free throw line.

Robert Morris had an eight game win streak against the Hawks entering Monday night’s contest. Early on it seemed as though the streak may stretch to nine as RMU was out to 6-2 lead early. Unlike Saturdays game however, the Blue and White were not going to let this one get out of hand early.

They quickly answered with a 7-2 run that gave Monmouth a one point advantage with 14 minutes to go in the first half. From there on the first half saw lead change after lead change.

Finally, down five Monmouth rallied right before the end of the first half to knot the score at 36 heading into the locker-room. This little 5-0 spurt would prove to give MU the spark they needed for the rest of the contest.

The defense which had failed them in the last game turned out to be the saving grace for Monmouth in the second half. They continually put pressure on the Colonials

forcing turnovers, and awkward shots that would prove crucial to scoring on the other end for MU.

Lakia Barber, who continues to be an offensive force for the Hawks scored her 14th point of the evening on a jumper. The basket gave MU a 10 point advantage, with just over 10 minutes to play, and Robert Morris was unable to mount a true comeback from there.

Coach Gaitley, should be credited for her teams effort Monday night. They showed the grit of a true playoff team, bouncing back to defeat a tough opponent, after a loss. She has also played a big role in the development of Alexis Scott who scored 16 points with thre-treys made in the matchup.

Although, they were still out-rebounded in the matchup it was only by a 36-33 margin. A huge improvement from their previous contest. The win puts Monmouth in a log jam in the standings as they are tied with three other teams for third place in the NEC standings. If the season ended today the Hawks would have the fourth seed due to tie breakers and face Robert Morris in a rematch of Monday nights clash.

Luckily, for the Hawks they still have a chance at moving up in the standings, as they close out their regular season life in Boylan Gym, on Saturday against Wagner at 3:00 p.m. A win could lock up a number three seed for MU.

Women’s Track Defends NEC Indoor Championship; Men Place Second

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It was a solid weekend for both the Monmouth University men’s and women’s track and field teams at the 2009 NEC Indoor Championships, which was held at the Prince Georges Sport and Learning Center in Landover, Md. The women won their second straight NEC Indoor Championship, while the men boasted an impressive second place finish.

After rounding out the disappointing first day of competition, scoring a mere 17 points which left them in fourth place, the women came out hungry in day two and rallied to finish on top scoring an imposing 140.50 total points. Finishing behind the Hawks were the Blackbirds of Long Island University, who claimed second place scoring 134 points, and the Sacred Heart Pioneers who scored 132 points, giving them the third place finish.

“After day one we looked at the score and realized that we were going to have to really work hard if we were going to have any chance in winning it,” said Monmouth sprinter, Michele Losey. “I had no doubt that we were going to win, but we needed to go out and prove that to the other teams.”

As day two progressed, it became evident that the final three events (the DMR, triple jump and 4x400 relay) were going to determine who would walk away with the crown. The Hawks responded to this challenge and scored in all three to claim the title for the second straight year; their fourth title out of the last six years.

The 4x400 relay team of Illiana Blackshear, Michele Losey, Ajda Dotday and Crystal Stein came in a close second to Mount Saint Mary’s

by less than a second. Their eight points, though, were enough to seal the victory for the Blue and White as well as earning them individual honors on the All-NEC Second Team.

Losey and Blackshear also gave a dominant performance in the 400m dash. Losey claimed first with a 56.58 finish and Blackshear, who crossed the line in 58.50, came in second. “It was a great feeling to win the 400m and to have my teammate come in right after me made it so much better,” said Losey, who also earned an All-NEC First Team Selection for the 400m. Brittany Gibbs, who also competed in the

the tape in 7.84. Dotday, who also placed in the 200m, came in sixth with a time of 26.01.

The mile was also dominated by Monmouth, with a 1-2 finish. Cailin Lynam took first with a time of 5:08.61 and Laura Embrey placed second with a time of 5:10.16. Lynam’s performance earned her All-NEC First Team Honors. Lynam and Embrey were also a part of Monmouth’s DMR team along with Aracelis Lantigua and Mary Wilks, who crossed the line in 12:37.83, giving them a third place finish.

The 500m ended in a nail-biter when first place winner Stein, finished with a time of 1:16.42, just

ing of 40’ 10 ¼”.

Also contributing to the point total were the women pole vaulters. Michelle Telofski and Laura Myers tied for second with a vault of 10’ 4”. Christine Fatale tied for seventh place after clearing 9’ 10”.

Freshman Danica Krivanos finished second in the 800m with a time of 2:19.75, which also earned her a spot on the Second Team All-NEC Team. Lantigua who also competed in the 800m, finished fourth crossing the line at 2:22.14.

On the other side, the men who finished day one in first place with a total of 47 points, couldn’t hold on to their lead and in day two, the final day of competition, finished with 116 team points leaving them in second behind Saint Francis (Pa.) who had 121 points to win the title.

“It truly was a disappointing loss. We worked so hard to get to this point and it is just a huge let down,” said sophomore, Tom Ciccoli.

Ciccoli earned a spot on the First Team All-Northeast Conference for his brilliant performance with his throw of 55’ 10 ¾”.

juste who finished in 8.50 seconds placed sixth. In the 800m, Yasser Barr finished in a time of 2:00.63, which earned him third place.

Taiwo and Navarro, placed in the 60m where they tied for fourth with their time of 6.98. Taiwo who also placed fifth in the 200m finished in a time of 22.34. Navarro, who crossed the line with a time of 22.64 in the same event, came in seventh.

The DMR team earned seventh with a combined time of 10:42.98. The quartet consisted of Barr, Jason Kelsey, David Balzer and Vin Improta.

Ben Hutterer earned a sixth place finish in the 5000m which he finished in 15:23.47. Merrigan and Reggie McLeod, who ran the 400m in 50.86 and 51.02, grabbed the final two scoring slots in the 400m.

Monmouth’s high jumpers, Julio Rodriguez and John Krajunus, each cleared 6’ 1 ½” which earned them a fifth and sixth place finish, respectively. In the triple jump, Taiwo, finished the day with an eighth place effort, completing a distance of 42’ 6 ¾”.



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The women’s track and field team poses with their second consecutive Indoor NEC Championship Trophy in Landover, Md.

400m, finished in sixth with a time of 59.71. Gibbs also placed fifth in the triple jump, with a distance of 38’ 2 ¼”. She was joined by teammate, MaryKate Walsh, who finished seventh with a mark of 36’ 9 ¾”.

Losey also finished third in the 200m with a time of 25.38 and seventh in the 60m dash, crossing

seven hundredths of a second in front of the second place contestant. Freshman Colleen Rutecki completed the race in 1:20.81, which gave her an eighth place finish.

Monmouth’s shot putters also put points on the board with the fifth place finish of Symmone Fisher who threw for 41’ 2 ½” and the sixth place finish of Kelly Dantley throw-

Several other shot putters also had a successful weekend including Larry Lundy who earned Second Team All-NEC honor with his second place weight throw of 59’ 6 ¾”, Shawn Sabo who placed sixth with a mark of 55’ 9 ¾”, and Vincent Elardo who came in seventh, throwing 53’ 6 ½”.

The 4x400m relay team, which was made up of Geoff Navarro, Chris Rutherford, Kevin Merrigan and Chris Taiwo came in second place, crossing the line at 3:20.85. The foursome also earned Second Team All-Conference honors.

Rutherford also received Second Team All-NEC honors with his second place finish in the 60m hurdles with a time of 8.33. Stevenson Ca-

It was a weekend of both team and individual achievements for Monmouth’s track and field team. Monmouth’s female athletes earned 12 spots on All-NEC teams, including three individual champion first team selections, while the men claimed seven spots, including one individual first team selection.

Also, head coach Joe Compagni received the Women’s Indoor Coach of the Year Award for the fourth time in his career.

Both the men’s and women’s track and field teams will resume their season next Friday, February 27, at the NYU Fastrack Invitational at the Armory where they will try to qualify for post-season events to add to their accolades.

Inside the Huddle: Jennifer Bender

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From a walk-on to a 1,000 point scorer, seems like a good Hollywood script doesn’t it? Well it’s not a script; this is just a small snippet from the career of Monmouth women’s basketball senior center Jennifer Bender.

The borough of Staten Island is where Bender began her days of epitomizing the term athlete. Bender earned varsity letters in basketball, volleyball, softball, cross country, and track at Stat-

hurdles as a freshman. So how is it that this superior athlete was overlooked and not offered a scholarship by any Division I college programs?

Bender has constantly been setting high goals for herself; she’s been doing it so much she lives by a commonly used cliché. “Aim for the stars and you’ll fall amongst the clouds.”

Bender is constantly setting goals that seem to be unreachable; however, Bender defies the odds and herself, twice in high school and once in college. Scoring 1,000

her 1,000th point against Sacred Heart which makes her the 14th player in Monmouth women’s history to reach this plateau. However, for Bender she does have some unfinished business to take care of and that’s winning an NEC championship.

Everything hasn’t been perfect for Bender; however, after her junior season the head coach of the Hawks Michele Baxter was fired and replaced by the current coach Stephanie Gaitley, which has been a difficult but rewarding process at the same time.

“I liked Coach Baxter, she gave me a scholarship and helped me get better but I have learned so much from our new coaching staff and I would never want it to be any different,” said Bender.



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Jennifer Bender went from being a walk-on to become the 14th member of the 1,000 point club in MU women’s basketball history.

en Island Technical School. She won the Borough Championship in basketball her junior year, two championships in volleyball, and the Borough Championship in

points in high school and winning the Jacques Award which is given to the best female/male player in the borough.

And this season Bender scored

Bender would also like to give a special thanks to her parents Maria and Jim, and also her boyfriend Whitney Coleman, the star guard from the men’s basketball team who is recovering from a torn ACL.

Men’s Tennis Halves Weekend Doubleheader

PRESS RELEASE

Playing in their season’s first doubleheader, the Monmouth University men’s tennis team returned with a win and a loss from this weekend’s road trip to Pennsylvania.

The Hawks opened the morning with a tight, 4-3 loss to Lehigh before picking up a conference victory over St. Francis College, 6-1 at the Lewis Tennis Center on Saturday.

Monmouth is currently 2-2 on the young campaign, with several Hawks turning in solid performances for MU.

In Saturday’s closest match, the Blue and White fell just short to Mountain Hawks, 4-3, falling just short in the third doubles match and losing the deciding doubles point to Lehigh.

Monmouth got onto the board when junior Corey Forrest notched a victory at second singles over Lehigh’s Collin Laffey, 7-6, 6-4 to spark the squad.

Posting flawless singles records through the spring championship season’s first games, freshmen David Sherwood and Laurance Heads continued their streaking success by winning their respective singles matches.

Heads narrowly defeated the Mountain Hawks’ Chris Collins, 7-6, 6-4 in fourth singles while Sherwood completed a comeback win, 2-6, 6-1, 6-2 in fifth singles

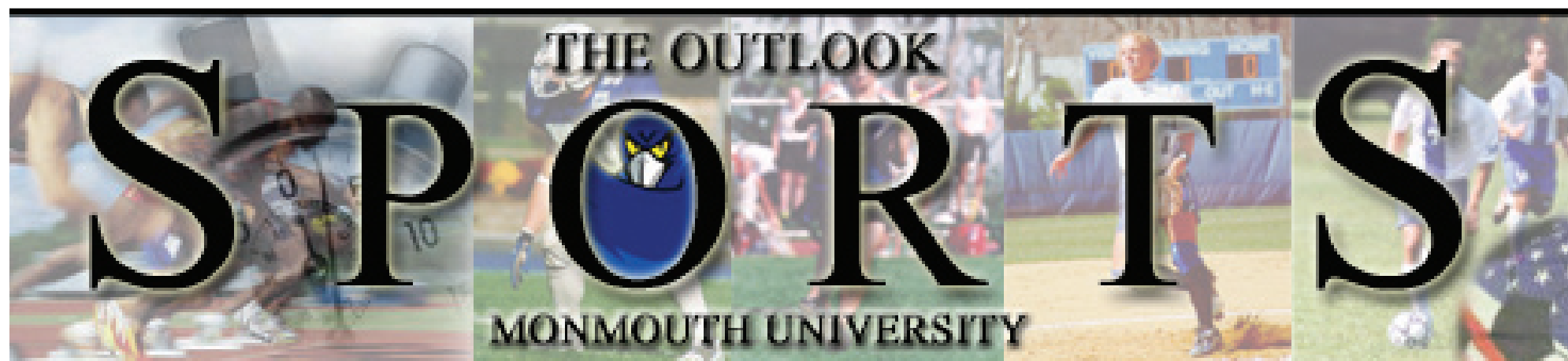
to bring the team to tie going into doubles competition.

After closely dropping first doubles, 9-7, the Hawks came back with the duet of Forrest and Heads prevailing at second doubles, 8-3 forcing the match to come down to third doubles. Third doubles mates Vik Gupta and Sherwood kept the Hawks in contention but were defeated 8-4 to give Lehigh the close victory in the morning.

Shaking off the morning early close loss, the Hawks bounced back to defeat NEC rival, St. Francis College in the afternoon, 6-1 to improve to 2-2 on the campaign. The Hawks posted five individual victories in singles action, with senior Tim McLane notching a win at sixth singles, 6-0, 6-0 in his first action of the spring. Monmouth was also victorious at second and third doubles, losing a close match at first doubles, 8-6.

On the season, the Blue and White are led by a pair of underclassmen, Heads and Sherwood, who each share undefeated 4-0 records at fourth and fifth singles. The duo of Forrest and Heads has teamed up to frontline MU in doubles matches with a combined 4-0 record.

Monmouth continues their longest road trip of the season on Friday, February 27th when they travel back to Pennsylvania to take on Temple at 5:00 p.m.



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