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you aren't going to

become a profes-

sional scientist, then

you don't need to

take [many] science

courses," said Holt.

Society has been

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Congressman Holt Visits Campus

DANIEL J. WISNIEWSKI STAFF WRITER

United States Congressman Rush Holt (NJ-12) visited the campus of Monmouth University Monday and addressed the Science, Technology and Engineering Department. The Congressman commended the 100 or so faculty members and shared his that it removes the capriciousness and hope with them that school boards across the country would promote science teaching and education.

'Science is not just another subject," he said. "It's a good idea to study science especially if you're not a scientist.

marks by saying, "Congressman Holt ists today that "if is a perfect example that one who can excel in physics [and other sciences] can excel in other fields." Rep. Holt is now serving his 5th term in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Then the Congressman took the podium. After a brief thank you he began. "The most relevant aspect of science is chaos of life." He stressed that studying climate change, healthcare and other major issues surely is important, but not at the expense of understanding everyday life.

The problems of science education

people pushing away, and has maintained that science is only relevant to professionals. "I hope we can have a revolution equivalent to the Sputnik revolution of 50 years ago that will democratize science and make it clear and important to every American."

Congressman Holt then went on to discuss profes-

sional development of science teachers. The Congressman said, "We must learn to teach science," he paused, "and move away from the idea that only those with a special knack for science can learn science." Incentives for teaching science are necessary. Rep. Holt proposed new legislation giving a \$30,000 stipend for teachers attending new John Glenn Academies, named after the former astronaut and science proponent. In addition, \$10,000 would be appropriated to schools to boost the salaries of



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Congressman Rush Holt spoke to the STE Department during his visit.

with a science educated background.

Holt then "dared to mention" the now controversial No Child Left Behind Act which reduced funding of professional development (which includes seminars, summer programs, and new teaching academies) to only 25% of its previous amount. Since then professional development funding has increased to roughly 60%. The Congressman continued by giving rough data on professional development, "other industries give about 10-20% for professional development, while

Winter Ball Cancelled Due to Limited Ticket Sales

JACQUELINE KOLOSKI

The annual Winter Ball, scheduled for Saturday, February 23, was cancelled due to a limited number of tickets sold.

Sophomore Carolyn Bodmer, the Winter Ball Chair, said that the ultimate decision was made Monday, February 18 at 4 p.m. "I was informed from our advisor, Liz Anton, that RHA cancelled the Winter Ball because they felt that having the event that didn't sell out would mean that they couldn't do any other events," she explained. "So by canceling the event they would have more money to do other things on campus.

"A Hollywood Affair," the theme for the Winter Ball, was planned by 13 committee members. Planning for the event, according to Bodmer, began in October. The committee met Sunday nights as well as held additional meetings up until the cancellation of the event.

Ticket sales for the event began on February 4 and were sold in the Student Center Information Booth each day as well as the dining hall Monday through Friday 4 p.m. - 8 p.m., said Bodmer.

Ticket prices were: \$30 for 1 person; \$45 for two people; \$60 for three people; \$75 for four people.

"We were not able to sell tickets any earlier. If we could have started when we got back from break I'm sure we would have sold out," explained Bod-

"I am grateful for my dedicated Winter Ball committee and I would like to thank them for everything," she said.

The last time the Winter Ball was cancelled was four years ago, according to Bod-

Sports

The President summarized his re-The exclusive mentality still exscience teachers - presumably those school districts only give 1-2%. Student Rides Cross **Country for Charity**

ALLISON LACASKEY STAFF WRITER

It makes life make sense."

Physics at NYU.

President Gaffney gave a brief in-

troduction of the Representative and

noted Congressman Holt's relevance

to the topic at hand – the benefits of

teaching science to a wider group of

students. Congressman Holt gradu-

ated Carleton College and went on to

complete his Master's and Ph.D. in

As many Monmouth University students relax at the beach this summer, sophomore Paul Mandala will embark on a cross-country bike ride to raise money for affordable hous-

Mandala, president and founder of the Outdoors Club here at Monmouth, is involved with Bike and Build, a non-profit organization that raises money for and awareness about affordable housing.

Mandala, who is also the awareness chair for MU's Student Activities Board, will start his journey on for sight seeing. June 3, 2008 from Providence, RI, and end in San Francisco, CA on August 10. The first day, Mandala and 27 others will be biking 37 miles. One day in mid-July, the group will ride 110 miles.

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RUSH HOLT

United States Congressman

Seven different cross-country routes will be traveled by different groups this summer. Mandala will ride 4,234 miles total this summer.

were addressed by Rep. Holt. He ex-

plained how after the Soviet's launched

Sputnik, the United States had a sci-

ence teaching explosion. The "Sput-

nik Revolution," he said, "produced a

generation of scientists the likes of the

world has never seen." However, sci-

ence and technology education had a

fraternal feeling, and left out upwards

of 80% of the population.

A rider's day runs from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Riders are typically expected to make it to each day's destination by 4:00 p.m. Afterwards, they will be given chores, such as food shopping, and will give presentations about affordable housing at churches and schools.

On days when they are not biking, riders will help build houses with local organizations.

The trip includes scheduled stops

Each rider must raise at least \$4,000 to go on the trip. All funds raised are pooled together, and grants are awarded to affordable housing groups. Mandala has raised approximately \$2,000 so far, and is "We start out slow," Mandala looking for donations. "I'd like to

raise well over \$4,000 because it is of this trip? for charity," Mandala said.

As one can imagine, riding a bicycle across the country is strenuous work for the body.

"Everyday, I've been keeping up on cardio. I usually ride my bike between 30 and 40 miles a day," Mandala said. "On nice days, I bike from school to Sandy Hook or Sea-

Why is affordable housing such an important issue? According to www.nationalhomeless.org, proximately 3.5 million people a year will experience homelessness.

"I live near New York City, and seen a lot of homeless people on the to sign up for this trip. streets. I've seen people waiting in line at soup kitchens. I've seen some pretty poor conditions. [Bike and Build] is a great way to see the country, and a great thing to do for my community," said Mandala.

What are Mandala's expectations

"I'm expecting to get up really early in the morning everyday. And I know I'm going to take a camera with me and take a gazillion pictures," said Mandala.

Riders are required to keep journals throughout the trip, and entries will be posted on the organization's website

Bike and Build has raised over \$1,140,000 for housing groups, including Habitat for Humanity and Katrina Relief on the Gulf Coast, according to bikeandbuild.org.

Mandala urges anyone who wants to go and is willing to try

For more information on Bike and Build, or to get involved, go to www.bikeandbuild.org.

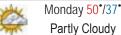
To make a donation to help Paul Mandala reach his goal, contact him directly at paul.n.mandala@ monmouth.edu.

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Few Snow Showers Saturday 42°/24° Partly Cloudy







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Eighth Annual SGA Auction Biology Professor **Benefits Michael's Feat**

NATALIE RAMBONE

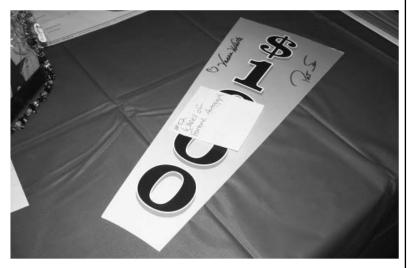
On Wednesday, February 20, 2008, Monmouth University's Student Government Association held its 8th annual charity auction in Anacon Hall.

The auction was run by Auction co-chairs Lauren Acquaviva and Mia Schwerin, along with all the members of the senate who either helped set up, worked during the event, or helped clean up.

This year, however, the day started out with a Silent Auction held in the morning in the Student Center Lobby. The Silent Auction items included an iPod Shuffle and a Titan Glacier All Terrain Bike Vice President Nagy.

The auction hosted by M.C. Michael Lizza was open to all Monmouth University Employees, Administration, Students, and the surrounding community members. Donations that were auctioned off included gift certificates from local businesses, such as Amy's Omelette House, It's Greek to Me, and TGI Friday's (who not only donated four gift certificates, but also donated coupons for free appetizers that were given out to the first 15 people to enter Anacon Hall).

Other items donated included Four VIP tickets to a taping of Dr. Phil in California, Dinner for four at Vice President Nagy's home (which sold for a \$100), four VIP tickets to a taping of Wheel of Fortune, an authentic signed ory of Adam and Dana Puharic's



(valued at approximately \$300) all Hosts of Wheel Fortune Pat Sajak and Vanna White signed donated by Pepsi and the help of a piece of memoribilia that was auctioned off.

Life, Monmouth University Police Department, MU Athletics, and the MU Bookstore. There was also Wheel of Fortune Memorabilia. tickets to the New York Nets, and tickets to the Somerset Patriots and Atlantic City Surf.

The Auction began with a small speech from a representative from Michael's Feat, the non-profit Organization in which all the proceeds from the auction went too.

Michael's Feat is a non-profit organization established to support, give comfort to, and ease the burden for parents caring for seriously ill newborns in Monmouth and Ocean County New Jersey. The fund was created in loving mem-Giants Champion Football, and newborn son, Michael, who lost

donations from Pepsi, Residential his life to a serious chromosome disorder.

> Michael's Feat supports others through education about seriously ill newborns and provides benefits to parents to assist in caring for their ill children. Alison, the representative from the organization, spoke of how her twins were ill when they were born, and how lucky her family was that they were able to afford the treatments and medication to save them. She said that being in that situation changes your outlook, and Michael's Feat is a great organization. And many others agree. Throughout the auction, guests urged others to bid higher because all the money "is for the children".

> By the end of the day, the Student Government Charity Auction raised \$2,202 for Michael's Feat and was considered a big success to the Student Government Sen-

> Mary MacDonnell, a Sophomore Senator and Attorney General for Student Government stated, "The auction was a great success and made everyone on SGA proud to be part of such a meaningful

> Alex Stefan, a freshman student who attended the auction with some friends thought, "It was cool how I only paid \$16.00 for a Pepsi Sweatshirt. It's so comfy!" The members of the Student Government hope to continue to successfully have a charity auction every year for years to come and continue to support the community in as



PHOTO COURTESY of Natalie Rambone

This authentic, signed Giants football sold for over \$400.

SIFE Empowers Students

ALISON WASZMER CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Monmouth University chapter of SIFE has made dramatic impacts in both the international and local communities. Along with these projects SIFE is also working on programs to further educate and empower their fellow students. SIFE is prepared to implement three new programs on campus, and has teamed up with the Marketing and Management Association to co-sponsor the 1st Annual Future Fair.

Later this semester SIFE will be holding the first segment of their Speaker Series. The Speakers Series will consist of seminars, where professionals will discuss their careers, and more importantly how they got to where they are. While other seminars of this an overview of different careers, SIFE's Speaker Series hopes to offer students an insight into the take to achieve their goals. Unfor- will be handled almost entirely by

tunately, due to time constraints, the SIFE team. this year's series will only include segments for "How to make a million dollars", Business, Communication and Information Technology. For next year and the years following the Speaker Series will be expanded to host professionals from an array of fields, including Social Work, Criminal Justice and Political Science. The ultimate goal of this program is that hearing a "real-life" perspective on how to get various professions will enable students to make better career choices.

With the rise of tuition greatly exceeding the rise of inflation, many would agree that college has become exorbitant. To help alleviate some of the financial strain associated with college, SIFE is working to create an alternative to the traditional textbook buytype focus mainly on providing ing options. This program will facilitate the exchange of textbooks between students. SIFE will offer students two different ways to many different paths that one can trade their books, both of which

The first option for students who wish to sell their textbooks will be able to register the books onto a database, the MU bulletin board, maintained by Monmouth on the University website. Students who wish to purchase textbooks are able to search the database. If they find an available copy of the book they can contact the seller. This method for exchanging books will not only lower the cost of textbooks for those involved by taking away shipping costs and the costs of having to buy new, it will also be more convenient.

In addition to the method mentioned above, SIFE will also offer a bazaar at the beginning and conclusion of each fall semester. At the bazaar SIFE members will sell textbooks for individuals who have registered their books. Students who buy books will be able receive their books on the spot, while sellers can pick up their money as soon as their book has

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Receives AREA Grant

TARA FANTINI

volunteer, animal lover, pianist to continue her research here as in training, and soon to be newlywed, but that's just in her spare time. The Assistant Biology Professor's main focus is in cell and molecular biology and transductions pathways. Recently, she was awarded an Academic said Hutter. "I wanted to be at Research Enhancement Award a school with a small class size, (AREA) grant from the National because I enjoy getting to know Institutes of Health (NIH) for cancer research. This presti- individual goals and ideas. The gious award will grant almost faculty members in the biology \$200,000 towards her research for over a three-year period.

The AREA grant will support her individual research project of a morning work out, checking "Density-dependent regulation of MAP kinase pathways," which she will conduct with undergraduate students. Hutter said that the research students who assist receiving this grant is one of the highlights of her research experience so far.

been working on for a few years, and it was exciting to get the we do an experiment that can suddenly explain our hypothesis, proofs of an accepted paper is also always a good experience."

of the differences between canthe activity of signaling proteins that are triggered when normal cells are in contact, and trying different in cancerous cells. Her interest in this particular area of study grew from a project she control by cell-cell contact while in Graduate School at The Catholic University of America.

the National Institute on Aging, part of the National Institutes of Health, studying the differences in signaling proteins that who are interested in doing reoccur upon aging," said Hutter.
"It seemed natural that similar signaling pathways could be involved in cancer pathways."

University laboratory is able to through her research.

dents in these fields by this work as well, that is even better," said Hutter. "I have had a few very successful students working with me, and that is rewarding.

As an undergraduate, she attended Immaculata College (now Immaculata University), which is a small women's college located outside of Philadelphia. She majored in Biology, minored in Spanish, and took advantage of as many on-campus activities as possible including Habitat for Humanity, children's theater, biology and science clubs, and served as the president her senior year.

"Being involved as an undergraduate really made my four years of college extremely fun," explains Hutter. knew then that I wanted to be a busy!"

professor, so I could stay in col-

Hutter has been a faculty member at Monmouth since the Dr. Dottie Hutter is an avid fall semester of 2002 and plans she recently applied for tenure.

> "As soon as I got to campus at Monmouth, I couldn't believe how beautiful the school was, and the size of the University was exactly what I was looking for,' the students as individuals with department struck me as being very dedicated and focused."

An average day for her consists and responding to emails, starting experiments in the lab prior to class before being joined by in working on the projects. The rest of her day involves teaching class, advising in the first-year "This has been a project I have office, and meetings with faculty members and students.

'One of the major difficulties funding," said Hutter. "Any time is balancing time," said Hutter. "Research takes a lot of time; just reading the background litit's exciting. Then receiving the erature is time consuming. The experiments themselves also usually take many hours over Currently, Hutter studies some two days to complete, so it takes a lot of stamina. The major bencerous and normal cells. This efit is discovering something research has been measuring new, and helping the research students to be exposed to science on this level.'

Students in her laboratory, to discern how these signals are and other labs in the biology department, have been able to present their work at regional and national meetings, and worked on studying the growth have been able to be co-authors on peer-reviewed publications. Hutter proudly explained that at regional conferences, Monmouth "After graduation, I worked at University students are almost always among the award winners in poster competitions.

Hutter's advice for students search is to get involved early in their academic career.

"It takes a semester or two to learn the laboratory techniques She hopes that the Monmouth before students can really feel comfortable working in the lab make a contribution in the un- independently and generate conderstanding of different signals sistent data," said Hutter. "The that are activated by cell contact. summer is always a good time to Another goal of hers is to spark start working on a research projstudents interest in this field ect, and there will be opportunities this summer for research in "If I can interest some stu- my lab, as well as a few others in the biology department."

She also encourages students who wish to earn their PhD to try working in a research lab to determine if this kind of atmosphere is the right fit.

"It takes stamina and dedication to work on a thesis project; a PhD in biology typically takes 5 years to complete," said Hutter. "If this is something you love, and you enjoy the possibility of exploring your own research interest, there is no better job."

In her free time, she does a lot of volunteering for her church, student government, which she and sometimes for The Center in Asbury Park. She also helps walk dogs for the Monmouth County SPCA.

"I have a piano, which I am attempting to learn how to play," "I highly said Hutter. "I am also in the recommend students to find a midst of planning my wedding, club, group, or activity to join. which will occur right after I enjoyed college so much that I the semester ends. I'm keeping

SIFE Plans New Programs Red Bank Armory at Monmouth University

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been sold. By holding a bazaar, and using SIFE as the intermediary, the logistics of exchanging textbooks among students will be much simpler.

The third program SIFE has planned is called Waiting 101. Waiting tables is one of the most lucrative summer jobs. In areas that attract summer tourism, like many of the towns around Monmouth University, waiting tables can be particularly profitable and it is common for restaurants to be understaffed. Most restaurants will only hire waiters who have makes it difficult to become a server. SIFE has designed a program to teach students the Marketing and Management As- people both locally and interbasics of waiting tables. The program will include a single class which will discuss topics such as serving drinks, carrying plates, etiquette, health and safety, and dealing with customer conflicts. Attendees will Handbook that will be their's to keep. By participating in this program students will get higher education. the experience they need to get a summer job as a server.

and Management Association reer Fair, where students can Hungary or Nigeria. As dif-



PHOTO COURTESY of Bob Danhardt

previous experience, which Bob Danhardt teaches boy scouts and their friends about the world of television and radio in Plangere.

In addition to college students, to take the knowledge they gain be successful in their careers or

SIFE has joined forces with the grow, reaching more and more more about what SIFE is doing.

sociation to launch the 1st Annu- nationally. Over the next few al Future Fair this coming April. weeks SIFE will be putting the finishing touches on all their local high school students will projects, as well as preparing also be invited to attend. The for the SIFE regional competihope is that students will be able tion, where they will present the work they have done to head also receive a Waiting Tables at the Future Fair and turn that of major corporations who will into skills which will help them judge them against the work of other SIFE chapters. While this year may be winding down, it Four months ago the Mon- is never too late to join SIFE. mouth University chapter of All students regardless of major Last year the Marketing SIFE did not even exist. In the are encouraged to join and help short time since its inception, make a difference. Any interestthought up the idea to hold the SIFE has been able to make ed student is welcome to attend Future Fair. The Future Fair is significant impacts right here SIFE's weekly meetings which a supplement to the spring Ca- on campus and as far away as are held on Wednesdays at 3:00 pm in Bey Hall room 229 or elearn the basics of resume and ficult as it may be to imagine mail SIFE at SIFE@monmouth. cover letter writing, interview this is only the beginning. SIFE edu. Don't forget to pick up The etiquette, and interview attire. has show incredible potential to Outlook each week to find out

Offers Ice Events

DIANA CAPPELLUTI CONTRIBUTING WRITER

close, many students are finding dollars per person and all playthemselves going a bit stir- crazy, ers are required to provide their feeling cooped up and fresh out own equipment. of ideas for having cold weather fun. The Red Bank Armory Ice Complex, located just eight miles an admission cost of 90 doloutside of the Monmouth Univerlars per person. Sign ups begin sity campus, could be a perfect March 31. solution to those wintery blues.

The Armory offers a wide range of activities to satisfy all on-ice interests, such as figure skating sessions and lessons, hockey clinics and teams, goalie skills clinics, and birthday parties and other celebrations. All events are open to any age and grouped accordingly.

Open public skating sessions for mixed ages are offered Fridays from 8:00pm until 10:00pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 1:15 pm until 2:45 pm. Adult admission is nine dollars per skater, and skate rental fees cost an additional four dollars.

Sophomore Ryan Keough, a psychology major at Monmouth University, and street hockey University, recently checked out the armory for some weekend entertainment. "I took my the Red Bank armory had to girlfriend there, and it was nice offer. "Getting to play ice into just get out of the college environment and have some good, great," he said. wholesome fun," he said.

If skating ability is a worry, fear not! Adult figure skating lessons are offered every Sunday evening, beginner lessons riety of figure skating and hockey at 7:00 pm and intermediate lessons at 7:45 pm. Enrollment for mation on approaching events this eight-week clinic is 95 dollars per person.

recreation is the armory's adult bankarmory.com.

open hockey, which takes place from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm every With February coming to a Wednesday. Admission is 15

> Beginning April 2 is the armory's goalie skills clinic, with

Brian Torzilli, a sophomore, finance major at Monmouth

"I took my girlfriend there, and it was nice to just get out of the college environment..."

> **RYAN KEOUGH** MU Sophomore

player in his spare time, was enthusiastic about exploring what stead of street hockey would be

Upcoming activities include: the hockey three on three spring program, figure skating, freestyle skating, hockey camps, and a vaskills clinics. For more inforand wintry fun offered by the Red Bank Armory Ice Complex, Another guaranteed fun-filled check out their website at red-



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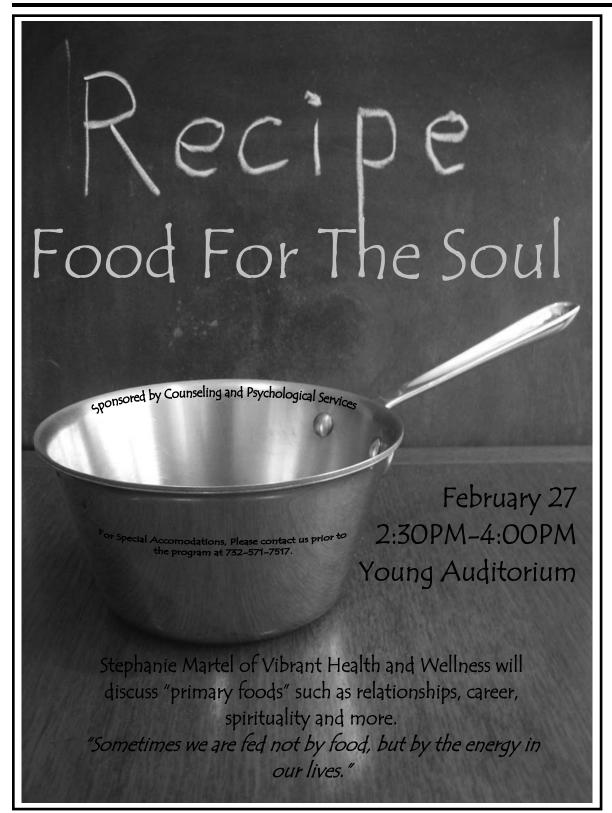
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Counseling and Psychological Services Spring 2008 Program Schedule

February

- Wednesday, 2/20-10:00AM-11:15PM. Break the Cycle, Be the Change.
 Wilson Auditorium. Interactive community diversity program presented by the American Conference on Diversity. The program addresses different forms of prejudice and how we can all become "agents of change."
- Wednesday, 2/27-2:30PM-4:00PM. Young Auditorium, Bey Hall. Food for the Soul. Stephanie Martel of Vibrant Health and Wellness will discuss "primary foods" such as relationships, career, spirituality and more. "Sometimes we are fed not by food, but by the energy in our lives."

March

- Wednesday, 3/5-2:30PM-4:00PM. What's Love Got to Do With It? Young Auditorium, Bey Hall. The audience will view excerpts from various films that depict relationship abuse, domestic violence and assault, followed by an interactive discussion with counseling staff.
- Wednesday, 3/26-2:30PM-4:00PM. Bias Incidents and Hate Crimes on the College Campus. Young Auditorium, Bey Hall. Detective David D'Amico from the Bias Crime Unit of the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office will talk about incidents on campuses throughout New Jersey and how members of the community can respond.

April

- Thursday, 4/3-12:00PM-5:00PM. Anxiety Screening. Stafford Student Center, Room 202A. Students may participate in this screening by filling out a brief questionnaire that screens for anxiety and other mood disorders. The professional counseling staff will provide results immediately. Videos and literature available.
- Tuesday, 4/15-7:00PM-9:00PM. CPS Film Series: Transamerica. Wilson Auditorium. In this engaging film, a conservative transsexual woman and her long-lost teenage son explore the definition of the modern American family. Interactive discussion with counseling staff to follow.
- Wednesday, 4/30-2:30PM-5:30PM. De Stress Fest. Stafford Student Center, Anacon Hall. Our favorite day! Enjoy massage, yoga, games, prizes, videos, food and fun as you prepare for the FINAL stretch! Take a break! Bring a friend! Just come and enjoy!

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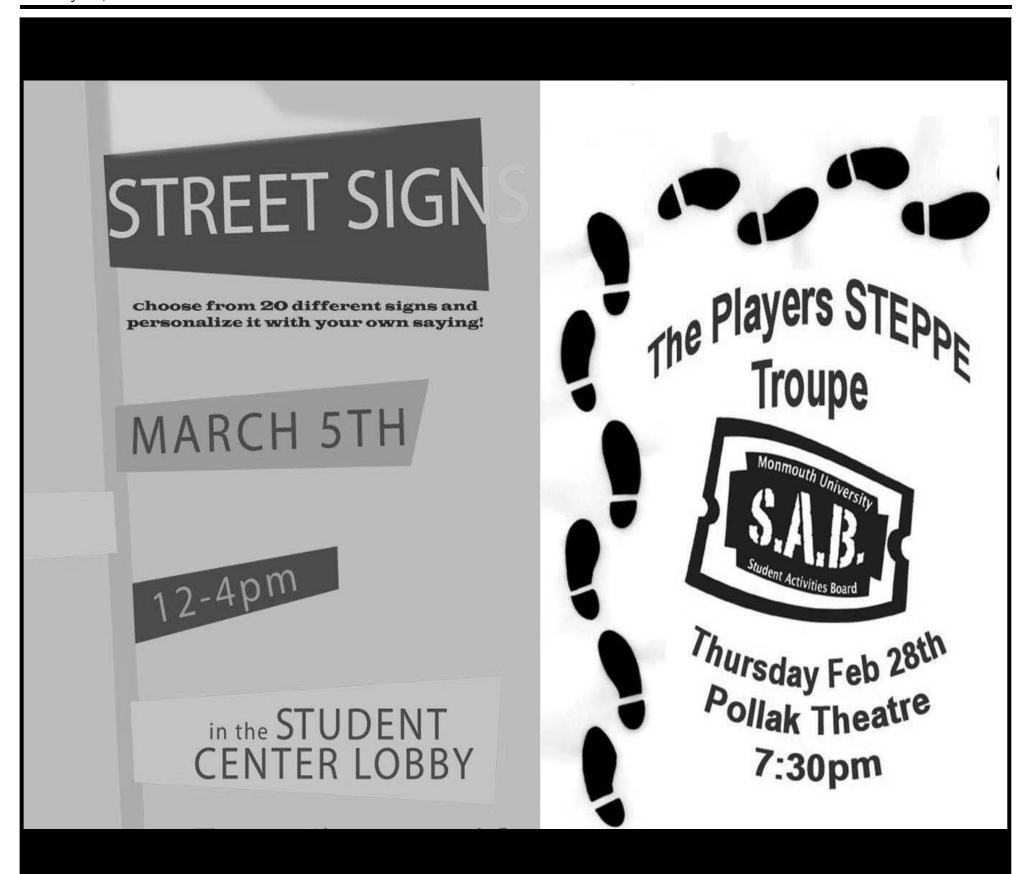
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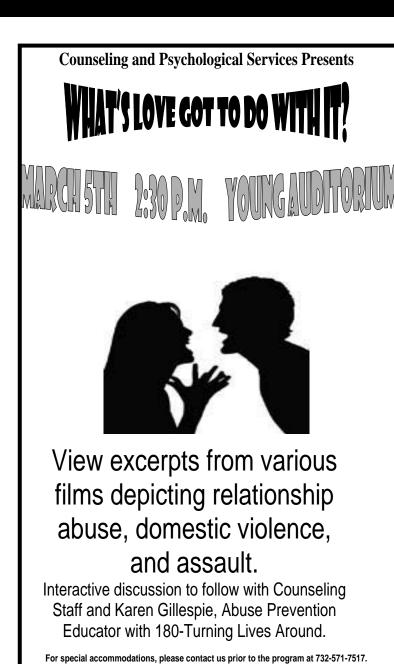
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Rising Above the Silence

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At the beginning of the semester, Montclair State University's Studentrun newspaper, The Montclarion, experienced a situation that disheartened the greater student press community. As reported in various news sources, the Student Government Association at MSU froze The Montclarion's budget and as a result students were prevented from publishing their weekly newspaper. What brought on the turn of events was the fact that The Montclarion wanted to hire an attorney to help them when reporting on legal matters. What kind of matters? Well, the fact that Montclair's SGA holds closed meetings was a starting point. The SGA President demanded that they use the SGA's attorney and when the student-run newspaper decided against that citing obvious conflict of issue concerns, he froze the budget.

After I read various articles in *The* Star Ledger about the subject and its progression, I ventured over to The Montclarion's website to hear comments from "An Open Letter to the Students" commenting on the issue that students were generally affected and upset by what the Student Government Association did to the student press at MSU. Not only did they receive support from the student body, but from the MSU faculty, Student Press Law Center, American Civil Liberties, and had coverage from other newspapers and media. It infringes upon the student press to complete their mission and goal. The one goal that unites all of the studentrun newspapers across the nation is to serve our campus communities as a vital source of news they can trust. Often, it is only the student press who can cover the unique community found on a college campus. It upsets me to see what came of this situation.

As an editor myself, I could not fathom our university without a newspaper. I would literally be lost. to Monmouth University was beimagine my collegiate career with- hearing from the voice of the campus out it. I greatly admire the persever- community? Simple, it can't.

the student voice. I was glad to read ance, determination, and dedication of The Montclarion staff in making sure their voice is heard in their time of crisis, even if it meant only having their newspaper available online. Even though they were silenced on paper, they made sure their voice was heard in other ways.

We are fortunate here at Monmouth to have an open forum in regards to our own Student Government Association. According to the homepage of Monmouth University's Student Government Association, "SGA's mission is to promote the health and welfare of the Monmouth University student body." With that said, in order to achieve that goal, our SGA has open meetings for the Monmouth University community. We may not have thought anything of that fact before, but from the onset of the closure of Montclair State University's newspaper we should realize how lucky we are to have that opportunity One of the main reasons why I came to speak our mind before our own student government. Besides, how cause of the newspaper. I couldn't else can a University grow without

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Land of the free, home of the

Op-ed printed in Asbury Park Press on February 27, 2008

I have some simple views on life in America. We are a free country where citizens have certain rights and with those rights come certain responsibilities. That simple principle works because we, as a nation, have adopted the "rule of law" to regulate our comings and goings.

Now, what about illegal and dangerous drinking, especially in neighborhoods surrounding this university? Rights, responsibilities and the law apply here, too. Recent articles in the Asbury Park Press cover four student parties in Ocean Township since the winter holiday break. Fair reporting, I think. There have been articles covering similar drinking parties involving high school students locally, as well. Again, fair reporting.

At Monmouth University we are trying, continually, to decrease incidents of illegal and dangerous drinking. Records show steady progress, especially in the surrounding municipalities.

I believe we have a comprehensive program to address this issue based on: education, evaluation, peer responsibility, and judicial review and its resultant sanctions. That program is on the record and has been provided to surrounding mayors, police chiefs, local state legislators, Prosecutor Valentin and to the *Press*. We seek ways to improve that program by interacting with and surveying best practices at other colleges. It must be, and is, an evolving and improving program.

Despite best efforts, sometimes citizens, even student citizens, make mistakes. And sometimes they get caught. The newspapers are replete with stories of all kinds of people who have strayed beyond the boundaries of the law. When that happens at Monmouth, the citizen student "faces the music" within the municipal legal system. Unlike others, however, when a police report finds its way to the University, the citizen student faces a second round of judicial proceedings governed by the Student Code of Conduct.

I am pleased, that the *Press* and other newspapers in our region also cover the many good and generous acts that MU students carry out voluntarily. That balance is important.

Some principles:

- Monmouth is dedicated to eliminating illegal drinking. We do not believe it serves our students well as they approach their first jobs to have had their names in the *Press* for drinking-related offenses. After all, a potential employer can get that unhelpful information by simple "google-ing." And, we support the law.
- Monmouth values every student as a living human being, even the very small percentage of students who run afoul of the law. That means we are very serious about reducing dangerous drinking, too, even if legal.
- Monmouth believes every student is a citizen whether he/she lives on campus or resides in a local municipality next to neighbors who have been in the same house for generations. When neighbors or others imply that there is need for a separate set of rights for citizen students, our any other group, I intend to stand up

A bright spot is the long established "community task force" that was formed by local municipalities and the University to discuss and improve town-gown relations. That forum is very helpful to us. It is a terrific way to build trust.

Monmouth University pledges to support its citizen students. We are concerned about their health, reputations, rights and relations with their neighbors. We pledge to continue to implement a comprehensive approach in dealing with alcohol issues while building trust with our neighbors.

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Bible Study Night at the Catholic Center

SARAH ALYSE JAMIESON ASSOCIATE OPINION EDITOR

On Tuesday, February 19, 2008, at the MU Catholic Center, a Bible Study night took place. These nights, which the center provides occasionally, are a great way to get in touch with your spiritual think of what God would want us side by reading the bible's passages and then discussing them with thirsty again;" we will never have your fellow schoolmates. They are always very spiritual times.

That specific Bible Study night was centered on a book. We, ing up something; Jesus gave up the few of us who attended that night, went down to the office of the Catholic Center to read and religious talk about the story; it reflect. We started with an opening prayer, which was led by the leader of the center. We prayed to let the reading touch us and make Jesus in our dear friends and famus more stronger in our faith and ily. I see God in good people at for God to touch our souls in this season of Lent, before Easter Sun- in the world. day, when God will die for us and resurrect.

We were all women, at the study that night which was funny since space for other members. We have the story that we were reading a wonderful, friendly atmosphere, from the Bible was about Jesus at the Catholic Center. Come out speaking and revealing himself to and see what we are all about! a woman who was giving him a drink of water.

After we read the passage, we talked; we believe that the Lord has come, the King has come! Jedied for our sins.

nothing. Jesus, our savior, had faith; he was a loving radical who teachings.

It is very easy to love the lov- 7:30pm! Look out!

able! Yet we move away from Christ constantly. He is so lovable; he always takes us back. He will always forgive us when we are sorry for our sins.

We always have to think of our Spiritual Direction, when we enter in an event. We always have to to do, and then we will "never be needs again. We only need God in our lives.

Lent is a season of fasting, givhis life for us. He is our savior. We girls had a very faithful and was an honest discussion, which brought us closer to God. We examined examples where we see times, when they create kindness

I feel so loved and welcomed at the Catholic Center; we are a very open group, and we always have

By the end of the night, all of us were a little closer with God. It was a successful evening. If you have faith, you will never die spiritually. In our society, currently, I sus came, I believe; the savior of believe that the general public has the world has already come and to become a bit more religious. We are called to love one another; our We girls shared our opinions religion is always welcoming and with one another. Christ is the loving to new members, at the MU truth; without Christ, we have Catholic Center. Everyone should always look out for future Bible Study nights, at the MU Cathodrew people to him through his lic Center, to attend them. They are held regularly at the center, at

Some Thoughts on Turtles

BRIAN BLACKMON

in my life, never known the joy of as Henry Mancini's "Moon River,"

I've never know many turtles sparrows might be as soul stirring having one as a pet (sadly, my fish or the adventure of a trio of squirbowls were always filled with fish). rels hunting for a buried treasure Yet in my rare encounters with of acorns might be as intriguing turtles (near North Carolina fish- and suspenseful as Huston's The ing holes, or when they're sunning Treasure of Sera Madre. Despite themselves on the warm pavement the fact that turtles lack many of country roads in the wilds of vital communication skills (such Pennsylvania) I get the sense that as reading, writing, and speech), they are intelligent creatures with this doesn't mean that their hearts

thev cast out their senses. like the fishing lines of hungry fishermen, seeking to devour the very essence of life."

a contemplative nature.

While critics might maintain that a turtle's lack of speed is the result of a deficiency in intelligence, I have a different view. Instead of lumbering under the weight of ignorance and lethargy, it is possible that turtles are slowed down by the great amount of Thoreau-like wisdom they carry within. As they slowly walk through a forest of tall grass (stopping every now and then to sample an unwary cricket in the same manner that an aristocrat samples caviar), they cast out of hungry fishermen, seeking to devour the very essence of life.

To a turtle, the melody of the reach the finish line?

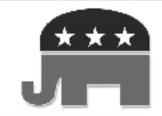
don't sing with the poetry of life at every step.

I actually feel that society could learn a lot from turtles. After all, it wasn't a coincidence that Aesop (564?-620?) chose to portray the slow, yet focused tortoise as the winner over the quick, yet overly confident hare. Instead of racing through life, turtles are able to appreciate the subtle beauties of nature; a virtue that we as humans seem to be losing with each gen-

As we rush about, trying to keep their senses like the fishing lines up with the ever-quickening pace of modern society, we may pass the turtle along the way, but do we



state,



Political Debate: Should Political Literacy Tests be Administered to Potential Voters? (Week 2)

Here students debate political issues of the day. Week 1 students make their initial argument followed by Week 2 in which they respond to their opponent.

Side 1: Illiterate Voting is Fruitless

The United States of America was born on the notion of freedom and equality. The ability to excel or inhibit one's life is a choice provided to every American citizen regardless of race, ethnicity or gender. This great nation has passes its years of racism and sexism, and is now looking out for the greater good for all men, women goal. and children.

seen as unlawful; however it can also be viewed as an instrument of advancement. Each citizen has the option to participate or not in government, choosing to become educated on the subject at hand or not. It is up to the voters to enlighten themselves to the facts and policies at hand, it is not the government's responsibility. The task of educating every citizen on hands of the Unites States government, but more to local and private

simple political concepts is comparable to standardized tests such as the SATs. A student can choose to read books, take classes or prepare on their own for the test. Basic subject matter on the test is provided in schools and libraries free of access, but the majority of the responsibility for preparation is left up to the individual. A political literacy test would be con-

ceptual, based on basic facts that sions and choices. could be accessed for free from libraries, the internet, and television or radio programs. These basic facts would be the only subject matter presented in a simple political literacy test. The government would not demand American citizens know the constitution and government branches in grave detail, but instead basic knowledge that is easily attainable is the only

Another argument has been pre-A voter's literacy test may be sented against the idea of creating a voter literacy test, and that is based on constitutional rights. The constitution, created with the best interest of the every citizen in mind is over two hundred years old and may have out dated sections. When the country was still trying to establish itself as a power to be respected, the notion that all people had equal right to vote was extremely enticing. It allowed political issues does not lie in the citizens to learn the new government system from firsthand experience. Here in today's society, however, many people are voting To test American citizens on just for the sake of voting and paying little to no attention to the subjects at hand. This has hindered the reputation of the United States as a superpower, and limited our citizens' ability to choose the best candidate for office. A simple literacy test would not go against equality, but would instead insure that voters are enlightened. With politically educated voters comes better thought out political deci-

The United States may have reached a time in its history when it needs to look back on previously declared laws, to insure that in 2008 they are still valid. The constitution has been amended and reinterpreted many times since its creation, and who is to argue a voter's literacy test should not be considered. Even Thomas Jefferson, one of the founding fathers and authors of the constitution believed that the constitution of the United States should be periodically reviewed and revised to better reflect the issues of the present, not just the views of the past.

A literacy test comprised of simple political concepts and ideas could help ensure the citizens of the United States are not wasting their vote, but using it with the best interest of our great nation in mind. A political literacy test is not meant to hind our freedoms, or sway votes to a certain side. It would simply be used to guarantee each voter is enlightened on the issues of the political debate. The freedom to choose who to vote for is not impeded; each citizen is still given the opportunity to decide who they believe will do the best job. Our nation, as well as its citizens deserve the best opportunity possible to advance and excel in each situation, and by allowing only dedicated voters to vote, we can only help our great nation, not

Hello everyone! For those interested in writing for the Political News page of The Outlook, please contact Daniel Wisniewski, President of The Political Science Club to get started! You can contact him at daniel.j.wisniewski@monmouth.edu. All topics and viewpoints are welcome! Thank you!

Serbians Protest Kosovo's Independence

MARGARET DEVICO VICE PRESIDENT, POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB

While US foreign policy has

been securely focused on Iraq and Afghanistan for the past several years, last week saw the resurgence of Serbia and Kosovo to the headlines. On Sunday, an initially peaceful protest through the streets of Belgrade erupted into violence when a group of Serbian nationalists set the United States Embassy building on fire, along with vandalizing several other foreign Embassies. Two hundred arrests were made, with at least one protester dead and no Embassy officials injured. They are weeks.

The reason for the violence of Kosovo's official indepen- made up Yugoslavia. dence from Serbia. The United

newly independent nation while insisting it would maintain diplomatic ties with Serbia. Many Serbians, however, feel that Kosovo is an integral and historic part of their country, not deserving the right to declare independence. Since the end of Slobodan Milosevic's reign, Serbia has been working to improve relations with Kosovo, making its independence particularly offensive to many nationalists. Those opposed to Kosovo's sovereignty also speculate that it may set the precedent of recognizing countries unilaterally instead of bilaterally. This type of mindset could therefore expected to be able to return to lead to the unsteady separations work at the Embassy within two of many other nations in the region, adding to the instability already present in the relatively was Thursday's announcement new countries that previously

As a result of the split, the in- a part of the country.

States lent its support to the ternational community is also becoming divided. Nearby Albania, for example, recognizes Kosovo's sovereignty, along with the US and most (but not all) of the EU, while Russia does not. Additionally, Russia has threatened to use force if the issue is not resolved in accordance to UN resolutions leftover from the end of the Yugoslav Wars in the late 1990s. Meanwhile, a NATO spokesman has also said that there would be swift retaliatory action against Serbia if violence were to erupt.

By most accounts, the protesters' actions at the US Embassy were carried out by a small group of attention-seeking rioters, and are not indicative of the attitude of the majority of Serbians. The country's leaders are seeking a diplomatic way to get Kosovo to rejoin with Serbia, asserting that it will always be

Side 2: Voter Competency Tests: Impractical and Unreasonable

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Beyond a shadow of a doubt, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness certainly are three very fundamental ideals that form the underpinning of the United States political system. On this point, the negative certainly would agree with the affirmative's perspective. However, it is the substance of the argument presented for voter competency testing that is certainly *inconsistent*. The true question here is as follows: How is it possible for the United States to sustain the preceding principles, while simultaneously and systematically stifling the voices of citizens from sea to shining sea?

Voter competency testing inherently fosters a critical problem. A test of such vague proportions is truly incompatible with the goals it is setout to achieve. In other words, the means will obviously essential to democracy, eliminating a citizen's right to vote is not an effective way of generating a knowledgeable pool of eligible voters. The affirmative argues that voter competency testing would not impede on a citizen's personal liberty, but would virtually enhance the nation to that emphasizes rule for, of, or by the people, competency testing would successfully and irreparavoice to be heard (no matter how minimal).

Along these same lines, the affirmative utilized the phrase "best system" without effectively providing a framework for what such vote based on knowledge of political issues, there must be a clear notion of what an ideal system would look like. What happens to those who become disenfranchised? Are they systematically tossed by the wayside as a way to ensure that fulfilled? The daunting reality is that even the most influential, wellthe United States do not have the impossible.

nation's best interests in mind.

Furthermore, the affirmative offers another fallacious argument upon which the negative will build its next point. The affirmative argues that corrupt individuals have done exceedingly well in taking advantage of uneducated voters. In reality, voter competency testing would only seek to eliminate those uneducated citizens that are being taken advantage of, while allowing the well-educated corruption to continue, unaltered, unscathed, and indefinitely. The United States government and respective state government must never demolish the longstanding barrier between the rights of the citizenry and government interest by denying a citizen the right to vote, based inherently upon the lack of political awareness in education. The negative consistently argues that the United States cannot punish citizens for faults that never achieve the ends. While a arise within the system. Voter well-informed constituency is competency testing will destroy the principles of democracy that the United States has worked relentlessly to preserve.

Along with this, it must be noted that if these faults within the system are not corrected, the source of the issue will linger for decades to come. Western democracies, such as England, have reclaim power and integrity. On a national curriculum that allows the contrary, in a political system for the national government to encourage and actively employ youth political awareness. In the United States, according to the bly tear at the seams of personal National Alliance for Civic Eduliberty by denying the right of a cation, between 1972 and 2000 voter turnout among youth with less than the best education has declined 4%. Does this mean that this 4% of youths should be punished for the lack of educational funding in poor neighbora system would potentially look hoods? Does this mean that this like. The negative argues that if 4% should have their right to vote the United States government and taken away because the governrespective state government are ment is not actively promoting the going to actively participate in de- intellectual value in teaching the nying a citizen his or her right to importance of making informed decisions? Certainly not!

The negative argues that there must be a voice for those citizens who desire to taste the fruits of political awareness and education and to stroll the sidewalks of our beautiful cities, educated and conthe nation's best interests are being fident, but do not have the available resources to do so. Clearly, voter competency testing is poeducated, and wealthiest citizens in litically inequitable and rationally

Political Quote

"The wise man loves not to thrust himself of his own accord into the administration of public affairs, but, if circumstances oblige him to it, then he does not refuse the office."

- Cicero

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THIS WEEK OVERSEAS

PAIGE SODANO

Even though there is a lot that goes into planning a trip to another country, it's the memories and photos that you remember in the end. Since I've last written, I had the opportunity to travel to Ireland's capital city - Dublin. I the Irish, but they are incredibly nice and not once did we feel unwelcome. Dublin's definitely a fun

city to visit, and with the flight from London being only an hour, it made the trip there and back go faster than expected.

I went with five other friends, and we stayed in a hostel, which was a first-time experience for all

On our first day out in Dublin, guess it's just something about we took a hop-on, hop-off bus tour so we could get on and off whenever we wanted located near

different tourist spots. We saw Christ Church, St. Patrick's Cathedral, took the Guinness Storehouse tour, and stopped to see Ryan's Bar - because we had heard it was a really nice place and Julia Roberts had eaten there before - I know, we're such tourists.

After trying to take a bus tour to either the Blarney Stone or the White Cliffs the next day, we found out everything was booked so we decided on a tour called the Wild Wicklow Tour. It was beautiful – I had no idea Ireland had such amazlandscape. ing The tour took drive past Dun-Laoghaire Har-



PHOTO COURTESY of Paige Sodano us on a coastal

The intricate ceiling of the Canterbury Church in Ireland.



A scenic view of the beautiful Lough Tay, located in the Wicklow Mountains in Ireland.

bour, Dalkey and Killiney, where command center and underground Van Morrison. Following that, the tunnels were able bus took us up to Glendalough, which was one of the prettiest sights to see – the Wicklow Mountains. Lastly, we concluded with a tour around a lake in which we got to walk through the woods and see old architecture, like the Round Tower and one of the locations in which Braveheart was filmed. A few days just isn't enough time to see everything, so I definitely want to return back to Ireland again someday.

Over the past weekend, a few of my friends and I took a day trip to Dover - which is famous for its White Cliffs. Dover is a town and major ferry port in the county of Kent, England, and faces France across a small section of the English Channel. Although it was a bit misty, the view of the cliffs was still spectacular! Along with er would go out seeing the cliffs, we also got to experience Dover Castle, which is about 2,000 years old, and was built in the 1180s for Henry II. Un-

we saw the homes of Bono and hospital during World War II. The

to hold up to 2,000 troops because the lines stretch for a few miles. One of the rooms the tour took us through was where the military telephone exchange was, which the navy used to communicate with vessels. Wounded men would come to the underground hospital to get operated on. While we were going through the operating room, the lights started flickering to show us that the powsometimes while men were on the operating table.

This was also

The structure was unbelievable, with such intricate designs surrounding every crevice of the ceilings and walls; you have to wonder how long it took to build such an impressive church like this one. I'll be traveling to Amsterdam this weekend, so I'm really excited to see what the Netherlands is like! Till then, hope you're all having a great semester and keeping warm! Cheers.

ral Sir Bertram Ramsey directed the evacuation

of French and British

soldiers from Dunkirk,

code-named Operation

Dynamo, from the head-

quarters in the cliff tun-

nels. Last but not least,

we went in the Canter-

bury Cathedral, which

was the most gorgeous church I've yet to see.



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derneath the castle were the secret the location in A close up look at the White Cliffs of Dowartime tunnels, which acted as a 1940 where Admi- ver, located along the English Channel.

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Don't Look Away From Kate Voegele

MEGAN LABRUNA STUDY ABROAD EDITOR

For those of you who happen to be fans of One Tree Hill, you know her as Mia, the shy breakout artist on Peyton's recording label. To everyone else, she is known as Kate Voegele, and if you haven't heard of her then you'd better, because this pop rocker is here to stay.

Voegele, a native of Cleveland, Ohio type of genre would be impossible. began writing her own songs at the age of fifteen, recording demos by age sixteen, and was opening for such acts as John Mayer and The Counting Crows by age seventeen. Along with these performances, she has also opened for Dave Matthews Band, John Mellencamp, and the Wreckers, to name just a few.

In late 2006, after meeting with several record labels, Kate Voegele signed with MySpace records, which is run by the co founder of MySpace, Tom Anderson. Her first full length debut album Don't Look Away was released in May

Several of the original tracks off of her album can be heard on One Tree Hill being performed by her character Mia. As a result of the show's popularity, Don't Look Away was rereleased in Tree Hill for a while! stores in January of 2008 on the same day the fifth season of One Tree Hill de- Look Away is available now in stores buted. Voegele's television debut helped to get her name out and boosted CD sales from the original release date.

The album features 12 tracks all written and performed by Voegele. While her sound is reminiscent of a mix between Michelle Branch and Sheryl Crow, each song manages to have its own unique feel fully equipped with meaningful and relatable lyrics.

To try to classify her album as one There are songs such as "Only Fooling Myself" and "Top of the World" which feature upbeat and popish melodies, which are followed by "No Good" and "One Way or Another" that have an angsty rock feel to them. Even a ballad can be found on the album, entitled "Kindly Unspoken" which is one of the songs that has been featured on One Tree

At the age of 21, this singer/songwriter has already accomplished a great deal and is still continuing to make a name for herself. With Voegele's recent popularity constantly growing, it's only a matter of time before she takes the radio waves by storm. As for her television stint, it looks like Mia is going to be rockin'

Kate Voegele's debut album *Don't* and online at Ruckus.com and be sure to check her out on MySpace for more information and tour dates

Meet the Girl Behind the Piano: Sara Bareilles

TAYLOR CORVINO STAFF WRITER

What started out as an unknown new Rhapsody/Tivo commercial, on iTunes. It was not long before Sara Bareilles' debut single

inundated the airwaves, currently rounding the Billboard's Hot 100 list at #5 this week.

Little Voice, released in July of 2007, is the title of Sara Bareilles' first major label album, which is al- Little Voice ready certified @ 2007

Gold. Bareilles Epic Records co-produced uncanny resemblance to Norah Jones and Fiona Apple, Bareilles' always accompanied by her piano

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Sara who is now 28, participated in the title comes from," said Baher community's musical theater reilles when talking about her productions and her high school choir. Bareilles went on to attend girl singing behind a piano for a UCLA where she studied Communication, but made sure she escalated into a #1 selling album continued with her musical roots and joined the university's a cappella choir.

"I felt stupid and wonderful and small and liberated and exhilarated and I started feeling the need to I did," said Bareilles her musical career. She began to attend open mic sessions and play for small shows, which quickly grew into bigger and bigger shows around Los Angeles.

Bareilles her first demo Careful Confes- with Epic records in April of 2005 sions back in 2003 but it did not and spent the next year crafting get much recognition. With an her work. "It's a collection of songs that pretty much mean the world to me. They chronicle my voice is smooth and sultry and is life, my relationships, my basketcase-ness, and my utter devotion to trying to write honest stuff Growing up in Eureka, California, down and share it. That's where Oughta Know Tour."

album Little Voice.

Little Voice contains 13 tracks, including the smash hit "Love Song," which is a declaration to learn and grow from past relationships. Women and even some men can relate with her "put up or shut up lyrics" which attributes to Bareilles' recent success.

The entire album has a guarded tone of a woman who has had her share of bad luck when it comes to write it all down. So romance, as well as a young woman searching to find her own identity. which later sparked Her second single off Little Voice is "Bottle it Up." With lyrics pro-claiming "I do it for love," her jaded persona still remains untouched.

> "This record was really about me learning to trust my own instincts, and more importantly, recognize how desperately I needed to learn to listen to myself, however inexperienced and naïve I may be. It sounds cliché, but that little voice is sometimes the only voice that's speaking the truth," said Bareilles.

> Be on the look out for Sara Bareilles' TRL appearance on February 28th at 3:30 p.m. and be sure to check out her tour alongside James Blunt as a part of VH1's "You

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This Season American on Idol

VERONIQUE BLOSTEIN

The top 24 contestants took the stage last week on American Idol, and sang their hearts our for America's votes. The guys took the stage Tuesday night for two hours and performed their renditions of popular 60's songs.

The judges' pick for best performance of the night went to 17-year-old David Archuleta. His performance of Smokey Robinson's "Shop Around" certainly blew all the other men out of the water. "When you got it, you got it," said judge Simon Cowell.

Many of the guys' performances were not up to par. The newly onenamed Chikezie took a hit after singing Spiral Staircases' "More Today than Yesterday." Not only was this a bad song choice for him, but his choice of costume (a bright orange power-suit) certainly did not help compensate. "I really hated the whole performance," said Cowell.

Cowell also referred to Jason Yeager's performance as reminding him of a "cruise ship," Danny Noriega's Elvis rendition as "grotesque," and Luke Menard's performance as "forgettable." Many people, including host Ryan Seacrest and judge Randy Jackson, blamed the 60's theme. Cowell disagreed.

The girls took the stage for two hours Wednesday night, with the bar performances went to Alaina Whita-Smithson. Many of the girls that performed have been sick with the flu epidemic that has been sweeping Cook's, it wasn't even a concern for others, like Carly Smithson.

The judges raved about rockernurse Amanda Overmyer's rendition of Van Morrison's "Baby Please Don't Go." (Personally, I don't know WHAT the judges were thinking. I thought her performance was all over the place. Simon said the same thing, but still liked her. Go figure.)

Kady Malloy has one of the strongest vocals in the competition. (She's the girl who does the Britney Spears impression.) However, Randy believed her performance to be "restrained and controlled," and Simon and Paula both agreed that she needed to sing a song that showed off more of her amazing personality.

While Randy referred to Carly Smithson's performance as "what the show is all about," Simon "didn't get it" and was "let down." (I tend to agree with Simon about 97 percent of the time, but this was one of those times where he was way off in my

Thursday night's episode featured the results of America's votes. The *Idol* this week, only on FOX.

set fairly low. The main stand-out show opened up with a segment of the top 24's photo shoot, compiled to ker, Asia'h Epperson, Syesha Mer- Daughtry's "What About Now." The cado, Ramiele Malubay, and Carly top 24 then took the stage for a group 60's medley. The fun was over after this performance, as the cuts began.

First to go home for the guys was the nation. While it affected some Garrett Haley, and for the girls, Amy performances, such as Kristy Lee Davis. (America got it right so far. Davis' performance was absolutely horrendous, and her voice sounded

> The show took a break from the cuts, and premiered judge Paula Abdul's new video, "Dance Like There's No Tomorrow." Surprisingly, it was very entertaining. She looked great in the video and the song is very catchy and upbeat. (I must say, I was not expecting something of substance coming from Paula Abdul. I was impressed.) She expressed her gratitude to Randy for helping her get her music career back off the ground.

> The final two contestants to go home were our Jersey girl, Joanne Borgella, along with Colton Berry. All contestants who were cut performed for one last time on the American Idol stage.

> Twenty-contestants are left. Make sure vou vote in order to keep vour favorites from going home! Tune into The Outlook next week to see what unfolds in round two of the semi-finals, and be sure to watch American

We Spiced Up **Our Lives**

JACQUELYN BODMER

For Valentine's Day, most guys are lost in the aisle full of Hallmark covered everything and find it difficult to make the day not like any other. All guys need to do is step outside the boxed candy and just do stuff that they like to do. For Valentine's Day this year, Dave surprised me with tickets to see the Spice Girls World Tour. For Dave to buy us tickets to see a concert I know he probably did not want to see was really something

special.

Alright, so there we were, Monday, February 11th in the Prudential Center, Newark, NJ. I was really excited because, like most 20 somethings, I grew up listening to the Spice Girls. After arriving, we waited on line to buy merchandise. The average shirt was \$35a crystal encrusted UK est hits. flag was \$90. We then

made our way to the seats, section 8, row 12, where it felt like the Spice Girls could sweat on us. Never in my life have I seen so many young girls and women in one spot, and with no sale going on either. There several groups of girls, around the ages of 12 or 13, dressed in the Spice entire from their hay day. Dave and I joked and had to wonder if they even know who the Spice Girls are and why were they dressed like that. After all, ten years ago, when the Spice Girls were huge, these teens were only four or five vears old.

an hour, with much anticipation, the lights finally dimmed and the crowd went wild with a deafening roar of excitement. At 8:30 p.m. all five of The Spice Girls rose from the floor in tan figure flattering outfits. Roberto Cavalli designed all the costumes for the tour and with over ten costume changes throughout the evening, he clearly had his hands full. I would do anything to have some pieces of their costumes; they were absolutely gorgeous and stunning. Emma Bunton aka Baby Spice, Geri Halliwell aka



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\$50 and the shirt with The Spice Girls perform some of their great-

Ginger Spice, Melanie Brown aka audience. It was plain to see that all Scary Spice, Melanie Chisholm aka Sporty Spice, and Victoria Beckham aka Posh Spice looked very different from the mega platform heels, and funky colored hair they were known for back in the day. They looked like real grown up women. Singing three hit songs in a row, they had a costume change and their backup dancers came out. Full of energy and spunk, the dancers really kept the crowd pumped up.

Eventually through the show each

dance; however, known for her couture image, Beckham just did a strut down the catwalk. Each solo ranged from Bunton's groovy go-go mix to Brown's S&M ladder dance. The women definitely brought a more adult image to the whole show. One number was a pole dance and feathers and another was a changing booth. There were sexy innuendos through the night made by each singer. They sang all their hits of latest and greatest. For one portion of the show Halliwell left the stage so the remaining four could sing

the few songs they did when Halliwell left the group. The Spice Girls who will perform over 50 shows this tour, seventeen back to back in London proved to be better than anyone thought they would.

It had to have been one of the best concerts I saw the 1 hour and 45mins of non-stop energy, with over 15 songs performed, it was nothing short of amazing. I have to admit by the end of the concert, Dave was up and dancing, also admitting this was one of the better concerts we have seen together, because of the energy level passed from the girls to the

five of the women wanted to be on stage and performing the concert for yet another sold out show. Just when everyone thought it was over and the seats were beginning empty, they all came back to sing one more of their greatest hits. All we have to say is, 'Mission Accomplished, SPICE!"

Let this be a lesson to all you guys out there; do not be afraid to do something out of the box for Valentine's Day, Anniversaries, or any other day for that matter. Who knows, you After sitting in our seats for over Spice Girl had her own solo song and might just actually have a great time.

GREASE IS THE WORD

NICOLE GUISTINO

Remember when you were a kid and were first introduced to the movie, Grease, and were too young to fully understand the scandalous situations that were occurring? If you were to watch it now, you probably wouldn't believe that your parents allowed you to see it when you were just around nine or ten years old!

Surprise, you can now relive the famous, feel-good songs, such as, "We Go Together" and "Summer Nights," because Grease is back in a big way, and is s being revived on Broadway.

All of the humor, heartache, and fun that the Pink Ladies and T-Birds encountered in both the movie and Original Broadway show are included as well.

The unique thing about this production is that the stars who played 50's style wardrobe and hair, and

Sandy and Danny, were actually chosen from the NBC talent program, You're The One That I Want, which aired last year.

Each week, guy and girl were eliminated, coming closer and closer to choosing the lucky two who were to win the lead roles in the up and coming revived Broadway production. Lau- Laura and Max get ready ra Osnes of Eagan, to become Sandy and Minnesota, and Max Danny. Crumm of Phoenix,

Arizona ended up in earning the titles 2007 and is playing at the Brooks Atof Sandy and Danny.

have been more perfect for their parts. in Manhattan, with tickets starting at However, I did find that the produc- approximately \$110.

tion made Sandy seem like a vulnerably sad and lonely person throughout the play, but that Laura Osnes took control of the role and made you want to feel bad for her.

I also found that Danny's playerlike personality and need to be "cool" in front of his friends, is the counterpart to his hidden, deep love for Sandy, was played to perfection and made believable by Max Crumm. Both were outstanding singers as well.

My personal, favorite character, in both the film and this production, was Rizzo. Jenny Powers' strong and sultry voice made, "There Are Worst Things I Could Do", a powerful ballad.

The other actors were phenomenal and believable, as each character left a lasting and unforgettable impression after the show was over.

The colorful scenery, outrageous

upbeat make this play well worth seeing. The show provides a lot of fun, and you cannot help but leave the theater singing and can't wait to have a chance to reminisce with your friends about your first "Greased Light-

nin" experience. Grease started in September

kinson Theater, on West 47th Street, Both, did a great job and could not (between Broadway and 8th Avenue)

CHARLIE BARTLETT IS JUST WHAT THE **DOCTOR ORDERED**

ALEXANDRA JOHNSON

Every so often a movie comes along that breaks into teenage mentality and spits it back out onto the tribulations of high school, Charlie around his eye. Bartlett encompasses issues of first

the movie is hardly going to be up for an Academy Award, it is definitely an enjoyable flick chock full of laughs.

Charlie Bartlett (Anton Yelchin) is a wealthy teen whose natural drive for rebellion is to blame for the insurmountable private school expulsion letters that line his walls. Going against the grain is Charlie's vice, which could be in part due to his unconhas lived alone in the family estate with his dependent mother. Relying on the family's on-call psychiatrist to play the

an early age.

learns the power of medication at

version he had been used to. Immediately stumbling in the way of the school bully Murphey Bivens (Tyler Hilton), Charlie's first day of school left a harsh impression big screen. A comedic spin on the in the form of a big black ring Downey Jr.), who just so happens

loves, sex, suicide, fitting in, and from the people he initially seems tration is a strong suit of Charlie's,



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ventional family. Ever since Charlie Bartlett (Anton Yelchin) leans his father's departure, Charlie back in glory as his psychiatrist writes him a prescription for popularity.

Charlie decides to play psychiatrist. After coercing Murphey to role of the problem solver, Charlie be his business partner and setting up a make shift office in the boys' restroom, Charlie offers After sifting through every pri- advice and comfort in the form vate institution in the area, Char- of prescription pills to his peers. lie is forced to enroll in public The recognition he was after had education. He quickly finds that finally become obtainable, but his

his peers are not the cookie cutter overnight status coincided with repercussions that were not nearly as glamorous.

Charlie routinely finds himself bumping heads with the school principal, Mr. Gardner (Robert to be his girlfriend's father. Al-In hopes of gaining popularity though a struggle with adminissetting yourself apart. Although to have nothing in common with, he opts to use his popularity in a more beneficial manner.

As you follow the adolescent angst of Charlie and his schoolmates, you visit the differing personalities that make up a typical high school setting. Through each of their actions and the ramblings they present to Charlie for analysis, he finds that perfection does not exist. Every single person is fighting their own battles, and self-acceptance is the only thing that can get them through the day.

Charlie Bartlett is a feel good movie that anyone who survived high school can relate to. If you have ever been the new kid, pissed off a teacher, sat at the popular lunch table, wished you sat at the popular lunch table, been embarrassed of your parents, or simply just wanted to fit in, go and see

New Rock Band Flyleaf Hits the Airwaves

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TAYLOR CORVINO STAFF WRITER

comes a new rock band called Flyleaf. Formerly known as Passerby, Flyleaf consists of guitarists Sameer Bhattacharya and Jared Hartmann, bassist Pat release, the group played shows Seals, and lead singer Lacey Mosely.

Flyleaf first emerged on the scene back in 2002 and played shows all around Texas. The group was able to land gigs as opening acts for Bowling for Soup, Evanescence, and Riddlin' Kids. Lacey Mosely, known for nally hitting the airwaves with her morbid yet powerful lyrics, got Flyleaf the recognition they deserved by getting them a spot in the South by Southwest music conference in 2003. By 2004 the group was signed by Octone Records and on their way to star-

Flyleaf has worked with countless producers such as Rick Parasher, Howard Benson, and Brad Cook who had impresas Pearl Jam, My Chemical Romance, and Foo Fighters.

our experiences and passions sale releases.

and how we have overcome. Our message is to encourage the hopeless people to have Straight out of Belton, Texas hope, and the apathetic people to stand up in their destinies and purposes and believe in something good and world chang-James Culpepper on drums, ing," explained Lacey Mosely.

In anticipation of their 2005 alongside other rock bands such as 3 Doors Down and Breaking Benjamin. Flyleaf's debut self titled album was originally released on September 27, 2005 and re-released on January 3,

Two years later Flyleaf is fitheir current single "All Around Me" that has made it onto both the Pop 100 and Billboard's Hot 100 charts. Flyleaf is presently touring Europe with Korn and will head back to the states to tour with Seether this spring.

Flyleaf will be traveling all over the United States and will play one of their last few shows locally in Sayreville on May 13th at Starland Ballroom. Ticksive resumes with clients such ets for the Starland Ballroom performance will go on sale March 1st courtesy of Ticket-"Our music is passionate and master. You can also check out on purpose. It's angry and sad the group's MySpace to get the and urgent and loving. It's about full list of tour dates and ticket

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DANIELLE DECARLO

derstand how expensive simple necessities can get. Between tuition, and other accessories, house rent, groceries, books, gas, etc., we barely have enough money left and much, much more. These are in our bank accounts to do much of anything for ourselves. Shopping around Long Branch seems to get more and more expensive has been manager for about ten and certainly does not fit within a months. Clothing is donated evstudent's budget. But, what if you ery day and they are constantly were told that you could shop for sorting through new items and amazing prices while also helping starting new sales. a great cause? It seems like it's too

Being college students, we un- and children, shoes for all ages, gowns and dresses, jewelry, belts ware, linen, CDs, books, coats, provided by donations.

Castaways has been around for about three years. Perrone

"The generosity of the donors



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Castaways is truly the place to go for any necessities. Anything you are looking for, they will probably have it!

good to be true, but at Castaways is wonderful," Perrone said. "We Thrift Shop this is the real deal (in get so many new things, or things more ways than one)!

Castaways Thrift Shop is one of 24 programs by the Family and Diesel, etc." Children's Service (FCS) located on Bath Ave in Long Branch. They sales go to the programs run by carry everything from clothes for the FCS. All of the money goes children and adults to house ware back to families and children

"The generosity of the donors is wonderful."

PATTI PERRONE

Manager, Castaways Thrift Shop

When you walk into Castaways, you will notice how neat, clean and organized all of the merchandise is. Manager Patricia Perrone, who has a strong background in retail,

says that they update it every day.
"We run sales and change them every day," she said. "It's much more personal shopping. We have tons of children's clothes, and when the Giants won we had affordable paraphernalia for our shoppers. We'll even hold things for returning customers."

at Castaways. Just a few to name

that are in pristine shape. Sometimes we get brands like Lucky,

The proceeds from Castaways'

you need to live," Perrone said.

They will even provide an outfit for a job interview. For example, "We are able to provide the one woman was interviewing for a



You can find almost anything Castaways has a wide selection of clothing, but their top section is the women's section. They also carry clothes for are; clothing for men, women, children and men in all sizes, colors and shapes.



propriate clothing to get her the

Even if they hear that someone

Castaways will reach out to help

Depending on the season, you can even pick up brand new winter jackets that some department stores donate to Castaways. Pictured here are brand new North Face jackets and other top brands.

In fact, Castaways even has an was able to provide her with apagreement with Long Branch Concordance where they have an individual fill out a form and bring it to the thrift store to get clothes and necessities for their family.

"If there's a legitimate need, we will definitely provide for them. We deal with people through FCS and directly with the community."

PATTI PERRONE

"They will send someone over with a form saying how many kids they have, how old they are, and other information. The individual is able to pick out three outfits, shoes, jackets, and other supplies depending on the season. They receive three outfits for each family member," Perrone explained.

less fortunate with things that job at Lord and Taylor, which is a very high-end store, and Castaways

for 24 hours. 'We limit our hours inside be-

time, there are bins that are open

cause of the number of volunteers," explained Perrone, "But there is someone that checks the bins every single morning!"

While sorting, if the crew at Castaways sees anything that they can't use at their store, they pass

'We have passed things on to the Madonna Organization, the ASPCA, and many others," said Perrone. "Even if it's not for us, we can always find some use for

The Castaways crew has even used clothes that are un-wearable to decorate their store to make it feel more comfortable. In their house wares section, you will see a much more home-like feeling with how they were able to utilies seemingly un-useable items; nothing goes to waste!

Castaways helps many people in need, but anyone is welcome to come check it out, including students! They have all kinds of things ranging from jewelry consisting of sterling, vintage and is in need through word of mouth, costume, to whole sets of silver-



Castaways offers many accessories including belts, bags, shoes, scarves, and much more. If you keep your eyes peeled, there is always that possibility that it is made by a top designer, too!

"If there's a legitimate need, we will definitely provide for them. We deal with people through FCS and directly with the community," said Perrone.

At Castaways, you can find a much more personal level of retail. Most of the employees are volunteers, and their hard work and dedication mixed with the generosity of the donors is what makes it such a success.

There are many students who run into the problem of having way too many clothes that are just impossible to bring home once it is time to move out. If you're interested, you can donate to Castaways through their in-store donations which are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:30 until

"You have to get stuff as it comes because it goes quick!" Perrone said. "You have to come frequently because we are always changing. There were actually a couple of students in here the other day who were just thrilled with what they found!'

Castaways Thrift Shop is a great way to contribute to those in need, and is also a great way to save your own money. You can donate to them, and help contribute to the FCS while also staying well within your own budget. Their hard work and dedication make their program much more than just donating and fundraising, they care a lot about the community and bringing a more personal side to retail; so check out Castaways at 3pm. If you can't make it at that 191 Bath Avenue in Long Branch!

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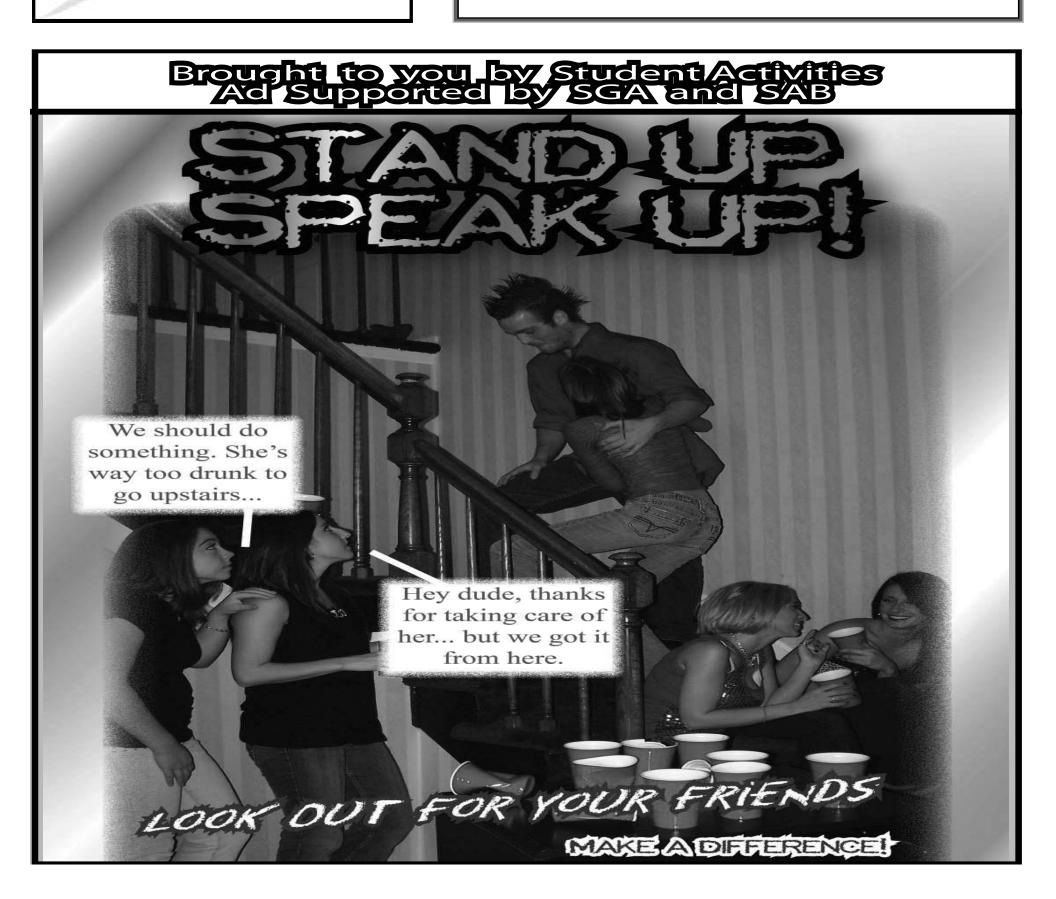
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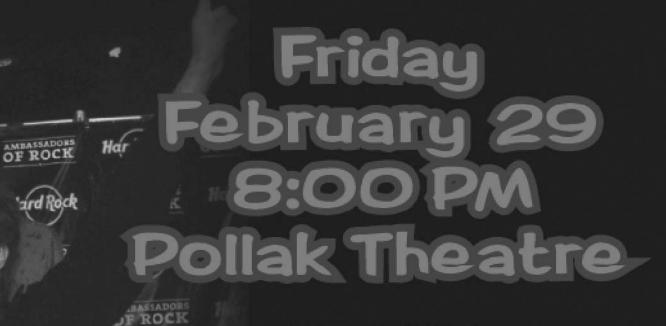
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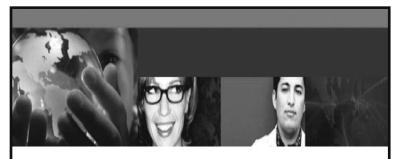
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Alpha Xi Delta

This week the sisters of Alpha Xi Delta will hold a bake sale on Thursday February 28, 2008. The bake sale will be a fundraiser for the foundation Bella's Blessing. Bella's Blessing is a foundation supporting SMA, which is Spinal Muscular Atrophy. We really hope that everyone can come and contribute to this fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our national philanthropy project with Build-A-Bear. We really appreciate everyone who has contributed! There will be more details to come so make sure to keep an eye on this space for Alpha Xi Delta updates or check our Facebook profile, Interested in Joining Alpha Xi Delta.

Much Xi Love to everyone!

Political Science Club

Come to the Political Science Club meetings every Tuesday at 3:45 in Bey Hall room 228. You can write for the Political Page of the Outlook or help plan other events. Upcoming events include a trip to Washington D.C. as well as a Support the Troops event. Stop by a meeting and join the best club on campus!

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Have A Fun And Safe Spring Break!!! Alpha Sigma Tau would like to thank everyone who particapted in Beauty and the Greek!!! Congrats to the WINNERS!!! Insiders: Shimmer, can't wait to jam with you on our guitars-Aaliyah, LuckyStar panics as she is out on the open road. Skimmer you rock my world and I simply could not operate life without you<3Pseudotwin... Alpha Rhos-missed you like crazy this weekend! Love Muse! Matey misses ALL of her sisters and hates working on her senior thesis! Dear Athena & Gia (BIG!).. that was so intense...want some juice? <3 Vogue, Affinity chicka chicka yeah chicka yeahhh...love Euphoria (who missed Muse this weekend like whoa)... "Big--Do him!" I love making juice with smalls & gsec I seriously have never had so much fun in my life. G-Smalls-miss you..love me please? Roomz-RIP Gangster's Paradise-that place sucks..wooly sheep...foreva... <3 Serenity

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So just what is a rain garden?

JAMIE KINARD

Monmouth University is leading the way to better water quality in New Jersey. This is being accomplished through Water Watch, a group associated with the Urban Coast Institute, by building a demonstrative rain garden right here on campus. In order to keep you updated on this incredible garden, a blog will be posted each week that will follow up on the newest information on the garden. Now, you have heard the term 'Rain Garden' all over the place, but what does it really mean? And how is it supposed to help the environment? Simply stated, it is a garden that is slightly deeper than normal. This is so that runoff from rain and other local water systems can filter into the garden and the water can be purified naturally through the soil. A rain garden is also designed to control storm water, not only to prevent flooding but to also prevent an overabundance of sediments and pollutants from reaching the waterways that eventually lead to the ocean. Stopping the spread of toxins and other pollutants in urban runoff helps to enhance the quality of the water we drink and reduces the need for intense purification systems. Not only does the garden help the environment, but it also helps to bond the community together over a common interest. The garden usually contains a variety of plants that are both decorative and functional. Sculpture and modern art can add to the garden as well. Each rain garden is unique and can help the environment while being attractive to each community.

So, why build a rain garden?

Here are the top ten reasons to put one in your community.

10. Less flooding and – storm water control means less puddles and who does not want to have less of those?

9. Inexpensive – only about \$3 to \$4 dollars on residential lots. Getting the plants donated and having volunteers reduces the cost even more.

8. Landscaping – a great way to improve the atmosphere of the community
7. Education project – Tours and teachers can help to educate kids about their local water quality.
6. Raise awareness of environmental issues/water quality issues

5. Varies in size – so it can improve water quality in small backyards to entire parks.
4. Fun activity - a good place to take local school kids to directly learn about the environment, as well as being a pleasant place to visit.

3. Improve the water that ends up in the ocean, streams and eventually our own drinking water.2. Recreate/Heal Ecosystems. – By purifying the water quality, the pollutants will help the organisms in the water to repopulate, and therefore the animals that feed on them will repopulate as well.

1. Help save the environment!





What do you enjoy to participate in around campus?

COMPILED BY: SARAH ALYSE JAMIESON



Suzanne graduate student
"I like to chill in Java City with my friends."



freshman

"Pledging for Zeta Tau Alpha
Sorority."



sophomore
"I'm a new transfer here, so I'm planning on getting involved in many activities."

Allison



junior"I participate in television, audio and video editinghere on campus."

Dan



Katie

junior
"I have a blast with my Alpha Sigs!"



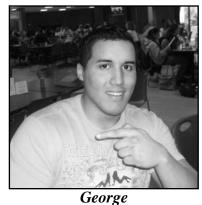
freshman
"I enjoy the calm atmosphere here,
at MU."



Tim freshman "I play on my laptop, in the Student Center, all day long."



Sam freshman "Llike to lift in the MU gym!"



junior
"I like to hang out with my Fratemitybrothers, Phi Sigma Kappa! I also
lift with Sam and attend meetings with
Sloth.""



Jerry junior "I hang with my brothers of Theta Xi."



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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Test Taking Strategies Part 2 • 2:30 PM • Bey Hall 223
Food for the Soul • 2:30 PM • Young Auditorium

Exercise: Abdominal and Low Back • 7:00 PM • Fitness Center
Guitar Hero • 8:00 PM (tentative) • The Underground
Screaming Orphans • 9:00 PM • Pollak Theatre

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Men's Basketball vs. St. Francis (PA) • 7:00 PM • Boylan Players Steppe Troupe Show • 7:30 PM • Pollak Theatre Late Night Lounge • 10:00 PM • The Underground

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Black History Month Flag Lowering Ceremony • 12:00 PM • Great Lawn Lacrosse vs. Columbia • 1:00 PM • Kessler Field

Texas Hold'em Tourney • 5:00 PM • RSSC Fireplace Lounge

Movie: I am Legend • 7:00 PM & 11:00 PM • The Underground

Jim Breuer "Breuniversity Tour" • 8:00 PM • Pollak Theatre

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

Meet the Commworks-Students Committed to Performance • 5 PM • RSSC Cafeteria Movie: The Mist • 7:00 PM & 11:00 PM • The Underground

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

Monmouth Mall Shuttles • Departing 12, 1, 2, & 3 PM • Birch Loop Lacrosse vs. LaSalle • 1:00 PM • Kessler Field

MONDAY, MARCH 3

Women's Basketball vs. St. Francis (PA) • 7:00 PM • Boylan William Hogwarth Collection • Through March 21 • Ice House Gallery

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

The Vagina Monologues • 7:30 PM • Anacon Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

Make Your Own Street Signs • 12 - 4 PM • RSSC Lobby What's Love For to Do With It • 2:30 PM • Young Auditorium The Vagina Monologues • 7:30 PM • Anacon Hall Dance Off • 10:00 PM • Pollak Theatre

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29 7:00 PM & 11:00 PM I AM LEGEND

SATURDAY, MARCH 1 7:00 PM & 11:00 PM THE MIST



THEUNDERGROUND

Basketball

Blue and White Plummet to Tenth

Men lose at Quinnipiac 62-60, fall to LIU at home 75-65, drop to 10th place in NEC

ERIC WALSH SPORTS EDITOR

team came into the two-game stint against Quinnipiac on the road at the TD Banknorth Sports Center and at home in Boylan Gym against Long Island University in the ninth position in the NEC just a game and a half out of eighth place and a spot in the NEC Tournament. But after losing both games, the Hawks find themselves in a tie at the bottom of the conference with just two games remaining in the season.

Quinnipiac at the TD Banknorth the first half.

pulled out a nail-biting 62-60 vic- position at the break, down only one, foul line in the contest, outscored tory over the visiting Hawks.

The Blue and White got off to The Monmouth men's basketball a slow start and found themselves down 8-2 within the opening seven minutes of the contest after a layup from Bobcats forward Louis Brookins. Monmouth brought the score to 8-7 with a wing three from Yaniv Simpson and a reverse lay-up from James Hett.

The Bobcats built up a five-point lead at the 7:02 mark just after the Blue and White were able to make the score 13-12. However, MU answered back with back-to-back On Thursday, February 21st, treys from Hett and Alex Nunner to Monmouth took on fifth-place pull ahead 18-17 with 5:22 to go in



PHOTO COURTESY of MU Sports Information

James Hett, who had a career-high 19 points against Quinnipiac, could not aid the team to victories against the Bobcats or the Blackbirds

Sports Center for a chance to earn team had other thoughts as they of a minute put the Hawks in good

Another three from Nunner put a win and take a step closer to the Monmouth down 24-23 with 1:38 coveted eighth spot in the Northeast remaining in the opening half, and Conference standings. The home Simpson's baseline jumper inside

The visiting squad scored the first six points of the second half to go up 31-26 at the 17:06 mark, highlighted by successive fast-break lay-ins from Hett and Jhamar Youngblood. Nunner's third trifecta of the contest put MU ahead 34-28 with 16:28 remaining.

Quinnipiac went on a five-point scoring run to cut the Monmouth lead to one, 34-33, but the Hawks a three-pointer to make the score were able to open their lead to six with 11:28 to go in the game, led by two Simpson three-point baskets.

With the Hawks up 48-46 with 5:05 left in the game, the Bobcats went on a 10-1 scoring run to take the lead 56-49. Simpson cut the deficit to three with a wing trifecta with just 1:57 showing on the scoreboard.

With the Blue and White down 59-57 with just 47 seconds left, Youngblood was able to get off a wing three which hit the bottom of the net, making the score 60-59 in favor of the visiting team.

Quinnipiac's Bryan Geffen hit a three-pointer off a timeout with 2.6 seconds to go which proved to be the game-winner for the Bobcats.

Monmouth was led by Hett's career-high 19 points, including a season-best 3-3 from three-point range.

Both Nunner and Simpson added 14 points each, with Whitney Coleman chipping in a career-high eight assists and six rebounds.

The Blue and White returned to action on Saturday, February 23rd, in another game that was badly needed in order to advance to the

Despite four players scoring in double-figures, the Hawks could not pull out the victory, falling 75-65 to visiting LIU. With the loss, MU dropped to 1-11 at home on the season, and is 6-20 overall and 3-13 in

LIU, who was 29-of-39 from the Mary's also at 7 p.m.

the home team 12-4 in the final 3:53 to cleave to the 10-point vic-

After a first half that included a 9-0 run for Monmouth and a 13-2 run for LIU, the Hawks found themselves trailing 40-31 at the

The Blackbirds extended their 7-0 first half run to 10-0, after opening the second stanza with

Dutch Gaitley pulled the Blue and White within 45-38, with a strong post moves with 16:48 remaining in the game.

However, Kellen Allen scored the next five points, including two post-move baskets, to put the LIU ahead 50-38 with 12:46 left in the

Back-to-back three-pointers from Nunner and Yaniv Simpson made the score 52-44 with 11:48 showing, and Rutledge's consecutive threes made it a one-point game, 53-52, with 8:02 remaining.

Monmouth got as close as 63-61. before LIU went on an 8-2 run to close the door on the Blue and White for good.

The Hawks, who had four players foul out, were led by Nunner and Coleman who had 11 points

Hett, who recorded six assists and five rebounds, and R.J. Rutledge each had 10 points.

Monmouth, who is now on the outside looking in for a spot in the final eight for the NEC Tournament, has two games remaining and must win both to even hope to participate in the postseason.

The team concludes their season with a home game against St. Francis (Pa.) on February 28, at 7 p.m., and a road game against Mount St.

NEC Men's Basketball **Standings**

1. Robert Morris

(14-2)

2. Wagner

(13-3)

Sacred Heart

(13-3)

4. Quinnipiac (10-6)

5. Mount St. Mary's

(10-7)

6. CCSU

(9-7)7. Long Island

(6-10)8. St. Francis (PA)

(4-12)

9. St. Francis (NY)

(4-13)

10. FDU

(3-13)

Monmouth

(3-13)

Hawks Stop the Bobcats on the Road

Women end first-place Qunnipiac's seven game winning streak with 80-66 win

ANDREW SCHETTER CONTRIBUTING WRITER

had yet to lose at home and were and white shot 62.5% in the first 3 shots from downtown and helped riding a 7 game win streak, so something had to break. Thanks to the Hawks efforts both teams will have to start new streaks as they pulled off the win 80-66 at the TD Banknorth Sports Center.

The Hawks have yet to lose at the Bobcats new court and this win could not have come at a better time for Monmouth. The Blue and White came into the game tied for the 8th and final seed in the NEC tournament where they would be up against Quinnipiac. This game gives the team proof that anything can happen once the ball is tipped.

The Hawks came out with a purpose right off the tip as they took an early 10-4 lead in the first 8 minutes and held the Bobcats scoreless for a 6 and a half minute stretch. The entire half went Monmouth's way as it culminated with a Veronica Randolph Marisa Jimenez scored a team-high 21 points while connecting on 6 3 pointer from the right wing as of 10 shots from the floor and 8 of 10 shots from the charity stripe to lead time expired to give the Hawks a the Hawks to a victory over the Bobcats.

This was the best defensive ef-The women's basketball team fort the Hawks have had since and showed why they were first tion. came into their game against the January 21st against Central Conplace in the NEC, they connected Gu first place Quinnipiac Bobcats necticut when they only allowed on 3 shots from beyond the arc in Hawks' leading scorer with 21 Monday night on a 7 game los- 20 points in the first half. On the the first 6 minutes of the 2nd half. points, drained a 3 pointer to help ing streak, meanwhile the Bobcats offensive end of the court the blue Mandy Pennewell made 2 of those keep Monmouth in the drivers

35-22 lead heading into the locker half, and out-rebounded Quinni- her team climb back within 5 burg, Maryland to face off against

PHOTO COURTESY of MU Sports Information

The Bobcats came out of the half 13 minutes left to play in regula- Conference action.

Guard Marisa Jimenez was the seat. Monmouth then went ahead 55-39 with 9:41 to go in the game to claim their largest lead of the

After that it was smooth sailing for the Hawks as the Bobcats got as close as 10 but never challenged Monmouth from there. The win makes the Hawks 8-19 as well as improving to 5-11 in the NEC, while Quinnipiac drops to 22-4 and 14-2 in the Confer-

The Bobcats lone bright spot was Erin Kerner who led all scorers with 28. The Hawks were led by Jiminez with 21 points but Jennifer Bender continued her impressive season with 16 points and 7 rebounds. Veronica Randolph contributed 11 points to the win, while Ware and Barber rounded out the double digit scorers with 10 points a piece.

The Hawks hope to carry the momentum of their most impressive win of the season when they travel Saturday to Emmits-

points of the lead with just over Mount St. Mary's in North East

NEC Women's Basketball Standings

1. Quinnipiac (14-2)

Robert Morris (14-2)

3. Sacred Heart (13-3)

4. Long Island (12-4)

5. Fairleigh Dickinson (7-9)

6. St. Francis (NY) (7-10)

7. Mount St. Mary's (6-11)

8. Monmouth (5-11)

Wagner (5-11)

10. St. Francis (PA)) (3-13)

CCSU (3-13)

A Word on Sports

Continuing to bask in the glow of post-Super Bowl glory

ALEXANDER TRUNCALE STAFF WRITER

With all due respect to T.S. Eliot, February is the cruelest month, especially for sports fans. After the Super Bowl, the sports world enters a barren desert where only the diehards get fired up for sports whose regular seasons are just too long, and just too meaningless.

For me, life after football season is always tough. I try to get into other sports, but frankly, it's just not worth it. The NBA as a whole is just not interesting to me. Part of it is because there is such a disparity between the Eastern and Western Conferences. But it's mostly the fact that the Knicks are in an absolute salary cap black hole, which they will probably never get out from under. The Nets look like they want to get better, but it's not going to happen anytime soon, and by the time they do have a competitive team, they'll be playing games in Brooklyn.

I can't get into college basketball because the regular season has been greatly devalued by the NCAA Tournament, which is why I have been vehemently against a playoff system in college football (see my column from two weeks ago). I don't like baseball games hockey. If I really wanted to thing hasn't gone my way, I get desperate, NASCAR is always an option, but what kind Super Bowl win. It may of sport has its biggest event sound crazy, but it's actually (the Daytona 500) at the start quite therapeutic. For exof the season?

Normally, I would be in the dumps in February, but this year is different. Despite the line at the DMV to get the Giants Super Bowl victory happening almost a month Plaxico Burress hauling in ago, I still walk around cam- the winning touchdown. pus with a goofy smile simi- Completely bomb a quiz? lar to that of Phil Mickelson's Think about Bill Belichick during the 2004 Masters (if you get that reference, as well and acting like the sore loser as the T.S. Eliot one at the top that he is. And every time, of the page, you and I can be during the mouth of Februfriends right away).

ants won the Super Bowl and bowling, or Jim Rome is I have a feeling I'm not alone. Burning, think about Eli It's at the point where every Manning holding the Vince time I watch the replay of the Lombardi Trophy. game on iTunes, I keep worrying that the outcome will truth be told, how many be different. Maybe it comes times will we Giants fans from years of pessimism. get to say "We won the Su-Or maybe it's that, in all the per Bowl." I guess my point years I've been a sports fan, to Giants fans is make sure I've never experienced some- you enjoy this, because no thing like this, so I'm really one knows when it will hapnot sure how to react.

Or maybe I'm just still thoroughly blown away by the Super Bowl win in nearly 40 way they did it, the way everything, in four playoff games, They haven't celebrated a just seemed to fall right into Super Bowl win, well, ever. place and just seemed to go in So, as we travel through

Although I and many other ary sports world, don't for-Giants fans may not know ex- get that we Giants can and actly how to react, I can offer should continue to celebrate that do count, so there's no some advice on how to use it our team's victory. way I can follow ones that to my advantage. Since Febdon't, and hockey is well, ruary 3rd, every time some- cruelest month after all.

just think about the Giants ample: sink breaks in your apartment, just think about the David Tyree catch. Long car inspected? Think about walking off the field, angry, ary, you put on ESPN, and I still can't believe the Gi- you're stuck with poker,

> Believe me, it works. And pen again. Ask any Jets fan. They haven't experienced a years. Or any Eagles fan. the doldrums of the Febru-

Maybe February isn't the

Best of the Rest

The men's golf team was selected as the preseason NEC favorite in 2008

PRESS RELEASE

The Monmouth University men's golf team was picked as the preseason favorite to repeat as Northeast Conference champions, in the league's preseason coaches' poll, which was announced by conference officials this afternoon.

Monmouth, the defending league champion, received three first place votes to claim the top

Monmouth will look to capture its second straight NEC crown and NCAA Tournament appearance in 2008, under the direction of head coach Dennis Shea. The Hawks return all-league performers Anthony Campanile and Ryan Beck, while Michael McComb and Chanse Regier are also back for the Blue and White. Shea's stable also features sophomore Kyle Kurczeski, and a talented freshspot on the list. Central Con- men class of Greg Etimos, Taylor



Anthony Campanile, an all-league performer from a year ago, will look to help lead the Hawks to a second straight NEC Conference Championship and another trip to the NCAA Tournament.

necticut State received two first place votes to grab the second spot, while Sacred Heart came in third in the voting, while earning three first place votes. Mount St. Mary's (two first place votes) and Saint Francis [Pa.] (one vote) were fourth and fifth, respectively. Long Island, Quinnipiac, Robert Morris, Fairleigh Dickinson, Wagner and St. Francis [N.Y.] round out the list of eleven teams.

Krug and Andrew Hurley.

The 2008 NEC Men's Golf Tournament will take place at Wren Dale Golf Club in Hershey, Pennsylvania from May 2nd-4th. Team scores will be achieved by adding the team's four lowest scores from each day, of the three-round event. The top-10 finishers are designated All-NEC performers. The winning team will earn an automatic bid to the NCAA Regional.

Lucky Number Eleven

The track and field team boasted 11 different event winners at the USATF-NJ Open Championships

PRESS RELEASE

the USATF-NJ Open Champion-

open (non-conegiate) competition, but it was still a great opportunity for some of our athletes to get back



Laura Embrey won the 1500m women's title at the USATF-NJ Open Championships.

in a meet and see where they are at with their training," said MU Head Coach Joe Compagni.

Alex Bowers took first in the long jump with his distance of 22'

for the women (18'0"). MaryKate took second in the 60m hurdles. Monmouth track & field athletes Walsh earned a fifth place finish in claimed 11 first place finishes at the same event with her distance of 17' 10 1/4". Christine Altland's ships at the John Bennett Indoor time of 10:47.73 in the 3000m Complex in Toms River on Sun- took first in the event and was the second fastest time in school his-"The meet was against mostly tory for a freshman. Billy Dowd took second in the 800m for the placed third for the men in the dis-

Illiana Blackshear took first in the 200m with her time of 26.60, while Jenn Tarsan and Latasha Leake tied for first in the high jump, clearing 5' 4 1/4" each.

Both Hawk squads did well in the 1500, with Pete Forgach winning it for the men and Laura Embrey taking home the women's title. Ben Hutterer placed second for the men followed by Michael Slater's and Colton Langianese's third and fourth place finishes. Aracelis Lantigua was second for the women with Tiffany McKenna and Sarah Frenette coming in third and fourth, respectively.

Three Hawks led the way in the 400m, with Eric Fay capturing first, followed closely by Adam Liepensberger and Zachary Krupka. Bill Doherty won the 800m with his time of 1:57.63, while Yasser Barr was third (1:58.29), Pat McCarney fourth, Langianese fifth and Derrik Keich eighth. Brittany Gibbs won the triple jump

5 1/4", while Ashley placed fourth with her distance of 36' 9". Leake followed by Huffman (third-9.52). Mary Wilks (fourth) and Heleen Riggs in fifth. Riggs also placed second in the pole vault, clearing

> Sophomore Jennifer Oprysko women with her time of 2:29.83 with Huffman finishing in fourth (2:33.93). Chris Tanzola's time of 8.77 was third in the 60m hurdles with Liepensberger claiming Christopher Santorelli took third in the 60m dash, crossing the tape in 7.17.

MU assistant coach Devin Barry won the 60 hurdles with a time of 8.25 while Hawk alum Fabrice St. Elme won the high jump (6'4") and the 60m dash. Former Hawk All-American Tisifenee Taylor placed third in the long jump (18' 4 1/2"). David Gaines, a 2007 graduate of Monmouth finished second in the 800m with his time of 1:58.20.

Monmouth graduate Jon Kalnas competed at the US Indoor Championships on Sunday in Boston, finishing sixth in the shot put.

The Hawks will compete next weekend at the NYU Fast Track (NY Armory) in their final meet before the IC4A/ECAC Division I Championships at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston.



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Eleven's a Winner



Monmouth track and field athletes won 11 events at the USATF-NJ Open Championships at the John Bennett Indoor Complex in Toms River on Sunday afternoon.

Full story on page 19.