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# Fashion show aids young, local girl

JOHN GENOVESE  
GRADUATE ASSISTANT

Fashion took center stage on Saturday night at Wilson Hall, but it was a 6-year-old girl's story that stole the show.

In June 2005, Erika Recanzone, 6, of Toms River was diagnosed with rhabdomyosarcoma in her head. According to the American Cancer Society Web site (www.cancer.org), "Rhabdomyosarcoma is a cancer made up of cells that normally develop into skeletal muscles of the body. Over 85 percent of rhabdomyosarcoma occur in infants, children and teenagers."

In an effort to help the family financially deal with the disease, Monmouth University's second annual charity fashion show, Eclectic Threads, was held in their honor at 7 p.m. in Wilson Hall.

Although Erika wasn't feeling well enough to make an appearance, her mother and sister attended the show, which was sponsored by CommWorks, Hawk TV, *The Outlook*, PRSSA, and WMCX. The show also received financial aid from the Student Government Association, the Student Activities Board, and the communication department.

In addition to the fashion show, the evening featured a raffle with such prizes as an iPod, gift certificates, a PSP Player, digital camera, perfume/beauty baskets, roulette game, and even jewelry worth up to \$500. All the proceeds from the \$10 raffles and \$10 ticket admission (tickets were \$15 at the door) went to Erika's family.

Monmouth's Jacki Murray, a senior communication major who was fashion show coordinator, said the evening proved to be profitable.

"Right now we know that was raised \$4,400, but we still have to see what is left over from our budget and also count small change from donation boxes as well before we can present the foundation with a check," said Murray, who added that more than 200 people attended the show. "My goal is \$5,000. I hope we are able



PHOTO BY Outlook Staff  
**Jacki Murray**, fashion show coordinator.

**"We knew then that we had to do whatever we could to help a young, local girl."**

**JACKI MURRAY**  
Fashion Show Coordinator

to get that high."

Erika's mother, Michelle, said she can't express how thankful she is for the support Monmouth University has shown for her daughter.

"Erika has a long rode ahead of her," Michelle Recanzone said. "There are all kinds of side effects from the chemotherapy. So the money will be for her and for her only."

"I am thrilled (about the show). I'm overwhelmed at all the support and all the new friends I've made. It's absolutely wonderful."

Murray was informed of Erika's situation by Sandy Brown, *The Outlook* officer coordinator, and friend of the family. Murray said the plan was to hold the benefit for the Center for Lymphoma and Leukemia Research at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital. But once she heard Erika's story, Murray said she knew something needed to be done.

"I myself have experienced what this type of cancer can do to close family and friends," Murray said. "But then Sandy Brown had mentioned this little girl and right away our hearts melted. We knew then that we had

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**Fashion show models** preapre backstage before the show.

## Entrepreneur class tries hand at cheesecakes

LYNSEY WHITE  
STAFF WRITER

Tiny cheesecakes seem to be the new rave for Professor John Buzza's entrepreneurship class this spring.

Composed of 36 students, mostly seniors and some juniors, the class chose a cheesecake product that was presented by a Monmouth Alumni, Chris Churney also a former entrepreneurship student and his fiancée Katina Rompos. The class will get a percentage of every Rompos cheesecake sold, and that money will go into a scholar-

ship for entrepreneurship.

"My fiancée Katina started making cheesecakes in smaller pans and we thought that this could be an interesting product to market. We liked the idea of cheesecakes with the same great taste but compiled in a tiny package. They are named after my fiancée's last name, Rompos little cheesecakes," said Churney.

The product is a 4-inch specialty cheese cake that according to Professor Buzza, brings a new concept to the idea of dessert purchasing. It is believed to be more

flavorful than your typical cheese cake and comes in traditional flavor and chocolate.

"Former Entrepreneurship student, Chris Churney, who took our first class and was the head of our Marketing Department, got the bug about being his own boss from our class. He tried Corporate America, but then realized his true nitch was opening his own business," said Buzza. "After some trial and tribulation, he came to me over the break and asked if our Entrepreneurship Class would adopt his idea and his product this semester. Without question, we accepted the challenge."

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PHOTO COURTESY of abcnews.com  
**ABC News Anchor**, Charles Gibson is the 2006 commencement speaker.

## 2006 commencement speaker announced

LAUREN BENEDETTI  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

On Wednesday, February 22, President Gaffney announced Charles Gibson, co-anchor of ABC-TV's Good Morning America, as the 2006 commencement speaker.

Gibson, a New York resident and alumni of Princeton University, will travel to PNC Arts Center on Wednesday, May 17, to speak to Monmouth University's 73<sup>rd</sup> graduating class. According to ABCNews.com Gibson became well known to television viewers as a reporter on ABC's World News Tonight with Peter Jennings. Along with co-anchoring the morning show with Diane Sawyer, Gibson co-anchor's Prime Time Thursday. Gibson has traveled the world and interviewed a number of influential world leaders some include, the last six U.S. presidents, Tony Blair, Yasir Arafat and Nelson Mandela.

According to Charles Gibson's assistant Gibson was unable to comment due to his needed presence in Louisiana for an assignment.

"When I first received the e-mail with the honorees, I saw Charles Gibson and was extremely excited," said Senior Class President William Schwenck III. "There are so many people that wake up and watch him every morning and I felt honored that we will be hearing him speak."

Along with Gibson, Sara J. Bloomfield, Director of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, and Frankie Valli, musician, songwriter, and lead singer of the Four Seasons will receive an honorary degree and respond briefly during the commencement ceremony.

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# Ahoy Mate: MU welcomes return of sailing club



Team members set sail at the Tom's River Yacht Club for weekly practice.

CHRISTINA DIBERARDINO  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

**TACK THE JIB AND WE'RE OFF!**

Does this terminology sound familiar? Then maybe you should join the Monmouth University Hawks Sailing Club. One of the many luxuries of going to Monmouth University is living so close to the ocean. Sailing is a great past time and can become a sport that can devour all of your free time. You don't already have to have sailing experience to join the team! The sailing club began in the Spring of 2005 and is still flourishing.

The sailing club at Monmouth existed before the school became a university, but it was cancelled due to lack of funding. In the time the school was Monmouth College, sailing was not that popular of a sport. The sailboats were made out of wood, with expensive upkeep. President Paul Gaffney II and alumni wanted to reinstate a successful sailing team to Monmouth.

"President Gaffney attended a fundraiser and spoke to the president of Ocean County College about starting a team and that's how he got me as a coach," said Roy Wilkens. "It was a pleasant surprise for me to be asked to coach the Monmouth team and getting to meet the Monmouth students has been a great experience. The fact that President Gaffney is 100 percent behind this program really means a lot. It has been great."

Wilkens was happy to be working with students who go to a university that is well recognized for having a great athletics department. Wilkens is a retired college soccer coach and is now a sailing instructor at the Tom's River Yacht Club.

The sailing club is part of the Middle Atlantic Inter-collegiate Sailing Association (MAISA), which consists of 47 clubs. "Our sailing team meets and practices at the Tom's River Yacht Club Monday through Friday from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. and you go as often as you can make it," said team member Chrissy Mahoney, who is in her junior year and is a nursing major. She added, "It's a fun sport, you get to compete against other schools, you get to travel, and meet a lot of new people. The team also practices with members of the Ocean County College at Tom's River."

Team member Ryan Lavender, junior and English major, said

"We currently own four Flying Juniors, which are specific types of sailboats. Two of the FJ's (Flying Juniors), were purchased by the university and the other two were donated by the alumni." The two boats that were donated by members of the alumni were donated in honor of fellow alumni, Barbara Thompson. "She was terminally ill with cancer and a lifelong sailor. The ceremony was held in Wilson Hall and it was just a beautiful affair," said Wilkens. Mahoney reflected on the ceremony, "Members of the Alumni, President Gaffney, Coach Wilkens, and the rest of the sailing team was there. We christened the boats and Coach Wilkens made a speech to recognize us as the sailing team." Team member Jessica Wojewodzki, senior communication major said, "We are getting a fifth

can just come to practice and learn how to sail," said Mahoney. The sailing team is competing for eight weekends this semester at different colleges and will be sailing at its first regatta of the season on March 18 at the University of Maryland. Coach Wilkens added, "It is going to be really exciting and a lot of fun for the team members!" During regatta weekends, the members travel down together usually on a Friday night because the regattas start early on Saturday mornings and go on until 4 p.m. Each school sends down its 'A Team' and 'B Team.' Only two people go out on the boat at each time. "About six members of the team go down to compete in the regatta and depending on how windy it is, that's how we determine who sails."

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ROY WILKENS  
Coach of Monmouth's Sailing Club



Team members Ryan Lavender and Chrissy Mahoney pictured left to right practice at the Tom's River Yacht Club.

boat really soon which is so great. Since we practice with members of the Ocean County College, we get to practice with some of their boats, too. We use two types of boats. Flying Juniors are more direct and move faster in the water. Ocean County uses 420s and we practice on those too, which is cool because it is good to know how to sail different types of boats in the water." Upon joining the team, it should be known that it is not only a club but also a racing team. "You don't have to compete, you

We alternate members of the team for the regattas," Wilkens said. The sailing club has about 10 members who can currently compete, but it's still growing. Coach Wilkens said, "I recently have received emails from about 17 people who are interested in joining the club!" He added excitedly, "With some sports, you play a game then it's over. With sailing, you can start as a child and do it until you're 80 years old! It is a lifelong sport; I have been doing it for about 52 years now and I still love it!"

## MU IN THE KNOW: WEEK IN REVIEW

### Iraqi government lifts curfew

NATALIE B. ANZAROUTH  
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

In response to numerous attacks that took place over the last week at Iraqi mosques, the government issued a three-day curfew that was lifted on Monday, February 27, in Baghdad, according to a February 27, report by the *nytimes.com*. Additional military and police security were placed in the streets of Baghdad, with checkpoints present in areas and streets where there are surrounding mosques. But violence ensued at a

Sunni mosque on Monday, where an explosion left four congregants dead and 18 people injured, members of the Interior Ministry explained. Also that day, four civilians were killed and 17 were injured in northern Baghdad in an explosion at a house. According to the article, members of government met in order to limit the amount of future attacks and plans are underway for a "joint advisory council" that is set to meet on Thursday.

### Middle East envoy warns that Palestinian Authority may fall

NATALIE B. ANZAROUTH  
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

James D. Wolfensohn, a "special Middle East envoy," has cautioned that the Palestinian Authority could plummet within two weeks if aid is not given, according to a report by the *washingtonpost.com* on February 27. As reported in the article, the Palestinian Authority has a \$260 million "budget deficit." In a letter aimed at informing the Quartet, a peace coalition comprised of the United States, The United Nations, the European Union, and the Russian Federation, Wolfenson suggested ways of aiding the Palestinian Authority with funding that would not go against anti-terrorism

laws. The Quartet has urged that Hamas, recognized by some as an Islamic militant group, "renounce violence" and "recognize the Jewish state." Hamas members have refused to do this however, and said that they would make peace with Israel if they pull out from the entire region claimed in the 1967 Middle East War, which also consists of East Jerusalem. Israel's national election will take place March 28. Since Hamas' victory Israel has halted \$55 million worth of money allocated to the Palestinian Authority in "tax and customs transfer."

### Dubai-based company OK's port deal

ALEXANDER TRUNCALE  
ASSISTANT SORTS EDITOR

The Dubai based company poised to take over six ports officially okayed the move yesterday. However, according to a report in the February 27, edition of *The Washington Post*, Congress, through a bipartisan effort, were able to get a 45 day review of the security details.

The Bush Administration will use this time to persuade Congress to go along with the sale of Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Co., a British company currently in charge of the six ports, to the United Arab Emirates-based company DP World, which is owned by the nation's royal family.

### IEAE says Iran continuing to move ahead with its Nuclear Program

ALEXANDER TRUNCALE  
ASSISTANT SORTS EDITOR

According the International Atomic Energy Department, the United Nations' nuclear watchdog, Iran is continuing to enrich uranium, according to a report in the February 27, edition of *The Washington Post*.

It is unclear as of now if they are building nuclear bombs. According to the report, the agency is looking to put more international pressure on Tehran to stop its uranium enrichment program next week at its meeting in Vienna, Austria.

# SGA President's Corner

Greetings Monmouth University!

Welcome to the halfway point of the semester: the time when many students go somewhere warm for a few days (if they are lucky), while the rest of us sit home in cold, cold New Jersey. It is also the time when the seniors start to realize that college is coming to an end, and we need to enter the real world. Sounds enticing, huh?

Well, since we only have two more months of school left, we should all make the most of what we can! Don't waste time curled up in a hole.

The Student Government Association will be hosting our **fifth annual charity** auction the Tuesday that we return from spring break – **March 14 at 7:30 p.m. in Anacon Hall** to benefit the local charity *Michael's Feat*, which helps seriously ill newborn babies. Last year, we raised over \$3000 for this cause. So come out with your friends and bid on some fabulous prizes, including iPods and much, much more. Don't spend all your money on spring break – save it for the auction!

Some other dates to mark on your calendar:

- March 15 @ 10 p.m. in Pollak: Big Man on Campus
- March 24 @ 10 a.m. in Anacon Hall: Reality Check Conference for Seniors
- March 28 @ 8pm in Anacon: Senior Class Auction
- April 3: Global Understanding Week Begins
- April 10: Greek Week Begins
- April 19 @ 12:30 p.m. in Anacon Hall: Spring Career Fair
- April 23 @ 4 p.m. in Pollak: SGA Student Awards Ceremony
- April 30 @ 12 p.m. on the Great Lawn: **SPRING-FEST!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Interested in joining the SGA next Fall? Our Spring elections for the next academic year are quickly approaching. Applications for everyone interested will be available March 20.

Keep your eyes open for more details!

So let's discuss an ongoing problem around campus: attendance. This past Friday, I attended Alpha Chi Rho's *Shoot to Save* charity basketball game featuring the Harlem Magic Men. What an amazing program! It received a lot of man power and financial support, and was very underappreciated by the campus community. I walked into Boylan Gymnasium to find lots of people in the stands, including local community families. However, once I took a good look around, there was barely anyone in the stands. Now, I am sure that they raised a considerable amount of money for their philanthropy – but not as much as they could have raised if more people attended. The same applies to Delta Phi Epsilon's *Singled Out*. There was a great crowd, but there is always room for more.

Students consistently complain that there is nothing to do on campus. Well, there were two outstanding events last week that most people missed out on. It is a shame that students aren't taking advantage of campus events that other students are dedicating so much time and effort to.

We now have the last quarter of this academic year left. Take a look at the student activity calendar for the semester. Take a look at the bulletin boards that you pass on your way to class. Read your email. There are plenty of things to do around here – just look and you will find something, I guarantee.

Anyhow, enjoy spring break, be safe, get tan. If you're not going away, tanning beds and airbrush tanning are very deceiving. No one will know you stayed in Jersey!

Happy March!

Alyson Goode  
SGA President  
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# SGA Discount Cards

LINDSEY SCHEIDEWIG  
STAFF WRITER

The new Student Government Association [SGA] Student Discount Cards give Monmouth students a way to save money at places they go to all the time. The

they pick the places on the card, because some of the places already give you a student discount if you show your student ID.”

Meghan Moratelli, an SGA senior senator, and a senior education major said, “The discount cards are definitely a benefit for

“I think they're a great idea since businesses in the area make so much money off college students.”

JEN VAUGHN  
Sophomore

discounts include money off many local businesses such as Stingers, Quiznos, Ming Ying, Dunkin Donuts, Avenue You, Sunkissed Tanning, Brighton Pizza, Lube-it-All, Adpro Imprints, Blue Swan Diner, All Mixed Up!, and Student Travel Services. In addition, cards can be used repeatedly throughout the year.

Kristen Poole-Bixby, a junior accounting major, claimed that the student discount cards are “a great idea.” She added, “I wonder how

# Delta Phi Epsilon hosts annual Singled Out

AMANDA PAINTER  
STAFF WRITER

Delta Phi Epsilon hosted its annual *Singled Out* event Wednesday, February 22, at 10 p.m. in Pollak Theatre. Flocks of students filled the seats as the sisters of Delta Phi Epsilon and others danced to the music that filled the auditorium.

“How's everybody feeling tonight?” said sister and host Tara Weston, accompanied by co-host Ryan Loder of the Theta Xi Fraternity. “All of the proceeds are going to our philanthropy, Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders.”

Senior football player Nick Castellano was the first contestant to take the stage, followed by the pool of women competing for a date.

“I came out tonight to see Nick make a fool out of himself,” said sophomore Christie Adams, as the audience laughed and cheered a shirtless Castellano.

“There are a lot of shenanigans about to happen tonight,” said Junior Christopher Raimo. “I am very excited about this fantastical gala event, and I love D Phi E.”

The ladies were first eliminated according to Castellano's preferences, and he was then blindfolded as those remaining gave him a lap dance. His next elimination was based on the top three lap dances he favored.

One of the girls eliminated in the first round was D Phi E's new member, Desiree Mitchell.

“It was cool to get to participate as a contestant, I have never done anything like that before,” said Mitchell. “It was very exciting to be up on stage with all of my friends.”

An intermission was announced after the top three girls

were picked.

“We are going to do a dance-off,” announced Weston. “We need some people from the audience to step up on stage.”

Students leaped onto the stage and showed off their best moves, but in the end it came down to Nicole Simonson of the Theta Phi Alpha sorority and the infamous man known as “Sal.” Simonson was announced the winner after being determined by the audience's applause.

After the winner of the date with Castellano was announced, Julie Rios of Zeta Tau Alpha took the spotlight as the male contestants gathered backstage.

“I am here to support my school and to contribute to D Phi E's fight against Anorexia Nervosa,” said senior contestant Michael McCall. “I think it is very destructive to the bodies of those who have the disease, and I think that me being a part of this helps prevent that. I also

want to show my school spirit.”

Other male contestants had different reasons for participating in the pool. “I decided to do this just for fun,” said sophomore Adam Kauffman.

“I came out to show my support for Greek life,” said Kevin Ennis of Alpha Chi Rho. “Delta Phi Epsilon is doing an awesome job,” he added.

The crowd roared with laughter as the bachelors serenaded Rios with a song of their choice, and the crowd laughed even louder as contestant Brian Brandefine belted out a song by the popular boy band 'N Sync.

“Singled Out is always fun. Everyone just laughs and has a good time. It's what I love about the event,” said Delta Phi Epsilon President April Chichelo. “It's great to see so many people out here tonight, and they're all here for a great cause.”

“There was a great turnout tonight. I think all the programs are done for a good cause,” said Assistant Director for Greek Life activities Tyler Havens after the event. “It's really great to see so much support in the school system.”

**“I am very excited about this fantastical gala event...”**

NICK CASTELLANO  
Monmouth Senior

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# Meet MU: Tom Manzo

*Manzo brings a little bit of community and a lot of spirit to MU athletics*

**KERRI WALKER**  
STAFF WRITER

The first thing that catches a person's eye in the office of Tom Manzo is the number of "Go Hawks," "Catch the Spirit," and Monmouth University team posters covering the walls.

Manzo is Monmouth "through and through," and is not afraid to show it. He is the Assistant Athletics Director/Marketing, Spirit and Promotions at Monmouth University, and represents school spirit to the entire community. He sports a blue Monmouth band on his arm all the time.

Serving the community has always been second nature to Manzo. Hanging on the walls of his office, tucked away behind his desk are awards and memorabilia from years of service. Before coming to Monmouth University, Manzo worked as a police officer. He retired from the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office as a detective. A love for volunteer work earned Manzo a West Long Branch service award.

When mentioning the local Mid-Monmouth basketball team that he coached, a smile represents the pride in his team that went undefeated for 17 games and then won the championship.

He holds a position on three local volunteer boards, including the Director of Recreation in West Long Branch, Executive Board Member at West Long Branch Sports Association, and the Child's Advocacy Center. The advocacy center is working on building a center for physically and sexually abused children.

When he served as a police officer in West Long Branch in the late 1970s, Manzo used to watch athletic events on his shift. Monmouth sports became more and more connected to Manzo's

life as time went on. He soon became a season ticket holder and then a team owner of The Blue and White club, an organization whose primary purpose is to raise funds specifically for Monmouth University Athletics. It also helps to assist about 360 student athletes.

President Paul Gaffney asked Manzo to be the Spirit Coordinator to increase school spirit through communication with students, and that is how he is most recognized on campus today.

Manzo is quick to praise the students that work so hard for the Spirit Association, saying, "All of the posters hanging in my office were designed by students."

With the help of graphic design students, students of the Spirit Association create posters that capture the force and character of the upcoming game. Bus rides are organized by e-mail to transport Monmouth University students to away games. There are food and item giveaways at every game. Past giveaways have included subs, mini basketballs, promotional giveaways (last year on February 4 there was a Red-Ken hair product given away for "Women in Sports Day"), t-shirts, and hats. These items are also distributed when there are fan fests.

Manzo wants to have "Monmouth and local spirit." He concentrates on the local community by organizing group sales and birthday parties to fill the stands.

A recent Spirit Association scheme was a big hit at the Feb. 20 game against Fairleigh Dickinson University, where all fans were encouraged to wear white shirts for "The Great White Freak Out." Free subs went to Monmouth students during the game, which saw Monmouth defeat FDU 96-89 in double overtime.

The success of "the Great White



PHOTO COURTESY of ncaa.org  
**Spirit Coordinator Tom Manzo** pictured above cheers on Monmouth's athletes.

Freak Out" proved Manzo's point that, "Even though we're a small school, we can still do the things that bigger schools do."

He likes to see fans being part of the band, and cheering with the cheerleaders. He wants everyone to be on the same page. Every year, Manzo said more and more students are getting into the spirit, painting faces, and wearing all kinds of Monmouth gear. In the future, Tom wants spirit to "come so automatic to students that it

won't be, 'Are you going to the game,' it will be, 'What time are you going to the game?'"

His most rewarding feeling during a game is listening to students chant "THIS IS OUR HOUSE," because Manzo said it shows student camaraderie.

Manzo would like to see a large Monmouth student presence this Thursday, as the men's basketball team plays in the NEC quarterfinal. Manzo said it is important, "to be right behind the players."

## "Great White Freak Out" brings out fans

**KERRI WALKER**  
STAFF WRITER

A sea of white blanketed Boylan Gym on Feb. 20 as the Monmouth Hawks men's basketball team squared off against Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Monmouth's Spirit Association sponsored "The Great White Freak Out," during this key Northeast Conference showdown against FDU.

Monmouth fans were encouraged to wear white shirts for the game, a thrilling 96-89 double-overtime win for the Hawks.

All seats in Boylan Gym were occupied and the student section was packed with groups of rowdy fans cheering in unison for the Hawks. The game was televised on the MSG Network. Magic fingers, foam hands, and pom-poms were used to show support. And when the Knights were on the foul line, Hawks fans provided noise to distract the shooter.

"My favorite thing about being a Hawks fan is celebrating big wins against big teams," said Don Neal, a sophomore criminal justice major.

Sitting behind the pep band was a large population of student fans clad in white shirts and hats. "We look pimp, fresh n' clean," commented Brett Eckman, a sophomore marketing major.

Neal believed it was "a big turnout, and it was a good idea. But it would have been better not to sit behind the band."

## 800 Gallery hosts Baker-Schiller exhibit



PHOTO BY Allison Goodwin  
**The Baker-Schiller exhibit** will be on display in the 800 Gallery until March 22.

**ALLISON GOODWIN**  
STAFF WRITER

On Friday, February 24, the 800 Gallery welcomed the opening of a two-person show by Printmaking Professor Tom Baker and his wife, artist Lauren Schiller. The show, simply titled 'Recent Work,' is an exhibition of talent, skill and creativity in printmaking and painting.

Baker's works are a combination of "lithographic, silkscreen, and relief prints that utilize recurring personal imagery." Schiller's work is a series of highly detailed paintings inspired by what she referred to as "food-related memories."

It is quite evident that both Baker and Schiller truly enjoy their art professions. The collaborative show compliments each artist's style while at the same time focusing on individual technique and format. The show will run through March 22.

## Charity game aids school

**CHAD ESPOSITO**  
STAFF WRITER

On February 24 in Boylan Gym, the Harlem Magic Masters faced off against Monmouth County representatives in a benefit to support The School for Children. The event was hosted by the Alpha Chi Rho fraternity.

The School for Children is a non-profit school for children with multiple disabilities and autism. The school is dedicated to molding these children into productive members of the community.

Christine McCarthy, a School for Children teacher, came out to represent The School for Children by playing on the team that opposed the Harlem Magic Masters. She said that, "It's a lot of fun playing against the Magic Masters. I'm from The School for Children, so being here as a representative is really important to me."

The Harlem Magic Masters started three years ago in Brooklyn from ex-members of the NBA and NCAA. Members of the team include Jay Bryant, Shanod Burton, Tracey Daley, Charles Henson, Darrell Owens, Kenny Rodriguez, and James Williams. The team tours internationally and can be seen on ESPN, during NBA halftime shows, against college basketball teams, and elsewhere.

Joseph Cucinotti, a member of Alpha Chi Rho and founder of the event said, "We did this last year and it went really well. It's a good cause and it gets people out on a Friday night."

The game began with the playing of the National Anthem and the members of the community taking pictures with President Paul Gaffney and Mary Anne Nagy, Vice-President for Student Services.

Afterwards, the Harlem Magic Masters came on to the court and showed off some of their dribbling, tricky shots, and crazy passes. The announcer introduced each member one-by-one, and afterwards, the game began.

During halftime, the Monmouth University cheerleading team performed, and there was food offered at the concession stand.

Mike Delucia, a spectator at the game, said, "The event is for a great cause. The Magic Masters are very entertaining, and I'm surprised at how good the Monmouth team is. The event was a brilliant idea."

Jane Linburg, who also was in attendance, said, "This event is great. I'm really happy that the money is going to support a good cause. This has been a really fun game, and a great night out for everyone. The Harlem Magic Masters are really funny!"





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# Vanity sizing: do clothing labels lie?

LAUREN NAPOLITANO  
FEATURES EDITOR

This past Saturday, I decided to take a trip to the Mall at Short Hills in Short Hills, New Jersey in an attempt to find some new threads for my upcoming trip to Los Angeles, California. Instead of experiencing the euphoria I usually do when partaking in my favorite activity, I was faced with a day full of frustration.

While on my journey to find the perfect outfits for when I'm rubbing elbows with Jessica Simpson and Paris Hilton, I found that I ended up spending more money in certain stores than others. Now, this wasn't because I didn't like the clothes in the less invested stores. In fact, I loved the clothes. So what was it that was deterring me from purchasing the items I seemed to love so much?

Sizing. No, I'm not talking about being unhappy with my size. In actuality, I don't even know what my size is! During my hunt, I found that in the stores I spent the most money in, I was a smaller size than in the stores I spent significantly less in.

"How is this possible?" you ask. The fashion industry is playing tricks on you! *Consumer Reports* recently revealed that clothing manufacturers are cutting clothes larger and labeling tags smaller.

Kristina Maury, writer for eDiets.com, stated, "This practice, referred to as vanity sizing, is seen by the industry as a simple form of flattery used to win customers. But female consumers are beginning to see that this type of flattery often leads to uncertainty, frustration, and shopping animosity."

When shopping, women tend

to stick to clothing stores within their comfort zone, favoring those where their sizes are more to their liking. Women have become accustomed to shopping in these certain stores. So, when they walk into a foreign fashion haven, they begin to feel agitated when they don't fit into their normal sizes.

*Consumer Reports* stated, "Voluntary industry size standards are largely ignored. The standards say that a size 10 woman will have a 36-inch bust, a 28-inch waist, and 40-inch hips. In reality, clothing manufacturers design for a target market--young career women, for example--then choose a model that typifies that market and tweak measurements to fit the type."

During a study, they measured 10 brands of women's pants, all labeled size 10, and found that the waists ranged from just over 30 inches to nearly 33 inches. Tailored shirts, also labeled size 10, ranged from about 39 to 43 inches in the bust. *Consumer Reports* saw no correlation between price and measurements.

Vanity sizing fools the consumer into thinking they haven't gained any weight and weigh less than they actually do. It's difficult for women to admit they may have grown a little around the middle. The average women weighs 164 pounds today, compared to 140 pounds in 1960 - a hard fact to accept.

Dr. John H. Sklare, eDiets.com's director of the emotional support center on eDiets.com, thinks vanity sizing does more harm than good.

He states, "If one is in denial regarding the shape of their body and state of their health, vanity

sizing contributes to that denial by offering them false feedback. This may lead to further identity confusion and may adversely effect their motivation to get healthy enough to fit into an honest size."

Sklare notes that women are largely at fault for this trend of vanity sizing. He says that most purchases are made based on how the item makes one feel. Smaller clothing sizes makes one feel better about themselves, therefore feeding into the clothing industry's trickery.

Jim Lovejoy from TC2, a technology firm in Carey, N.C., conducted a national survey called SizeUSA. Lovejoy and his team developed a 3D scanner and special software that measures the body at 200 points. These are some of the findings:

- People get bigger as they get older. Men and women grow three to five inches in the waist and one to three inches in the hips as they age from the 18 to 35 age group to the 36 to 65 group. Busts or chests grow larger, too, two to three inches in men and four to six inches in women.
- Some 58 percent of women and 42 percent of men felt they were overweight.
- Only 10 to 20 percent of Americans fit the so-called national standards.
- Average body shapes have changed, morphing from the hourglass of the past to pear shape.

Lovejoy states that the changing in body shape has lead to vanity sizing. This trend is aimed at the shopper who was a size eight but doesn't want to transition to a size 10, 12, or 14 as she gets older. Therefore, manufacturers accommodate by resizing garments: for

example, attaching size eight labels on something that should be labeled size 10. Unfortunately, there are no laws regulating how manufacturers label clothing, leaving consumers misinformed about their actual size.

So what do we do? Unfortunately, there is nothing we can do. We need to just grit our teeth and accept the fact that we will never really know what our true sizes are. Instead of shopping for size, shop for items that fit and look the best. On this note, I'll leave you with some tips from WebMD Weight Loss Clinic that can help you find

your best fit:

- Check manufacturers' sizing charts. These are often available online, along with helpful hints on how to take your measurements correctly (Here's one: Get a friend to help).
- Try clothes on whenever possible, wearing the same type of undergarments and shoes you'll be wearing with them.
- Enlist the aid of salespeople, who may be knowledgeable about how different lines and items fit.
- If you find a line of clothing that fits well, stick with it.

## Happy shopping!



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**According to MSNBC, obesity has been a problem mainly among the poor** but new research has shown that this is changing. A study by the American Heart Association has found that the prevalence of obesity is growing three times faster among Americans who make more than \$60,000 a year than it is among their low-income neighbors. Just 9.7 percent of people with incomes above \$60,000 were obese in the 1970s — a figure that jumped to 26.8 percent in 2002.



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**A study published in the Annals of Behavioral Medicine reported that** dieters who weighed themselves regularly shed more pounds over a 24-month period than people who didn't regularly weigh themselves. Those who weighed themselves daily lost the most. The authors of this study encourage people to weigh themselves regularly. Jennifer A. Linde, lead author of the study, stated, "We talk to people about monitoring calories daily, about monitoring their exercise daily. ... If we're asking them to do those . . . on a daily basis, then why not add this other recommendation?"

# A battle with the scale

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As I stare at my fate ahead of me, beads of perspiration begin to trickle slowly down my taut face. My heart picks up a little quicker as if I am warming up on the stationary bike before an intense workout. Thoughts of running in the opposite direction matriculate in my mind.

I fill my lungs to capacity with the murky air surrounding me and let my uneasy breath release in slow motion through the slit of my trembling lips. Everything around me seems to have frozen in time as if I was in a fight scene from *The Matrix*, only I am enduring my own personal battle that has haunted me since the beginnings of my adolescence. Ten steps forward is all that separates me from the enemy: the gym's beam scale.

I glance over my shoulder and find a line the size of a long string of sausage links that is fit to feed a king's army forming behind me. *Great*, I think to myself, *witnesses have arrived to watch me walk the road to perdition*. All of a sudden the squalid air around me feels as if it has been cut off from my air supply as the sight of the sausage links strangles me.

I'm sure you are all very familiar with the inevitable suffering I'm referring to that follows stepping on a scale. This agony is better known as (gasp!) dieting.

According to the American Obesity Association, approximately 127 million adults in the United States are overweight, 60

million are obese, and nine million are severely obese. Overweight is considered as having a body mass index (or BMI, the most common measure of an individual's weight relative to his or her height) of 25 to 29.9, and obesity is considered as having a BMI of 30 or greater. These statistics are as frightening as seeing the granny panties Bridget Jones wears to cover her plump bottom in *Bridget Jones' Diary*.

As these statistics jump around like hot potatoes inside my head, I slowly place my right foot in front of me as my left foot follows suit. *It's just a scale, it's just a scale*, I coach myself as if I'm about to skydive over acres and acres of open land for the first time in my life.

"I know how you feel," whispered a comforting voice in my left ear, causing me to stop in my tracks. "This is the worst time of year. It's the time of year we really need to kick it into gear and get ourselves into shape for springtime."

I turned around to see who possessed the voice much like Julie Andrews, a mix of softness and ease that would have comforted a mouse to enter the cage of a hungry rattlesnake. I saw before me your stereotypical middle-aged house wife: frumpy, dowdy, and overweight.

I knew the woman, better known as Didi the Social Bee, from attending Group Power, a cardio weight lifting class. She

was known around the gym for her vibrant personality, always involving herself in the goings-on around her. Didi the Social Bee has become a part of the membership package; when you sign up for the gym, you sign up for Didi.

"Honey, I have been doing this a lot longer than you have. Take it from me, it's like ripping off a Band-Aid; the quicker you jump on that scale, the less painful seeing the results are."

Good ol' Didi. Knows just how to make beastly situations seem manageable. The American Obesity Association has stated that half of all age groups are overweight, and at least 20 percent are obese. Let's hope I'm not in that half.

I begin my short journey to the edge of the tall, eye-level beam scale, draw a long, deep breath, and brace myself, for what I'm about to do determines my fate. I close my eyes and picture my utopia of a beautiful countryside filled with magnificent flowers and a wide expansion of full-leaved trees to ease my nerves. I think nervously to myself, *Here goes nothing*.

I raise my right foot about an inch above the top of the scale, gently rest it on its surface, and repeat the process for my left foot. I release the heaviness of my weight onto the scale, observe the right side of the beam fall, and move the numbers accordingly. My eyes widen, slightly bulging out of its sockets, and think to myself, *I wonder how accurate this scale is...*

# Top 5 crazy CELEBRITY diet fads

*...and the stars who swear by them*

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Celebrities might be different from the rest of the lesser-known population in a million ways, but they still have to work just as hard as the rest of us when it comes to having an awesome, rock-hard body. No one is born perfect, and the cruelty of aging certainly doesn’t discriminate between the fabulous and the average (do an image search on Janice Dickinson for details).

In fact, some celebs are so self-conscious and obsessive when it comes to body image that they resort to downright ridiculous methods of keeping the weight off, especially when it comes to dieting. How ridiculous, you ask? Enough to write a feature article about them, that’s how! Read on to find out about five crazy celebrity diet fads and the famous people who can’t help but subscribe to them.

## The Master Cleanser Diet

One of the most irrational (and dangerous) diet crazes to have hit Hollywood over recent years is the Master Cleanser Diet. According to [www.netscapecelebrity.com](http://www.netscapecelebrity.com), proponents of this fasting craze insist that substituting all meals and solid foods for a disgusting concoction of lemon juice, maple syrup, cayenne pepper and water will cause you to shed pounds fast. Some celebs, such as Howard Stern’s right hand woman Robin Quivers and Billy Bob Thorton, say that the Master Cleanser Diet is the fastest way to loose a significant amount of weight. Quivers lost over 70 pounds while on the kooky crash diet for only 21 days. The site [www.netscapecelebrity.com](http://www.netscapecelebrity.com) reports that Quivers was told about the diet by world famous magician David Blaine.



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## The Smoker’s Diet

Leave it to celebrities to take something as unhealthy and addictive as smoking and make it a remedy for something else. Both Paris and Nicky Hilton admit that smoking keeps their appetites suppressed, while other celebs such as Melissa Joan Hart and Gerri Halliwell insist that they only smoke when they need to lose a few extra pounds. Perhaps the craziest thing about the celebrity smoker’s diet fad is not the health risks that they take, but rather the fact that celebrities somehow think it’s better to have yellow teeth, an old person cough, and horrifying breath as opposed to an extra 1/8th of an inch around their waists. Go figure.



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## The Laxative Diet

What can be grosser than a big fat sloppy celebrity? How about a hot and hunky one that uses a combination of laxatives and colonics in order to flush out excess poo? Some celebs, such as rocker Dave Navarro, insist that cleansing the colon and rectum of excess waste allows for the removal of other unusable substances in the body, such as those that are stored as fat. Basically, proponents of laxative based diets eat what they want and literally poop it all out before the body can begin to digest it. The same principle holds true during colonic treatments. According to the Colonic Association, “The colonic itself will take 30-45 minutes during which time water will be gently introduced into the colon via the rectum whilst your therapist uses special massage techniques to stimulate the release of stored matter.” Not only does Navarro openly speak about his success with having fifteen gallons of water poured into his butt, he actually showed viewers how it’s done by airing his colonic session on his MTV reality series “Till Death Do Us Part.” Because that’s so much sexier than a slight beer belly- psych!

## The Sugar Diet

While not as popular as the Master Cleanser or Smoker’s Diets, the Sugar Diet has become a way of life for a number of celebrities. Such an irrational diet fad does not involve strict regimens or nutritional planning, but rather, relies on the energy produced by sugar consumption to speed up the metabolism and trick the body into burning more fat. When asked about her diet secrets, Red Eye star Rachel McAdams told [www.people.com](http://www.people.com) that she “drinks maple syrup,” which makes her “hyper so I just run around like crazy and burn it all off.” Sure, it sounds good in theory, but there’s just one problem: the fact that medical research has proven that consuming excessive amounts of sugar only causes the body to store it as an energy reserve for later, i.e., producing fat.

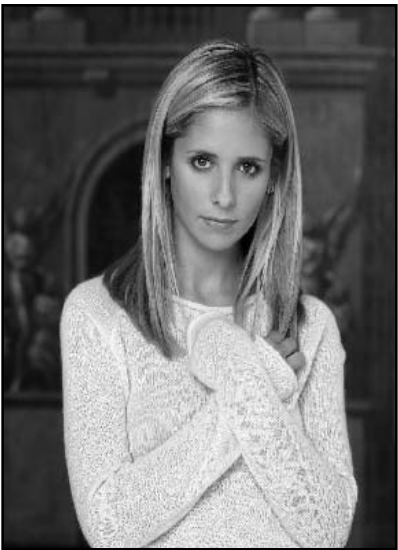


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## The Cabbage Soup Diet

The Cabbage Soup Diet has been around for a while, and is still popular among celebrities such as Joanna Lumley and Sarah-Michelle Gellar. The London-based healthy living website, [ivillage.co.uk](http://ivillage.co.uk), asserts that the seven day diet really does lead to rapid short-term weight loss; however, one must strictly adhere to eating nothing but a few cabbage soup variations throughout the entire one week period. Not only is eating that much cabbage soup enough to drive a person crazy, but the increased frequency of flatulence that is brought about by consuming excessive amounts of cabbage will send anyone within a two foot radius running for the hills, making this celebrity diet fad entirely absurd.

...So there you have it, five incredibly crazy celebrity diet fads and five reasons why no matter how inadequate you might feel when flipping through the pages of People Magazine, you can take comfort in the fact that at least you haven’t resorted to doing something completely ridiculous all in the name of vanity.



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# Impressed over and over again

## Editorial

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Last Saturday I had the opportunity to participate in the well awaited Eclectic Threads, Charity Fashion Show sponsored by CommWorks, The Outlook, WMCX, PRSSA and Hawk TV. The Fashion Show was run by a good friend and colleague, Jacki Murray. Jacki had heard about a 6-year-old girl from Toms River named, Erika Recanzone who has been struggling with cancer. When Jacki heard how young the girl was and the fact that it was hitting so close to home she made a commitment, to herself, and the family to coordinate and host the second annual show.

Since Day One Jacki became what I believe the busiest person in the communication department. She was in *The Outlook* day in and day out sending e-mails, faxes, making phone calls, holding modeling auditions, practices, soliciting to local business and all of this was getting done while working a part time job at a local salon and spa and attending school as a full time undergraduate student. The heart and dedication that went into the project was more then anyone could ever expect.

Jacki was not the only one who put her heart into the project; she had the assistance of Donna Mancini, office coordinator of WMCX and Hawk TV and Sandy Brown, office coordinator of *The Outlook*. Both of these women assisted Jacki in a number of tasks that could not have been made possi-

ble without their help. In addition to Jacki's school family she had help from home as well. Donna Murray, Jacki's mother was what Jacki calls her, "biggest help." It's nice to see a parent get involved with an activity that takes place on a college campus. Often time our parents do not realize how many other obligations we have at school. I realize we're college students and we're able to help ourselves, but every once and awhile we need our parents to lend a hand. Without Mrs. Murray's help Jacki knows the fashion show may have not been doable.

## I feel proud associating myself with the student body.

Since we had returned to school in January, Jacki was unable to sit down and speak to anyone for more than five minutes. Any time I had with her other than when speaking about the fashion show and her agenda was time I came to appreciate more than ever. I do not mean to be selfish but I started to miss one of my best friends. Nevertheless, I knew where her heart was and how important it was for everything to be perfect.

A few weeks later time was becoming limited, Jacki was getting crazier. Things were going wrong, people were bailing out, bridal

gowns were falling through and it was not running as smoothly as we had originally planned. Nonetheless, Jacki started working harder and harder.

The time had come: Saturday, Fashion Show day had finally arrived. I could not have been happier, I could not figure out whether Jacki's stress was increasing or decreasing, all I saw was how excited she was getting. You could see the passion for her cause growing in her eyes.

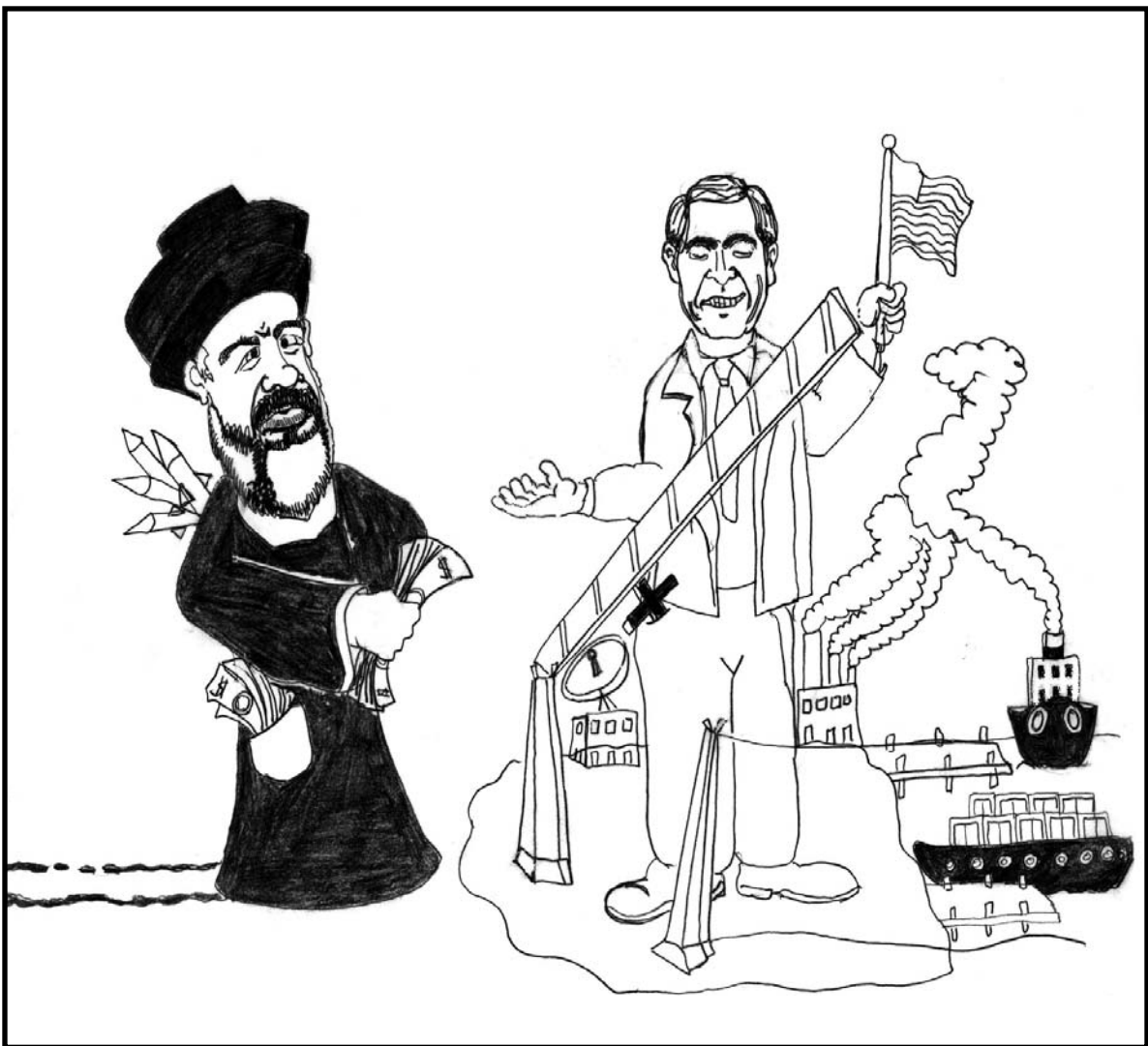
Once the fashion show got off to a start it was pure ecstasy. The night went faster than I could have imagined and it was over in a blink of an eye.

When we stood on stage to recognize the individuals who made the event possible I knew everything was going to be ok. It was not until Jacki thanked her mother and Michelle Recanzone, Erika's mother that my eyes began to fill up with tears of joy. The chills took over my body and I never felt so proud of a friend. My friends always impress me but never had I seen or felt something like this.

As my time comes to an end at Monmouth University I feel that things are getting completed more so than ever before. People have made big changes this year for themselves and people in need. I feel proud associating myself with the student body, I don't think I could have asked to be part of a group with better or harder working students. Everyday it is something new and impressive. I hope to see more in the future. And again I applaud you Miss. Murray.

# AMUSED

By: CHRIS ROWAN



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# A call to the television generation:

## One student's message to get involved before nothing is left for us and our children

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“Better get involved before it is too late,” were the words of the former senator from Wyoming, Alan Simpson, when he spoke to the National Press Club about the importance of today’s youth becoming actively involved in politics.

Although, since 2000, there has been a recent spike in poll numbers for youths between the ages of 18-24, the national youth voter turnout average in 2004 was 47 percent. While the recent spike may seem positive, youths 18-24 still remain 20 percentage points below adults 25 and older.

America’s youth needs to become informed on the present issues being addressed in our country and internationally in order to have a much higher voter turnout.

With percentages like these it’s no wonder there are more incentives or policies shaped for older generations than for up-coming generations. Politicians have more of an incentive to create policies that will persuade older generations because those are the individuals who exercise their right to vote.

A politician would be stupid not to make short-term policies that benefit those who vote. Why create long-term policies for the future generations when they fail to pay attention and do not vote anyways?

I am not saying this is a justifiable reason for politicians to make short-term policies that mainly benefit our parents and grandparents, but in the end most of these men and women are doing what they have to do to get elected.

When I speak to many of my classmates about what they think of current events taking place, I often get a response like, “I have no idea;” while other times I get the response, “I hate politics and all politicians are corrupt anyways.”

This is all the more reason our generation should pay attention. We could have a much bigger im-

pact on those who are elected and the type of policies they implement.

This will not change unless our generation shows the men and women making decisions in our country that we are informing ourselves, and willing to cast our opinion by voting.

Our generation is the one who is

speak about the different policies and world events happening and would have an actual informed opinion.

While our generation is watching ESPN, soap operas, and reality TV reruns, politicians are implementing short-sighted policies that mainly affect our generation, but mainly address people the age of

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going to be on this earth another 50 years or more and are going to reproduce the next generation, not our grandmother’s generation.

Instead of our generation being so fixated on watching ESPN, reality TV, and soap operas, why don’t they take 20-30 minutes of their day to become educated to the many issues facing our country and the world today? I am not saying I do not watch ESPN everyday, but what I am saying is that I elect not to watch the reruns and decide to watch some type of informative station instead.

On another note, our school supplies a free newspaper five times a week, in which I could not tell you how many times I have picked up a paper to eventually find out that the sports section is missing because students decide to only read that section.

Imagine if our generation were to speak about our leaders and memorize their policies like we memorize sports players’ stats or the lives of some celebrities who could care less about you and me? People would then actually be able to have an intelligent conversation about what is going on in our country and world.

Individuals would be able to

50 and above.

Also, we are dealing with a generation ahead of us (baby boomers) who are content with not leaving the earth in as good of shape as when they received it.

With important current issues like the destruction of the rain forest (where many of the vaccines or cures to diseases lie), the exponentially increasingly fast growing consumption of our natural resources, and a growing war debt that is financed by our generation, to name a few; it’s no wonder our government officials can get away with these policies without question because most of our generation is watching reruns.

Instead they should be implementing policies that will have a positive affect on our future and should be taking the younger generation more into account because in the end we are the ones paying for it all.

The realities of the events that take place in our world everyday are the real soap operas and reality TV shows. The best soap opera and reality show I watch and read about are the current events on television and in the newspapers.

Each day I wakeup, I never know what surprising, dramatic, or im-

portant news I am going to read or see on television next.

One of the things that make America so amazing is the fact that we have a democracy and can vote for our elected officials. Other countries around the world whose governments do not allow its people to exercise their right to vote would die to be in our position.

So many other people’s lives around the world have been shaped by dictators and other authoritarian government who do not let their people’s voices be heard.

Let’s stop learning and addressing problems after tragedies like 9/11 and Katrina (which unfortunately seems to be the only way we learn), and become educated through history.

The current policies being addressed are the ones that are setting the stage for our generation and kid’s generations to come. Many current issues like Homeland Security, Hamas control of Palestine, War, the Sunni/Shi’a conflict, terrorism, Global Warming, gay rights, FEMA (disaster relief), abortion, religion in government and schools, Artic drilling, gun control, NSA wiretappings, and the Ports, are among many others being debated everyday. (And people would rather watch realty TV!)

While these topics are being debated, formulated, and implemented, Americans and especially our youngest generations (who are going to be affected the most) should take advantage of the rights given to us in a democracy of being able to become informed, question our government, and the voting in of our elected officials.

By showing our governmental officials our generation is informed and voting, we can establish policies that will shape our future more positively and establish long term goals that will benefit our generation and ones to follow.

Our policies written today are the ones that shape our reality tomorrow.



*“Most people would rather be certain they’re miserable, than risk being happy.”*

Robert Anthony

*“People take different roads seeking fulfillment and happiness. Just because they’re not on your road doesn’t mean they’ve gotten lost.”*

H.Jackson Brown Jr.

*“All men dream, but not equally. Those who dream by night in the dusty recesses of their minds, wake in the day to find that it was vanity; but the dreamers of the day are dangerous men, for they may act on their dreams with open eyes, to make them possible.”*

Thomas Edward  
Lawerence of Arabia

*“I don’t like my hockey sticks touching other sticks, and I don’t like them crossing one another, and I kind of have them hidden in the corner. I put baby powder on the ends. I think it’s essentially a matter of taking care of what takes care of you.”*

Wayne Gretzky

*“The decision to kiss for the first time is the most crucial in any love story. It changes the relationship of two people much more strongly than even the final surrender; because this kiss already has within it that surrender.”*

Emil Ludwig

*“Art is a step from what is obvious and well-known toward what is arcane and concealed.”*

Kahlil Gilbran

*“Look at a day when you are supremely satisfied at the end. It’s not a day when you lounge around doing nothing; its when you had everything to do, and you’ve done it.”*

Margaret Thatcher

*“The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well.”*

Pierre de Coubertin  
(1908)

*“Love has nothing to do with what you are expecting to get, it’s what you are expected to give -- which is everything.”*

Anonymous

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# The unseen dangers of Myspace

## Are online networking websites taking away what makes us human?

NICOLE DENARDO  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

After reading the article “Exercising Rights and Responsibility” by Kerri Walker, I am happy to see that finally someone, especially one who is not a parent, one who probably has no ties to anyone who has been a direct victim from using Myspace and one who IS a Myspace user finally speak out against this site which it seems to its’ users could commit no wrong. Finally someone has realized that what seems to be everyone’s favorite website and curect addiction; this “place for friends” does have a negative side. I am not a user of Myspace nor the Facebook, yet I am very familiar with both. I think most, if not all of my friends have one or the other. I have had some strong opinions on MySpace for a while and since Ms. Walker has already brought up the topic, I feel that I should elaborate and expand on something very important that Ms. Walker touched upon.

First of all, though, Ms. Walker’s editorial was aimed towards the possible dangers of young girls’ using Myspace, I feel that everyone

of all ages is stepping on a shaky surface when using this site. This is not a personal attack towards the people who use Myspace or an attack on technology, computers or the Internet in general, but rather a wary person’s view of what Myspace seems to be doing other than to keep people in touch with long lost friends and relatives. It seems as though Myspace’s possible original initiative was lost and has deterred from its original purpose as a positive harmless way for one to make friends, express themselves and to network.

**I do not have a Myspace, yet I have been a victim of this website.**

I am 21-years-old, a senior and once again do not have a Myspace, yet I have been a victim of this website. A guy, who couldn’t take “no” for an answer when I told him I wouldn’t date him, threatened to paste my pictures most likely photoshopped inappropriately, on his Myspace page claiming that I was dating him. Mind you, I am in a serious relationship and had to warn my boyfriend of the guy’s threat,

which would have also made my boyfriend who is also an unintentional victim, look like a fool. Though, it wouldn’t be true, obviously, it is the idea that scares me. That a person , can create a whole identity online, that is totally false and get away with it. I understand that since the dawn of the Internet, people can always pose as others, by Myspace allows this scary aspect of the Internet to become more possible. A person can spend hours dressing up their Myspace page, to be convincingly someone totally different from himself or herself.

I’m not just saying this to warn others off from crazed perverts. I am also saying this to warn people of others who may feel tempted to lie on their Myspace in order to hurt another or possibly themselves.

I know of others who’s exes, instead of confronting or talking it over with them, instead go to their Myspace pages, and plaster nasty phrases that their ex cheated on them, or simply continue to write

that their still dating because they can’t get over the fact that the relationship is over. My friend, who has been trying to delete her Myspace for a while (they seem impossible to completely delete) and hardly uses it, was found by a guy who works at a bank she goes to. Ever since, she made it clear she wasn’t interested, the guy, has wrote her unwanted messages on Myspace and has not been treating her nicely at the bank because, she didn’t add him as a Myspace friend. It does sound silly, but at the same time, very scary.

On a similar note, I have heard of many who have been approached by so called modeling agencies on Myspace, luring people into what may not be a legit company.

Myspace has become , to me, a separate reality. People now go on it, not just young girls, to paste lude pictures sometimes photo shopped of themselves, looking to get attention from anyone who can write comments about the pictures on their page. People are dealing with their self-esteem issues, by pasting Maxim-esque pictures of themselves instead of just going

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BY SUZANNE GUARINO

The ratings for the Olympics this year did not compare to those of American Idol or other reality dramas. Some feel that the Olympics have lost their appeal to young people. They question what would make the Olympics more interesting to young viewers.

“What do you think?”



Alex  
sophomore

“Personally, I don’t watch the Olympics this time of year because I’m not into the winter sports. Also, television in general has become too much about commercials and there are no more quality programs on because the general public doesn’t care to see anything of value. I think the Olympics are great the way they are, our society needs to change.”



Bryan  
junior

“I think it’s sad that young people aren’t interested in the Olympics. They represent a unity between nations and are entertaining to watch.”



Deanna  
grad student

“I think with all the professional players involved, it has lost it’s spark. Nobody understands true sportmanship anymore.”



Alex  
sophomore

“Besides hockey and snowboarding, the Olympics doesn’t really have a sport that appeals to young people. Curling was good though, because the concept was so ridiculous that you had to watch.”



Tim  
Freshman

“The Olympics did lose their appeal because the U.S. Olympic Committee doesn’t market the athletes and the lesser known sports, therefore, viewers tune in uninformed and don’t feel like watching.”

# Olympic ratings fall faster than our athletes

JOSH STRAUSS  
STAFF WRITER

I’ve been waiting for years to see a TV show send *American Idol* to the curb of TV ratings. I thought for sure the Olympics would finally do it. I mean after all it’s the OLYMPICS for crying out loud. The best Athletes from around the world competing on the biggest stage there is. The ironic part of the Olympics is that the opening ceremony is usually the most popular night, a night with no sport what so ever. But hey, if that’s the night that is going to bump *American Idol*...I’ll take it.

But according to Nielsen Media Research, the opening ceremony, came in 11<sup>th</sup> place. 11<sup>th</sup> place! That night, the Olympics had roughly 22.7 million viewers, which is half of the 45 million viewers that tuned in to see the ceremony from Salt Lake City in 2002. Even on the Olympics most popular night, February 11, it was only able to reach 7<sup>th</sup> place for the week, behind *American Idol* (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>), *CSI* (2<sup>nd</sup>), *Grey’s Anatomy* (4<sup>th</sup>), *Desperate Housewives* (5<sup>th</sup>), and *House* (6<sup>th</sup>).

So what’s the problem? I’ll admit I didn’t do my share in the ratings. I only watched one event out of the entire Olympics. I watched Men’s hockey, and I only watched maybe 2 games, and neither of those games involved the Americans. I watched the gold medal game of course, and that is partly do to the Swedes (gold medal winners) goalie, Henrik Lundqvist, because he is damn good, and fun to watch.

But perhaps that is exactly why the Olympics are the real losers. While watching that gold medal game, I couldn’t help but think of it more as an NHL all-star game rather than a competition for gold. Now I love watching professional athletes as much as the next person, but what happened to the good-ole days, where after the games, the athletes would return to their jobs. And I don’t mean their jobs as NHL hockey players, I mean at The Home Depot, or McDonalds, or better yet, back to class at their college of choice.

I can watch Lundqvist tend goal any day as the New York Rangers goalie, but how often can I see the top amateur goalies from lets say Boston College or Minnesota?

This is where these young stars should shine. I can’t help but think about the 1980 Olympic “Miracle on Ice.” Have you ever wondered why there were movies made about that hockey game? You’ll never see a movie made about the 2006 gold medal game, hard fought between Finland and Sweden. But that’s because there was no magic involved, no soul. It was a good game, a great game, but easily forgettable.

And how about the Athletes themselves? Before coming into the Olympics, Bode Miller, the American downhill skier, was hyped up. People called him the “Golden Boy” for the American Olympic Team. Miller blew it. He finished 5<sup>th</sup> in his first event, and disqualified from his second. Not that there is anything wrong with losing, as long as he tried his best. Miller saw it differently. He was seen commenting that at least he wouldn’t have to make the trek to Torino to receive a medal. That’s pathetic.

What happened to the old days of competing where an athlete was thrilled just to be there? When you would often catch an athlete crying, just at the thought of representing their country, regardless if they won a medal or not. And lets not mention how they felt, when they did win a medal.

I’m sure you all remember the fearless performance from Keri Strug and the U.S. gymnastics team. How about Kristi Yamaguchi on the ice rink. Or maybe the miracle of the 1980 men’s hockey team, a team comprised of young college men, overcoming the biggest obstacle in hockey history, the Russians. That is what the Olympics should be. Watching the Olympics was once an experience. Now it seems the athletes are bigger and better then the games they are competing in, and it’s the ratings that suffer. The ratings fell faster then our athletes in Torino.

# My views of societal entertainment

WESLEY CHIN  
STAFF WRITER

Kudos to producers who create shows such as American Idol or There And Back - Ashley Parker Angel. Finally, when the crap stink of what I like to call reality finally becomes too unbearable, rather than binge drink or do drugs, I turn to these fine programs.

Why you ask?

Because I (with a shameful reluctance) take great satisfaction in knowing that though my life, bleak and miserable as it is, can never match the sheer crapacity of people on either of the listed shows. Furthermore, it gives me fantastic insight on how far our society is coming along... far down the hole.

Let’s begin with American Idol. It sucks. I can’t pretend to like it, nor will I. What sucks is that the only pop-substitute rip off show that tried to mimic American Idol was that Rock Star Show, where the winner of the show would get to front INXS. I’d have a clever build-up joke, but why bother. If

you’ve seen the new INXS video, you’d know why.

People tune into this fine television program religiously. Like a moth to the flame, they glue their eyeballs to the screen, drooling at the mouth, wide-eyed. And the irony? Most don’t tune in to see the talent. They tune in to see failures, “wannabees” if you will. The people soooooo determined to become America’s next top star. Camera hungry losers who go to extremes for that 15 minutes (which, from what I understand, only equates to 5 in some cases).

So let’s get this straight. We don’t watch the show to see success. We’re so down on ourselves in our daily shortcomings, that the only validation we have is to see others trip and fall. Others may agree, but hardcore “Idol’ers” will disagree.

The answer, which many will attest to, is simple: Simon Caldwell. Simon Caldwell was a egotistical moron before American Idol, but now wears a nametag with the word “Judge” on it, so I guess he’s a jerk with semi-credibility.

# The unseen dangers of Myspace

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out and talking to people. Instead of the person learning to come out of their shy mold, instead Myspace keeps them absorbed in it. I know of many who have checked their Myspace’s many times a day, just to see what people said about their pictures. It is almost as if they need 100 Myspace friends and 100 good comments in order to actually feel good about them selves. For me, having 100 Myspace friends has nothing to do with real life where you can make so many great friendships. For me, it is a compliment from a one in person, rather than from a random person who may be looking at fake pictures anyway. It is like Myspace is creating a dream world, which leads me to my next point.

Myspace seems to prolong people’s immaturity. I have seen many in their 20’s and 30’s who act like their still in middle school: writing messages to their friends, instead of calling them to see how they are, spending time collecting Myspace friends and improving their page, instead of spending time with their true friends, and looking at Myspace as a way for someone to notice them, instead of actually going out, enjoying some fresh air, being themselves, getting involved in a school club and show another who they really are. People hide behind their computer, behind silly notes, afraid to approach the another in life but instead saying “No, I never really approached that guy I liked in person, but Oh he’s my Myspace friend.” What

the hell is a Myspace friend? If they’re your friend, you shouldn’t need Myspace to talk to them!

I am sick of people, instead of asking for my phone number or just asking me out to lunch, instead asking me, “do you have a Myspace?” And when I say “No” the person suddenly shys up and doesn’t want to talk to me anymore. I would like my friends, acquaintances, family etc. to call me and hang out with me. I do not want to rely on a website to make me feel special.

Which leads me to my last point. Ms. Walker mentioned that one of Myspace’s original purpose was to network and get job opportuni-

ties. Last time I checked, possible employers want a typed resume on professional paper and perhaps a portfolio, not a resume’ pasted on a purple and pink heart background with bright graphics claiming, “I am like the red ninja turtle” and “I am like a wolf in bed!”

As Ms. Walker mentioned, Facebook is seems to be the place to go to find Myspace’s original purpose: as a place to keep in touch with others, yet only friends can look as your profile. However, I think Facebook is slowly turning into the monster Myspace has become. I understand that many are probably going to be upset with me and not really see my points, which is fine. But I feel like I needed to let my thoughts known because it seems to me that we are heading to an age where instead of people interacting, enjoying life with others, socializing, being, well... PEOPLE, instead we hide behind our computers afraid to grow up, forging fake relationships, fake identities and well, and loosing who we are.

People watch the show for the idiots, but also watch the show for the morons to make fun of the idiots doing their idiot antics? The mind reels. You see, I was under the impression that reality today is jam packed with these inane dimwits, and the only escape from this is to come home from reality and wind down. But now, we come home to our tv boxes and moving pictures to see the same idiots sing and crap out, while a panel of wash-ups and nobodies critique and break down their so called “esteem” comment by comment. I wouldn’t call that entertainment. I’d call it psychotic.

Next, we have Ashley Fru Hah Angel. Apparently, MTV can sell crap on a stick to millions of home views weekly. It’s called “There and Back”. The problem with this title is that it indicates that he was once at a “there” spot of popularity with his O-Killme career.

My qualms with this package-O-Fun is what I like to call the “crybaby factor”. Like many of its earlier predecessors (Travis Barker’s thing and Jessica Simpsons circus of hell), it attempts to convince the audience that their lives are, too, as horrible and challenging as ours. So, while Travis sits in his 258971598079 dollar Cadillac in Cali traffic, and Nick Lache

has to painstakingly build the 3rd pool table for his 5th guest bedroom in his house, Ashely has to live off the dwindling funds of his boy band bank roll. I don’t like to admidt this, but I cried tears of joy when they FINALLY were able to put his deluxe-o-vision big screen television to good use. Huzah! The good guys win again!

And yes, I see the irony. I hate the things that I obviously have watched before. But that’s the problem. Society is surrounded by this uninspiring, repeditive crap we call entertainment. We love monotinty, and we love when we snuggle into our safety zones where change is as absent as quality.

It’s a lie. It’s a bunch of sad strangers photographed and filmed beautifully, and all the glittering morons who appreciate it say it’s beautiful or entertaining because that’s what they want to see. But the people in the photos are sad, pathetic, or alone. But the pictures make the world and society seem rich, “fun”, beautiful, so this image is reassuring which makes it a lie. And everyone loves a big fat lie.

And yes, Natalie Portman that last bit much better and contextual in “Closer”. But there’s nothing better to end on than a truthful quote.





# Two sides of the same coin

*Political discourse from the students of Monmouth University*



## Students perspective on

**KEVIN NORTH**  
STAFF WRITER

Dubai Ports World, a state owned business in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), recently announced that it has acquired the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company. That deal will allow them to take control of 6 ports in the United States. Normally this would be just another example of capitalism in action, but the circumstances under which the company gained control of the ports has unleashed a bipartisan hailstorm of criticism.

The cause for all this concern is the safety of these ports. The UAE has long been a safe harbor for terrorists, and it served as both a financial and an operational base for the terror attacks on September 11, 2001, and it was one of the only nations in the world to recognize the Taliban as a legitimate government. This close relationship with our enemies in the "War on Terror" raises questions about the confidence the American people have in the safety of their ports. Many are concerned that these ports would be easier for members of al Qaeda and similar Islamic extremist groups to infiltrate than other ports in the United States.

Another issue that raises concerns is that President George W. Bush initially claimed to be unaware that the deal to buy the ports had even taken place. Once he discovered the takeover was set to occur, Bush announced that he supports DP World and has announced that he will veto any attempt by congress to stop the deal from going through. Bush claims we have nothing to worry about. He claims that the ports will be just as secure as any others in the US, but others are hesitant to agree.

Sen. Carl Levin, a Democrat from Michigan, is very concerned that we are making an already vulnerable sector even weaker. In a statement to the Senate Armed Services Committee Levin said, "One of America's greatest vulnerabilities in defending

against terrorist attacks is our ports. With over 11 million containers coming into our ports every year - 95 percent of which are never opened or inspected - port security probably leads the list of our nation's Achilles heels. [There has been] constant struggle to devote adequate funds to strengthen port security."

Many in congress echo the concerns of Levin. After several years of being warned that America is at war and that Americans must remain vigilant, it seems odd that Bush does not seem concerned at all about the threat of decreased safety. While it is understandable that Bush would be hospitable to a nation trying to exercise free commerce in the US, it is odd that he trusts them enough to try to block any attempt to block or delay the deal to buy the ports long enough to allow congress to approve it, especially given the UAE's questionable reputation on terrorism.

The bottom line is that it seems like Bush is hiding something from congress and the American people. It seems like there must be a reason for him to not want this deal to fail. I am not suggesting that President George W. Bush is a terrorist or that he is in league with terrorists. I am, however, suggesting that he stands to gain from this deal. It does not make sense to me that Bush would discover that this deal existed then become fervently in favor of it so quickly. This distress is magnified in light of the fact that this administration has not been completely honest about its activities in the past (IE: WMDs and Wiretapping). A piece seems to be missing from the puzzle.

Perhaps there is no need for concern. Perhaps this is just George's way of thanking the UAE for the \$100 million that it donated the Katrina relief effort. The only way to find out why this deal is getting pushed through and why Bush is pushing so hard is to allow a congressional investigation. Whether the deal is legitimate or legitimate cause for concern, an investigation would show the truth.

**SEAN QUINN**  
STAFF WRITER

I hate to say it, but I honestly am not sure what to think about the deal for a United Arab Emirates owned company to take over the operations of several US ports. So what I have decided to do for you, my readers, is to try and best explain both sides of the argument.

The plan calls for a Dubai based company, that is government owned, to buy a British company that will take over some parts of American ports. Confused yet? The depth of involvement depends on which ports the company, Dubai Ports World operates in. In some places like Port Elizabeth the company will only own a few slips along the water. In other places, like the Port of Long Beach in California, however, the entire operation would be run by this company.

Something that concerns folks on both sides is the factor of security. Critics have said that an Arab and state owned business running our ports can be dangerous. But it is important to note that private companies are not responsible for port security, the brave men and women of the United States Coast Guard are responsible for that.

Something that is an issue, that according to some shouldn't be, is that this company is owned by an Arab nation. Surprising to me is that this is the first time I have ever heard liberals recognizing that we actually have an enemy and he has a face. How is it that liberals would be up in arms if an Arab man traveling on a one way ticket was given extra security attention, but have no trouble in categorizing an entire nation of people as terrorists?

While good police work dictates that cops look for patterns of behavior and types of individuals who have committed crimes in the past, dismissing an entire nation is simply racist.

True, some of the 9/11 hijackers had ties or traveled in the UAE, but does that mean the whole nation is evil? Some hijackers were able to get New Jersey Drivers licenses, so does that mean that we shouldn't do business with the DMV? Some of the

hijackers were Saudi, as is Ossama Bin Ladden, but does that mean we should stop buying their oil? Richard Reid, the "shoe bomber" was an English citizen, does that mean that we should stop Virgin Atlantic from operating out of our airports? What is needed here is some good common sense.

Another aspect to the debate is that unions have a huge investment in this issue. For decades, from the mob controlled ports of WWII to the Teamsters controlled ports of today, organized labor has always been a factor in these enterprises. Unions are incredibly hostile to the deal and the port of Baltimore has had an ongoing demonstration this week by Teamsters. They are worried that foreign ownership will affect their benefits or wages that they have had to fight for in the past few dozen years.

This is one of the most interesting sides to this issue is the sheer randomness of who is speaking out for or against it. For the first time in good long while, President Bush and former President Carter agree that the plan should go ahead. Republicans like Bill Frist and Democrats like Chuck Schumer find themselves opposing the deal until a major investigation is launched. Two conservative organizations who's mailing lists I am on, sent out two completely opposite views on this deal. Retired Four Star General Tommy Franks insisted during an interview on Hannity and Combes that Dubai has been a huge asset during the war on terror and that we have nothing to worry about. he also points out that the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest US Naval base in the world is actually in the port of Dubai.

Reps and Dems coming together, conservative celebrities disagreeing and Jimmy Carter singing the praises of the Bush administration? Something is not right here, wasn't all this spelled out in Revaluations? Isn't that the seventh sign of the Apocalypse or something? Well, perhaps not that extreme, but in the mean time the deal has been put on hold so that all sides can get some important questions answered.

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- KEVIN NORTH

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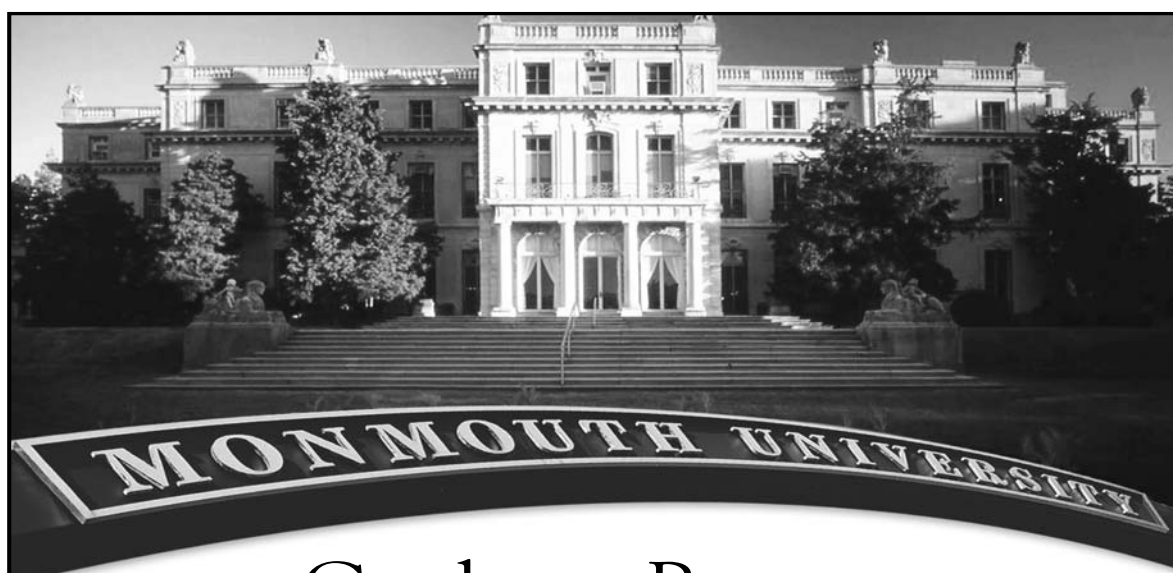
## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

This weeks photo was submitted by President Paul Gaffney



**Following Kevin Cuneo's** January 25 article "champion speller" Cuneo and "amateur sign repairman" Paul Gaffney went looking for the misspelled sign referenced in his article. On February 15, the duo found the sign and made the proper repairs.

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# Master cheesecake plan underway

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Churney pursued the class for help because although he wants to start his own business he realizes his other priorities in his life.

“The whole focus was to start my own business and try something for myself, so I thought it would be a great idea to promote this product. I am working full-time, planning a wedding and dealing with other hardships, but I wanted to take advantage of being young, so I decided to get the school involved. I didn’t want anything to stop me,” said Churney.

Churney speaks very highly of the class, and is glad he can contribute and assist current students.

“I was in Professor Buzzza’s first class and I enjoyed the class very much. There is nothing else like it and I didn’t realize that until I was done with everything. I want students to be excited but learn that difficult things do pop-up along the way,” said Churney.

Senior and Business Management major Steve Vetere took the class as a management elective and is in the marketing department.

The class is split into seven different departments which are sales, marketing, production, advertising, research and development, Website design and accounting.

“My group’s job is to make fliers and establish contacts with radio stations, newspapers and anything else to help us promote our product. I took this class as one of

Dinner Dance, which will be a semi-formal event held at the Magnolia in the middle of April if all goes as planned.

“All the departments are working hard to market these cheese cakes and get recognition, which will basically get the product off the ground and selling. My group is currently thinking about plan-

for myself or work in corporate America. I still don’t really know what I want to do, but I am sure that through this class it will help me to have an understanding of what it is like to be an entrepreneur,” said Schuessler. “It will give me a sense of understanding about how difficult it is to start your own business but at the same time it will show the class how to really work in a business type setting, from getting a product out from start to finish.”

This is Professor Buzzza’s fourth year teaching the class and hopes to someday have an Entrepreneurship Institute at Monmouth University that will foster many things, but moreover develop leaders rather than followers.

“Monmouth University I feel gives our students plenty of real world experience not only through the courses they take, but directly from the professors that teach them. We have a seasoned staff of “true professionals” in our School of Business,” said Buzzza. “What makes the Entrepreneurship Class different is that our students receive a lesson in business savvy and business application. We put into practice what we learn and have learned. We create and experience the balance between theory and reality. I want our Entrepreneurship students to seek opportunity where others might only see failure.”

The class will also get a percentage of every Rompos cheesecake sold, and that money will go into a scholarship for entrepreneurship.

**“What makes the Entrepreneurship Class different is that our students receive a lesson in business savvy and business application. We put into practice what we learn and have learned.”**

**PROFESSOR JOHN BUZZZA**

Specialist Professor for Management and Marketing

my electives because I thought it would be interesting and useful for my future,” said Vetere.

Senior Kate Schuessler is working with the productions department as well as the team of The

ning this dinner to kick off the whole cheesecakes idea, in hopes to get our families and friends as well as the community to attend,” said Schuessler. “The event will be a semi-formal and I am really excited because I think this will be a really fun way to celebrate what we hope is a huge success!”

Schuessler also feels that the experience in this class will give her a better understanding of corporate America.

“I signed up for this class because I have always questioned if I wanted to go into business

## Second Annual Fashion Show

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to do whatever we could to help a young, local girl.”

Murray remembers what it was like to be a scared little girl. When Murray was 15 her mother, Donna, was first diagnosed with Hotchkins Disease. After being in remission, Donna’s disease returned when her daughter was 18.

Although the cancer is now in remission, Murray said those difficult memories came flooding back.

“My favorite part of the fashion show was being able to present Mrs. Recanzone with the charm we had gotten for her,” said Murray, whose mother coordinated the gift raffle. “I know that when my mother had cancer, sometimes the only thing I really wanted was some form of an escape. And that is what Saturday night provided for Erika’s mother and sister.

“It also showed them that there is support from others who are not her friends and family and they now have an extended family here at Monmouth University.”

Part of the extended family on that evening was Tom Hanley, who was one of six masters of ceremonies. Hanley, who also is WMCX news director, said he believes the night was “an overwhelming success.”

“I was impressed with the amount of people who showed up and the number of organizations that were involved,” added Hanley, a graduate student in Monmouth’s Corporate and Public Communication program. “It seemed like a lot of people joined together to help a little girl who really could use their help.”

As for the fashion, the clothes were from New Jersey and New York boutiques. The featured designers were: CTC, Nirvana, 4B, Glow, New York Trends, Stacy Gemma, Butterfly Kisses, To Tie For, and Cara Lynn’s Bridals.

Although all eyes were on the models on the man-made catwalk at Wilson Hall, it was people’s hearts that truly commanded attention.

“I couldn’t have been happier with the outcome of the event,” Murray said. “Hawk TV did a wonderful performance setting up and capturing the event, as did everyone who was involved. My models were beautiful, the clothing spectacular, the gift raffle amazing, and the on-going support of friends, students, faculty and administrators made everything worthwhile.

“I am so proud of everyone who helped make Saturday night absolutely amazing and I could not have done it without everyone who was involved. It truly was a night to remember.”

*Contributing writer Marina Wagner contributed to the story*

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# Commencement

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The Honorary Degree Sub Committee of the Board of Trustees, which is responsible for reviewing all the nominations that are sent in by students and other members of the Monmouth University community, typically chooses a commencement speaker one year prior to his or her arrival.

The committee is composed of five Monmouth University Trustees, Herbert McCord, Paul Corliss, Marti Egger, '81, President of the Alumni Association, Judith Eisenberg, Harold Hodos '65, three faculty members, Pat Cresson, Prescot Evarts, one Dean Naik, and Eugene Simko and President Gaffney.

Janet Fell a member of the Commencement Planning Committee works closely with other members of the committee in choosing the ideal graduation speaker every year.

"I see first hand the tremendous amount of work that goes on behind the scenes to make this most important annual event meaningful for our graduates and their families," she said. "It's not easy to please everyone but we try."

Every year, a number of names are received for consideration. Some of these people include First Lady Laura Bush, Jon Stew-

art and Bruce Springsteen.

"It is very important to note that we have virtually no possibility of getting a famous speaker unless we are in contact with someone who knows the celebrity personally," said Fell.

Additional speakers at graduation will include Chairman of the Board, Mr. Stephen M. Parks '68, a clergy, Rev Myrna Bethke pastor of United Methodist of Red Bank who will deliver the Invocation and Benediction, Senior Class President William Schwenck and Gaffney.

"When I first found out that I would be speaking at the graduation, I thought it would be really simple, just like talking to my friends," said Schwenck. "But as the time gets closer and we get more notice about the ceremony, I have began to get more nervous. There will be so many people there. It should be a time I will remember for the rest of my life."

The university has had a number of prominent commencement speakers such as singer, Jon Bon Jovi '01, singer Harry Belafonte '02, Monmouth University's past President Rebecca Stafford '03, discoverer of the Titanic Dr. Robert Ballard '04 and author Dr. Robin Cook '05.

## Women's tennis notches an ace in the classroom

NICOLE STEVENS  
STAFF WRITER

The Monmouth University women's tennis team was recently recognized as a 2005 Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) All-Academic Team for its scholastic excellence.

The honor is given to a team whose cumulative grade-point average is 3.2 or higher for every player who has played at least one match and completed at least two semesters.

Six Monmouth University students were also recognized as ITA Scholar Athletes for maintaining a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher while playing in at least one varsity match over the course of two semesters or more.

Graduate Kelly Phoebus, juniors Laura Giuliani, Ashleigh Johnson, Krista McCormick, and sophomores Christina Cella and Sara Davidson all achieved these requirements last year and were therefore honored by the association.

Johnson, a communication major and the current team captain, offered her view of the team, describing them as an enthusiastic,

close-knit group who are always willing to help one another with any kind of problem, whether social or academic.

Johnson, who has also won numerous other academic awards,

**"You just have to know your priorities and allocate time for everything."**

ASHLEIGH JOHNSON  
Junior

says that her own academic success has been the result of good time management and balance.

"You just have to know your priorities and allocate time for everything," she adds.

McCormick, an art major, agrees that time management is key in balancing tennis games and practices with her school work and social life. Since her major requires much out-of-class work, the job of balancing sports and academics becomes difficult; however, Mc-

Cormick also feels that being on the tennis team has helped her in many ways.

"It has taught me teamwork, leadership, and responsibility," she says, adding that the team is, "like a family both on and off the court."

Phoebus, a communication major who now works for Alan Taylor Communications, also received the first-ever Northeast Conference Good Sports award in 2005 for her commendable sportsmanship.

Along with their academic achievements, the women's tennis team also had a good season, placing fifth in the Northeast Conference Championships last year.

Monmouth is one of only 12 NCAA Division I teams to have six or more members recognized as ITA Scholar Athletes. The other universities included the College of Charleston, Dartmouth College, Georgetown University, High Point University, Hofstra University, Murray State University, University of Northern Colorado, Rice University, Southern Illinois University, Western Michigan University, and Xavier University.

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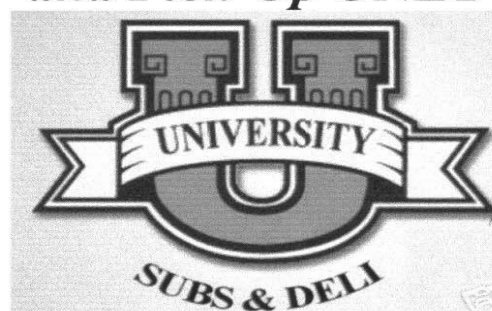
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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Interview with an Olympian

**KRISTEN RENDA**  
STAFF WRITER

The 2006 Winter Olympics in Torino were very enjoyable to watch, and it is always sad to see them end. With all of the Olympic excitement still fresh in our minds, I thought it would be fun to interview 2004 Gold Medal swimmer, Peter Vanderkaay.

Vanderkaay is a senior at the University of Michigan majoring in Biology. He was on the US Olympic swim team in Athens, and received a Gold Medal for his performance in the 800-meter freestyle relay.

**Kristen Renda:** "When did you start swimming?"

Peter Vanderkaay: "I started swimming when I was seven years old."

**KR:** "What is your best stroke?"  
PV: "Freestyle."

**KR:** "What do you like to do in your spare time?"  
PV: "Relax, hangout with friends and family, watch movies."

**KR:** "Do you plan to go to the 2008 Olympics?"  
PV: "I am going to keep training to try to make the 2008 team."

**KR:** "How did you feel when you won the gold medal in Athens?"  
PV: "It was one of the best moments of my life. It was a thrilling race and I was so proud to be a part of it."

**KR:** "Was that your most memorable swimming moment or was there another moment?"  
PV: "Winning the 4x200 relay at the 2004 NCAA Championships."

**KR:** "What was your favorite part of Grecian culture?"  
PV: "I liked the food the best."

**KR:** "What do you hope to do with your biology degree?"  
PV: "Hopefully graduate school or some kind of research."

**KR:** "Do you get recognized in public?"  
PV: "Not very often."

**KR:** "How often do you train?"  
PV: "10 practices a week, about two [hours] each practice, plus dry land conditioning."

**KR:** "Do you keep in touch with any of your Olympic teammates?"  
PV: "Yes, I keep in touch with a few teammates. Also, some of my teammates from 2004 swim at Michigan."

**KR:** "Do you have any good luck charms when you are competing?"  
PV: "No, I'm not very superstitious. I believe that training, focus, and confidence is what gets me through races."

**KR:** "What is your favorite suit to compete in?"  
PV: "I like the new body suits the best for freestyle."

**KR:** "Does your height have a positive or negative effect on your swimming?"  
PV: "It definitely has a positive effect. The taller a swimmer is, the easier it is to cut through the water and get a longer pull."

Hopefully we will see Vanderkaay at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, China.



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**Peter Vanderkaay (second from right)** poses with fellow teammates Michael Phelps, Ryan Lochte, and Klete Keller.

## So You're Not Watching the Olympics?

**BILL STECH**  
STAFF WRITER

You're not alone if you have not seen one bit of Olympic coverage. So far the Olympics have lost in the ratings to *Desperate Housewives* and *American Idol* significantly, and you shouldn't even be ashamed of the odd shows you choose over the Olympics: the Games are really that boring this year.

The last seven Winter Olympics had been ratings monsters. This year is a different story; maybe without steroids athletes just aren't that interesting. When you think Olympics, most think of the USA Basketball Dream Team or the undefeated U.S. Softball team. In the 1960s Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier, and George Foreman all won gold medals in consecutive Olympics. Watching track stars break records is interesting to us, because everyone at least ran a 100-yard dash in elementary school. Those are all Summer Olympics competitions though. How many people do you know that grew up bobsledding on weekends? Or guys how about tuning into the figure skating preliminary round while having a Heineken with your pops? Maybe watch some ice dancing to get the blood flowing before you go to the bar?

The Winter Games are interesting in their own way, but they are not as relatable enough to us to really follow them. Well what about hockey? The NHL came back in a big way this year and most of the players are playing for their respective nations in the Games this year. The problem is those of us that follow the NHL do not want to see our favorite players get hurt in competition that most of us deem insignificant. By the way, the lone U.S. Mens Hockey victory to date came against Kazakhstan.

NBC is tanking so badly in the ratings right now covering the Olympics that they are being forced to give free advertising slots over the next few months. Companies sank so much money into advertising during the Games, but the ratings do not equal the price, so NBC is doing a refund of sorts. That is how bad it has gotten. A major broadcasting company is actually giving money back because they invested so much into the 2006 Winter Olympics. So if we're not watching the Olympics, what are we watching?

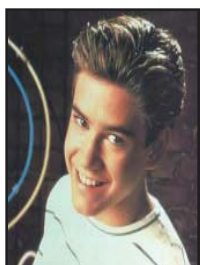
Advertiser should have invested into some other shows that are being watched en masse'. *Flavor of Love*, as ridiculous as it is that women would compete to marry Public Enemy's hype man who looks addicted to the lesser form of cocaine, is a wildly entertaining show. One of the funniest concepts of the show is that he nicknamed all the girls and that's what they go by. Next week see who gets the boot: Pumpkin, Hoopz, or New York. A fun game to play with that show is coming up with Flava names for your roommates.

Even if you've never seen a show, but you know your Mom and sister watch it, you know it must be a monster hit. *Desperate Housewives* is so popular right now that guys have to be careful not to watch it. Remember the first time you saw *90210* in elementary school and then your hooked on the girly show? That's what I'm afraid could happen with *Desperate Housewives*, although, Eva Longoria just might be worth a viewing.

New episodes of Chappelle's Show are coming back next month. Enough said. New episodes after two years means Comedy Central's cash cow is back. Season two was the highest selling DVD of a TV show of all-time.

If you happen to be following the Olympics closely, NBC should cut you a check, because you might be the only one within 30 miles who is doing so. For the rest of us, we will have no problem finding something more entertaining than the medal round of the Curling competition.

## Celebrity Birthdays



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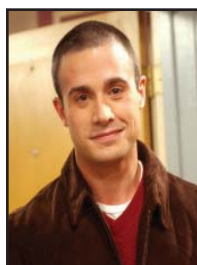
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See what's dominating the airwaves this week in Sydney, Australia.

LISA PIKAARD  
STAFF WRITER

G'Day from down under! This semester there is a slight twist on my "lyric lounge." Being that I'm studying in Oz (short for Aussie being that when pronounced correctly it sounds like oz) I will be giving you all a sense of what music is hot down here.

This week, the number one album in Australia (according to ariacharts.com) is *Whatever People Say I Am, I'm Not* by the Arctic Monkeys.

The Arctic Monkeys is a new band from Sheffield England with a very different sound. The band is made up of four guys rocking out in an alternative indie-rock fashion. The first track on the album, "The View from the Afternoon" really sets an upbeat rock pace. The sound is unlike any music that is popular in the states, but I see why it is so big down here. The most successful single off of the album thus far is "I

Bet You Look Good on the Dance Floor." With a fast beat and a lot of musical support, the highly creative original lyrics really shine. Although the tune is undoubtedly different from American tunes, it is very appealing. My personal favorite tune on

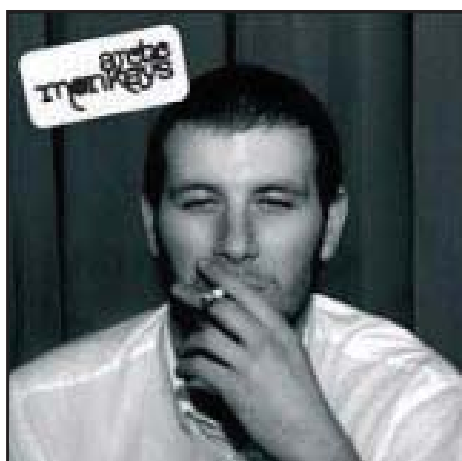


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**Arctic Monkeys © 2006**  
*Whatever People Say I Am, I'm Not*  
Domino Records

Although the music is different from what we're used to, it's still very appealing.

the album is "When the Sun Goes Down," another extremely successful single. The cover art of the album does little justice to the album itself. The band is low-key but the music is far from it. It is no wonder the Aussies like the band so much!

Another foreign sound to us Americans is the number 4 spot band, Rogue Traders. Straight

from Australia, *Here Come the Drums* is the punk rock bands long awaited second album. For those of you unfamiliar with their sound, check out the North American band The Start which is a punk rock band fronted by a female singer. The vocals and

ideas behind the music is generally quite similar. The Rogue Traders' most popular track off of the album is one that you may have actually heard in the states- "Voodoo Child" and it is such an earworm (song that gets stuck in your head for days and days).

Their music is definitely something to check out. "Way to Go" is another very successful catchy tune from *Here Come the Drums*. One last successful track off of the album is "Watching You." The tune's sound is almost that of a punk rock Ashlee Simpson or a little less dramatic Garbage.

Fear not, not all music down here is foreign and different, other artists that were high on the chart this week were Jack Johnson with his *Curious George* soundtrack, James Blunt's *Back to Bedlam* and the *Walk the Line* soundtrack.

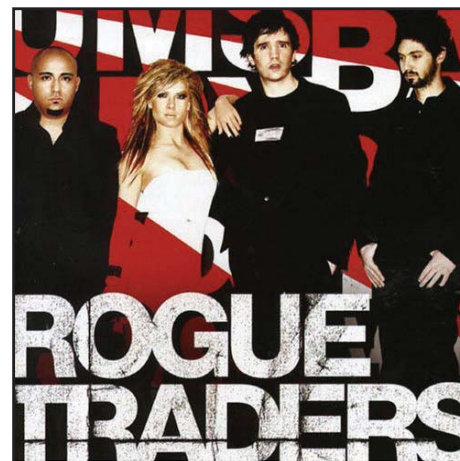


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*Here Come the Drums*  
Sony/Columbia Records

## A Metal Mishap

JACQUELINE KOLOSKI  
NEWS EDITOR

As I Lay Dying's latest release entitled *Shadows Are Security* mixes a metal sound with lyrics by the group members to make this dark sounding album even more dark.

This group made up of drummer Jordan Mancino, vocalist Tim Lambesis, guitarist Phil Sgroso, bassist and vocalist Clint Norris, and guitarist Nick Hipa will impress listeners with its unique guitar and drum arrangements

that give each track its own sound.

Each track opens up with a drum and guitar solo that sets up listeners for the obvious emotion that is felt by the lead vocalist. The vocals on the album are characteristic of any metal band. The lyrics are almost shouted by the vocalist thus making them indistinguishable to the audience.

The only track that breaks up that sound is "The Darkest Nights." It features a different sound compared to the other songs on the album in that it seems to have less of a metal influence.

Another song worth giving a listen to is called "Illusions." The beginning of the track is almost complete silence with no instrumental solos or vocals which sets this song significantly apart from the other tracks. It almost seems to play up to its title. It is not until about two minutes into it, that the song truly begins.

*Shadows Are Security* sounds like your typical metal album and other than the two tracks "The Darkest Nights" and "Illusions" makes it somewhat different than the other metal albums out today.

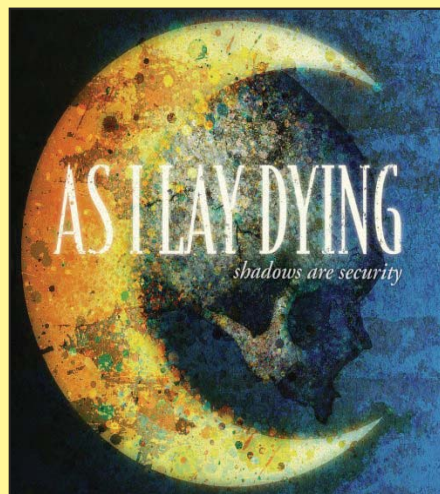


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Metal Blade Records

## As I Lay Dying

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## Haste the Day's new release: a little hasty?

SAMANTHA YOUNG  
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Haste the Day is back again with their third album, *When Everything Falls*.

Unfortunately, this album leaves nothing to be desired by music fans. In the first song "Fallen," the beginning 40 second are reminiscent of a tamer, vocally weaker ripoff of Throwdown. This pretty much represents the format of all twelve songs.

Inside the cd jacket are the lyrics, which would undoubtedly resonant with the listeners...if they could understand them.

The rest of the cd is very similar to the first three tracks, but the songs do improve, leaving behind the incomprehensible screaming and attempting to sing.

Although the two lead singers do possess a POD-esque quality, the music is easy to listen to and the lyrics are the product of some effort.

The highlight of the cd is, without a doubt, the use of instruments. Some bands rely solely on their frontmen to carry them and the background sounds like it was recorded in

a garbage can.

Haste the Day features unbelievable solos by drummer Devin Chaulk as well as strong melodic accompaniment throughout the album. Jason Barnes, Michael Murphy and Brennan Chaulk don't go unnoticed either. All are extremely talented and perpetuate each song with their bass and guitar prowess.

An admirable effort. Now if they could just tweak those vocals.

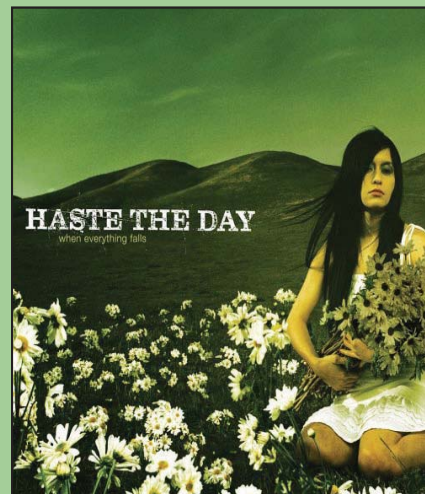


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*When Everything Falls*  
Tooth and Nail Records





REBECCA HAYDON  
COLUMNIST

You can smell it in the Red Bull, the mugs of coffee....and the alcohol. You can see it in the lack of books being brought to class, the sweatpants thrown on in last-minute decisions to go to class, and the eyes - the eyes that are glossy and somewhere else, those that are stressed, and those that say "tell me why I should care again?" What is it? Senioritis. And if you're graduating in May, it is severely among us and spreading worse than the plague of the Middle Ages.

What is senioritis? It appears to be that complete and utter lack of motivation to do anything that counts for anything, and the feeling of being torn between whether or not you really want to graduate. In these closing months of school,

there should be tons to do - get the best grades to make the best impression with future employers, re-write resumes, create cover letters, and then submit everything to any employer you're slightly interested in working for at the end of May. Although there is all that to be done, only about half the senior population are probably stressed out about it, while the other half are doing just enough to scrape by until they find their motivation again and put forth their best effort.

Why is that? Where does all our motivation go, and why does it leave us? A great friend of mine said that senioritis is "the feeling of being almost done with a part of their life that they have been completing since preschool." Since it's almost done, they just want it to

be over; similar to making a cake and you're at that part where it's almost ready to come out of the oven, and you want to take it out to eat real bad, but you can't take it out early because then it will just fall apart. You can't quite graduate yet, because you're not totally ready. But you're definitely struggling to stay in this oven of college.

Last semester, I had amazing classes that I actually did enjoy, for the most part...it is school after all. For the first time since sophomore year, I believe, I actually didn't want to graduate. I didn't mind staying here and putting up with the classes to have a good time, because the classes were great. This semester, I can't say as much, and just want it to be over - stop boring me and wasting my time with your very uninteresting classes and let me just work. Then I could spend my time learning the things that are interesting to me. But, at the same time, I know that I'll never be here again, in college. And even though I do have a full-time job, technically, to the rest of the "real world," being in college is now a good enough excuse for some people to cut me a break sometimes when I need it; after, I'm not sure what will go on.

Faced with suffering from senioritis, I pictured life after college better than now. Sure, I wouldn't

be seeing all those entertaining people I love here at Monmouth, but I'd only be working so I'd have two days off a week! I'd have nothing to do on two days a week! I could spend that time hanging out with the people I do love, without

if you're hung over tomorrow, you'll be half as productive as you should be, and will have twice the amount of work to do the next day. Or, which health care plan to choose.

Asking a friend of mine if she thought there was a cure, she said "a job and a salary." That might be the cure to whip our behinds back into shape, but it doesn't appear to be the best cure, because after we have it, we'll long for that senioritis feeling again. The



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the stress of having work, reading, or projects to do. Unfortunately, investigation into those who have graduated painted a different picture.

"You just end up missing it. I miss meeting new people, not *having* to get a real job yet, and the constant parties," a Monmouth graduate told me. Why? Because after you graduate and you have problems or complain about anything, they are usually real and serious problems with major effects. Conversations between friends no longer involve discussion of the penalties of skipping class, or leaving a 15-page paper to write the morning before it's due. They revolve around explaining why you can't go out tonight: because

cure should probably be to continue to drink the Red Bull or coffee, or do anything else that inspires you to do everything and anything you should do (all those assignments) and want to do (all those crazy trips or wild nights out you want to have) so that when it is over and you get your real job, you don't miss it because you know you lived it up. But is that possible? Every senior class seems to get this senioritis feeling, so is it something we just have to go through? Is senioritis just another part of being in college that you have to go through in order to really appreciate this experience? Or can it be cured and knocked out of existence like the plague of the Middle Ages was?

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Wednesday, March 1  
Vagina Monologues  
7:30 PM, RSSC Anacon Hall

Sunday, March 12  
Field Hockey vs. Duquesne University  
1:00 PM, Kessler Field

Tuesday, March 14  
Lunch with Father Joe  
1:00 PM, Magill 107

SGA Charity Auction  
7:30 PM, Anacon Hall

Wednesday, March 15  
Educator's Career Day  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Anacon Hall

Wednesday, March 15 (cont.)  
Make Your Own Soap  
12:00 - 4:00 PM, RSSC 1st Floor Lobby

Big Man on Campus (tent.)  
10:00 PM, Pollak Theatre

Thursday, March 16  
Thursday Night Alternative  
10:00 PM, Oakwood Lounge

Friday, March 17  
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HOROSCOPES

By Linda C. Black,  
Tribune Media Services

Today's Birthday (Mar. 1st)

This year looks very good for you financially. Travel may be required, distant associates prove valuable even when you stay home. Speaking of home, expand your space. And don't spend all your money entertaining.

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

♈ **Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19) - Today is a 6**  
Your enthusiasm is boundless, but caution is advised. Don't insult an important person, especially the one who signs your paycheck. Think more, say less.

♉ **Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) - Today is a 6**  
Initially, it seems that you can get anything you want. It's doubtful this game will turn out that way, however. Be respectful.

♊ **Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) - Today is a 5**  
You're feeling feisty, but your path isn't completely clear. Agility, wisdom and persistence are necessary for you to get through. Keep at it.

♋ **Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) - Today is a 8**  
You appreciate what you've recently learned from a respected person. Don't try to sell it to your boss quite yet, however. Learn more first.

♌ **Leo • (July 23- Aug. 22) - Today is a 5**  
Gather up as many goodies as possible, and early. Complications concerning your work take up all your time later.

♍ **Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) - Today is a 7**  
At first, the task you've set for yourself and your partner looks easy. Later, difficulties arise. Be patient; this is not worth arguing about.

♎ **Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - Today is a 6**  
Be gracious, and keep asking questions. Others have lots of passion, but may not have the facts straight. Advise caution.

♏ **Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - Today is an 8**  
A lovely, sensitive, thoughtful moment leads quite naturally to more work. It's one of God's cosmic jokes.

♐ **Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is a 5**  
If you're short on cash, consider selling something that's in the way. Clean out your closets and-or the garage. Odds are high you'll get a good price.

♑ **Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - Today is an 7**  
You generally prefer to learn through on-the-job training. This lesson, however, will proceed much better if you do the reading first.

♒ **Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 6**  
Search your own pantry before you go shopping. You'll be pleased to find you have more than you thought you had.

♓ **Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) Today is an 7**  
You're imaginative, intelligent and sensitive. And, the next two days are good for making money.

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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

ACROSS

1 Burrowing mollusk

5 "The Beverly Hillbillies" co-star

9 One Astaire

14 Hindu deity

15 "Fernando" group

16 Cook with dry heat

17 Warning sign

18 Lahr or Lance

19 Oxidizes

20 Financial fantasy?

23 Gymnast Comaneci

24 Vegas intro

25 Q-U link

28 Financial fantasy?

33 Play division

36 Marsh bird

37 \_\_\_ Hawkins Dance

38 Stimulus

40 Scheming group

43 Adroit

44 Parcel out

46 Early Coloradoans

48 Small inlet

49 Financial fantasy?

53 Mule's sire

54 Homily topic

55 \_\_\_ del Sol

59 Financial fantasy?

64 Domicile

66 Solemnly swear

67 Pisa's river

68 Leafy recess

69 Take a shine to

70 Type of estate?

71 Abates

72 Took off

73 Fabled archer

DOWN

1 Ornamental circlet

2 Female vampire

3 Change for the better

4 Praying \_\_\_

5 Foxy lady

6 Biblical victim

7 Spanish river

8 Baby's toy

9 Collars

10 Ill-humored

11 1969 Peter Fonda flick

12 D-Day transport

13 UFO crew

21 Milliner's specialty

22 Mai \_\_\_ cocktail

26 Bookstore sect.

27 Fraternity letter

29 Mythical bird

30 Pers. pension

31 Afghanistan's capital

32 Excellent, slangily

33 Old World lizard

34 Pepsi and Coke

35 Chat programs

39 Jane or John

41 NATO word

42 Luau souvenir

45 Beverage samplers

47 Civil rights org.

50 Frontier scout Carson

51 Into two

52 Small racer

56 Lively outing

57 Having harmony

58 Coral formation

60 \_\_\_ fixe

61 Bad

62 Witticism

63 Enthralled

64 Justice Fortas

65 Big constrictor

Two Dudes

JOE, DUDE,  
ALL THIS *STUDYING*  
IS MAKING YOU  
*GRUMPY*.

I'M NOT  
*GRUMPY*.

THERE'S NO NEED TO  
*ARGUE*, DUDE. IT'S  
BAD ENOUGH YOU'RE  
*GRUMPY*.

A College Girl Named Joe

WELL, THIS IS THE *FIRST*  
TIME I'VE BEEN AWAY  
FROM *HOME* AND I  
MISSED MY *MOM* AND  
*DAD* AND ALL MY *FRIENDS*  
AND EVERYONE I *KNEW*  
BACK HOME.

SO WHO  
*ARE* THESE  
PEOPLE?

I DON'T  
KNOW. I CUT  
THEM OUT OF A  
*MAGAZINE*.

HAD NOGS

ANGLE / I ACCIDENTALLY SCRAPPED  
YOUR CAR TRYING TO PARALLEL PARK!  
BIG  
TIME!

OKAY! IT'S OKAY. THESE  
THINGS HAPPEN!

TWO MONTHS AGO I ACCIDENTALLY  
SIDESWIPED A CAR THAT STILL  
HAD A "W 2004" STICKER.

WAIT, THAT WAS  
ON PURPOSE.

PAUL

ALL RIGHT, SO HOW SHOULD I DUMP THIS  
GIRL? ILLUSION? NAME-CALLING? WHOOPIE  
CUSHION? TABLETOP? SUPERSOAKER?  
THE OL' HIDDEN BALL TRICK?

HO, NO WAY, MAN. THAT'S HOW WE  
ENDED UP DATING IN THE FIRST PLACE.

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING  
ABOUT?! NO, YOU JUST *TALK TO HER*.

WHICH THOROUGHLY  
*AMAZES* ME, BUT STILL, THAT'S WHAT  
WORKS. SO TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT.

I LEAVE IT. I LEAVE IT TO THE EXTREME.

OKAY, OKAY. *FINE*. THEN BY ALL MEANS,  
*BLOW HER AWAY WITH A WATERGUN*.  
I'M SURE SHE'LL *TOTALLY UNDERSTAND*.

BY BILLY O'KEEFE WWW.MRBILLY.COM



## "What are you doing for spring break?"

BY: SUZANNE GUARINO



**Kristen**  
junior

"Going wedding dress shopping!"



**Couch Potato**  
sophomore

"Taking a big trip from my bed to my sofa."



**Teri, Chelsey & Sarah**  
freshmen

"Over spring break we are getting lots of sleep and going clubbing."



**Sarah**  
freshman

"Over spring break I am relaxing at home, working, and hanging out in Sea Isle City with my friends!"



**Kevin**  
freshman

"Waterfall jumping in Hawaii."



**Kimberly**  
sophomore

"I'm going to North Carolina to Kill Devil Hills in the Outerbanks to relax at my friend's beach house."



**Nikki & Laura**  
sophomores

"Getting tan and drinking in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico."



**Greg**  
senior

"Going down to Port St. Lucie, Florida with the rest of the M.U. golf team to practice."



**Jen**  
freshman

"I'm going to see Metric in NYC after I get my wisdom teeth taken out."



**Nina**  
freshman

"Going to the Poconos and going snowboarding."

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# Monmouth University celebrates Women's history month

PRESS RELEASE

Monmouth University today announced its schedule of events in celebration of Women's History Month.

The following events are open to the public:

On Wednesday, March 1, 2006, "The Vagina Monologues" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. in Anacon Hall, Rebecca Stafford Student Center. Tickets are \$4.00 in advance at the Student Center Information Booth and \$6.00 at the door. All proceeds will be donated to 180 Turning Lives Around and The V-Day Campaign for Justice to 'Comfort Women.' Call 732-571-3526 for more information.

Monmouth University will present "Take Back the Night" on March 30<sup>th</sup> with a rally in Wilson Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. followed by a candle-lit march across campus to signify taking back the night. Originated in Europe in 1973 as a protest against women's fear when walking alone at night, the first American "Take Back The Night" was held in San Francisco in 1978. Today, "Take Back the Night" is an exciting event that takes place across the globe, empowering women to take a leadership role in ending sexual violence. It is also a way for men to show their support and help end sexual violence by recognizing that this is not just a "women's problem" but a global problem which affects us all. This event is open to the public.

Throughout the month, works of American female inventors

will be on display at the Rebecca Stafford Student Center first floor cafeteria.

The following events are open to the Monmouth University community only:

The Gender Studies Committee of Monmouth University will present "Spin the Bottle: Sex, Lies and Alcohol" a film produced by the Media Education Foundation followed by a Town Hall style discussion moderated by Claude Taylor, a lecturer in the Communication Department. The Town Hall format is designed to provide an opportunity to address issues of campus alcohol culture, dating violence, and sexual assault. The first screening will take place on Tuesday, February 28th from 1:00 - 2:15 p.m. in Young Auditorium, Bey Hall, followed by a discussion with Suanne Schaad, substance awareness counselor and Dr. Franca Mancini, Psychological Services, Life and Career Advising Center (LCAC). The second screening will take place on Thursday, March 2nd from 4:30 - 5:45 p.m. in Young Auditorium, Bey Hall, followed by a discussion with Suanne Schaad, substance awareness counselor and Kate Memoli, Psychological Services, Life and Career Advising Center (LCAC).

On Wednesday, March 22, 2006, Counseling and Psychological Services will sponsor Body Image Day, a day of programs focusing on self-acceptance and wellness in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center, Anacon B, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Activities include "Share A Thought," an event where students are encouraged to

write positive affirmations on a drape displayed on the first floor of the Student Center, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. "Dying to be Thin," Jean Kilbourne's well-known video about how advertising and the media influence our attitudes about body image, will be shown at 11:00 a.m. followed by a group discussion at 12:00 noon. Health screenings will be offered by University Health Services with optional screenings for eating disorders from 12:00 noon to 3:30 p.m. "Weigh Out," a lecture presented by psychologist Marnie Fegan and nutrition therapist Donna Gallagher on healthy minds and bodies, will be presented from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. At 4:00 p.m. "Perfect Illusions," a video on the silent epidemic of eating disorders that affect millions of people in the United States will be shown followed by a discussion with counseling staff. All Body Image Day events are open to Monmouth University students only.

On Wednesday, March 29, 2006, Wilson Auditorium, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m., Ellen Bloom, director of the Rape Care Program, 180 Turning Lives Around, will address the serious problem of intimate violence among college students in the presentation "Sex, Drugs, Alcohol..... and Rape." This event is open to Monmouth University students only.

Thursday, March 30, 2006, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., free screenings for anxiety and related mood disorders will be available in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center, second floor, room 202C. Videos and self-help literature will also be available. Screenings are for Monmouth University students only.

# Monmouth University Presents Boys of the Lough, Songs of the Sea

PRESS RELEASE

Monmouth University's Performing Arts Series at Pollak Theatre presents Boys of the Lough, Songs of the Sea on Sunday, March 19, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

With a reputation for technical brilliance and integrity in their performances of Irish and Scottish music, The Boys of the Lough (pronounced Lock) occupy a unique position of respect in the world of traditional music. Their music ranges widely through the instrumental and vocal traditions of Ireland, Scotland, Shetland, and North America.

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# Paint Your Face

Look like a work of art by perfecting your makeup application

ANDREA TIBALDO  
FASHION EDITOR



Some women wouldn't want to be caught dead without makeup. It would be hypocritical for most to say, however, that the fifteen minute trip to the supermarket can do without mascara, blush, and lipstick.

Makeup can mean the difference between complete self confidence and none at all. Even just a little lipstick can brighten up an otherwise pale face. Since so many women prefer to have their faces 'done up,' then here's a crash course in Make-up 101.

Starting with foundation, you can easily even out any blemishes and uneven skin tones. If you're trying out a new color of foundation, then it's best to stop at a cosmetic counter and have a makeup artist match up your colors. If you're using a liquid foundation, then before opening it, remember to shake the bottle first so the color is mixed before it's applied. Using a makeup sponge, preferably a wedge shape, apply the foundation to your cheeks, chin, and forehead. Use a small amount around your nose, making sure it's blended well by the creases of your nose. One of the most important places to blend is by your jawline so you avoid the look of a mask. To help the foundation settle and stay put, apply some loose facepowder or bronzer.

Speaking of bronzer, be careful not to overdo it with tanning effect.

Bronzer can be great when you're looking to achieve a sunkissed glow, especially during the winter months. You know you've gone too far when your facial color looks dramatically different than your hands or chest.

Blush is a great way to add some color to otherwise bland skin. The same blush you use during the day should not be the same blush you use at night. When you're out at night, you can go for a shade or two darker than what you decide to display in daylight. When deciding on what type of blush to use, think in terms of what your skin type is. If you have oily skin, then you'll want a powder, and if you have dry skin, you'll benefit from a cream. The biggest mistake women make in relation to blush is not blending enough and using too much of it. Blush is meant to

be a slight pigment; it is not meant to make women look like dolls with round circles on their cheeks. You are supposed to start by applying the blush to the apple of your cheek, but then don't forget to brush upwards towards your cheekbone, and end at your hairline.

When applying eyeshadow, try using a base or matte before your actual base color. This matte will help your shadow to stay out and not fade away after an hour of wear. The matte will also help to alleviate the shadow from clumping in the creases of your lids. After this step, apply your base shadow color starting from your inner eye area and outwards. If you want a dramatic look then add a darker color by the crease in your eye. A light shade is good to use by your browbone to

make the eye lighten up and seem larger.

Eyeliner is somewhat easy. You should always apply from the inside of your eye to the outside corner. If you're using pencil to line your eyes, smudge the line with a cottonswab so it doesn't look so 'sketched' or drawn onto your eye. For a softer look, try using your eye shadow as a liner.

Mascara can be difficult to put on since you're literally so close to your eyeball, but don't be discouraged. When you're putting mascara on your top lashes, look down, and look up for bottom lashes. Applying two coats to each eye will make for a more dramatic and fuller look. Avoid clumping by using an eyelash comb. Vaseline or makeup remover from cosmetic counters (Clinique is a great one) are safe ways to take off your mascara without damaging your lashes.

Lastly, add a shot of color to your look. Lining your lips before putting on your lipstick/lipgloss will make your lips appear fuller and more defined. In the winter months, put on some lip balm before your lipstick to moisturize. Evenly apply your lipstick and blot afterwards. Check your teeth to be sure you haven't gotten any lipstick on them.

## WHAT MU THINKS

*If you could only wear one type of makeup, what would it be and why?*

*"I would use my Lancome mascara, because it's the only thing that makes me look awake in class."*  
Heather Widdop  
Senior

*"I can't live without my Artistry bronzer all year long, because I'm pasty white."*  
Allyson Goode  
Senior

*"I like all types of lip gloss. I'm not a lipstick kind of girl."*  
Chez Shaw  
Senior

*"I would use my MAC bronzer. I like the way it makes my skin look. It doesn't look too caked-on."*  
Jen Thedford  
Senior

*"I would use Maybelline mascara. It makes my lashes look fuller."*  
Leanne Smith  
Graduate student

*"I need my Vaseline Lip Therapy chapstick, especially in the winter. It's good for moisturizing and for shine."*  
Jen Buskirk  
Graduate student

*"I would say my Paula Dorf bronzer, especially in the winter when I'm not tanning as much. Bronzer helps you from looking dead."*  
Keri Formica  
Senior



## Where To Go

NARS



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**Prices:**

Single Eyeshadow \$20-\$21  
Lipstick \$23  
Mascara \$22.50  
Liquid Foundation \$40  
Powder Blush \$25

stila



**Closest Counter:**  
Sephora at Freehold Mall

**Prices:**

Single Eyeshadow \$16  
Lipstick \$16  
Mascara \$12.50  
Liquid Foundation \$35  
Powder Blush \$14-\$16



**Closest Counter:**  
Monmouth Mall

**Prices:**

Single Eyeshadow \$23.50  
Lipstick \$23.50  
Mascara \$24  
Liquid Foundation \$42-\$50  
Powder Blush \$38.50-\$40

CLINIQUE



**Closest Counter:**  
Monmouth Mall

**Prices:**

Single Eyeshadow \$13.50  
Lipstick \$14  
Mascara \$13.50  
Liquid Foundation \$18.50-\$22.50  
Powder Blush \$18.50

LANCÔME  
PARIS



**Closest Counter:**  
Monmouth Mall

**Prices:**

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# Generation Life

SUZANNE GUARINO  
CAMPUS EDITOR

Students gathered in The Catholic Center on campus Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> for a discussion all about sex led by Generation Life representative Mark Houck who spoke out on chastity and the pro-life lifestyle. Before the discussion began, everyone enjoyed subs and snacks. This event was sponsored by the Monmouth University Catholic Center and Generation Life, a Philadelphia-based group of college students and activists. Generation Life is a movement of young people who are virgins and those who have become renewed virgins. “Your value as a person is not completely measured by what you do with your body. You should love the person for who they are now (today), not who they were (yesterday).

There were stickers, pamphlets, and other giveaways to strengthen students in sexual self-control. “How far can you go? There is a difference between affection and arousal. How precious are your kisses? Kissing is sharing a breath with someone” Houck stated.

Society takes good guys and turns them into bad guys. “Young kids really think sex is going to bring them happiness”. However, the opposite might be true. “Students who remain virgins until marriage will make close to a half million dollars more than non-virgins because they have more self-discipline and are more focused on their work. They aren’t walking around school depressed.”

Houck mentioned the troubles of homosexuality. “The Bible is clear about homosexuality: it’s an *abomination*.”

Men are visually stimulated. Women are emotionally stimulated. Guys have a higher sex drive, girls have a higher love drive. Oxytocin “the cuddle hormone”. “Men and women are equal but we have different roles. Men are the protectors, women are the nurturers”.

People just believe that as long as they use condoms, it’s okay to have sex. “Condoms are 98% effective *if used properly* (that’s where they cover themselves). There’s a 14% failure rate. The first step to using a condom is to wash your hands. Who’s gonna do that in the heat of the moment?” Mark also spoke about the negative effects of the pill: blood clots, heart attacks, stroke, cancer of the reproductive organs, weight gain, nausea, depression, dizziness, liver disease.

“Generation Life really answered a lot of questions I had regarding sex, God’s love for me and my future spouse, but essentially how to truly value the sacred act of sexual intercourse”, commented senior Communication major and Vice President of The Catholic Centre, Alyssa O’Donnell. Senior Marketing major Renee Rivera expressed that “it was really motivating to hear someone who’s closer to our age and can relate to our experiences and discuss chastity, sex, and the like and really make you feel the importance of it all. It’s life changing”. According to the website, “God is calling *Generation Life* to confront pop culture, the media, public institutions, elected officials, and the entire ‘culture of death’ with the pro-life and chastity message. Houck brought up things to do on a date without *doing it*: double date, make cookies together, talk about your career plans for the future, share your baby pictures. “Keep that mystery about yourself”. “When a girl raises the bar for herself, the guy will meet her there”, expresses Mrs. J of the C.C. who has seen this in all her son’s relationships.

“People are afraid of suffering in this life. Look at Terri Schiavo. If you wanna follow Christ, you better look good on wood”. “It’s not *your* body. It’s God’s body”. “We really need to be lights in the darkness. It’s dark out there. Don’t be afraid to let your light shine”.

# The Rocky Horror Show

SUZANNE GUARINO  
CAMPUS EDITOR



PHOTO BY Suzanne Guarino

**The Rocky Horror Show** performed sold out shows during its run at Woods Theatre.

Monmouth University’s Department of Music and Theatre Arts presented *The Rocky Horror Show* in Woods theatre with multiple shows from February 10<sup>th</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>. The show proved to be a huge success with sold-out performances every night and people fighting to get in. “It’s a really good feeling. It makes you feel like you are doing something important and helping to bring money into the department”, stated senior Music Industry major Rafael Ginebra who played Brad in the show. “The play is a little unorthodox but it was something Dr. Burke (the director) wanted to do. We were going to do *Tommy* but we didn’t have enough male actors”, continued Rafael. “The cast had really great chemistry and put in a lot of time of rehearsal. It was difficult for me to have to wear the costumes that I had to wear and be a part of the sexual scenes, but as an actor you have to do what you have to do if you want to succeed in the field”. *The Rocky Horror show* thoroughly entertained and surprised audiences at every show.

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# Notice to May 2006 Graduates



from the Office of Registration & Records

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**Wednesday, March 1, 2006**

Don't jeopardize your May graduation date. Get your paperwork in on time!



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

Phi Sigma Kappa

So de odda night....Scrotum wins singled out...Girl to Scrotum “Why don’t u start acting like a man NOW!!!” Scrotums response “Please stop hitting me its starting to hurt .. ouch!!!” Hurley is so cool that he even made up his own catch phrase.. “You’ve just been Hurlified” not even makin that up he really said that ..and everyone on campus should say it to him now.... Schlaeffer is so dumb that if he spoke his mind he’d be speechless.. the new Desert Deek award goes out to flamer.. he couldn’t get laid if he was a brick...Rerun, the school teacher, is found face down in a bag of his own puke... Dirt decides that college isn’t over after 8 years and comes to the mixer.. when Yoda sits in the sand his cat tries to bury him.. Precious goes home to take his girlfriend to the kiddy park.. Words of Wisdom from Scrotum “You can apply the word “Nice” to anything.. For example, im getting Nice on this cigarette right now” this is Farva signing off saying don’t be proud .. be DAMN PROUD!!!!

If anyone is interested in part time work new, contact Phi Sigma Kappa’s Sean Kenny for information on a part time job at Monmouth Mall. Decent pay, make your own hours, etc. Call Aspen Embroidery at 732-544-1011 and ask for Sean or Paul.

Phi Sigma Sigma

Holler Phi Sexies- hope everyone has an amazing break! Thanks for the mixer Sig Pi!! Mystique, wanna eat some bug with me? I’ll take the worm you can have the cricket!!-Elle To my amazing little, Bridget, I love you, your Big! Katie, I absolutely adore you! Love Your Big! Big love you soo much! Love Marissa C. I love Phi Sigma Sigma! Hope everyone has an awesome break! Love you all! –Angelic. Have a great break Phi Sigs!! Happy bday sexy Laura!! Love you- Devia Happy Bday to Me: the countdown begins!! –Curious Big ya always save me- don’t know what I’d do without you! Love Dolce. Xoxo All my Phi Sigs- - I love you love Daisy. Katie, we’re a nice touch at the mixer! Happy Birthday Curious! Love you xoxo-Mystique. Love you lil Kelley! Love you Jody don’t know what I’d do without you! Xoxo

Dream Love you so much My Little JoAnn-Love your Big! What happens in the shower stays in the shower! Love you Amore and Caliente! –Love Paradise. Little im obsessed!! Love you Stephanie A Love your Biggie!! My little Dolce is sexy. Depalma and Currie I’d be lost without you both!xoxo Serendipity I love you Maria my grandlittle!!! Little and Lunabelle great time on Saturday with Pippy!! –Jewel Bobert and my lovely nicey Holie- our bathroom adventures were out of control-I will never forget the bare a\$\$ shake or our beer pong game-love you both Amore-Amadore-Love you –you are my heart-Amore. I wouldn’t have wanted to spend my weekend watching Rent 3 times with anyone but you Divine. I love you! Lunabelle

Delta Phi Epsilon

Great job with Singled Out girls! Cheeze wiz...body shots!! Anna-I love you! Thanx for everything-Trinidy xoxo Acapulco baby! –Trixie xoxo Who is down 4 Tiki Land next week? Who needs sun! 206 will be here-Starlight Jacki-Tv es muy Caliente! Te amo! You are finally turning 21! Love, serendipity Stubbz and Dilger-once again prevail as the dynamic duo! Stubbz, you were my night and shining armor yet again! I love you! –Mel-Sobe baby w/ some sexy sisters! I heart d phi e big time for all of Eternidi. Caliente! Happy 21st you sexy girl! Love, Angela Acapulco round 2! D Phi E is VIP international! I love my vixens-Honey V-Team lots of love!-Destini- awesome job with singled out! Love you-sweethearts love your lives! Xox..Extreme-why doesn’t Sal leave us alone.. I dig the frost bite!-Riggs First spring break ever a 21st birthday like no other, love my deephers. Holly umble crumble! Love Caliente..Awesome job with singled out Destini! Love, Riley

Alpha Sigma Tau

The 308 girls are nomads again for the third time this year. Mystic, ex-boyfriends must be good for something –Harmony. P.S. I found my other hat! Phin and Glamour join the track team, but they only run for one reason. Phin makes her final decision, puts out the fire, and enlists in the army. Trix and Glamour live it up until last call. No “Thursday Night Throwdown” but Friday night came pretty close to it. I <3 Belle and Mystic! –Twinkle. Gia is a

sweetheart and is always putting Electra’s hair in French braids. They sing songs they giggle and laugh of how cute they are. Electra <3’s Storm—awesome! Matey flashes everyone at the meeting—OOPS. Harmony and Firecracker take a trip while the soundtrack of Harmony’s love life plays in the background. Pearl gets down and dirty with the no-pants-man. Gia, Pearl, and Catalina are so effing cute on their Alpha Xi Night! Besides noticing a repeat that Marcel considers an upgrade, Stitch doesn’t do anything news-worthy this week, but she’s got something in the works... Riff and Firecracker get down with their bad selves at a crazzy dance party! Storm clearly cannot figure out how to get out of her backseat. Storm, Firecracker, Starburst, and Lady—“the other 308” need to change the re-occurring subject of conversation. Pearl gets her butt kicked in Rock, Paper, Scissors, and then proceeds to jump out the window. Mystic introduces Marcel to the she-males of PA. Mairead loves Flipper. Catalina, Mystic, Harmony, and Trix all deal with freezing-cold temperatures as the “gas leak” almost kills them! WTF!! God Jack and Mollie (father and mother of the pumpkin in the living room). Love Gia and Pearl like whoa... more Alpha Xi nights in the future... STAT! P.S. Good thing the dinner was left in the parking lot! Love, Catalina—we ride together. Belle, Boo, and Mystic deal with Glamour, while Mystic ends up with some grossness on her hand. Wait! Stitch turns 21 all over again!! P.S. WE ARE BACK AND STRONGER THAN EVER!!!

Surf Club

It’s only February. but it’s nearly March, and Concerts East is already preparing for the Summer of 2006 at the Surf Club in Ortley Beach! Kicking off the season on Friday, May 5th is the Surf Club’s annual CINCO DE MAYO Celebration! This year, BADFISH: A Tribute To Sublime takes the Surf-Club stage for Cinco de Mayo in a “Girls 18, Guys 21” event. Tickets for this show, priced at just \$12 in advance, are available now through Ticketmaster and Ticketmaster.com. As you may know, Badfish is much more than a tribute band. The Rhode Island trio is becoming famous nationwide with sold-out shows at venues like The Starland Ballroom, the House of Blues in Atlantic City, Avalon in Boston and more. On Tuesday, May 30th, legendary surf guitar-

ist DICK DALE returns to the SurfClub for his annual benefit for the Jersey Shore chapter of the Surfrider Foundation. This will be the 7th year Dick Dale has performed for the benefit, which has raised thousands for the local Surfrider folks. Tickets for this show, priced at \$17.50 advance, \$20 day of show, go on sale Friday at noon through Ticketmaster, Ticketmaster Charge By Phone, Ticketmaster.com and Concertseast.com. This is a special 18 to enter, 21 to drink event for everyone. Tickets will be available at the Surf Club box office later in the spring. In addition to these shows, the Surf Club will launch TEEN SCENE SATURDAY NIGHT on May 6th, plus the world-famous Sunday Jam and other marquee events throughout the summer. All pertinent Dick Dale and Badfish information, as well as official biographies and photos, are attached to this email. Please feel free to contact me for more information, or have your listeners and readers visit [www.surfclubnj.com](http://www.surfclubnj.com) <<http://www.surfclubnj.com>> .

Theta Phi Alpha

A great start to this semester and a big congrats to out hot addition Alpha O! Great bid day mixer – Thanks Sigma Pi! Love you girls so much – you’re all wonderful. 275 – love yous to death. What really goes on. Cass try to stay awake next time we go out. Haha! Alli & Casey - thanks for Ewey! Love Lambo xox I love you all, USHER and of course my littlebum and B-I-G-dharma. I love my Alpha Omicrons! You girls are awesome – Momma Katie. AO- You’re doing great! – Angela Congrats AO! Love Ya’s already..Justice for – 24 Berg DC Crew I love you Christina 293 Love Love Love Happy BDay Mooney! Garfield you’re my life. Congrats Omicron! I heart you little. Love Angelica. Locked up don’t let them out! Haha 24 Berg Heart you guys so much. Alpha Xi love love love you girls are my heart xxo Niki I hear toy u little!! Lovie lovie JY

Zeta Tau Alpha

Thanks for the get well wishes everyone!- Rockstarr  
Horizzon and McGuire- I owe you guys my life, thanks for a great Birthday!- Sunrise  
Rain: You are my life, my ultimate sidekick. Sorry I wasn’t here this weekend, but I’m back so let’s get this party started!!! Giavanna- you are my little bear and I wuve you till the end of time! Little Paris: You’re my perfect match! Tulip: What goes on? ILU! Happy President’s Day!- haha ZLAM,

Savannah Savannah: The outfits you pick me up in, we’ll never know why! Love your life! Little Camellia: I love you much and I’m here for you always! TOGA was crazy my little xi babies, moma is so proud of you! ZLAM Tulip Big – Don’t know what I’d do w/o you! I <3 Triple Threat, but so does everyone else, duh! Happy President’s Day Savannah, love you! Zeta’s Rock My World <3 Puma

Puma- Its so good to be back, I heart you!- Shock Posh- I’m sorry I broke your knee, I heart you!- shock Big I Adore you! Posh, Gia, Puma, Love us. Congrats Xi babies! Xoxo Gia I love my xi babies! Gia = puma- my life would be over without you! Puma, sorry your pug “died” but it got me out of my horrendous date! Haha I heart my Big Rain!! ZLAM <3 Posh \* Camellia- I love you more than Life! Thank you for always being there for me!- Clyde Horizzon- are you sure it was 4? Cause I counted 3! Big thanks for stopping by I miss you- Flyer Avi- Thanks you’re the Best- Jessie/ Aurora- My partner in crime this weekend, eggs, pork roll and beer pong 2am? Sure! Love you- Horizzon/ Flyer, How about some ACDC? And another shit show weekend? Xo Horizzon Little Happy 21st! 18 shots- you’re a champ! Love Big Kappa and Seniors- too soon to say goodbye <3 Sapphire Little Cosmmo- love you more! I love my Frankie so very much. Carla, I do not know what I would do without you- Jacks Sparkle- thanks for the last minute toga crisis help!- xo Horizzon Savannah and Horizzon- home wreckers haha Clyde- I love you, always keep you shin up Love you Camellia! Sunriise- hope you had a great 21st – love you little Nala- <3 McGuire I’d be truly lost without my ZETAS. Punky- don’t ever leave me again. Things fall apart. Pixie and Bellatrixz for your smiling faces I’m forever thankful. Lesson of the week: true friends are worth all the diamonds in the world. Love- Kaybee. Tulip- See you next thurs nite at 3 am in “unexpected” places- we are scandalous! Xo Horizzon Big- love you always!! Butt Buddy- you are my everything! < 3 little nala! ZLAM BBLP

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# Scotland: A European Must-See

BOB DARNHARDT  
OVERSEAS CORRESPONDENT

**Spent:** £170 ≈ \$306 (Includes a lot of souvenirs, food, attractions, laundry, etc.)

**Loch:** Means “lake.” Even though the Scottish speak English they refuse to call them lakes because that was the word the people of England used and due to the tumultuous history between the two, the Scots refuse to use anything from the English.

**Fact:** Inverness, the town of the Loch Ness Monster, was voted the place with the ugliest people in the United Kingdom.

Imagine yourself being in the movie *Braveheart*. In front of you is Mel Gibson shouting “You can take our lives but you’ll never take our freedom!” Although this actual event didn’t happen (well Mel wasn’t shouting it, but I made sure to honor the moment!) the places in the mountains and valleys in which it took place did! Scotland is probably the most beautiful country I have visited to date. It is full of mountains, valleys, cliffs, waterways, etc. It is just naturally a beautiful country.

We went through a tour group called Haggis backpackers. It is definitely a tour I recommend. I doubt that you would ever be able to see as much of Scotland in three days planning it on your own, especially for the price. We started off our tour in Edinburgh. This is just an impressive city. On top of a huge hill in the city was Edinburgh Castle, one of the most famous castles in the world and although we just drove through the rest of the town, I’d still say it was one of the coolest.

Our tour guide was great. He was telling us the history of many

things and other useless, yet interesting information. However, the best part was his sense of humor. He was a very funny guy and judging by him and others I met in my travels throughout the weekend, I think that the Scots are a people that all have a good sense of humor!

Throughout the next three days we saw a lot of things. We saw everything from a monument built in William Wallace’s honor (the largest structure every built in honor of one man, other than Jesus Christ), the lake and surrounding area that Sean Connery bought, David Bowie’s recording studio, and even the castle that was used in the movie *Monte Python and the Holy Grail*! However, as I alluded to in the beginning, this is the place where some of the movie *Braveheart* was filmed. On Saturday night I actually watched the movie and to be honest, even the movie cannot give the sights justice. It is one of those places that is best seen in person and can never be recreated by words. As for those who are wondering, *Braveheart* is an extremely inaccurate movie as far as details go. Yes, all the people in the movie did exist, but their stories are not as they were portrayed in the movie (Any questions as to details please email me).

Despite the scenery being a majority of the weekend, it was not the only part. On the first day of our tour I got to know the people with us (about 35) a little more than I had expected! Just before the end of day one we stopped at a little shack-type place. Inside was a man who was going to explain the traditional way of the Scottish. As everyone knows, the old Scots used to wear kilts. A part of the show was that one lucky volunteer got to be a Scot for a few minutes. Well, that lucky volunteer

was me. As I went up to stand in front of everyone, the presenter explained to me that it is a definite that a real Scotsman did not wear anything under his kilt. I laughed and responded by telling him that is what I had heard. However, what I failed to realize was that his statement was not purely for informational purposes, it was also a hint. Next thing I knew my back was to the crowd and my pants were on the ground! Then he told me to lay on the floor, so that he could tie the kilt on me. So I went over laid on the floor and covered all things that may have been trying escape! Shortly after he had the kilt on me and, aside from the draft, it was really cool! He then picked me out a wife who, by the way, was not required to drop her pants. When we both were dressed, we modeled for everyone to take pictures of us!

Our tour ended before dark each night so we were left to entertain ourselves. The first night we hung out at the hostel playing cards and chatting. Before long, however, the karaoke machine was unveiled and it was time to get down with our bad selves. Now the word bad is probably the only thing that was accurate about the singing, but it was good time nonetheless. Even the tour guide did a number, *Like a Virgin* by Madonna!

The next night we decided to go down to the village and eat fish and some Haggis, the local must eat! Haggis is usually lamb and pig lungs and intestines. Though it was not too visually pleasing, the taste was not so bad! When we came back to our hostel we decided to have a movie night, but we wanted to watch movies that had scenes in



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**Students smile for the camera** at Regents College at Eilean Doran Castle.

them of places we had seen or were going to see.

The last day of the tour was going to see Inverness. It is the home of the Loch Ness monster. Although there were no official sightings, it was certainly an experience. Loch Ness is a huge lake with a constant core temperature. The North Sea, up even further north by Norway has a temperature of about 12°C. Loch Ness, although further south, is four times as cold at a constant temperature of about 3.47°C and this is because of its massive size. Me, being the idiot I am, decided to jump in Loch Ness! It was the coldest water I have ever felt! I could not walk back in because my lower body had gone numb and so I laid forward and pulled myself in with my arms! By the time I got back to change my clothes (since I went in to the Loch fully dressed!) and got on the bus, my shirt had actually hardened because of how cold it really was! Although I could

not feel my toes for the rest of the day and amputation seemed like a necessity, I don’t regret it at all! How many people get to see Loch Ness, much less jump into it in February?!

The tour ended with us seeing a couple more sites and then heading back to Edinburgh. Scotland is a fantastic country and reminds me of what I’d like to have as my future vacation area! There is not an over abundance of people and those that you do see are rather friendly. It has such a rich history and even if you’re not a buff, I guarantee at least some of the stories will interest you. I recommend looking into going there if you ever do venture to Europe. You would be doing yourself a disservice if you didn’t! As always feel free to ask me any questions or give any comments at s0576051@monmouth.edu or Robyn Asaro at rasaro@monmouth.edu.

Next Week: Dublin, Ireland!



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**Study abroad students** (pictured left to right) Alyce Quinlan, Sarah Van Curen, Bob Danhardt, Alayne Picinic, Sean Stever sightseeing in Scotland.

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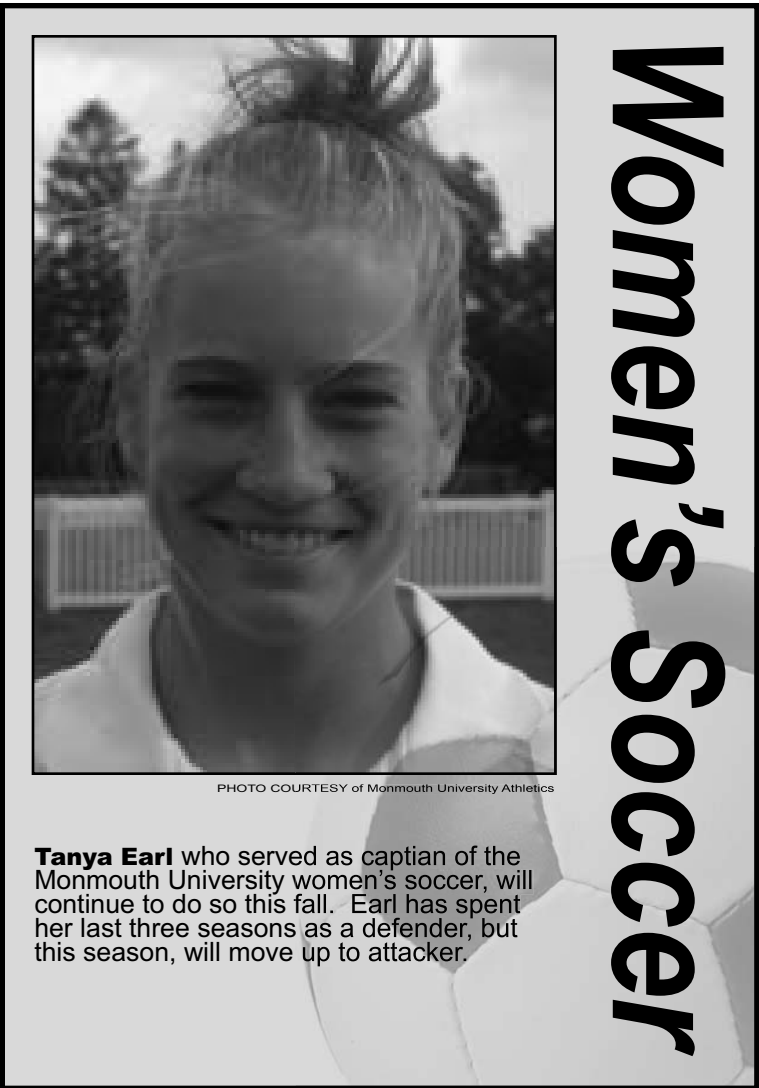
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All meetings held at the Study Abroad Office, Student Center, Room 301D.

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Tanya Earl who served as captian of the Monmouth University women's soccer, will continue to do so this fall. Earl has spent her last three seasons as a defender, but this season, will move up to attacker.

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The Hawk File:

Tanya Earl

ALEXANDER TRUNCALE  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Every coach wants to have an athlete on their team that is both good on the field as well as in the classroom. That's one of the reasons Krissy Turner, head coach of the Monmouth University women's soccer team, recruited Tanya Earl.

"We were attracted to her in terms of her athleticism and thought she could grow as a player and she's a very good student in the classroom," says Turner. Earl is clearly a special player. She has started every game as a freshman, sophomore, and junior. As a junior, she was team captain and will be returning as the captain in the fall.

"She's probably one of our top athletes on the team," remarks Turner. "She's a leader by example. She always gives her best in any situation, whether it be a game or a practice."

She has used Earl's athleticism to the team's advantage. Although she played up front in high school, she has spent the past three years playing as a defender. This fall, Earl is expected to move up to more of an attacking role. "She's very, very fast. She's very strong," Turner says.

**"She's wonderful example of what we want all of our student-athletes at Monmouth to be about."**

KRISSY TURNER  
Head Coach monmouth University Women's Soccer Team

Earl is from South Brunswick, New Jersey and is an Education and Psychology major. And after graduation, "I plan on becoming an elementary school teacher. I want to coach the high school soccer team as well," she says. "Eventually I want to go to grad school to become a school counselor."

As Earl enters her last season at MU this fall, Coach Turner is going to be sad to see her go. "She's a terrific student-athlete. She's wonderful example of what we want all of our student-athletes at Monmouth to be about."

Name: Tanya Earl

Hometown: South Brunswick, New Jersey

Major: Education and Psychology

Favorite Teammate: "Everyone on the team is my favorite. I love being a part of this program and I love everyone involved. We go through so much together, so all these girls are like my sisters and I would do anything for them."

Biggest Rival: Central Connecticut State. "From the first day my freshman year of preseason it was engraved in my head how much we disliked Central. Every year it is a good game because we bring so much heart and passion to the field. Also we lost to them in the semi-finals of my freshman year, so that makes them even more of a personal rival"

Most Memorable Moment at MU: "By far the most memorable moment at MU was my freshman year tying Central Connecticut. I just remember that game be so amazing and intense. We played our heart outs. It was 0-0 and went into double overtime. One of our goals that year (and every year) is to beat Central. Tying them was just as memorable since everyone played so well."

The Hawk File (and The Outlook) is going to be taking some well-deserved time off. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the coaches and players who have helped get the Hawk File off the ground. When we return On March 22, we will profiling baseball player Mike Hussa

Women's Basketball  
Hawks wrap up regular season  
Will play LIU Saturday in NEC Tournament

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The real season starts now. After a four month roller coaster ride that was the 2005-2006 Northeast Conference Women's Basketball season, the tournament, which will decide the conference's champion and representative in the NCAA Tournament is set to begin on Saturday.

The eight team field will consist of Sacred Heart, Quinnipiac, Robert Morris, Monmouth, Long Island, Mount St. Mary's, Fairleigh Dickenson, and Central Connecticut State. Absent among the group include the defending champions, and winners of nine out of the last ten tournaments, St. Francis PA.

Monmouth reached the post-season following an up and down week, the down coming on a 61-57 loss at Fairleigh Dickenson last Wednesday, and the up coming on a 58-46 win over St. Francis NY at the Senior Day celebration at Boylan Gym on Saturday.

The Hawks dropped their third straight game at the Rothman Center last Wednesday. Last year when the Hawks made the trip up to Teaneck in was their first game under Coach Michele Baxter, and it took an epic comeback to pull out a win.

This time around, the Hawks were playing without the services of Brianne Edwards, who was out after suffering in injury the previous weekend at Mount St. Mary's. The Hawks missed the 14 points she scored in the first meeting between the two teams, a 78-67 Hawk win in West Long Branch back in January.

The fatal blow of this game

came with 1:33 left in regulation. The Hawks had just cut the lead to one point on a Marissa Jimenez lay up, before Knight senior Kris-sy Suckow drilled a three pointer to put the Knights up by four, 59-55.

With the Hawks trailing by three, 59-56, with 44 seconds left, Dwyer heaved a long pass up court looking for a fastbreak opportunity; however it was intercepted by Megan Kirkland, and Katie Warehime sealed the game with a pair of free throws.

Jimenez and Veronica Randolph led the Hawks with 11 points. Jennifer Bender made her first career start and finished with five points and five rebounds. Rachel Ferdinand brought down a career high 13 rebounds, six on the offensive glass. The Hawks were only 1-10 in three point shooting, and 10-21 from the free throw line.

The Hawks would bounce back on Saturday afternoon, back in the friendly confines on Boylan Gym, where the Hawks have now won 14 out of their last 16 NEC home games. On a day when the Hawks honored their seniors, the Hawks came together for one of their biggest wins. If they had lost, the Hawks could have possibly fallen to as far as sixth place in the standings.

The game got off to a slow start, as the Terriers led only 22-21 at half. Tiffany Hill and 6'7" Katja Bavendam combined to score 20 of the Terriers 22 first half points.

With the Terriers leading 28-27 with 12 minutes remaining in the game, the Hawks went on an 11-0 run. Bender gave the Hawks the lead back with a jumper, and

then Niamh Dwyer made a three point basket to spark the run. The Hawks would never relinquish the lead, and would come away with a 58-46 win.

The Hawks defense held the Terriers without a field goal for a span of ten minutes in the second half, and to just 32% shooting for the game.

Senior Niamh Dwyer finished with 19 points and eight rebounds and senior Christine Arsego played seven minutes and registered a rebound and an assist.

In just her second career start, and matched up against the 6'7" Bavendam, freshman Jennifer Bender had a spectacular performance with a career high 14 points, 7 rebounds, and two blocks. Her effort earned her NEC Rookie of the Week for the week of February 27<sup>th</sup>. She averaged 9.5 points and six rebounds in her first two career starts on the week.

Now the Hawks attention turns to tournament play, where they will meet Long Island on Saturday in a Quarter Final Matchup. The semi-finals would take place on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> and the Championship Game will be on Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup> with all games taking place at the home of the higher seed.

The Hawks and Blackbirds met back on January 27<sup>th</sup> in Long Island where the Hawks closed out the Schwartz Center with a 65-56 win. Monmouth has won 35 of the 48 all time meetings, with the series tied 1-1 in tournament play. Monmouth won in the Quarters back in 1994, with the Blackbirds winning the more recent meeting in the 2000 Quarters.

Track Team no strangers to success

EDDY OCCHIPINTI  
SPORTS EDITOR

(the following is a commentary by the Sports Editor)

A dynasty is defined as a family or group that maintains power for several generations, and in the case of the Monmouth University track team, that power is defined in championships.

The Hawks men's and women's track teams, coached by Joe Compagni, have set the standard for success in the Northeast Conference. The men's track team has won two consecutive indoor and outdoor NEC titles, and the women's team was two points away from capturing a third consecutive indoor title and has won four out of the last six outdoor crowns. That kind of accomplishment is mind-boggling in a conference with so much parody, something that is rampant in the NEC.

The winning all starts at the top. In his first ten seasons, Compagni has earned Northeast Conference Coach of the Year honors on 13 occasions. He earned the league's men's outdoor track & field honor in 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2004 and garnered the award for women's cross country in 2000, earned four awards for women's outdoor track & field in 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004 and 2005 and added his first- ever coach of the year honor for women's indoor track & field in 2004 and men's and women's indoor track in the 2005 campaign. In the last nine years, Monmouth athletes have set new school records in indoor and outdoor track and field on over 400 occasions. The turnaround can be attributed to the job Compagni has done. In the five years prior to his arrival, the men's and women's indoor and outdoor track & field teams claimed just eighteen individual titles. Since 1996, the women's program has won 59 individual NEC crowns and the men have garnered 60 league titles. Monmouth athletes have also earned five All-America awards and 76 All-East honors in the last ten years.

Reread the previous two paragraphs, that kind of winning is ridiculous.

As successful as the track teams have been, their accolades have gone relatively unrecognized. It's difficult to receive front-line mention when television shies away from coverage, and all the local newspapers only have small blurbs about them. The truth is, as successful as Monmouth athletics have been recently, the track team stands head and shoulders above the rest as the most decorated and honored team. It's difficult to argue against that with the amount of championships they have won and the amount of athletes that have been honored.

What makes the track team special is that it is indeed just that, a team. With so many events that gain points, a complete team is necessary to win. For the Hawks this past indoor season alone, seven men and four women were honored on the All-NEC First and Second teams.

At a school where basketball, football, baseball and soccer receive most of the headlines, the men's and women's track teams have quietly gone about their business of winning. When it comes to success at Monmouth and in the Northeast Conference, the men's and women's track teams are running away with the glory.



# Hawks drop rematch to FDU, fall to third seed in NEC

*MU faces LIU on Thursday in NEC Tournament 1<sup>st</sup> round*

EDDY OCCHIPINTI  
SPORTS EDITOR

This time, it was not to be. The Monmouth University men’s basketball team, one week after a thrilling 96-89 double-overtime win over Fairleigh Dickinson, fell to the Knights 79-62 on the last day of the 2005-2006 regular season. The win gave FDU the North-east Conference regular season championship outright, and the loss dropped the Hawks to the third seed with the NEC Tournament starting this Thursday. The game was billed as the most important regular season game in the history of the conference, and one would be hard-pressed to argue against that thought. Two bitter in-state arch-rivals battling for the regular season title, a number one seed and at least a berth in the National Invitation Tournament, this game had all the makings. And for one half of play, it lived up to the hype. The game had the feel of a tournament contest, and the emotion was high early. Two Monmouth threes, one by Dejan Delic to open the game and a second by Chris Kenny gave Monmouth an early 6-4 lead. FDU then responded by going on a 7-0 run as Chad Timberlake found Michael Peeples for a three-pointer that put the Knights ahead, 11-6. The Knights second big run of the first half saw them blank the Hawks over the next two minutes with eight straight points, sparking a run that was capped by a long trey from Bernell Murray to take a 21-12 lead. The Hawks answered, climbing back into the game with an 8-3 streak of their own, cutting the Knights’ advantage down to

four, 24-20, on a Tyler Azzarelli three from the left wing. Gordon Klaiber’s put-back for FDU at the 7:30 mark pulled Fairleigh Dickinson ahead, matching their biggest lead of the half, 29-20. Marques Alston and the Hawks responded by going on a 10-2 run that was finished off with a three from Whitney Coleman. Alston contributed four points on the run. With the Hawks within one, 31-30, with 3:44 remaining in the half, Peeples “blocked” what would have given the Hawks their first lead since the 18 minute mark and Klaiber connected from three-point range to widen the gap, 34-30. The term “block” is used lightly because Peeples goaltended the shot, but no call was made. Monmouth went on a 7-0 run to end the half on layup from Mike Shipman just under the one minute mark and a Delic three at the buzzer. The three was one of his trio of first-half three’s to put the Hawks ahead at the break. The two teams entered the half tied on the boards, 16-16, but the Knights held the edge with 11 second-chance points, holding the Hawks to just two. However, at the half, Monmouth’s bench had outscored FDU’s 16-0. FDU out-scored the Hawks 10-2 to start the half and turned it into an eight-point lead as Peeples drained a big three with just under 11 minutes left in regulation, after sophomore Bernell Murray found him alone behind the arc. Andrea Crosariol slammed in a dunk to charge up the Knights along with the crowd of 3,024, the largest home crowd the Knights have hosted this season, giving FDU a double-digit lead, 55-45, with 7:08 left to play. Azzarelli scored back-to-back layups to bring it back down to

single-digits, but Crosariol converted a three-point play on the next possession and Peeples recovered a steal that Crosariol netted from under the basket for the 60-49 edge with 4:44 remaining. The wheels came off the Monmouth wagon when FDU went on a game-breaking 14-6 run over the next three minutes, capped off by a Timberlake slam, to take their biggest lead of the game at 79-59. The scoring concluded after Steve Bazaz found Tyson Johnson for a three-pointer with 14 seconds on the clock to make the final 79-62. The Knights out-rebounded the Hawks, 43-25 and finished the game with 22 second-chance points, allowing Monmouth only two. In the second half, FDU out-rebounded Monmouth 27-9 after halftime. The win gave Fairleigh Dickinson their first outright title since the 1990-91. The Knights improve to 18-10 overall and finish the season 14-4 in conference play, while Monmouth drops to 12-6 in league action and 15-14 overall. In the 24 years of the NEC Tournament, the number one seed has advanced to the NCAA Tournament 16 times. Monmouth is responsible for two of the eight times the one seed hasn’t won it all. In 1996, the Hawks were the three seed, and in 2001 they were the two seed. The last time Monmouth won the NEC Tournament was two years ago, and they were the one seed that season. Monmouth will renew an old rivalry when they meet their first round opponent, Long Island. The Hawks and Blackbirds squared off in the 1997 NEC Final when Monmouth fell to an LIU team led by Charles Jones and Richie Parker. Jones led the NEC and the nation in scoring that season.

## Alston, Shipman honored by conference

PRESS RELEASE



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**Marques Alston and Michael Shipman were honored by the NEC for their performances last week.**

In the final weekly awards of the regular season, Monmouth junior forward Marques Alston earns Choice Hotels NEC Player of the Week honors, while teammate Mike Shipman, a freshman guard, picks up Choice Hotels NEC Rookie of the Week accolades. Alston’s most productive week of the regular season came when Monmouth needed it most, as the Neptune, NJ native averaged 22.0 points, 6.5 rebounds, 1.5 steals and shot 53.3 percent from the field in two home victories. Alston carried the Hawks on his back last Monday, recording a career-high 28 points (10-19 FG) to go along with six rebounds and two steals in a thrilling 96-89 double overtime victory over Fairleigh Dickinson. He scored seven points in the final five minutes of regulation, including a fadeaway jumper with 25 seconds left on the clock to cap a rally from a 12-point deficit with eight minutes to play and pull Monmouth even at 69-69. Shipman averaged 11.5 points, 2.5 rebounds and 2.5 assists, while shooting a scintillating 77.8 percent (7-9) from the floor and 88.9 percent (8-9) from the charity stripe. In the win over Knights last Monday, he came off the bench to score a career-high 21 points (6-7 FG) and added three rebounds and three assists. His clutch performance included seven points in the first overtime, including a key three pointer with 45 seconds remaining to narrow the FDU lead to one and two free throws with 18 seconds left to pull the Hawks to within two points at 81-79. The Middletown, DE product went on to score six more points in the second extra session and iced the game with four free throws in the final 30 seconds. The two Monmouth wins last week set up a showdown with Fairleigh Dickinson on Monday in Teaneck with the winner claiming the top seed in the upcoming NEC Tournament.

### 2006 NEC Men’s Basketball Tournament

*(all games played at home of higher seed)*

Quarterfinals  
Thursday, March 2

#8 Quinnipiac at #1 Fairleigh Dickinson, 7:00 pm  
#7 Sacred Heart at #2 CCSU, 7:00 pm  
#6 Long Island at #3 Monmouth, 7:00 pm  
#5 Robert Morris at #4 Mount St. Mary’s, 7:00 pm

Semifinals^  
Sunday, March 5

Lowest Remaining Seed at Highest Remaining Seed, Time TBA  
3rd Highest Remaining Seed at 2nd Highest Remaining Seed, Time TBA

Championship  
Wednesday, March 8

7:30 pm on ESPN2

^ One semifinal game to be televised at 1:00 pm on CN8. The other semifinal will be televised at 4:00 pm on MSG Network



## 25th annual Northeast Conference men’s basketball tournament field sets

*FDU earns regular season crown, top seed & home court advantage throughout tourney*

PRESS RELEASE

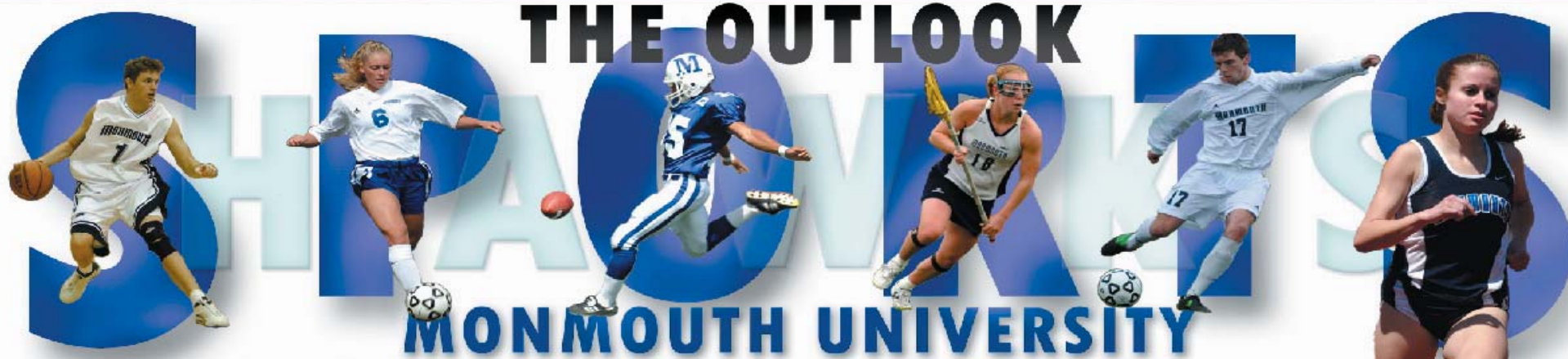
With the conclusion of the regular season on Monday evening, the field is now set for the 2006 NEC Men’s Basketball Tournament. Defending NEC champion Fairleigh Dickinson (14-4) earned the regular season title, top seed and home court advantage throughout the tournament with a 79-62 win over Monmouth on Monday evening. The Hawks could have taken the top seed in the tourney with a victory, but will now have to settle for the #3 seed behind Central Connecticut State, which claimed the #2 spot with a 79-67 win over Quinnipiac. FDU, CCSU, Monmouth and #4 Mount St. Mary’s will host quarterfinal home games. Robert Morris had already secured the #5 seed entering play on Monday. Sacred Heart and Quinnipiac nabbed the final NEC Tourna-

ment slots and will enter as the #7 and #8 seeds, respectively. St. Francis (NY) was eliminated from playoff contention with a 67-64 setback to Long Island, the #6 seed in the tourney. The 25th Annual NEC Basketball Tournament will consist of an eight-team playoff format with all games played at the home of the higher seed. After the quarterfinals, the teams will be re-seeded so the highest remaining seed plays the lowest remaining seed in the semifinals. NEC Men’s Tournament quarterfinal play commences on Thursday, March 2, followed by the semifinal round on Sunday, March 5. Both men’s semifinal games will be televised, with CN8 slated to air the first semi at 1:00 pm, followed by MSG Network broadcasting game two at 4:00 pm. The championship game, to be televised by ESPN2, will be contested on Wednesday,

March 8 at 7:30 pm. The NEC’s return to a playoff format in 2005 came after an eight-year absence that saw the league’s annual postseason tournament contested at one campus site (1999), at a municipal arena (2000-01) and at a single campus site for the quarterfinals and semifinals, followed by the highest remaining seed hosting the championship game (1998, 2002-04). The conference had previously employed a high-seed hosting format from 1991-97, though teams were not reseeded after the quarterfinals as the tournament is currently constructed. Information for this report was taken from the Northeast Conference homepage. For more information log onto [www.northeastconference.org](http://www.northeastconference.org)



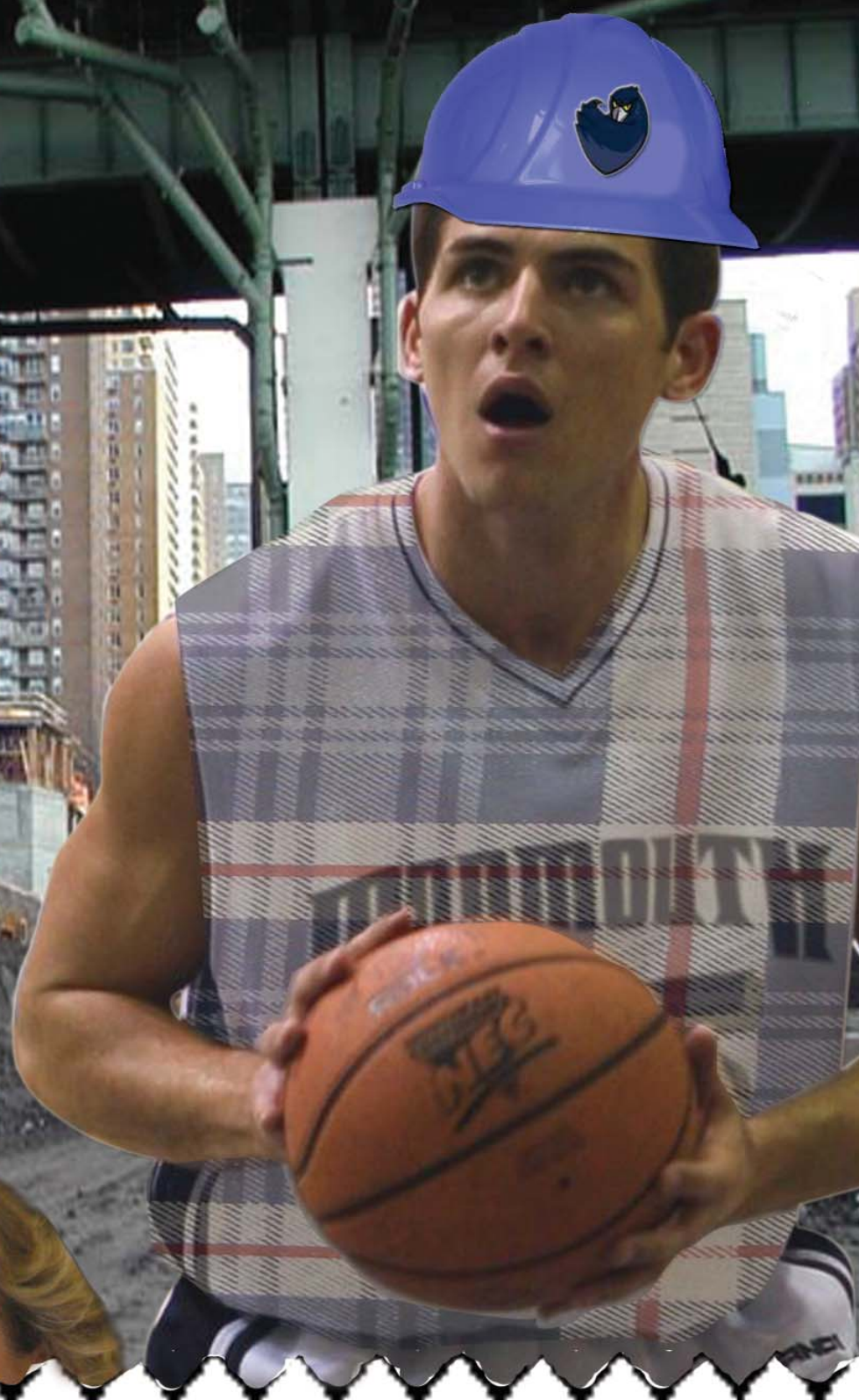
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